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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

b QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017

OR

" TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _______ to ______ to ______ Commission Registrant; State of Incorporation; I.R.S. Employer File Number Address; and Telephone Number Identification No.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes b No o FirstEnergy Corp. and FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes b No o FirstEnergy Corp. and FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer þ FirstEnergy Corp.

Accelerated Filer o N/A

Non-accelerated Filer (Do not check FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

if a smaller reporting company) b

Smaller Reporting Company o N/A

Emerging Growth Company o N/A

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standard provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No b FirstEnergy Corp. and FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

OUTSTANDING

AS OF JUNE 30,

CLASS 2017

444,304,456

FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., no par value 7

FirstEnergy Corp., \$0.10 par value

FirstEnergy Corp. is the sole holder of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. common stock.

This combined Form 10-Q is separately filed by FirstEnergy Corp. and FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. Information contained herein relating to any individual registrant is filed by such registrant on its own behalf. No registrant makes any representation as to information relating to the other registrant, except that information relating to FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. is also attributed to FirstEnergy Corp.

FirstEnergy Web Site and Other Social Media Sites and Applications

Each of the registrants' Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed with or furnished to the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are also made available free of charge on or through the "Investors" page of FirstEnergy's web site at www.firstenergycorp.com. The public may read and copy any reports or other information that the registrants file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. These documents are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

These SEC filings are posted on the web site as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Additionally, the registrants routinely post additional important information, including press releases, investor presentations and notices of upcoming events under the "Investors" section of FirstEnergy's web site and recognize FirstEnergy's web site as a channel of distribution to reach public investors and as a means of disclosing material non-public information for complying with disclosure obligations under Regulation FD. Investors may be notified of postings to the web site by signing up for email alerts and RSS feeds on the "Investors" page of FirstEnergy's web site. FirstEnergy also uses Twitter® and Facebook® as additional channels of distribution to reach public investors and as a supplemental means of disclosing material non-public information for complying with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD. Information contained on FirstEnergy's web site, Twitter® handle or Facebook® page, and any corresponding applications of those sites, shall not be deemed incorporated into, or to be part of, this report.

OMISSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this Form 10-Q with the reduced disclosure format specified in General Instruction H(2) to Form 10-Q.

Forward-Looking Statements: This Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements based on information currently available to management. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. These statements include declarations regarding management's intents, beliefs and current expectations. These statements typically contain, but are not limited to, the terms "anticipate," "potential," "expect," "forecast," "target," "will," "intend," "believe," "project," "estimate," "plan" and similar words. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, which may include the following:

The ability to experience growth in the Regulated Distribution and Regulated Transmission segments and the effectiveness of our strategy to transition to a fully regulated business profile.

The accomplishment of our regulatory and operational goals in connection with our transmission investment plan, including, but not limited to, our planned transition to forward-looking formula rates.

Changes in assumptions regarding economic conditions within our territories, assessment of the reliability of our transmission system, or the availability of capital or other resources supporting identified transmission investment opportunities.

The ability to accomplish or realize anticipated benefits from strategic and financial goals, including, but not limited to, the ability to continue to reduce costs and to successfully execute our financial plans designed to improve our credit metrics and strengthen our balance sheet.

Success of legislative and regulatory solutions for generation assets that recognize their environmental or energy security benefits, including the DOE study.

The risks and uncertainties associated with the lack of viable alternative strategies regarding the CES segment, thereby causing FES, and likely FENOC, to restructure its debt and other financial obligations with its creditors or seek protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws and the losses, liabilities and claims arising from such bankruptcy proceeding, including any obligations at FirstEnergy.

The risks and uncertainties at the CES segment, including FES and its subsidiaries and FENOC, related to continued depressed wholesale energy and capacity markets, and the viability and/or success of strategic business alternatives, such as pending and potential CES generating unit asset sales, the potential conversion of the remaining generation fleet from competitive operations to a regulated or regulated-like construct or the potential need to deactivate additional generating units.

The substantial uncertainty as to FES' ability to continue as a going concern and substantial risk that it may be necessary for FES, and likely FENOC, to seek protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws.

The risks and uncertainties associated with litigation, arbitration, mediation and like proceedings, including, but not limited to, any such proceedings related to vendor commitments, such as long-term fuel and transportation agreements.

The uncertainties associated with the deactivation of older regulated and competitive units, including the impact on vendor commitments, such as long-term fuel and transportation agreements, and as it relates to the reliability of the transmission grid, the timing thereof.

The impact of other future changes to the operational status or availability of our generating units and any capacity performance charges associated with unit unavailability.

Changing energy, capacity and commodity market prices including, but not limited to, coal, natural gas and oil prices, and their availability and impact on margins.

Costs being higher than anticipated and the success of our policies to control costs and to mitigate low energy, capacity and market prices.

Replacement power costs being higher than anticipated or not fully hedged.

Our ability to improve electric commodity margins and the impact of, among other factors, the increased cost of fuel and fuel transportation on such margins.

The uncertainty of the timing and amounts of the capital expenditures that may arise in connection with any litigation, including NSR litigation, or potential regulatory initiatives or rulemakings (including that such initiatives or

rulemakings could result in our decision to deactivate or idle certain generating units).

Changes in customers' demand for power, including, but not limited to, changes resulting from the implementation of state and federal energy efficiency and peak demand reduction mandates.

Economic or weather conditions affecting future sales and margins such as a polar vortex or other significant weather events, and all associated regulatory events or actions.

Changes in national and regional economic conditions affecting us, our subsidiaries and/or our major industrial and commercial customers, and other counterparties with which we do business, including fuel suppliers.

The impact of labor disruptions by our unionized workforce.

The risks associated with cyber-attacks and other disruptions to our information technology system that may compromise our generation, transmission and/or distribution services and data security breaches of sensitive data, intellectual property and proprietary or personally identifiable information regarding our business, employees, shareholders, customers, suppliers, business partners and other individuals in our data centers and on our networks. The impact of the regulatory process and resulting outcomes on the matters at the federal level and in the various states in which we do business including, but not limited to, matters related to rates.

The impact of the federal regulatory process on FERC-regulated entities and transactions, in particular FERC regulation of wholesale energy and capacity markets, including PJM markets and FERC-jurisdictional wholesale transactions; FERC

regulation of cost-of-service rates; and FERC's compliance and enforcement activity, including compliance and enforcement activity related to NERC's mandatory reliability standards.

The uncertainties of various cost recovery and cost allocation issues resulting from ATSI's realignment into PJM. The ability to comply with applicable state and federal reliability standards and energy efficiency and peak demand reduction mandates.

Other legislative and regulatory changes, including the new federal administration's required review and potential revision of environmental requirements, including, but not limited to, the effects of the EPA's CPP, CCR, CSAPR and MATS programs, including our estimated costs of compliance, CWA waste water effluent limitations for power plants, and CWA 316(b) water intake regulation.

Adverse regulatory or legal decisions and outcomes with respect to our nuclear operations (including, but not limited to, the revocation or non-renewal of necessary licenses, approvals or operating permits by the NRC or as a result of the incident at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant).

Issues arising from the indications of cracking in the shield building at Davis-Besse.

Changing market conditions that could affect the measurement of certain liabilities and the value of assets held in our NDTs, pension trusts and other trust funds, and cause us and/or our subsidiaries to make additional contributions sooner, or in amounts that are larger than currently anticipated.

The impact of changes to significant accounting policies.

The impact of any changes in tax laws or regulations or adverse tax audit results or rulings.

The ability to access the public securities and other capital and credit markets in accordance with our financial plans, the cost of such capital and overall condition of the capital and credit markets affecting us and our subsidiaries. Further actions that may be taken by credit rating agencies that could negatively affect us and/or our subsidiaries' access to financing, increase the costs thereof, increase requirements to post additional collateral to support, or accelerate payments under outstanding commodity positions, LOCs and other financial guarantees, and the impact of these events on the financial condition and liquidity of FirstEnergy and/or its subsidiaries, specifically FES and its subsidiaries.

Issues concerning the stability of domestic and foreign financial institutions and counterparties with which we do business.

The risks and other factors discussed from time to time in our SEC filings, and other similar factors.

Dividends declared from time to time on FE's common stock during any period may in the aggregate vary from prior periods due to circumstances considered by FE's Board of Directors at the time of the actual declarations. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy or hold securities and is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

These forward-looking statements are also qualified by, and should be read together with, the risk factors included in FirstEnergy's and FES' filings with the SEC, including but not limited to the most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. The foregoing review of factors also should not be construed as exhaustive. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors, nor assess the impact of any such factor on FirstEnergy's business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. The registrants expressly disclaim any current intention to update, except as required by law, any forward-looking statements contained herein as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used in this report to identify FirstEnergy Corp. and its current and former subsidiaries:

Allegheny Energy, Inc., a Maryland utility holding company that merged with a subsidiary of

AE FirstEnergy on February 25, 2011. As of January 1, 2014, AE merged with and into FirstEnergy

Corp.

AESC Allegheny Energy Service Corporation, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp.

AE Supply Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, an unregulated generation subsidiary

AGC Allegheny Generating Company, a generation subsidiary of AE Supply and equity method

investee of MP

ATSI American Transmission Systems, Incorporated, formerly a direct subsidiary of FE that became a

subsidiary of FET in April 2012, which owns and operates transmission facilities

CEI The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, an Ohio electric utility operating subsidiary

CES Competitive Energy Services, a reportable operating segment of FirstEnergy

FE FirstEnergy Corp., a public utility holding company

FENOC FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, a subsidiary of FE, which operates NG's nuclear

generating facilities

FES FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, which provides

energy-related products and services

FESC FirstEnergy Service Company, which provides legal, financial and other corporate support

services

FET FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC, formerly known as Allegheny Energy Transmission, LLC,

which is the parent of ATSI, TrAIL and MAIT, and has a joint venture in PATH

FEV FirstEnergy Ventures Corp., which invests in certain unregulated enterprises and business

ventures

FG FirstEnergy Generation, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of FES, which owns and operates

non-nuclear generating facilities

FirstEnergy Corp., together with its consolidated subsidiaries

Global Holding

Global Holding Company, LLC, a joint venture between FEV, WMB Marketing

Ventures, LLC and Pinesdale LLC

Global Rail Group, LLC, a subsidiary of Global Holding that owns coal transportation operations

near Roundup, Montana

JCP&L Jersey Central Power & Light Company, a New Jersey electric utility operating subsidiary

MAIT Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, a subsidiary of FET, which owns and operates

transmission facilities

ME Metropolitan Edison Company, a Pennsylvania electric utility operating subsidiary
MP Monongahela Power Company, a West Virginia electric utility operating subsidiary

FirstEnergy Nuclear Generation, LLC, a subsidiary of FES, which owns nuclear generating

facilities

OE Ohio Edison Company, an Ohio electric utility operating subsidiary

Ohio Companies CEI, OE and TE

PATH Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC, a joint venture between FE and a subsidiary

of AEP

PATH-Allegheny PATH Allegheny Transmission Company, LLC PATH-WV PATH West Virginia Transmission Company, LLC

PE The Potomac Edison Company, a Maryland and West Virginia electric utility operating

subsidiary

Penn Pennsylvania Power Company, a Pennsylvania electric utility operating subsidiary of OE

Pennsylvania Companies ME, PN, Penn and WP

PN Pennsylvania Electric Company, a Pennsylvania electric utility operating subsidiary

PNBV PNBV Capital Trust, a special purpose entity created by OE in 1996

Signal Peak Energy, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Global Holding that owns mining operations

near Roundup, Montana

TE The Toledo Edison Company, an Ohio electric utility operating subsidiary

Trall Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company, a subsidiary of FET, which owns and operates

transmission facilities

Utilities OE, CEI, TE, Penn, JCP&L, ME, PN, MP, PE and WP

WP West Penn Power Company, a Pennsylvania electric utility operating subsidiary

The following abbreviations and acronyms are used to identify frequently used terms in this report:

AAA American Arbitration Association
ADIT Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes
AEP American Electric Power Company, Inc.

AFS Available-for-sale

AFUDC Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

ALJ Administrative Law Judge

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS, Continued

AOCI Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

ARO Asset Retirement Obligation Auction Revenue Right **ARR** Accounting Standards Update **ASU Basic Generation Service BGS BNSF** Railway Company **BNSF**

PJM RPM Base Residual Auction **BRA**

Clean Air Act CAA

CCR Coal Combustion Residuals

California Department of Water Resources **CDWR**

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 **CERCLA**

Code of Federal Regulations CFR

Carbon Dioxide CO_2

CPP EPA's Clean Power Plan Cross-State Air Pollution Rule **CSAPR CSX** CSX Transportation, Inc. Consolidated Tax Adjustment CTA

Clean Water Act **CWA**

DCR **Delivery Capital Recovery** Distribution Modernization Rider **DMR** DOE United States Department of Energy

Demand Response DR

Distribution System Improvement Charge **DSIC**

DSP Default Service Plan

EDC Electric Distribution Company Energy Efficiency and Conservation EE&C

EGS Electric Generation Supplier

ELPC Environmental Law & Policy Center

EmPOWER

Maryland

ENEC Expanded Net Energy Cost

United States Environmental Protection Agency **EPA**

EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act

Electric Reliability Organization **ERO** Electric Security Plan IV

ESP IV

Unit Power Agreement entered into on April 1, 2016 by and between the Ohio Companies and **ESP IV PPA**

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FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board **FERC** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Fitch Ratings Fitch First Mortgage Bond **FMB** Federal Power Act **FPA**

Financial Transmission Right **FTR**

GAAP Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America

Greenhouse Gases GHG **GWH** Gigawatt-hour

Ohio House Bill No. 554 HB554

ICE Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.
IRP Integrated Resource Plan
IRS Internal Revenue Service
ISO Independent System Operator

kV Kilovolt KWH Kilowatt-hour

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS, Continued

LOC Letter of Credit

LS Power Equity Partners III, LP

LSE Load Serving Entity

LTIIPs Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plans

MATS Mercury and Air Toxics Standards
MDPSC Maryland Public Service Commission

MISO Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

MLP Master Limited Partnership

mmBTU One Million British Thermal Units Moody's Moody's Investors Service, Inc. MOPR Minimum Offer Price Rule

MVP Multi-Value Project

MW Megawatt MWH Megawatt-hour

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NDT Nuclear Decommissioning Trust

NERC North American Electric Reliability Corporation Ninth Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

NJBPU New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

NMB Non-Market Based

NOAC Northwestern Ohio Aggregation Coalition

NOL Net Operating Loss NOV Notice of Violation NOx Nitrogen Oxide

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NSR New Source Review
NUG Non-Utility Generation

NYPSC New York State Public Service Commission

OCC Ohio Consumers' Counsel

OPEB Other Post-Employment Benefits
OTTI Other Than Temporary Impairments
OVEC Ohio Valley Electric Corporation

PA DEP Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

PCB Polychlorinated Biphenyl

PCRB Pollution Control Revenue Bond PJM PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

PJM Region The aggregate of the zones within PJM PJM Tariff PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff

PM Particulate Matter
POLR Provider of Last Resort
POR Purchase of Receivables
PPA Purchase Power Agreement

PPB Parts Per Billion

PPUC Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

PSA Power Supply Agreement

PSD Prevention of Significant Deterioration

PUCO Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

PURPA Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

REC Renewable Energy Credit

Regulation FD Regulation Fair Disclosure promulgated by the SEC

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS, Continued

REIT Real Estate Investment Trust RFC ReliabilityFirst Corporation

RFP Request for Proposal

RGGI Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

ROE Return on Equity

RPM Reliability Pricing Model
RRS Retail Rate Stability
RSS Rich Site Summary

RTEP Regional Transmission Expansion Plan
RTO Regional Transmission Organization
S&P Standard & Poor's Ratings Service

SB221 Amended Substitute Ohio Senate Bill No. 221

SB310 Substitute Ohio Senate Bill No. 310

SB320 Ohio Senate Bill No. 320 SBC Societal Benefits Charge

SEC United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Seventh Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
SIP State Implementation Plan(s) Under the Clean Air Act

SO₂ Sulfur Dioxide

Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

SOS Standard Offer Service SPE Special Purpose Entity

SREC Solar Renewable Energy Credit

SSO Standard Service Offer
TDS Total Dissolved Solid
TMI-2 Three Mile Island Unit 2
TO Transmission Owner

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

VEPCO Virginia Electric and Power Company

VIE Variable Interest Entity

VSCC Virginia State Corporation Commission

WVDEP West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

WVPSC Public Service Commission of West Virginia

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM I. Financial Statements

FIRSTENERGY CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

(Unaudited)

| | For the Months June 30 | Ended | For the Months June 30 | Ended |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| (In millions, except per share amounts) | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| Regulated Distribution | \$2,262 | \$2,189 | \$4,752 | \$4,699 |
| Regulated Transmission | 327 | 275 | 640 | 561 |
| Unregulated businesses | 720 | 937 | 1,469 | 2,010 |
| Total revenues* | 3,309 | 3,401 | 6,861 | 7,270 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Fuel | 343 | 438 | 711 | 819 |
| Purchased power | 735 | 889 | 1,598 | 2,013 |
| Other operating expenses | 957 | 964 | 2,099 | 1,882 |
| Provision for depreciation | 281 | 334 | 556 | 663 |
| Amortization of regulatory assets, net | 65 | 63 | 124 | 124 |
| General taxes | 253 | 241 | 524 | 521 |
| Impairment of assets (Note 14) | 131 | 1,447 | 131 | 1,447 |
| Total operating expenses | 2,765 | 4,376 | 5,743 | 7,469 |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | 544 | (975 | 1,118 | (199) |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): | | | | |
| Investment income | 17 | 19 | 41 | 47 |
| Interest expense | (290) | (289 | (577 | (577) |
| Capitalized financing costs | 20 | 26 | 40 | 51 |
| Total other expense | (253) | (244 | (496 | (479) |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | 291 | (1,219 | 622 | (678) |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | 117 | (130 | 243 | 83 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$174 | \$(1,089) | \$379 | \$(761) |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK: Basic Diluted | \$0.39 \$0.39 | \$(2.56) \$(2.56) | | \$(1.79) \$(1.79) |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING: Basic | 444 | 425 | 443 | 424 |

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DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK \$— \$0.72 \$0.72

The accompanying Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

^{*} Includes excise tax collections of \$91 million and \$92 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$191 million and \$199 million in the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

FIRSTENERGY CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited)

| (In millions) | For the Three Months Ended June 30 2017 2016 | For the Six Months Ended June 30 2017 2016 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$174 \$(1,089) | \$379 \$(761) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS): Pension and OPEB prior service costs Amortized losses on derivative hedges Change in unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | (18) (18) 1 2 (2) 35 (19) 19 (7) 7 (12) 12 | (36) (36) 4 4 14 63 (18) 31 (7) 11 (11) 20 |
| COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | \$162 \$(1,077) | \$368 \$(741) |

The accompanying Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Common stockholders' equity-

| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| (In millions, except share amounts) | June 30, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
| ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents | \$114 | \$ 199 |
| Receivables- | | |
| Customers, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$52 in 2017 and \$53 in 2016 | 1,375 161 | 1,440 175 |
| Other, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$1 in 2017 and 2016 Materials and supplies | 553 | 564 |
| Prepaid taxes | 227 | 98 |
| Derivatives | 45 | 140 |
| Collateral | 129 | 176 |
| Other | 151 | 158 |
| | 2,755 | 2,950 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: | 42.020 | 42.767 |
| In service Less — Accumulated provision for depreciation | 43,929 15,999 | 43,767 15,731 |
| Less — Accumulated provision for depreciation | 27,930 | 28,036 |
| Construction work in progress | 1,249 | 1,351 |
| | 29,179 | 29,387 |
| INVESTMENTS: | | |
| Nuclear plant decommissioning trusts | 2,588 | 2,514 |
| Other | 507 | 512 |
| | 3,095 | 3,026 |
| ASSETS HELD FOR SALE (Note 14) | 815 | _ |
| DEFERRED CHARGES AND OTHER ASSETS: | | |
| Goodwill | 5,618 | 5,618 |
| Regulatory assets | 994 | 1,014 |
| Other | 871 | 1,153 |
| | 7,483 | |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | \$43,327 | \$ 43,148 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Currently payable long-term debt | \$2,015 | \$ 1,685 |
| Short-term borrowings | 225 | 2,675 |
| Accounts payable Accrued taxes | 932 518 | 1,043 580 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 293 | 363 |
| Derivatives | 18 | 78 |
| Collateral | 27 | 42 |
| Other | 619 | 660 |
| | 4,647 | 7,126 |
| CAPITALIZATION: | | |
| Lommon stockholders: equity | | |

| Common stock, \$0.10 par value, authorized 490,000,000 shares - 444,304,456 and 442,344,218 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively | 44 | 44 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Other paid-in capital | 10,272 | 10,555 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 163 | 174 |
| Accumulated deficit | (4,159) | (4,532) |
| Total common stockholders' equity | 6,320 | 6,241 |
| Long-term debt and other long-term obligations | 20,582 | 18,192 |
| | 26,902 | 24,433 |
| NONCURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 3,992 | 3,765 |
| Retirement benefits | 3,784 | 3,719 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 1,526 | 1,482 |
| Deferred gain on sale and leaseback transaction | 740 | 757 |
| Adverse power contract liability | 152 | 162 |
| Other | 1,584 | 1,704 |
| | 11,778 | 11,589 |
| COMMITMENTS, GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 11) | | |
| | \$43,327 | \$ 43,148 |

The accompanying Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

FIRSTENERGY CORP.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

| | For th Month June 3 | ns Ended |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| (In millions) | 2017 | 2016 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | ¢ 270 | ¢(761) |
| Net Income (Loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating activities- | \$379 | \$(761) |
| Depreciation and amortization, including nuclear fuel, regulatory assets, net, intangible assets and | | 0.50 |
| deferred debt-related costs | 792 | 950 |
| Deferred purchased power and other costs | 34 | (33) |
| Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits, net | 224 | 72 |
| Impairment of assets (Note 14) | 131 | 1,447 |
| Investment impairments Deformed costs on sole less check transaction, not | 7 24 | 10 24 |
| Deferred costs on sale leaseback transaction, net Retirement benefits, net of payments | 2 4 17 | 31 |
| Pension trust contributions | | (160) |
| Unrealized loss on derivative transactions (Note 8) | 53 | 5 |
| Lease payments on sale and leaseback transaction | (47) | (94) |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities- | | |
| Receivables | 83 | 101 |
| Materials and supplies | (10) | |
| Prepaid taxes and other current assets Accounts payable | (127) | (22) |
| Accrued taxes | (62) | |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | (125) | |
| Other current liabilities | (55) | |
| Collateral, net | 32 | 21 |
| Other | 132 | 87 |
| Net cash provided from operating activities | 1,482 | 1,472 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| New Financing- | | |
| Long-term debt | 3,500 | _ |
| Short-term borrowings, net | | 1,225 |
| Redemptions and Repayments- | (725) | (501) |
| Long-term debt Short-term borrowings, net | (733) | (581) |
| Common stock dividend payments | | (305) |
| Other | (52) | |
| Net cash provided from (used for) financing activities | (56) | 363 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Property additions | (1,25 | 1 (1,492) |
| Nuclear fuel | | (188) |
| Sales of investment securities held in trusts | | 1,024 |
| Purchases of investment securities held in trusts | (1,305) | (1,073) |
| | | |

| Asset removal costs | (79) (63) |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Other | 4 25 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (1,51) (1,767) |
| | |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (85) 68 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 199 131 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$114 \$199 |

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FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited)

| | | s Ended | For the S Months June 30 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|---|
| (In millions) | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | |
| STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) REVENUES: | | | | | |
| Electric sales to non-affiliates | \$635 | \$958 | \$1,403 | \$1,96 | 5 |
| Electric sales to affiliates | 80 | 102 | 191 | 249 | |
| Other | 26 | 42 | 61 | 87 | |
| Total revenues | 741 | 1,102 | 1,655 | 2,301 | |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | | | | |
| Fuel | 154 | 228 | 298 | 393 | |
| Purchased power from affiliates | 39 | 167 | 202 | 249 | |
| Purchased power from non-affiliates | 156 | 266 | 316 | 643 | |
| Other operating expenses | 286 | 369 | 804 | 609 | |
| Provision for depreciation | 27 | 84 | 52 | 167 | |
| General taxes | 18 | 19 | 39 | 45 | |
| Impairment of assets (Note 14) | | 540 | | 540 | |
| Total operating expenses | 680 | 1,673 | 1,711 | 2,646 | |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | 61 | (571) | (56) | (345 |) |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): | | | | | |
| Investment income | 15 | 19 | 35 | 32 | |
| Miscellaneous income | | 1 | 5 | 3 | |
| Interest expense — affiliates | . , | | . , | (3 |) |
| Interest expense — other | | | - | (73 |) |
| Capitalized interest | 6 | 8 | 14 | 18 | |
| Total other expense | (19) | (10) | (23) | (23 |) |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | 42 | (581) | (79) | (368 |) |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | 23 | (143) | (18) | (61 |) |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$19 | \$(438) | \$(61) | \$(307 |) |
| STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | | | | | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$19 | \$(438) | \$(61) | \$(307 |) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME: Pension and OPEB prior service costs Amortized gains on derivative hedges | (4) | (3) (1) | (7) — | (7 (1 |) |

| Change in unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities | 6 | 33 | 22 | 56 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|---------|------------|
| Other comprehensive income | 2 | 29 | 15 | 48 |
| Income taxes on other comprehensive income | | 12 | 5 | 19 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax | 2 | 17 | 10 | 29 |
| | | | | |
| COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | \$21 | \$(421 |) \$(51 |) \$(278) |

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FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

| (Unaudited) | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| (In millions, except share amounts) | June 30, 2017 | December 31, 2016 |
| ASSETS | 2017 | 2010 |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$2 | \$ 2 |
| Receivables- | | |
| Customers, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$3 in 2017 and \$5 in 2016 | 185 | 213 |
| Affiliated companies | 385 | 452 |
| Other | 12 | 27 |
| Notes receivable from affiliated companies | | 29 |
| Materials and supplies | 260 | 267 |
| Derivatives | 41 | 137 |
| Collateral | 111 | 157 |
| Prepaid taxes and other | 51 | 63 |
| | 1,047 | 1,347 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: | | |
| In service | 7,382 | 7,057 |
| Less — Accumulated provision for depreciation | 6,055 | 5,929 |
| | 1,327 | 1,128 |
| Construction work in progress | 299 | 427 |
| | 1,626 | 1,555 |
| INVESTMENTS: | | |
| Nuclear plant decommissioning trusts | 1,793 | 1,552 |
| Other | 9 | 10 |
| | 1,802 | 1,562 |
| DEFERRED CHARGES AND OTHER ASSETS: | | |
| Property taxes | 20 | 40 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 2,108 | 2,279 |
| Derivatives | 9 | 77 |
| Other | 379 | 381 |
| | 2,516 | 2,777 |
| A LA DAL MENEG A NEL CA DITEA LA MANA | \$6,991 | \$ 7,241 |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | Φ255 | Φ 170 |
| Currently payable long-term debt | \$255 | \$ 179 |
| Short-term borrowings - affiliated companies | 275 | 101 |
| Accounts payable- | 264 | 550 |
| Affiliated companies Other | 264 91 | 550 |
| Accrued taxes | 129 | 110 143 |
| Derivatives | 18 | 77 |
| Other | 170 | 156 |
| Ould | 1,202 | 1,316 |
| CAPITALIZATION: | 1,202 | 1,310 |
| Common stockholder's equity- | | |
| Common stockholder a equity- | 3,730 | 3,658 |
| | 5,750 | 5,050 |

Common stock, without par value, authorized 750 shares - 7 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2017 and December 31. 2016

| 2017 and December 31, 2016 | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|---|
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 79 | 69 | |
| Accumulated deficit | (3,570) | (3,509 |) |
| Total common stockholder's equity | 239 | 218 | |
| Long-term debt and other long-term obligations | 2,573 | 2,813 | |
| | 2,812 | 3,031 | |
| NONCURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | |
| Deferred gain on sale and leaseback transaction | 740 | 757 | |
| Retirement benefits | 205 | 197 | |
| Asset retirement obligations (Note 9) | 975 | 901 | |
| Derivatives | 1 | 52 | |
| Other | 1,056 | 987 | |
| | 2,977 | 2,894 | |
| COMMITMENTS, GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 11) | | | |
| | \$6,991 | \$ 7,241 | |
| | | | |

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FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

| (In millions) | For the Six Months Ended June 30 2017 2016 | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Net loss | \$(61) | \$(30' | 7) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash from operating activities- Depreciation and amortization, including nuclear fuel, intangible assets and deferred debt-related costs | 157 | 301 | |
| Deferred costs on sale and leaseback transaction, net | 24 | 24 | |
| Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits, net | 104 | (16 |) |
| Investment impairments | 7 | 9 | , |
| Unrealized loss on derivative transactions (Note 8) | 53 | 5 | |
| | 33 | 3 | |
| Lease payments on sale and leaseback transaction | (47) | (94 |) |
| Lunai manut of consts (Note 14) | , | | |
| Impairment of assets (Note 14) Changes in current assets and liabilities- | | 540 | |
| Receivables | 110 | 110 | |
| Materials and supplies | (10) | | |
| Prepaid taxes and other current assets | 12 | (13 |) |
| Accounts payable | (194) | • |) |
| Accrued taxes | (14) | • | |
| Other current liabilities | (8) | 16 | |
| Collateral, net | 46 | 50 | |
| Other | 116 | (3 |) |
| Net cash provided from operating activities | 295 | 557 | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| New financing- | | | |
| Short-term borrowings, net | 174 | 210 | |
| Redemptions and repayments- | | | |
| Long-term debt | (163) | (245 |) |
| Other | (4) | (3 |) |
| Net cash (used for) provided from financing activities | 7 | (38 |) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | | |
| Property additions | (169) | (335 |) |
| Nuclear fuel | | (188 | |
| Sales of investment securities held in trusts | 437 | 441 | |
| Purchases of investment securities held in trusts | (466) | (467 |) |
| Cash investments | _ | 11 | |
| Loans to affiliated companies, net | 29 | 11 | |
| Other | 1 | 8 | |

| Net cash used for investing activities | (302) | (302) (519) | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | _ | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 2 | 2 | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$2 | \$2 | | | |
| SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION: | | | | | |
| Non-cash transaction: Affiliated net asset transfer (Note 9) | \$73 | \$28 | | | |

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FIRSTENERGY CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

COMBINED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

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COMBINED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Unless otherwise indicated, defined terms and abbreviations used herein have the meanings set forth in the accompanying Glossary of Terms.

FE was organized under the laws of the State of Ohio in 1996. FE's principal business is the holding, directly or indirectly, of all of the outstanding equity of its principal subsidiaries: OE, CEI, TE, Penn (a wholly owned subsidiary of OE), JCP&L, ME, PN, FESC, FES and its principal subsidiaries (FG and NG), AE Supply, MP, PE, WP, FET and its principal subsidiaries (ATSI, MAIT and TrAIL), and AESC. In addition, FE holds all of the outstanding equity of other direct subsidiaries including: FirstEnergy Properties, Inc., FEV, FENOC, FELHC, Inc., GPU Nuclear, Inc., and Allegheny Ventures, Inc.

FE and its subsidiaries are principally involved in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. FirstEnergy's ten utility operating companies comprise one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, based on serving six million customers in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. Its regulated and unregulated generation subsidiaries control nearly 17,000 MW of capacity from a diverse mix of non-emitting nuclear, scrubbed coal, natural gas, hydroelectric and other renewables. FirstEnergy's transmission operations include approximately 24,000 miles of lines and two regional transmission operation centers.

FES, a subsidiary of FE, was organized under the laws of the State of Ohio in 1997. FES provides energy-related products and services to retail and wholesale customers. FES also owns and operates, through its FG subsidiary, fossil generating facilities and owns, through its NG subsidiary, nuclear generating facilities. FES purchases the entire output of the generation facilities owned by FG and NG. Prior to April 1, 2016, FES financially purchased the uncommitted output of AE Supply's generation facilities under a PSA. On December 21, 2015, FES agreed, under a PSA, to physically purchase all the output of AE Supply's generation facilities effective April 1, 2016. FES and AE Supply terminated the PSA effective on April 1, 2017. FES complies with the regulations, orders, policies and practices prescribed by the SEC, FERC, NRC and applicable state regulatory authorities.

These interim financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC for Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements and notes prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included in the combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. These Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements are combined for FirstEnergy and FES.

FirstEnergy follows GAAP and complies with the related regulations, orders, policies and practices prescribed by the SEC, FERC, and, as applicable, the PUCO, the PPUC, the MDPSC, the NYPSC, the WVPSC, the VSCC and the NJBPU. The accompanying interim financial statements are unaudited, but reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair statement of the financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make periodic estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The reported results of operations are not necessarily indicative of results of operations for any future period. FE and its subsidiaries have evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

FE and its subsidiaries consolidate all majority-owned subsidiaries over which they exercise control and, when applicable, entities for which they have a controlling financial interest. Intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation as appropriate. FE and its subsidiaries consolidate a VIE when it is determined that it is

the primary beneficiary (see Note 6, "Variable Interest Entities"). Investments in affiliates over which FE and its subsidiaries have the ability to exercise significant influence, but do not have a controlling financial interest, follow the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the interest in the entity is reported as an investment in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and the percentage of FE's ownership share of the entity's earnings is reported in the Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

For each of the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, capitalized financing costs on FirstEnergy's Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) include \$9 million of allowance for equity funds used during construction and \$11 million and \$17 million, respectively, of capitalized interest. For each of the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, capitalized financing costs on FirstEnergy's Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) include \$17 million of allowance for equity funds used during construction and \$23 million and \$34 million, respectively, of capitalized interest.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Strategic Review of Competitive Operations

FirstEnergy believes having a combination of distribution, transmission and generation assets in a regulated or regulated-like construct is the best way to serve customers. FirstEnergy's strategy is to be a fully regulated utility, focusing on stable and predictable earnings and cash flow from its regulated business units.

Over the past several years, CES has been impacted by a prolonged decrease in demand and excess generation supply in the PJM Region, which has resulted in a period of protracted low power and capacity prices. To address this, CES sold or deactivated more than 6,770 MWs of competitive generation from 2012 to 2015 and announced in 2016 plans to exit and/or deactivate an additional 856 MWs by 2020 related to the Bay Shore Unit 1 generating station and Units 1-4 of the W.H. Sammis generating station. Additionally, CES has continued to focus on cost reductions, including those identified as part of FirstEnergy's previously disclosed cash flow improvement plan.

However, the energy and capacity markets continue to be weak, as evidenced by the significantly depressed capacity clearing prices and current forward pricing as well as the long-term fundamental view on energy and capacity prices. In order to focus on stable and predictable cash flow from its regulated business units, in November of 2016, FirstEnergy announced a strategic review of its competitive operations with a target to implement its exit from competitive operations by mid-2018.

As a result of this strategic review, FirstEnergy announced in January 2017 that AE Supply and AGC entered into an asset purchase agreement to sell four of AE Supply's natural gas generating plants and its approximately 59% of AGC's interest in Bath County (1,572 MWs of combined capacity) to a subsidiary of LS Power for an all-cash purchase price of \$925 million, subject to customary and other closing conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals from FERC and the VSCC, third party consents and the satisfaction and discharge of \$305 million of AE Supply's senior notes, which is expected to require the payment of a "make-whole" premium currently estimated to be approximately \$100 million based on current interest rates. As a further condition to closing, FE will provide the purchaser two limited guarantees of certain obligations of AE Supply and AGC arising under the purchase agreement. Additionally, the consent of VEPCO is needed for the sale of AGC's interest in the Bath County pumped hydro facility, as well as agreement among AGC, LS Power and VEPCO with respect to certain amendments to the Bath County project agreements. On May 24, 2017, AE Supply and AGC and LS Power exercised a provision in the purchase agreement that allows either party to terminate the purchase agreement without penalty after June 23, 2017. All parties continue to negotiate, including consideration of various alternative structures regarding pricing and closing, and neither party has elected its termination rights under the provisions of the purchase agreement. As a result of the status of these ongoing negotiations regarding the asset purchase agreement and reflecting the impact of prevailing market conditions, CES recorded a non-cash pre-tax impairment charge of \$131 million in the second quarter of 2017. FirstEnergy is targeting to close the transaction with revised terms in the second half of 2017, subject to satisfaction of various customary and other closing conditions, including without limitation, receipt of regulatory approvals and third party consents.

Additionally, AE Supply's Pleasants power station (1,300 MWs) was selected in MP's RFP seeking additional generation capacity, and on March 6, 2017, MP and AE Supply signed an asset purchase agreement for MP to acquire the Pleasants power station for approximately \$195 million, subject to customary and other closing conditions, including regulatory approvals as further discussed below in Note 10, "Regulatory Matters - State Regulation - West Virginia."

The strategic options to exit the remaining portion of CES' generation, which is primarily at FES, are still uncertain, but could include one or more of the following:

degislative or regulatory solutions for generation assets that recognize their environmental or energy security benefits; restructuring FES debt with its creditors;

seeking protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws for FES and likely FENOC; and/or additional asset sales and/or plant deactivations.

Furthermore, the implementation of various strategic options, and the timing thereof, could be impacted by various events, including, but not limited to the following:

The outcome of the recently announced directive by the Secretary of Energy to complete a study that explores critical issues central to protecting the long-term reliability of the electric grid, including the impact of federal policy interventions and the changing nature of electricity fuel mix, compensation of on-site fuel supply and other factors that strengthen grid resilience, and the impact of regulatory burdens, mandates and tax and subsidy policies on the premature retirement of baseload power plants;

The resolution of legislation before the Ohio General Assembly that would create a zero-emission nuclear (ZEN) credit that would compensate nuclear power plants for their environmental attributes and the potential for similar legislative action in Pennsylvania; and/or

The inability to finalize and consummate a settlement agreement with BNSF and NS regarding a previously disclosed long-term coal transportation contract dispute as discussed in Note 11, "Commitments, Guarantees and Contingencies - Environmental Matters" below, whereby FG could be subject to materially higher damages.

Today, the competitive generation portfolio is comprised of more than 13,000 MWs of generation, primarily from coal, nuclear and natural gas and oil fuel sources. The assets can generate approximately 70-75 million MWHs annually, with up to an additional five million MWHs available from purchased power agreements for wind, solar, and CES' entitlement in OVEC, of which a portion is sold through various retail channels and the remainder targeting forward wholesale or spot sales. Subject to the completion of the AE Supply and AGC asset sale discussed above as well as the transfer of the Pleasants Power station to MP, the size and generation

capacity of CES' portfolio will be reduced to approximately 10,000 MWs, primarily at FES, with approximately 60-65 million MWHs produced annually.

The competitive business continues to be managed conservatively due to the stress of weak energy prices, insufficient results from recent capacity auctions and anemic demand forecasts. Furthermore, the credit quality of CES, specifically FES' unsecured debt rating of Caa1 at Moody's, CCC at S&P and C at Fitch and negative outlook from each of the rating agencies has challenged its ability to hedge generation with retail and forward wholesale sales due to significant collateral requirements. As a result, CES' contract sales are expected to decline from 53 million MWHs in 2016 to 40-45 million MWHs in 2017 and to 35-40 million MWHs in 2018. While the reduced contract sales will decrease potential collateral requirements, market price volatility may significantly impact CES' financial results due to the increased exposure to the wholesale spot market.

Going Concern at FES

Although FES has access to a \$500 million secured line of credit with FE, all of which was available as of June 30, 2017, its current credit rating and the current forward wholesale pricing environment present significant challenges to FES. Furthermore, an inability to develop and execute upon viable alternative strategies for its competitive portfolio would continue to further stress the liquidity and financial condition of FES.

Cash flow from operations at FES is expected to be more than sufficient to fund capital expenditures and nuclear fuel purchases through March 2018. As previously disclosed, FES has \$515 million of maturing debt in 2018, beginning in the second quarter. Based on FES' current senior unsecured debt rating, capital structure and the forecasted decline in wholesale forward market prices over the next few years, the debt maturities are likely to be difficult to refinance, even on a secured basis. Furthermore, lack of clarity regarding the timing and viability of alternative strategies, including additional asset sales or deactivations and/or converting generation from competitive operations to a regulated or regulated-like construct in a way that provides FES with the means to satisfy its obligations over the long-term, may also require FES to restructure debt and other financial obligations with its creditors or seek protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws. In the event FES seeks protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws, FENOC will likely seek such protection. Although management is exploring capital and other cost reductions, asset sales, and other options to improve cash flow as well as continuing with efforts to explore legislative or regulatory solutions, these obligations and their impact to liquidity raise substantial doubt about FES' ability to meet its obligations as they come due over the next twelve months and, as such, its ability to continue as a going concern.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Adopted Pronouncements

ASU 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" (Issued March 2016): ASU 2016-09 simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payments. The new guidance requires all income tax effects of awards to be recognized in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. It also does not require liability accounting when an employer repurchases more of an employee's shares for tax withholding purposes. FirstEnergy adopted ASU 2016-09 on January 1, 2017. Upon adoption, FirstEnergy elected to account for forfeitures as they occur. The change was applied on a modified retrospective basis with a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings of approximately \$6 million as of January 1, 2017. Additionally, FirstEnergy retrospectively applied the cash flow presentation requirement to present cash paid to tax authorities when shares are withheld to satisfy statutory tax withholding obligations as financing activities by reclassifying \$12 million from operating activities to financing activities in the 2016 Statement of Cash Flow.

ASU 2016-15, "Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments" (Issued August 2016): The standard is intended to eliminate diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows, including the presentation of debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs, all of which will be classified as financing activities. ASU 2016-15 is effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. FirstEnergy early adopted this ASU as of January 1, 2017. There was no impact to prior periods.

Recently Issued Pronouncements - The following new authoritative accounting guidance issued by the FASB has not yet been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, FirstEnergy is currently assessing the impact such guidance may have on its financial statements and disclosures, as well as the potential to early adopt where applicable. FirstEnergy has assessed other FASB issuances of new standards not described below or in the 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K based upon the current expectation that such new standards will not significantly impact FirstEnergy's financial reporting. Below is an update to the discussion of pronouncements contained in the 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" (Issued May 2014 and subsequently updated to address implementation questions): For public business entities, the new revenue recognition guidance will be effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. FirstEnergy will not early adopt the standard. FirstEnergy has evaluated its revenues and expects limited impacts to current revenue recognition practices. FirstEnergy expects to apply the new guidance on a modified retrospective basis and continues to assess the impact on its financial statements and disclosures.

ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)" (Issued February 2016): ASU 2016-02 will require organizations that lease assets with lease terms of more than 12 months to recognize assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by those leases on their balance sheets. In addition, new qualitative and quantitative disclosures of the amounts, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases will be required. The ASU will be effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. Lessors and lessees will be required to apply a modified retrospective transition approach, which requires adjusting the accounting for any leases existing at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the adoption-period financial statements. Any leases that expire before the initial application date will not require any accounting adjustment.

ASU 2017-01, "Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business" (Issued January 2017): ASU 2017-01 assists entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. ASU 2017-01 is effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The ASU will be applied prospectively to any transactions occurring within the period of adoption. Early adoption is permitted, including for interim or annual periods in which the financial statements have not been issued or made available for issuance.

ASU 2017-07,"Compensation-Retirement Benefits: Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost" (Issued March 2017): ASU 2017-07 requires entities to retrospectively (1) disaggregate the current-service-cost component from the other components of net benefit cost (the "other components") and present it with other current compensation costs for related employees in the income statement and (2) present the other components elsewhere in the income statement and outside of income from operations if such a subtotal is presented. In addition, only service costs are eligible for capitalization on a prospective basis. FirstEnergy is currently evaluating the impact on its financial statements of adopting this standard, which will be heavily dependent on the resolution of certain industry issues. The ASU will be effective in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years.

2. EARNINGS PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK

Basic earnings per share of common stock are computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the relevant period as the denominator. The denominator for diluted earnings per share of common stock reflects the weighted average of common shares outstanding plus the potential additional common shares that could result if dilutive securities and other agreements to issue common stock were exercised. As discussed above, FirstEnergy adopted ASU 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" beginning January 1, 2017. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, there were no material impacts to the basic or diluted earnings per share due to the new standard.

The following table reconciles basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock:

| | For th | e Inree | For th | e Six | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|--|
| (In millions, except per share amounts) | | Months Ended | | Months Ended | |
| | | June 30 | | June 30 | |
| Reconciliation of Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share of Common Stock | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | |
| Net income (loss) | \$174 | \$(1,089) | \$379 | \$(761) | |
| Weighted average number of basic shares outstanding | 444 | 425 | 443 | 424 | |
| Assumed exercise of dilutive stock options and awards ⁽¹⁾ | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Weighted average number of diluted shares outstanding | 445 | 425 | 444 | 424 | |

Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock \$0.39 \$(2.56) \$0.86 \$(1.79)

\$0.39 \$(2.56) \$0.85 \$(1.79)

For both the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, one million shares were excluded from the calculation of (1) diluted shares outstanding, as their inclusion would be antidilutive. For both the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, three million shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted shares outstanding, as their inclusion would be antidilutive as a result of the net loss.

3. PENSION AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The components of the consolidated net periodic costs (credits) for pension and OPEB (including amounts capitalized) were as follows:

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Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs (Credits) Pension
                                                             OPEB
For the Three Months Ended June 30
                                                  2017 2016 2017 2016
                                                  (In millions)
Service costs
                                                  $52 $48 $1
                                                                    $1
                                                  97
                                                       99
                                                             7
                                                                    8
Interest costs
Expected return on plan assets
                                                  (112) (100) (7 ) (8
Amortization of prior service costs (credits)
                                                             (20)(20)
Net periodic costs (credits)
                                                  $39 $49 $(19) $(19)
Components of Net Periodic Benefit Costs (Credits)
                                                               OPEB
                                                  Pension
For the Six Months Ended June 30
                                                  2017 2016 2017 2016
                                                  (In millions)
Service costs
                                                  $104 $96
                                                               $2
                                                                      $2
Interest costs
                                                  194
                                                         199
                                                               14
                                                                      15
Expected return on plan assets
                                                  (224) (197) (15) (16)
Amortization of prior service costs (credits)
                                                               (40)(40)
                                                  4
                                                        4
Net periodic costs (credits)
                                                  $78
                                                        $102 $(39) $(39)
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FES' share of the net periodic pension and OPEB costs (credits) were as follows:

Pension OPEB 2012016 2017 2016 (In millions) For the Three Months Ended June 30 \$3 \$ 6 \$(4) \$(4) For the Six Months Ended June 30 6 12 (8)(8)

Pension and OPEB obligations are allocated to FE's subsidiaries, including FES, employing the plan participants. The net periodic pension and OPEB costs (credits), net of amounts capitalized, recognized in earnings by FirstEnergy and FES were as follows:

| Net Periodic Benefit Expense (Credit) | Pension | OPEB |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| For the Three Months Ended June 30 | 20172016 | 2017 2016 |
| | (In million | ns) |
| FirstEnergy | \$27 \$35 | \$(14) \$(15) |
| FES | 3 6 | (4) (4) |
| Net Periodic Benefit Expense (Credit) | Pension | OPEB |
| For the Six Months Ended June 30 | 20172016 | 2017 2016 |
| | (In million | ns) |
| FirstEnergy | \$59 \$72 | \$(29) \$(30) |
| FES | 6 12 | (8) (8) |

As of June 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, FES had \$866 million of affiliated non-current liabilities related to allocated pension and OPEB mark-to-market costs, of which \$570 million was from FENOC.

4. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The changes in AOCI, net of tax, in the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, for FirstEnergy are included in the following tables:

| FirstEnergy | Define Benefi Pensio & OPEB Plans | Total | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| AOCI Balance as of April 1, 2017 | • | illions) \$ 63 | | \$ 138 | | \$175 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | 1 1 1 — | 4 (6 (2 — (2 |) | — (18 (18 (8 (10 |) | 4 (23) (19) (7) (12) |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2017 | \$(26) | \$ 61 | | \$ 128 | | \$163 |
| AOCI Balance as of April 1, 2016 | \$(32) | \$ 36 | | \$ 175 | | \$179 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 2 2 1 1 | 47 (12 35 13 22 |) | — (18 (18 (7 (11 | - | 47 (28) 19 7 12 |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2016 | \$(31) | \$ 58 | | \$ 164 | | \$191 |
| | Gains & Losses on Cash Flow Hedge | Unrealis Gains of AFS Securit | on | Define Benefi Pensio & OPEB Plans | t | Total |
| AOCI Balance as of January 1, 2017 | | fillions) \$ 52 | | \$ 150 | | \$174 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 4 4 2 2 | 36 (22 14 5 9 |) | (36) (36) (14) (22) |) | (11) |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2017 | \$(26) | \$ 61 | | \$ 128 | | \$163 |

| AOCI Balance as of January 1, 2016 | \$(33) | \$ 18 | | \$ 186 | | \$171 | L |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|---|--------|---|-------|---|
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications | | 88 | | _ | | 88 | |
| Amounts reclassified from AOCI | 4 | (25 |) | (36 |) | (57 |) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 4 | 63 | | (36 |) | 31 | |
| Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) | 2 | 23 | | (14 |) | 11 | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 2 | 40 | | (22 |) | 20 | |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2016 | \$(31) | \$ 58 | | \$ 164 | | \$191 | Ĺ |

The following amounts were reclassified from AOCI for FirstEnergy in the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

> For the For the Six Three Months Months Affected Line Item in Consolidated Statements of Ended June Ended June Income (Loss) 30 30 2017 2016 2017 2016 (In millions) \$1 \$2 \$4 Interest expense \$4

Gains & losses on cash flow hedges

Reclassifications from AOCI⁽²⁾

Long-term debt

) (2) (2) Income taxes (benefits)) (1

\$- \$1 Net of tax \$2 \$2

Unrealized gains on AFS securities

Realized gains on sales of securities \$(6) \$(12) \$(22) \$(25) Investment income

9 Income taxes (benefits) 2 4 8

\$(4) \$(8) \$(14) \$(16) Net of tax

Defined benefit pension and OPEB

plans

Prior-service costs \$(18) \$(18) \$(36) \$(36) ⁽¹⁾

> 14 14 Income taxes (benefits) 7

(10) (11) (22) (22) Net of tax

⁽¹⁾ These AOCI components are included in the computation of net periodic pension cost. See Note 3, "Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits," for additional details.

⁽²⁾ Amounts in parenthesis represent credits to the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) from AOCI.

The changes in AOCI, net of tax, in the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, for FES are included in the following tables:

FES

| | Gains & Unrealized Losses Gains on on AFS Cash Flow Hedges (In millions) | Pension & | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| AOCI Balance as of April 1, 2017 | \$(9) \$ 58 | \$ 28 | \$77 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | — 12 — (6 — 6 — 2 — 4 | (4) (4) (2) (2) | 12 (10) 2 — 2 |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2017 | \$(9) \$ 62 | \$ 26 | \$79 |
| AOCI Balance as of April 1, 2016 | \$(9) \$ 30 | \$ 37 | \$58 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | — 44 (1) (11) (1) 33 — 13 (1) 20 | (3) (3) (1) (2) | 44 (15) 29 12 17 |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2016 | \$(10) \$ 50 | \$ 35 | \$75 |
| | Gains & Unrealized Losses Gains on On AFS Cash Flow Hedges (In millions) | Defined Benefit Pension & OPEB Plans | Total |
| AOCI Balance as of January 1, 2017 | \$(9) \$ 48 | \$ 30 | \$69 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 43 (21) 22 8 14 | (7) (7) (3) (4) | 43 (28) 15 5 10 |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2017 | \$(9) \$ 62 | \$ 26 | \$79 |

| AOCI Balance as of January 1, 2016 | \$(9) \$ 16 | \$ 39 | \$46 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications Amounts reclassified from AOCI Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | - 80 (1) (24) (1) 56 - 22 (1) 34 | (7) (7) (3) (4) | 80 (32) 48 19 29 |
| AOCI Balance as of June 30, 2016 | \$(10) \$ 50 | \$ 35 | \$75 |

The following amounts were reclassified from AOCI for FES in the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

> For the For the Six Three Months Months Affected Line Item in Consolidated Statements of Ended June Ended June Income (Loss) 30

Reclassifications from AOCI⁽²⁾

2017 2016 2017 2016

(In millions)

Gains & losses on cash flow hedges

Commodity contracts

- \$(1) \$ - \$(1) Other operating expenses Income taxes (benefits) - \$(1) \$ - \$(1) Net of tax

Unrealized gains on AFS securities

Realized gains on sales of securities \$(6) \$(11) \$(21) \$(24) Investment income Income taxes (benefits) 8 9 \$(4) \$(7) \$(13) \$(15) Net of tax

Defined benefit pension and OPEB

plans

Prior-service costs \$(4) \$(3) \$(7) \$(7) (1)

> 3 3 Income taxes (benefits)

\$(2) \$(2) \$(4) \$(4) Net of tax

5. INCOME TAXES

FirstEnergy's and FES' interim effective tax rates reflect the estimated annual effective tax rates for 2017 and 2016. These tax rates are affected by estimated annual permanent items, such as AFUDC equity and other flow-through items, as well as discrete items that may occur in any given period, but are not consistent from period to period.

FirstEnergy's effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 40.2% on pre-tax income and 10.7% on pre-tax losses, respectively. FirstEnergy's effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 39.1% on pre-tax income and (12.2)% on pre-tax losses, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate for both periods is primarily due to the impairment of \$800 million of goodwill in 2016, of which \$433 million was non-deductible for tax purposes. Additionally, \$159 million of valuation allowances were recorded in 2016 against state and municipal NOL carryforwards that also impact the 2016 effective tax rate.

FES' effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 54.8% on pre-tax income and 24.6% on pre-tax losses, respectively. FES' effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 22.8% and 16.6%, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate for both periods was primarily due to the re-measurement of ADIT resulting from the transfer of nuclear decommissioning trust assets and asset retirement obligations from OE and TE to NG, as discussed in Note 9, "Asset Retirement Obligation," as well as a \$65 million valuation allowance recognized in the second quarter of 2016 against state and local NOL carryforwards and the impairment of goodwill in 2016, of which \$23 million was non-deductible for tax purposes.

⁽¹⁾ These AOCI components are included in the computation of net periodic pension cost. See Note 3, "Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits," for additional details.

⁽²⁾ Amounts in parenthesis represent credits to the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) from AOCI.

As of June 30, 2017, it is reasonably possible that approximately \$51 million of unrecognized tax benefits may be resolved within the next twelve months as a result of the statute of limitations expiring and expected resolution with respect to certain claims, of which approximately \$26 million would affect FirstEnergy's effective tax rate.

In February 2017, the IRS completed its examination of FirstEnergy's 2015 federal income tax return and issued a Full Acceptance Letter with no changes or adjustments to FirstEnergy's taxable income or effective tax rate.

6. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

FirstEnergy performs qualitative analyses based on control and economics to determine whether a variable interest classifies FirstEnergy as the primary beneficiary (a controlling financial interest) of a VIE. An enterprise has a controlling financial interest if it has both power and economic control, such that an entity has; (i) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance, and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. FirstEnergy consolidates a VIE when it is determined that it is the primary beneficiary.

In order to evaluate contracts for consolidation treatment and entities for which FirstEnergy has an interest, FirstEnergy aggregates variable interests into categories based on similar risk characteristics and significance.

Consolidated VIEs

VIEs in which FirstEnergy is the primary beneficiary consist of the following (included in FirstEnergy's consolidated financial statements):

Ohio Securitization - In September 2012, the Ohio Companies created separate, wholly-owned limited liability company SPEs which issued phase-in recovery bonds to securitize the recovery of certain all-electric customer heating discounts, fuel and purchased power regulatory assets. The phase-in recovery bonds are payable only from, and secured by, phase-in recovery property owned by the SPEs. The bondholder has no recourse to the general credit of FirstEnergy or any of the Ohio Companies. Each of the Ohio Companies, as servicer of its respective SPE, manages and administers the phase-in recovery property including the billing, collection and remittance of usage-based charges payable by retail electric customers. In the aggregate, the Ohio Companies are entitled to annual servicing fees of \$445 thousand that are recoverable through the usage-based charges. The SPEs are considered VIEs and each one is consolidated into its applicable utility. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$327 million and \$339 million of the phase-in recovery bonds were outstanding, respectively.

JCP&L Securitization - In June 2002, JCP&L Transition Funding sold transition bonds to securitize the recovery of JCP&L's bondable stranded costs associated with the previously divested Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, which were paid in full at maturity on June 5, 2017. Additionally, in August 2006, JCP&L Transition Funding II sold transition bonds to securitize the recovery of deferred costs associated with JCP&L's supply of BGS. JCP&L did not purchase and does not own any of the transition bonds, which are included as long-term debt on FirstEnergy's and JCP&L's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The transition bonds are the sole obligations of JCP&L Transition Funding II and are collateralized by its equity and assets, which consist primarily of bondable transition property. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$63 million and \$85 million of the transition bonds were outstanding, respectively. MP and PE Environmental Funding Companies - The entities issued bonds, the proceeds of which were used to construct environmental control facilities. The limited liability company SPEs own the irrevocable right to collect non-bypassable environmental control charges from all customers who receive electric delivery service in MP's and PE's West Virginia service territories. Principal and interest owed on the environmental control bonds is secured by, and payable solely from, the proceeds of the environmental control charges, Creditors of FirstEnergy, other than the limited liability company SPEs, have no recourse to any assets or revenues of the special purpose limited liability companies. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, \$395 million and \$406 million of the environmental control bonds were outstanding, respectively.

FES does not have any consolidated VIEs.

Unconsolidated VIEs

FirstEnergy is not the primary beneficiary of the following VIEs:

Global Holding - FEV holds a 33-1/3% equity ownership in Global Holding, the holding company for a joint venture in the Signal Peak mining and coal transportation operations with coal sales in U.S. and international markets. FEV is not the primary beneficiary of the joint venture, as it does not have control over the significant activities affecting the

joint venture's economic performance. FEV's ownership interest is subject to the equity method of accounting. As discussed in Note 11, "Commitments, Guarantees and Contingencies," FE is the guaranter under Global Holding's \$300 million term loan facility. Failure by Global Holding to meet the terms and conditions under its term loan facility could require FE to be obligated under the provisions of its guarantee, resulting in consolidation of Global Holding by FE.

PATH WV - PATH, a proposed transmission line from West Virginia through Virginia into Maryland which PJM cancelled in 2012, is a series limited liability company that is comprised of multiple series, each of which has separate rights, powers and duties regarding specified property and the series profits and losses associated with such property. A subsidiary of FE owns 100% of the Allegheny Series (PATH-Allegheny) and 50% of the West Virginia Series (PATH-WV), which is a joint venture with a subsidiary of AEP. FirstEnergy is not the primary beneficiary of PATH-WV, as it does not have control over the significant activities affecting the economics of PATH-WV. FirstEnergy's ownership interest in PATH-WV is subject to the equity method of accounting.

Purchase Power Agreements - FirstEnergy evaluated its PPAs and determined that certain NUG entities at its Regulated Distribution segment may be VIEs to the extent that they own a plant that sells substantially all of its output to the applicable utilities and the contract price for power is correlated with the plant's variable costs of production.

FirstEnergy maintains 12 long-term PPAs with NUG entities that were entered into pursuant to PURPA. FirstEnergy was not involved in the creation of, and has no equity or debt invested in, any of these entities. FirstEnergy has determined that for all but one of these NUG entities, it does not have a variable interest or the entities do not meet the criteria to be considered a VIE. FirstEnergy may hold a variable interest in the remaining one entity; however, it applied the scope exception that exempts enterprises unable to obtain the necessary information to evaluate entities. Because FirstEnergy has no equity or debt interests in the NUG entities, its maximum exposure to loss relates primarily to the above-market costs incurred for power. FirstEnergy expects any above-market costs incurred at its Regulated Distribution segment to be recovered from customers. Purchased power costs related to the contract that may contain a variable interest during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were \$25 million and \$25 million, respectively, and \$53 million and \$56 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Sale and Leaseback Transactions - FES has obligations that are not included on its Consolidated Balance Sheet related to the 2007 Bruce Mansfield Unit 1 sale and leaseback arrangement, which are satisfied through operating lease payments. FirstEnergy is not the primary beneficiary of these interests as it does not have control over the significant activities affecting the economics of the arrangements. As of June 30, 2017, FES' leasehold interest was 93.83% of Bruce Mansfield Unit 1.

FES is exposed to losses under the Bruce Mansfield Unit 1 sale and leaseback agreements upon the occurrence of certain contingent events. The maximum exposure under these provisions represents the net amount of casualty value payments due upon the occurrence of specified casualty events. Net discounted lease payments would not be payable if the casualty loss payments were made. The following table discloses each company's net exposure to loss based upon the casualty value provisions as of June 30, 2017:

Discounted
Maximulnease Net
ExposurPayments, Exposure
net
(In millions)

FirstEnergy and FES \$1,081 \$ 859 \$ 222

On June 1, 2017, NG completed the purchase of the 2.60% lessor equity interests of the remaining non-affiliated leasehold interests in Beaver Valley Unit 2 for \$38 million. In addition, the Beaver Valley Unit 2 leases expired in accordance with their terms on June 1, 2017, resulting in NG being the sole owner of Beaver Valley Unit 2. All debt obligations associated with those sale and leasebacks have been satisfied. Thereafter, OE and TE transferred their NDT assets and related ARO's to NG associated with Beaver Valley Unit 2. See Note 9, "Asset Retirement Obligations," for additional information.

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

RECURRING FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Authoritative accounting guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 measurements and the lowest priority to Level 3 measurements. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy and a description of the valuation techniques are as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical instruments in active market

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar instruments in active market

- -Quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active
- -Model-derived valuations for which all significant inputs are observable market data

Models are primarily industry-standard models that consider various assumptions, including quoted forward prices for commodities, time value, volatility factors and current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments, as well as other relevant economic measures.

Level 3 - Valuation inputs are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement

FirstEnergy produces a long-term power and capacity price forecast annually with periodic updates as market conditions change. When underlying prices are not observable, prices from the long-term price forecast, which has been reviewed and approved by FirstEnergy's Risk Policy Committee, are used to measure fair value. A more detailed description of FirstEnergy's valuation process for FTRs and NUGs follows:

FTRs are financial instruments that entitle the holder to a stream of revenues (or charges) based on the hourly day-ahead congestion price differences across transmission paths. FTRs are acquired by FirstEnergy in the annual, monthly and long-term PJM auctions and are initially recorded using the auction clearing price less cost. After initial recognition, FTRs' carrying values are periodically adjusted to fair value using a mark-to-model methodology, which approximates market. The primary inputs into the model, which are generally less observable than objective sources, are the most recent PJM auction clearing prices and the FTRs' remaining hours. The model calculates the fair value by multiplying the most recent auction clearing price by the remaining FTR hours less the prorated FTR cost. Generally, significant increases or decreases in inputs in isolation could result in a higher or lower fair value measurement. See Note 8, "Derivative Instruments," for additional information regarding FirstEnergy's FTRs.

NUG contracts represent PPAs with third-party non-utility generators that are transacted to satisfy certain obligations under PURPA. NUG contract carrying values are recorded at fair value and adjusted periodically using a mark-to-model methodology, which approximates market. The primary unobservable inputs into the model are regional power prices and generation MWH. Pricing for the NUG contracts is a combination of market prices for the current year and next three years based on observable data and internal models using historical trends and market data for the remaining years under contract. The internal models use forecasted energy purchase prices as an input when prices are not defined by the contract. Forecasted market prices are based on ICE quotes and management assumptions. Generation MWH reflects data provided by contractual arrangements and historical trends. The model calculates the fair value by multiplying the prices by the generation MWH. Generally, significant increases or decreases in inputs in isolation could result in a higher or lower fair value measurement.

FirstEnergy primarily applies the market approach for recurring fair value measurements using the best information available. Accordingly, FirstEnergy maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. There were no changes in valuation methodologies used as of June 30, 2017, from those used as of

December 31, 2016. The determination of the fair value measures takes into consideration various factors, including but not limited to, nonperformance risk, counterparty credit risk and the impact of credit enhancements (such as cash deposits, LOCs and priority interests). The impact of these forms of risk was not significant to the fair value measurements.

Transfers between levels are recognized at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels during the six months ended June 30, 2017. The following tables set forth the recurring assets and liabilities that are accounted for at fair value by level within the fair value hierarchy:

FirstEnergy

| Recurring Fair Value Measurements | June 30, 2017 | | December 31, 2016 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Assets | (In mill | ions) | | | | | | |
| Corporate debt securities | \$ — | \$1,216 | \$ — | \$1,216 | \$ — | \$1,247 | \$ — | \$1,247 |
| Derivative assets - commodity contracts | _ | 50 | _ | 50 | 10 | 200 | _ | 210 |
| Derivative assets - FTRs | | _ | 4 | 4 | _ | _ | 7 | 7 |
| Derivative assets - NUG contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | _ | _ | | _ | _ | 1 | 1 |
| Equity securities ⁽²⁾ | 1,002 | _ | _ | 1,002 | 925 | _ | _ | 925 |
| Foreign government debt securities | | 95 | _ | 95 | _ | 78 | _ | 78 |
| U.S. government debt securities | | 156 | | 156 | | 161 | _ | 161 |
| U.S. state debt securities | | 258 | | 258 | | 246 | _ | 246 |
| Other ⁽³⁾ | 114 | 150 | | 264 | 199 | 123 | _ | 322 |
| Total assets | \$1,116 | \$1,925 | \$4 | \$3,045 | \$1,134 | \$2,055 | \$8 | \$3,197 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities - commodity contracts | \$— | \$(18) | \$— | \$(18) | \$(6) | \$(118) | \$ — | \$(124) |
| Derivative liabilities - FTRs | _ | | | (2) | | | | (6) |
| Derivative liabilities - NUG contracts ⁽¹⁾ | _ | _ | | (99) | | _ | (108) | , |
| Total liabilities | \$— | \$(18) | . , | \$(119) | \$(6) | \$(118) | \$(114) | \$(238) |
| Net assets (liabilities) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$1,116 | \$1,907 | \$(97) | \$2,926 | \$1,128 | \$1,937 | \$(106) | \$2,959 |

⁽¹⁾ NUG contracts are subject to regulatory accounting treatment and do not impact earnings.

⁽²⁾ NDT funds hold equity portfolios whose performance is benchmarked against the Alerian MLP Index or the Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities REIT index.

⁽³⁾ Primarily consists of short-term cash investments.

⁽⁴⁾ Excludes \$(18) million and \$(3) million as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, of receivables, payables, taxes and accrued income associated with financial instruments reflected within the fair value table.

Rollforward of Level 3 Measurements

The following table provides a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of NUG contracts and FTRs that are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy for the periods ended June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

| | NUG Contracts ⁽¹⁾ | | | | FTR | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------|
| | Deri | i vaeiri e ati | ve | Net | Deri | Vacivic at | Net | |
| | Asse I siabilities | | INCL | Assetsiabilities | | | INCL | |
| | (In r | millions) | | | | | | |
| January 1, 2016 Balance | \$1 | \$ (137 |) | \$(136) | \$8 | \$ (13 |) | \$(5) |
| Unrealized gain (loss) | 2 | (17 |) | (15) | (6) | (4 |) | (10) |
| Purchases | — | _ | | | 16 | (7 |) | 9 |
| Settlements | (2) | 46 | | 44 | (11) | 18 | | 7 |
| December 31, 2016 Balance | \$1 | \$ (108 |) | \$(107) | \$7 | \$ (6 |) | \$1 |
| Unrealized loss | — | (10 |) | (10) | — | (2 |) | (2) |
| Purchases | — | _ | | | 4 | (1 |) | 3 |
| Settlements | (1) | 19 | | 18 | (7) | 7 | | |
| June 30, 2017 Balance | \$ — | \$ (99 |) | \$(99) | \$4 | \$ (2 |) | \$2 |

⁽¹⁾ NUG contracts are subject to regulatory accounting treatment and do not impact earnings.

Level 3 Quantitative Information

The following table provides quantitative information for FTRs and NUG contracts that are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy for the period ended June 30, 2017:

| | Fair Value, Net (In | Valuation Technique | Significant Input | Range | Weighted Average | Units |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| FTRs | millions) \$ 2 | Model | RTO auction clearing prices | \$(2.00) to \$4.10 | \$0.60 | Dollars/MWH |
| NUG Contracts | \$ (99) | Model | Generation Regional electricity prices | 400 to 2,545,000 \$31.20 to \$33.60 | , | MWH Dollars/MWH |

FES

| Recurring Fair Value Measurements | | June 30, 2017 | | | December 31, 2016 | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Level | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level | Total |
| Assets | (In m | illions) | | | | | | |
| Corporate debt securities | \$— | \$761 | \$ <i>—</i> | \$761 | \$ — | \$726 | \$ <i>—</i> | \$726 |
| Derivative assets - commodity contracts | _ | 49 | | 49 | 10 | 200 | _ | 210 |
| Derivative assets - FTRs | _ | _ | 1 | 1 | _ | _ | 4 | 4 |
| Equity securities ⁽¹⁾ | 720 | _ | | 720 | 634 | _ | _ | 634 |
| Foreign government debt securities | _ | 66 | | 66 | | 58 | _ | 58 |
| U.S. government debt securities | | 137 | _ | 137 | | 48 | _ | 48 |
| U.S. state debt securities | | 4 | _ | 4 | | 3 | | 3 |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | 2 | 108 | | 110 | 2 | 81 | | 83 |
| Total assets | \$722 | \$1,125 | \$1 | \$1,848 | \$646 | \$1,116 | \$4 | \$1,766 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities - commodity contracts | \$— | \$(17) | \$ <i>—</i> | \$(17) | \$(6) | \$(118) | \$ — | \$(124) |
| Derivative liabilities - FTRs | _ | | (2) | | | | (5) | |
| Total liabilities | \$— | \$(17) | \$(2) | | \$(6) | \$(118) | | \$(129) |
| Net assets (liabilities) ⁽³⁾ | \$722 | \$1,108 | \$(1) | \$1,829 | \$640 | \$998 | \$(1) | \$1,637 |

- NDT funds hold equity portfolios whose performance is benchmarked against the Alerian MLP Index or the Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities REIT index.
- (2) Primarily consists of short-term cash investments.
- (3) Excludes \$(3) million and \$2 million as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, of receivables, payables, taxes and accrued income associated with the financial instruments reflected within the fair value table.

Rollforward of Level 3 Measurements

The following table provides a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of FTRs held by FES and classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy for the periods ended June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

| | Deri Va eiri vati | ve | Net . | Asset |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----|-------|---------|
| | AsseLiability | | (Lial | bility) |
| | (In millions) | | | |
| January 1, 2016 Balance | \$5 \$ (11 |) | \$ (| 6) |
| Unrealized loss | (4) (3 |) | (7 |) |
| Purchases | 10 (5 |) | 5 | |
| Settlements | (7) 14 | | 7 | |
| December 31, 2016 Balance | \$4 \$ (5 |) | \$ (| 1) |
| Unrealized loss | — (1 |) | (1 |) |
| Purchases | 1 (1 |) | — | |
| Settlements | (4) 5 | | 1 | |
| June 30, 2017 Balance | \$1 \$ (2 |) | \$ (| 1) |

Level 3 Quantitative Information

The following table provides quantitative information for FTRs held by FES that are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy for the period ended June 30, 2017:

| | Fair Value, Net (In millions) | Valuation Technique | Significant Input | Range | Weighted Average | Units |
|------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| FTRs | , | Model | RTO auction clearing prices | (\$2.00) to \$4.10 | \$0.20 | Dollars/MWH |

INVESTMENTS

All temporary cash investments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less are reported as cash equivalents on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at cost, which approximates their fair market value. Investments other than cash and cash equivalents include held-to-maturity securities and AFS securities.

At the end of each reporting period, FirstEnergy evaluates its investments for OTTI. Investments classified as AFS securities are evaluated to determine whether a decline in fair value below the cost basis is other than temporary. FirstEnergy considers its intent and ability to hold an equity security until recovery and then considers, among other factors, the duration and the extent to which the security's fair value has been less than its cost and the near-term financial prospects of the security issuer when evaluating an investment for impairment. For debt securities, FirstEnergy considers its intent to hold the securities, the likelihood that it will be required to sell the securities before recovery of its cost basis and the likelihood of recovery of the securities' entire amortized cost basis. If the decline in fair value is determined to be other than temporary, the cost basis of the securities is written down to fair value.

Unrealized gains and losses on AFS securities are recognized in AOCI. However, unrealized losses held in the NDTs of FES, OE and TE are recognized in earnings since the trust arrangements, as they are currently defined, do not meet the required ability and intent to hold criteria in consideration of OTTI. The NDTs of JCP&L, ME and PN are subject to regulatory accounting with unrealized gains and losses offset against regulatory assets.

During the second quarter of 2017, in connection with NG purchasing the lessor equity interests of the remaining non-affiliated leasehold interests from an owner participant in the Beaver Valley Unit 2 and the expiration of the leases, OE and TE transferred NDT assets of \$189 million associated with their leasehold interests to NG. See Note 9, "Asset Retirement Obligations," for additional information.

The investment policy for the NDT funds restricts or limits the trusts' ability to hold certain types of assets including private or direct placements, warrants, securities of FirstEnergy, investments in companies owning nuclear power plants, financial derivatives, securities convertible into common stock and securities of the trust funds' custodian or managers and their parents or subsidiaries.

AFS Securities

FirstEnergy holds debt and equity securities within its NDT and nuclear fuel disposal trusts. These trust investments are considered AFS securities, recognized at fair market value. FirstEnergy has no securities held for trading purposes.

The following table summarizes the amortized cost basis, unrealized gains (there were no unrealized losses) and fair values of investments held in NDT and nuclear fuel disposal trusts as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

| | June 30 | $0,2017^{(1)}$ | | December 31, 2016 ⁽²⁾ | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|--|
| | Cost | Unrealized | Fair | Cost Unrealized | | Fair | |
| | Basis | Gains | Value | Basis | Gains | Value | |
| | (In mill | ions) | | | | | |
| Debt securities | | | | | | | |
| FirstEnergy | \$1,708 | \$ 44 | \$1,752 | \$1,735 | \$ 38 | \$1,773 | |
| FES | 961 | 32 | 993 | 847 | 27 | 874 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Equity securities | | | | | | | |
| FirstEnergy | \$876 | \$ 126 | \$1,002 | \$822 | \$ 103 | \$925 | |
| FES | 629 | 91 | 720 | 564 | 70 | 634 | |

- $^{(1)}$ Excludes short-term cash investments: FirstEnergy \$87 million; FES \$80 million.
- (2) Excludes short-term cash investments: FirstEnergy \$61 million; FES \$44 million.

Proceeds from the sale of investments in AFS securities, realized gains and losses on those sales, OTTI and interest and dividend income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

For the Three Months Ended

| June 30, 2017 | Sale Proceed | Realized Gains | Realized Losses | OTTI | Interest and Dividend Income |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------|---------------------------------------|
| FirstEnergy FES | (In mill \$519 206 | \$ 98 | \$ (91) (62) | | |
| June 30, 2016 | Sale Proceed | Realized Gains | Realized Losses | OTTI | Interest and Dividend Income |
| FirstEnergy FES | (In mill \$559 303 | , | \$ (24) (15) | | |

For the Six Months Ended

| June 30, 2017 | Sale Proceed | Realized Gains | Realized Losses | d OTTI | and Dividend Income |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FirstEnergy FES | | , | | | |
| June 30, 2016 | Sale Proceed | Realized l G ains | Realized Losses | ^d OTTI | Interest and Dividend Income |
| FirstEnergy FES | (In mill \$1,024 441 | , | \$ (73) (43) | | |

Held-To-Maturity Securities

Unrealized gains (there were no unrealized losses) and approximate fair values of investments in held-to-maturity securities as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 are immaterial to FirstEnergy. Investments in employee benefit trusts and equity method investments totaling \$254 million as of June 30, 2017 and \$266 million as of December 31, 2016, are excluded from the amounts reported above.

LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

All borrowings with initial maturities of less than one year are defined as short-term financial instruments under GAAP and are reported as Short-term borrowings on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at cost. Since these borrowings

are short-term in nature, FirstEnergy believes that their costs approximate their fair market value. The following table provides the approximate fair value and related carrying amounts of long-term debt, which excludes capital lease obligations and net unamortized debt issuance costs, premiums and discounts:

December 31, June 30, 2017 2016 Carrying Fair Carrying Fair Value Value Value Value (In millions) FirstEnergy \$22,646 \$23,164 \$19,885 \$19,829 **FES** 2,837 1,518 3,000 1,555

The fair values of long-term debt and other long-term obligations reflect the present value of the cash outflows relating to those securities based on the current call price, the yield to maturity or the yield to call, as deemed appropriate at the end of each respective period. The yields assumed were based on securities with similar characteristics offered by corporations with credit ratings similar to those of FirstEnergy. FirstEnergy classified short-term borrowings, long-term debt and other long-term obligations as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

8. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

FirstEnergy is exposed to financial risks resulting from fluctuating interest rates and commodity prices, including prices for electricity, natural gas, coal and energy transmission. To manage the volatility related to these exposures, FirstEnergy's Risk Policy Committee, comprised of senior management, provides general management oversight for risk management activities throughout FirstEnergy. The Risk Policy Committee is responsible for promoting the effective design and implementation of sound risk management programs and oversees compliance with corporate risk management policies and established risk management practice. FirstEnergy also uses a variety of derivative instruments for risk management purposes including forward contracts, options, futures contracts and swaps.

FirstEnergy accounts for derivative instruments on its Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value (unless they meet the normal purchases and normal sales criteria) as follows:

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are recorded to AOCI with subsequent reclassification to earnings in the period during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings.

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded as an adjustment to the item being hedged. When fair value hedges are discontinued, the adjustment recorded to the item being hedged is amortized into earnings.

Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that are not designated in a hedging relationship are recorded in earnings on a mark-to-market basis, unless otherwise noted.

Derivative instruments meeting the normal purchases and normal sales criteria are accounted for under the accrual method of accounting with their effects included in earnings at the time of contract performance.

FirstEnergy has contractual derivative agreements through 2020.

Cash Flow Hedges

FirstEnergy has used cash flow hedges for risk management purposes to manage the volatility related to exposures associated with fluctuating commodity prices and interest rates.

Total pre-tax net unamortized losses included in AOCI associated with instruments previously designated as cash flow hedges totaled \$12 million as of June 30, 2017 and \$12 million as of December 31, 2016. Since the forecasted transactions remain probable of occurring, these amounts will be amortized into earnings over the life of the hedging instruments. Approximately \$2 million of net unamortized losses is expected to be amortized to income during the next twelve months.

FirstEnergy has used forward starting interest rate swap agreements to hedge a portion of the consolidated interest rate risk associated with anticipated issuances of fixed-rate, long-term debt securities of its subsidiaries. These derivatives were designated as cash flow hedges, protecting against the risk of changes in future interest payments resulting from changes in benchmark U.S. Treasury rates between the date of hedge inception and the date of the debt issuance. Total pre-tax unamortized losses included in AOCI associated with prior interest rate cash flow hedges totaled \$29 million (FES \$3 million) and \$33 million (FES \$3 million) as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Based on current estimates, approximately \$8 million of these unamortized losses are expected to be amortized to interest expense during the next twelve months.

Refer to Note 4, "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income," for reclassifications from AOCI during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no commodity or interest rate derivatives were designated as cash flow hedges.

Fair Value Hedges

FirstEnergy has used fixed-for-floating interest rate swap agreements to hedge a portion of the consolidated interest rate risk associated with the debt portfolio of its subsidiaries. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no fixed-for-floating interest rate swap agreements were outstanding.

Unamortized gains included in long-term debt associated with prior fixed-for-floating interest rate swap agreements totaled \$6 million and \$10 million as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. During the next twelve months, approximately \$3 million of unamortized gains are expected to be amortized to interest expense. Amortization of unamortized gains included in long-term debt totaled approximately \$2 million during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and \$3 million during the three months ended June 30, 2016. Amortization of unamortized gains included in long-term debt totaled approximately \$4 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and \$6 million during the six months ended June 30, 2016.

Commodity Derivatives

FirstEnergy uses both physically and financially settled derivatives to manage its exposure to volatility in commodity prices. Commodity derivatives are used for risk management purposes to hedge exposures when it makes economic sense to do so, including circumstances where the hedging relationship does not qualify for hedge accounting.

Electricity forwards are used to balance expected sales with expected generation and purchased power. Natural gas futures are entered into based on expected consumption of natural gas primarily for use in FirstEnergy's combustion turbine units. Derivative instruments are not used in quantities greater than forecasted needs.

As of June 30, 2017, FirstEnergy's net asset position under commodity derivative contracts was \$32 million, which related to FES positions. Under these commodity derivative contracts, FES posted less than \$1 million of collateral.

Based on commodity derivative contracts held as of June 30, 2017, an increase in commodity prices of 10% would decrease net income by approximately \$15 million during the next twelve months.

NUGs

As of June 30, 2017, FirstEnergy's net liability position under NUG contracts was \$99 million, representing contracts held at JCP&L, ME and PN. Changes in the fair value of NUG contracts are subject to regulatory accounting treatment and do not impact earnings.

FTRs

As of June 30, 2017, FirstEnergy's net asset position associated with FTRs was \$2 million and FES' net liability was \$1 million. As of December 31, 2016, FirstEnergy's net asset position associated with FTRs was \$1 million and FES' net liability was \$1 million. FirstEnergy holds FTRs that generally represent an economic hedge of future congestion charges that will be incurred in connection with FirstEnergy's load obligations. FirstEnergy acquires the majority of its FTRs in an annual auction through a self-scheduling process involving the use of ARRs allocated to members of PJM that have load serving obligations.

The future obligations for the FTRs acquired at auction are reflected on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and have not been designated as cash flow hedge instruments. FirstEnergy initially records these FTRs at the auction price less the obligation due to PJM, and subsequently adjusts the carrying value of remaining FTRs to their estimated fair value at the end of each accounting period prior to settlement. Changes in the fair value of FTRs held by FES and AE Supply are included in other operating expenses as unrealized gains or losses. Unrealized gains or losses on FTRs held by the Utilities are recorded as regulatory assets or liabilities. Directly allocated FTRs are accounted for under the accrual method of accounting, and their effects are included in earnings at the time of contract performance.

FirstEnergy records the fair value of derivative instruments on a gross basis. The following table summarizes the fair value and classification of derivative instruments on FirstEnergy's Consolidated Balance Sheets:

| Derivative Assets | | Derivative Liabilities | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--|--|--|
| | Fair Value | | Fair Value | | | | |
| | June Bocember 3 | 31, | June 30,Decembe | er 31, | | | |
| | 20172016 | | 2017 2016 | | | | |
| | (In millions) | | (In millions) | | | | |
| Current Assets - Derivatives | | Current Liabilities - Derivatives | | | | | |
| Commodity Contracts | \$41 \$ 133 | Commodity Contracts | \$(16) \$ (72 |) | | | |
| FTRs | 4 7 | FTRs | (2) (6 |) | | | |
| | 45 140 | | (18) (78 |) | | | |
| | | Noncurrent Liabilities - Adverse Power | | | | | |
| | | Contract Liability | | | | | |
| | | NUGs ⁽¹⁾ | (99) (108 |) | | | |
| Deferred Charges and Other Assets - Other | | Noncurrent Liabilities - Other | | | | | |
| Commodity Contracts NUGs ⁽¹⁾ | 9 77 — 1 | Commodity Contracts | (2) (52) |) | | | |
| | 9 78 | | (101) (160 |) | | | |
| Derivative Assets | \$54 \$ 218 | Derivative Liabilities | \$(119) \$ (238 |) | | | |

⁽¹⁾ NUG contracts are subject to regulatory accounting treatment and do not impact earnings.

FES records the fair value of derivative instruments on a gross basis. The following table summarizes the fair value and classification of derivative instruments on FES' Consolidated Balance Sheets:

| Derivative Assets | Derivative Liabilities | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| | Fair Value | | Fair Value | |
| | June December | | June Decem | ber |
| | 30, 31, | | 30, 31, | |
| | 20172016 | | 2017 2016 | |
| | (In millions) | | (In millions) | |
| Current Assets - Derivatives | | Current Liabilities - Derivatives | | |
| Commodity Contracts | \$40 \$ 133 | Commodity Contracts | \$(16) \$ (72 |) |
| FTRs | 1 4 | FTRs | (2) (5 |) |
| | 41 137 | | (18) (77 |) |
| Deferred Charges and Other Assets - Other | | Noncurrent Liabilities - Other | | |
| Commodity Contracts | 9 77 | Commodity Contracts | (1) (52) |) |
| | 9 77 | | (1) (52) |) |
| Derivative Assets | \$50 \$ 214 | Derivative Liabilities | \$(19) \$ (129 |) |

FirstEnergy enters into contracts with counterparties that allow for the offsetting of derivative assets and derivative liabilities under netting arrangements with the same counterparty. Certain of these contracts contain margining provisions that require the use of collateral to mitigate credit exposure between FirstEnergy and these counterparties. In situations where collateral is pledged to mitigate exposures related to derivative and non-derivative instruments with the same counterparty, FirstEnergy allocates the collateral based on the percentage of the net fair value of

derivative instruments to the total fair value of the combined derivative and non-derivative instruments. The following tables summarize the fair value of derivative assets and derivative liabilities on FirstEnergy's Consolidated Balance Sheets and the effect of netting arrangements and collateral on its financial position:

| | | Amounts Not Offset | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| | | in Consolidated | | | | | |
| | | Balance | e Sl | heet | | | |
| June 30, 2017 | Fair Value | Derivat Instrum | ive nent | Cash Collater Pledged | al | Net Fair Value | e |
| | (In mill | | | | | | |
| Derivative Assets | | | | | | | |
| Commodity contracts | \$50 | \$ (15 | | | _ | -\$35 | |
| FTRs | 4 | (2 |) | | | 2 | |
| | \$54 | \$ (17 |) | \$ | _ | - \$37 | |
| Derivative Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Commodity contracts | \$(18) | \$ 15 | | \$ | _ | -\$(3 |) |
| FTRs | (2) | 2 | | | | | |
| NUG contracts | (99) | | | | | (99 |) |
| | \$(119) | \$ 17 | | \$ | _ | - \$(10 | 2) |

Amounts Not Offset in Consolidated **Balance Sheet** Derivative Collateral Fair Fair December 31, 2016 Value Instruments Pledged Value (In millions) **Derivative Assets** \$93 Commodity contracts \$210 \$ (117) \$ **FTRs** 7 (6 1 **NUG** contracts 1 \$218 \$ (123) \$ \$95 **Derivative Liabilities** Commodity contracts \$(124) \$117 1 \$(6) **FTRs** (6) 6 NUG contracts (108) — (108)\$(238) \$123 1 \$(114)

The following tables summarize the fair value of derivative assets and derivative liabilities on FES' Consolidated Balance Sheets and the effect of netting arrangements and collateral on its financial position:

| | Amounts Not Offset | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | | in Consolidated | | | | |
| | | Balance Sheet | | | | |
| June 30, 2017 | Fair Value | Derivati Instrum | ive en | Casl Coll | h ateral | Net Fair |
| | v arac | mstram | CII | Pled | lged | Value |
| | (In mil | lions) | | | | |
| Derivative Assets | | | | | | |
| Commodity contracts | \$49 | \$ (15 |) | \$ | _ | -\$ 34 |
| FTRs | 1 | (1 |) | | | |
| | \$50 | \$ (15 (1 \$ (16 |) | \$ | _ | -\$ 34 |
| | | | | | | |
| Derivative Liabilities | Φ (1 .5) | 4.15 | | Φ. | | . (2.) |
| Commodity contracts | | | | \$ | | -\$ (2) |
| FTRs | (2) | | | _ | | (1) |
| | \$(19) | \$ 16 | | \$ | _ | -\$ (3) |
| | | Amour | nte | Not (| Offset | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | in Cons | sol | idate | | |
| | | in Cons Balance | sol e S | idate Sheet | d | Net |
| December 31, 2016 | Fair | in Cons Balance | sol e S | idate Sheet | d | Net Fair |
| December 31, 2016 | Fair Value | in Cons Balance | sol e S | idate Sheet | d | Net Fair Value |
| December 31, 2016 | Fair Value | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum | sol e S | idate Sheet | d | Net Fair Value |
| | Fair Value (In mill | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum | sol e S | idate Sheet | d | Net Fair Value |
| Derivative Assets | (In mil | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum | sol e S tiv | idate Sheet Cash Coll TS Pled | d | |
| Derivative Assets Commodity contracts | (In mill \$210 | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum lions) | sol e S tiv | idate Sheet Cash Coll TS Pled | d | Net Fair Value |
| Derivative Assets | \$210 4 | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum lions) \$ (117) | sol e S tiv ner | idate Sheet Cashe Coll TSoll Pled | d | \$ 93 — |
| Derivative Assets Commodity contracts | (In mill \$210 | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum lions) \$ (117) | sol e S tiv ner | idate Sheet Cashe Coll TSoll Pled | d | |
| Derivative Assets Commodity contracts FTRs | \$210 4 | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum lions) \$ (117) | sol e S tiv ner | idate Sheet Cashe Coll TSoll Pled | d | \$ 93 — |
| Derivative Assets Commodity contracts FTRs Derivative Liabilities | \$210 4 \$214 | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum lions) \$ (117 (4 \$ (121 | sol e S tiv ner)) | idate Sheet Cash Coll Pled \$ — \$ | d n ateral ged — | \$ 93 — \$ 93 |
| Derivative Assets Commodity contracts FTRs | \$210 4 \$214 \$(124) | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum lions) \$ (117 (4 \$ (121 | sol e S tiv ner)) | idate Sheet Cashe Coll TSoll Pled | d n ateral ged — | \$ 93 — |
| Derivative Assets Commodity contracts FTRs Derivative Liabilities Commodity contracts | \$210 4 \$214 \$(124) | in Cons Balance Derivat Instrum tions) \$ (117 (4 \$ (121 | sol e S tiv ner)) | idate Sheet Cash Coll Teled \$ — \$ | d n ateral ged — | \$ 93 — \$ 93 |

The following table summarizes the volumes associated with FirstEnergy's outstanding derivative transactions as of June 30, 2017:

| | Pui | Units | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| | (In | millio | ns) | |
| Power Contracts | 2 | 11 | (9) | MWH |
| FTRs | 19 | | 19 | MWH |
| NUGs | 3 | | 3 | MWH |

The following table summarizes the volumes associated with FES' outstanding derivative transactions as of June 30, 2017:

Pur Stades Net Units

(In millions)

Power Contracts 2 11 (9) MWH FTRs 10 — 10 MWH

The effect of active derivative instruments not in a hedging relationship on FirstEnergy's Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, are summarized in the following tables:

For the Three Months Ended June 30

Commodity FIRS Total Contracts (In millions)

2017

Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in:

Other Operating Expense \$(8) \$2 \$(6)

Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to:

 Revenues
 \$15
 \$16

 Purchased Power Expense
 (4) — (4)

 Other Operating Expense
 — (4) (4)

 Fuel Expense
 1 — 1

For the Three Months Ended June 30

Commodity FTRs Total Contracts (In millions)

2016

Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in:

Other Operating Expense \$(79) \$ 9 \$(70)

Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to:

Revenues \$59 \$1 \$60 Purchased Power Expense (37) — (37)Other Operating Expense — (9) (9)

For the Six Months
Ended June 30
Commodity
FTRs Total
Contracts
(In millions)

2017

Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in:

Other Operating Expense \$(54) \$1 \$(53)

Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to:

 Revenues
 \$40
 \$1
 \$41

 Purchased Power Expense
 (11
) —
 (11
)

 Other Operating Expense
 —
 (13
) (13
)

 Fuel Expense
 5
 —
 5

For the Six Months Ended June 30 Commodity FTRs Total Contracts (In millions)

2016

Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in:

Other Operating Expense \$(17) \$12 \$(5)

Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to:

 Revenues
 \$130
 \$3
 \$133

 Purchased Power Expense
 (83)
 — (83)

 Other Operating Expense
 — (22) (22)

 Fuel Expense
 (7)
 — (7)

The effect of active derivative instruments not in a hedging relationship on FES' Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, are summarized in the following tables:

| 2017 Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in: Other Operating Expense | For the Three Months Ended June 30 Commodity Contracts (In millions) \$(8) \$ 2 \$ \$(6) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to: Revenues Purchased Power Expense Other Operating Expense | \$15 \$1 \$16 (4)— (4) — (4) (4) |
| 2016 | For the Three Months Ended June 30 Commodity FTRs Contracts (In millions) |
| Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in: Other Operating Expense | \$ (79) \$ 9 \$ (70) |
| Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to: Revenues Purchased Power Expense Other Operating Expense | \$59 \$ 1 \$60 (37) — (37) — (9) (9) |
| 2017 Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in: Other Operating Expense | For the Six Months Ended June 30 Commodity Contracts (In millions) \$(54) \$1 \$(53) |
| Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to: Revenues Purchased Power Expense Other Operating Expense | \$40 \$1 \$41 (11) — (11) — (13) (13) |

For the Six Months
Ended June 30
Commodity
FIRs
Contracts
(In millions)

2016

Unrealized Gain (Loss) Recognized in:

Other Operating Expense \$(17) \$12 \$(5)

Realized Gain (Loss) Reclassified to:

 Revenues
 \$130
 \$3
 \$133

 Purchased Power Expense
 (83)
 — (83)

 Other Operating Expense
 — (22)
 (22)

The following table provides a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of FirstEnergy's derivative instruments subject to regulatory accounting during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. Changes in the value of these instruments are deferred for future recovery from (or credit to) customers:

| | For the Three Months | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Ended June 30 | | | |
| Derivatives Not in a Hedging Relationship with Regulatory Offset | NUGs Regulated Total FTRs | | | |
| | (In millions) | | | |
| Outstanding net liability as of April 1, 2017 | \$(103) \$ (2) \$(105) | | | |
| Unrealized loss | (5) — (5) | | | |
| Purchases | _ 3 3 | | | |
| Settlements | 10 2 12 | | | |
| Outstanding net asset (liability) as of June 30, 2017 | \$(98) \$3 \$(95) | | | |
| Outstanding net liability as of April 1, 2016 | \$(135) \$ (2) \$(137) | | | |
| Purchases | _ 4 4 | | | |
| Settlements | 11 2 13 | | | |
| Outstanding net asset (liability) as of June 30, 2016 | \$(124) \$ 4 \$(120) | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | For the Six Months Ended | | | |
| | For the Six Months Ended June 30 | | | |
| Derivatives Not in a Hedging Relationship with Regulatory Offset | | | | |
| Derivatives Not in a Hedging Relationship with Regulatory Offset | June 30 NUGs Regulated FTRs Total | | | |
| | June 30 NUGs Regulated FTRs (In millions) | | | |
| Outstanding net asset (liability) as of January 1, 2017 | June 30 $\frac{1}{1}$ NUGs Regulated FTRs Total (In millions) $\frac{1}{1}$ \$ (105) | | | |
| Outstanding net asset (liability) as of January 1, 2017 Unrealized loss | June 30 NUGs Regulated FTRs (In millions) \$(107) \$ 2 \$(105) (10) (1) (11) | | | |
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9. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

FirstEnergy has recognized applicable legal obligations for AROs and their associated cost primarily for nuclear power plant decommissioning, reclamation of sludge disposal ponds, closure of coal ash disposal sites, underground and above-ground storage tanks, wastewater treatment lagoons and transformers containing PCBs. In addition, FirstEnergy has recognized conditional retirement obligations, primarily for asbestos remediation.

The ARO liabilities for FES primarily relate to the decommissioning of the Beaver Valley, Davis-Besse and Perry nuclear generating facilities, which aggregate to approximately \$787 million and \$713 million, as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. FES uses an expected cash flow approach to measure the fair value of their nuclear decommissioning AROs.

During the second quarter of 2017, in connection with NG purchasing the lessor equity interests of the remaining non-affiliated leasehold interests from an owner participant in the Beaver Valley Unit 2 sale leaseback and the expiration of the leases, OE and TE transferred an ARO of \$49 million and NDT assets associated with their leasehold interests to NG, with the difference of \$73 million credited to the common stock of FES. As of June 30, 2017, NG owns 100% of Beaver Valley Unit 2.

During the second quarter of 2016, in connection with NG purchasing the lessor equity interests of the remaining non-affiliated leasehold interests from an owner participant in the Perry Unit 1 sale leaseback, OE transferred the ARO and related NDT assets associated with the leasehold interest to NG, with the difference of \$28 million credited to the common stock of FES.

10. REGULATORY MATTERS

STATE REGULATION

Each of the Utilities' retail rates, conditions of service, issuance of securities and other matters are subject to regulation in the states in which it operates - in Maryland by the MDPSC, in Ohio by the PUCO, in New Jersey by the NJBPU, in Pennsylvania by the PPUC, in West Virginia by the WVPSC and in New York by the NYPSC. The transmission operations of PE in Virginia are subject to certain regulations of the VSCC. In addition, under Ohio law, municipalities may regulate rates of a public utility, subject to appeal to the PUCO if not acceptable to the utility.

As competitive retail electric suppliers serving retail customers primarily in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Maryland, FES and AE Supply are subject to state laws applicable to competitive electric suppliers in those states, including affiliate codes of conduct that apply to FES, AE Supply and their public utility affiliates. In addition, if any of the FirstEnergy affiliates were to engage in the construction of significant new transmission or generation facilities, depending on the state, they may be required to obtain state regulatory authorization to site, construct and operate the new transmission or generation facility.

MARYLAND

PE provides SOS pursuant to a combination of settlement agreements, MDPSC orders and regulations, and statutory provisions. SOS supply is competitively procured in the form of rolling contracts of varying lengths through periodic auctions that are overseen by the MDPSC and a third party monitor. Although settlements with respect to SOS supply for PE customers have expired, service continues in the same manner until changed by order of the MDPSC. PE recovers its costs plus a return for providing SOS.

The Maryland legislature adopted a statute in 2008 codifying the EmPOWER Maryland goals to reduce electric consumption and demand and requiring each electric utility to file a plan every three years. PE's current plan, covering the three-year period 2015-2017, was approved by the MDPSC on December 23, 2014. On July 16, 2015, the MDPSC issued an order setting new incremental energy savings goals for 2017 and beyond, beginning with the goal of 0.97% savings achieved under PE's current plan for 2016, and increasing 0.2% per year thereafter to reach 2%. The Maryland legislature in April 2017 adopted a statute requiring the same 0.2% per year increase, up to the ultimate goal of 2% annual savings, for the duration of the 2018-2020 and 2021-2023 EmPOWER program cycles, to the extent the MDPSC determines that cost-effective programs and services are available. The costs of the 2015-2017 plan are expected to be approximately \$70 million, of which \$52 million was incurred through June 30, 2017. PE continues to recover program costs subject to a five-year amortization. Maryland law only allows for the utility to recover lost distribution revenue attributable to energy efficiency or demand reduction programs through a base rate case proceeding, and to date, such recovery has not been sought or obtained by PE.

On February 27, 2013, the MDPSC issued an order requiring the Maryland electric utilities to submit analyses relating to the costs and benefits of making further system and staffing enhancements in order to attempt to reduce storm outage durations. PE's responsive filings discussed the steps needed to harden the utility's system in order to attempt to achieve various levels of storm response speed described in the February 2013 Order, and projected that it would require approximately \$2.7 billion in infrastructure investments over 15 years to attempt to achieve the quickest level of response for the largest storm projected in the February 2013 Order. On July 1, 2014, the Staff of the MDPSC issued a set of reports that recommended the imposition of extensive additional requirements in the areas of storm response, feeder performance, estimates of restoration times, and regulatory reporting, as well as the imposition of penalties, including customer rebates, for a utility's failure or inability to comply with the escalating standards of storm restoration speed proposed by the Staff of the MDPSC. In addition, the Staff of the MDPSC proposed that the Maryland utilities be required to develop and implement system hardening plans, up to a rate impact cap on cost. The

MDPSC conducted a hearing September 15-18, 2014, to consider certain of these matters, and has not yet issued a ruling on any of those matters.

On September 26, 2016, the MDPSC initiated a new proceeding to consider an array of issues relating to electric distribution system design, including matters relating to electric vehicles, distributed energy resources, advanced metering infrastructure, energy storage, system planning, rate design, and impacts on low-income customers. Initial comments in the proceeding were filed on October 28, 2016, and the MDPSC held an initial hearing on the matter on December 8-9, 2016. On January 31, 2017, the MDPSC issued a notice establishing five working groups to address these issues over the following eighteen months, and also directed the retention of an outside consultant to prepare a report on costs and benefits of distributed solar generation in Maryland.

NEW JERSEY

JCP&L currently provides BGS for retail customers who do not choose a third party EGS and for customers of third party EGSs that fail to provide the contracted service. The supply for BGS is comprised of two components, procured through separate, annually held descending clock auctions, the results of which are approved by the NJBPU. One BGS component reflects hourly real time energy prices and is available for larger commercial and industrial customers. The second BGS component provides a fixed price service and is intended for smaller commercial and residential customers. All New Jersey EDCs participate in this competitive BGS procurement process and recover BGS costs directly from customers as a charge separate from base rates.

JCP&L currently operates under rates that were approved by the NJBPU on December 12, 2016, effective as of January 1, 2017. These rates provide an annual increase in operating revenues of approximately \$80 million from those previously in place and are

intended to improve service and benefit customers by supporting equipment maintenance, tree trimming, and inspections of lines, poles and substations, while also compensating for other business and operating expenses. In addition, on January 25, 2017, the NJBPU approved the acceleration of the amortization of JCP&L's 2012 major storm expenses that are recovered through the SRC in order for JCP&L to achieve full recovery by December 31, 2019.

Pursuant to the NJBPU's March 26, 2015 final order in JCP&L's 2012 rate case proceeding directing that certain studies be completed, on July 22, 2015, the NJBPU approved the NJBPU staff's recommendation to implement such studies, which included operational and financial components. The independent consultant conducting the review issued a final report on July 27, 2016, recognizing that JCP&L is meeting the NJBPU requirements and making various operational and financial recommendations. The NJBPU issued an Order on August 24, 2016, that accepted the independent consultant's final report and directed JCP&L, the Division of Rate Counsel and other interested parties to address the recommendations.

In an Order issued October 22, 2014, in a generic proceeding to review its policies with respect to the use of a CTA in base rate cases, the NJBPU stated that it would continue to apply its current CTA policy in base rate cases, subject to incorporating the following modifications: (i) calculating savings using a five-year look back from the beginning of the test year; (ii) allocating savings with 75% retained by the company and 25% allocated to rate payers; and (iii) excluding transmission assets of electric distribution companies in the savings calculation. On November 5, 2014, the Division of Rate Counsel appealed the NJBPU Order regarding this generic CTA proceeding to the New Jersey Superior Court and JCP&L filed to participate as a respondent in that proceeding supporting the order. Briefing was completed, and the oral argument was held on October 25, 2016.

OHIO

The Ohio Companies currently operate under ESP IV which commenced June 1, 2016 and expires May 31, 2024. The material terms of ESP IV, as approved in the PUCO's Opinion and Order issued on March 31, 2016 and Fifth Entry on Rehearing on October 12, 2016, include Rider DMR, which provides for the Ohio Companies to collect \$132.5 million annually for three years, with the possibility of a two-year extension. The Rider DMR will be grossed up for federal income taxes, resulting in an approved amount of approximately \$204 million annually. Revenues from the Rider DMR will be excluded from the significantly excessive earnings test for the initial three-year term but the exclusion will be reconsidered upon application for a potential two-year extension. The PUCO set three conditions for continued recovery under Rider DMR: (1) retention of the corporate headquarters and nexus of operations in Akron, Ohio; (2) no change in control of the Ohio Companies; and (3) a demonstration of sufficient progress in the implementation of grid modernization programs approved by the PUCO. ESP IV also continues a base distribution rate freeze through May 31, 2024. In addition, ESP IV continues the supply of power to non-shopping customers at a market-based price set through an auction process.

ESP IV also continues Rider DCR, which supports continued investment related to the distribution system for the benefit of customers, with increased revenue caps of \$30 million per year from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2019; \$20 million per year from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2022; and \$15 million per year from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024. Other material terms of ESP IV include: (1) the collection of lost distribution revenues associated with energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs; (2) an agreement to file a Grid Modernization Business Plan for PUCO consideration and approval (which filing was made on February 29, 2016 and remains pending); (3) a goal across FirstEnergy to reduce CO₂ emissions by 90% below 2005 levels by 2045; (4) contributions, totaling \$51 million to: (a) fund energy conservation programs, economic development and job retention in the Ohio Companies' service territories; (b) establish a fuel-fund in each of the Ohio Companies' service territories to assist low-income customers; and (c) establish a Customer Advisory Council to ensure preservation and growth of the competitive market in Ohio; and (5) an agreement to file an application to transition to a straight fixed variable cost recovery mechanism for residential customers' base distribution rates (which filing was made on April 3, 2017 and remains

pending).

Several parties, including the Ohio Companies, filed applications for rehearing regarding the Ohio Companies' ESP IV with the PUCO. The Ohio Companies' application for rehearing challenged, among other things, the PUCO's failure to adopt the Ohio Companies' suggested modifications to Rider DMR. The Ohio Companies had previously suggested that a properly designed Rider DMR would be valued at \$558 million annually for eight years, and include an additional amount that recognizes the value of the economic impact of FirstEnergy maintaining its headquarters in Ohio. Other parties' applications for rehearing argued, among other things, that the PUCO's adoption of Rider DMR is not supported by law or sufficient evidence. On December 7, 2016, the PUCO granted the applications for rehearing for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. The matter remains pending before the PUCO. For additional information, see "FERC Matters - Ohio ESP IV PPA" below.

Under ORC 4928.66, the Ohio Companies are required to implement energy efficiency programs that achieve certain annual energy savings and total peak demand reductions. Starting in 2017, ORC 4928.66 requires the energy savings benchmark to increase by 1% and the peak demand reduction benchmark to increase by 0.75% annually thereafter through 2020 and the energy savings benchmark to increase by 2% annually from 2021 through 2027, with a cumulative benchmark of 22.2% by 2027. On April 15, 2016, the Ohio Companies filed an application for approval of their three-year energy efficiency portfolio plans for the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. The plans as proposed comply with benchmarks contemplated by ORC 4928.66 and provisions of the ESP IV, and include a portfolio of energy efficiency programs targeted to a variety of customer segments, including residential customers, low income customers, small commercial customers, large commercial and industrial customers and governmental entities. On December 9, 2016, the Ohio Companies filed a Stipulation and Recommendation with several parties that contained changes to the plan and a decrease in the plan costs. The Ohio Companies anticipate the cost of the plans will be approximately

\$268 million over the life of the portfolio plans and such costs are expected to be recovered through the Ohio Companies' existing rate mechanisms. The hearings were held in January 2017.

Ohio law requires electric utilities and electric service companies in Ohio to serve part of their load from renewable energy resources measured by an annually increasing percentage amount through 2026, except that in 2014 SB 310 froze 2015 and 2016 at the 2014 level (2.5%), pushing back scheduled increases, which resumed in 2017 (3.5%), and increases 1% each year through 2026 (to 12.5%) and shall remain at 12.5% in 2027 and each year thereafter. The Ohio Companies conducted RFPs in 2009, 2010 and 2011 to secure RECs to help meet these renewable energy requirements. In September 2011, the PUCO opened a docket to review the Ohio Companies' alternative energy recovery rider through which the Ohio Companies recover the costs of acquiring these RECs. The PUCO issued an Opinion and Order on August 7, 2013, approving the Ohio Companies' acquisition process and their purchases of RECs to meet statutory mandates in all instances except for certain purchases arising from one auction and directed the Ohio Companies to credit non-shopping customers in the amount of \$43.4 million, plus interest, on the basis that the Ohio Companies did not prove such purchases were prudent. On December 24, 2013, following the denial of their application for rehearing, the Ohio Companies filed a notice of appeal and a motion for stay of the PUCO's order with the Supreme Court of Ohio, which was granted. On February 18, 2014, the OCC and the ELPC also filed appeals of the PUCO's order. The Ohio Companies timely filed their merit brief with the Supreme Court of Ohio and the briefing process has concluded. Oral argument on this matter was held on June 21, 2017.

On April 9, 2014, the PUCO initiated a generic investigation of marketing practices in the competitive retail electric service market, with a focus on the marketing of fixed-price or guaranteed percent-off SSO rate contracts where there is a provision that permits the pass-through of new or additional charges. On November 18, 2015, the PUCO ruled that on a going-forward basis, pass-through clauses may not be included in fixed-price contracts for all customer classes. On December 18, 2015, FES filed an Application for Rehearing seeking to change the ruling or have it only apply to residential and small commercial customers. On January 13, 2016, the PUCO granted reconsideration for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. On March 29, 2017, the PUCO issued a Second Entry on Rehearing that granted, in part, the applications for rehearing filed by FES and other parties, finding that the PUCO's guidelines regarding fixed-price contracts should not apply to large mercantile customers. This finding changes the original order, which applied the guidelines to all customers, including mercantile customers. The PUCO also reaffirmed several provisions of the original order, including that the fixed-price guidelines only apply on a going-forward basis and not to existing contracts and that regulatory-out clauses in contracts are permissible. There is an additional application for rehearing that remains pending before the PUCO.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Companies previously operated under DSPs that expired on May 31, 2017, and provided for the competitive procurement of generation supply for customers that did not choose an alternative EGS or for customers of alternative EGSs that failed to provide the contracted service.

The Pennsylvania Companies currently operate under DSPs for the June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2019 delivery period, which provide for the competitive procurement of generation supply for customers who do not choose an alternative EGS or for customers of alternative EGSs that fail to provide the contracted service. Under the current DSPs, the supply will be provided by wholesale suppliers through a mix of 12 and 24-month energy contracts, as well as one RFP for 2-year SREC contracts for ME, PN and Penn. The DSPs include modifications to the Pennsylvania Companies' POR programs in order to reduce the level of uncollectible expense the Pennsylvania Companies experience associated with alternative EGS charges.

ME, PN, Penn and WP currently operate under rates that were approved by the PPUC on January 19, 2017, effective as of January 27, 2017. These rates provide annual increases in operating revenues of approximately \$96 million at

ME, \$100 million at PN, \$29 million at Penn, and \$66 million at WP, and are intended to benefit customers by modernizing the grid with smart technologies, increasing vegetation management activities, and continuing other customer service enhancements.

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's EE&C legislation in Act 129 of 2008 and PPUC orders, Pennsylvania EDCs implement energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs. On June 19, 2015, the PPUC issued a Phase III Final Implementation Order setting: demand reduction targets, relative to each Pennsylvania Companies' 2007-2008 peak demand (in MW), at 1.8% for ME, 1.7% for Penn, 1.8% for WP, and 0% for PN; and energy consumption reduction targets, as a percentage of each Pennsylvania Companies' historic 2010 forecasts (in MWH), at 4.0% for ME, 3.9% for PN, 3.3% for Penn, and 2.6% for WP. The Pennsylvania Companies' Phase III EE&C plans for the June 2016 through May 2021 period, which were approved in March 2016, with expected costs up to \$390 million, are designed to achieve the targets established in the PPUC's Phase III Final Implementation Order with full recovery through the reconcilable EE&C riders.

Pursuant to Act 11 of 2012, Pennsylvania EDCs may establish a DSIC to recover costs of infrastructure improvements and costs related to highway relocation projects with PPUC approval. Pennsylvania EDCs must file LTIIPs outlining infrastructure improvement plans for PPUC review and approval prior to approval of a DSIC. On October 19, 2015, each of the Pennsylvania Companies filed LTIIPs with the PPUC for infrastructure improvement over the five-year period of 2016 to 2020 for the following costs: WP \$88.3 million; PN \$56.7 million; Penn \$56.4 million; and ME \$43.4 million, which were approved by the PPUC on February 11, 2016. On March 1, 2017, ME, PN and Penn filed petitions with the PPUC to modify their LTIIPs for the four remaining years of 2017 through 2020 to provide additional support for reliability and infrastructure investments. ME proposed to increase its LTIIP spending by \$8.2

million per year, PN by \$3.3 million per year, and Penn by \$2.5 million per year. The petitions were approved by the PPUC in an Order entered June 14, 2017.

On February 16, 2016, the Pennsylvania Companies filed DSIC riders for PPUC approval for quarterly cost recovery, which were approved by the PPUC on June 9, 2016, and went into effect July 1, 2016, subject to hearings and refund or reallocation among customer classes. On January 19, 2017, in the PPUC's order approving the Pennsylvania Companies' general rate cases, the PPUC added an additional issue to the DSIC proceeding to include whether ADIT should be included in DSIC calculations. On February 2, 2017, the parties to the DSIC proceeding submitted a Joint Settlement to the ALJ that resolved the issues that were pending from the order issued on June 9, 2016, which is pending PPUC approval. The ADIT issue is subject to further litigation and a hearing was held on May 12, 2017 and briefing has been completed.

WEST VIRGINIA

MP and PE provide electric service to all customers through traditional cost-based, regulated utility ratemaking. MP and PE recover net power supply costs, including fuel costs, purchased power costs and related expenses, net of related market sales revenue through the ENEC. MP's and PE's ENEC rate is updated annually.

On September 23, 2016, the WVPSC approved the Phase II energy efficiency program for MP and PE as reflected in a unanimous settlement by the parties to the proceeding, which includes three energy efficiency programs to meet the Phase II requirement of energy efficiency reductions of 0.5% of 2013 distribution sales for the January 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 period, which was approved by the WVPSC in the 2012 proceeding approving the transfer of ownership of Harrison Power Station to MP. The costs for the Phase II program are expected to be \$10.4 million and are eligible for recovery through the existing energy efficiency rider which is reviewed in the fuel (ENEC) case each year.

On December 9, 2016, the WVPSC approved the annual ENEC case for MP and PE as reflected in a unanimous settlement by the parties to the proceeding, resulting in an increase in the ENEC rate of \$25 million annually beginning January 1, 2017. In addition, ENEC rates will be maintained at the same level for a two-year period.

On December 30, 2015, MP and PE filed an IRP with the WVPSC identifying a capacity shortfall starting in 2016 and exceeding 700 MWs by 2020 and 850 MWs by 2027. On June 3, 2016, the WVPSC accepted the IRP. On December 16, 2016, MP issued an RFP to address its generation shortfall, along with issuing a second RFP to sell its interest in Bath County. Bids were received by an independent evaluator in February 2017 for both RFPs. AE Supply was the winning bidder of the RFP to address MP's generation shortfall and on March 6, 2017, MP and AE Supply signed an asset purchase agreement for MP to acquire AE Supply's Pleasants Power Station (1,300 MW) for approximately \$195 million, subject to customary and other closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. In addition, on March 7, 2017, MP and PE filed applications with the WVPSC and MP and AE Supply filed with FERC requesting authorization for such purchase. The WVPSC has scheduled a hearing on this matter for September 26-28, 2017, and public hearings for September 6, 11, and 12, 2017. An order is anticipated by early 2018. On June 27, 2017, FERC issued a deficiency letter requesting additional information to facilitate FERC's review of the transaction. MP responded to the deficiency letter on July 18, 2017. With respect to the Bath County RFP, MP does not plan to move forward with the sale of its ownership interest. In the future, MP may re-evaluate its options with respect to its interest in Bath County.

RELIABILITY MATTERS

Federally-enforceable mandatory reliability standards apply to the bulk electric system and impose certain operating, record-keeping and reporting requirements on the Utilities, FES and certain of its subsidiaries, AE Supply, FENOC,

ATSI, MAIT and TrAIL. NERC is the ERO designated by FERC to establish and enforce these reliability standards, although NERC has delegated day-to-day implementation and enforcement of these reliability standards to eight regional entities, including RFC. All of FirstEnergy's facilities are located within the RFC region. FirstEnergy actively participates in the NERC and RFC stakeholder processes, and otherwise monitors and manages its companies in response to the ongoing development, implementation and enforcement of the reliability standards implemented and enforced by RFC.

FirstEnergy, including FES, believes that it is in compliance with all currently-effective and enforceable reliability standards. Nevertheless, in the course of operating its extensive electric utility systems and facilities, FirstEnergy, including FES, occasionally learns of isolated facts or circumstances that could be interpreted as excursions from the reliability standards. If and when such occurrences are found, FirstEnergy, including FES, develops information about the occurrence and develops a remedial response to the specific circumstances, including in appropriate cases "self-reporting" an occurrence to RFC. Moreover, it is clear that NERC, RFC and FERC will continue to refine existing reliability standards as well as to develop and adopt new reliability standards. Any inability on FirstEnergy's, including FES, part to comply with the reliability standards for its bulk electric system could result in the imposition of financial penalties, and obligations to upgrade or build transmission facilities, that could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

FERC MATTERS

Ohio ESP IV PPA

On August 4, 2014, the Ohio Companies filed an application with the PUCO seeking approval of their ESP IV. ESP IV included a proposed Rider RRS, which would flow through to customers either charges or credits representing the net result of the price paid to FES through an eight-year FERC-jurisdictional PPA, referred to as the ESP IV PPA, against the revenues received from selling such output into the PJM markets. The Ohio Companies entered into stipulations which modified ESP IV, and on March 31, 2016, the PUCO issued an Opinion and Order adopting and approving the Ohio Companies' stipulated ESP IV with modifications. FES and the Ohio Companies entered into the ESP IV PPA on April 1, 2016, but subsequently agreed to suspend it and advised FERC of this course of action.

On March 21, 2016, a number of generation owners filed with FERC a complaint against PJM requesting that FERC expand the MOPR in the PJM Tariff to prevent the alleged artificial suppression of prices in the PJM capacity markets by state-subsidized generation, in particular alleged price suppression that could result from the ESP IV PPA and other similar agreements. The complaint requested that FERC direct PJM to initiate a stakeholder process to develop a long-term MOPR reform for existing resources that receive out-of-market revenue. On January 9, 2017, the generation owners filed to amend their complaint to include challenges to certain legislation and regulatory programs in Illinois. On January 24, 2017, FESC, acting on behalf of its affected affiliates and along with other utility companies, filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint for various reasons, including that the ESP IV PPA matter is now moot. In addition, on January 30, 2017, FESC along with other utility companies filed a substantive protest to the amended complaint, demonstrating that the question of the proper role for state participation in generation development should be addressed in the PJM stakeholder process. This proceeding remains pending before FERC.

PJM Transmission Rates

PJM and its stakeholders have been debating the proper method to allocate costs for certain transmission facilities. While FirstEnergy and other parties advocate for a traditional "beneficiary pays" (or usage based) approach, others advocate for "socializing" the costs on a load-ratio share basis, where each customer in the zone would pay based on its total usage of energy within PJM. This question has been the subject of extensive litigation before FERC and the appellate courts, including before the Seventh Circuit. On June 25, 2014, a divided three-judge panel of the Seventh Circuit ruled that FERC had not quantified the benefits that western PJM utilities would derive from certain new 500 kV or higher lines and thus had not adequately supported its decision to socialize the costs of these lines. The majority found that eastern PJM utilities are the primary beneficiaries of the lines, while western PJM utilities are only incidental beneficiaries, and that, while incidental beneficiaries should pay some share of the costs of the lines, that share should be proportionate to the benefit they derive from the lines, and not on load-ratio share in PJM as a whole. The court remanded the case to FERC, which issued an order setting the issue of cost allocation for hearing and settlement proceedings. On June 15, 2016, various parties, including ATSI and the Utilities, filed a settlement agreement at FERC agreeing to apply a combined usage based/socialization approach to cost allocation for charges to transmission customers in the PJM Region for transmission projects operating at or above 500 kV. Certain other parties in the proceeding did not agree to the settlement and filed protests to the settlement seeking, among other issues, to strike certain of the evidence advanced by FirstEnergy and certain of the other settling parties in support of the settlement, as well as provided further comments in opposition to the settlement. FirstEnergy and certain of the other parties responded to such opposition. The settlement is pending before FERC.

RTO Realignment

On June 1, 2011, ATSI and the ATSI zone transferred from MISO to PJM. While many of the matters involved with the move have been resolved, FERC denied recovery under ATSI's transmission rate for certain charges that

collectively can be described as "exit fees" and certain other transmission cost allocation charges totaling approximately \$78.8 million until such time as ATSI submits a cost/benefit analysis demonstrating net benefits to customers from the transfer to PJM. Subsequently, FERC rejected a proposed settlement agreement to resolve the exit fee and transmission cost allocation issues, stating that its action is without prejudice to ATSI submitting a cost/benefit analysis demonstrating that the benefits of the RTO realignment decisions outweigh the exit fee and transmission cost allocation charges. On March 17, 2016, FERC denied FirstEnergy's request for rehearing of FERC's earlier order rejecting the settlement agreement and affirmed its prior ruling that ATSI must submit the cost/benefit analysis.

Separately, the question of ATSI's responsibility for certain costs for the "Michigan Thumb" transmission project continues to be disputed. Potential responsibility arises under the MISO MVP tariff, which has been litigated in complex proceedings before FERC and certain United States appellate courts. On October 29, 2015, FERC issued an order finding that ATSI and the ATSI zone do not have to pay MISO MVP charges for the Michigan Thumb transmission project. MISO and the MISO TOs filed a request for rehearing, which FERC denied on May 19, 2016. The MISO TOs subsequently filed an appeal of FERC's orders with the Sixth Circuit. FirstEnergy intervened and participated in the proceedings on behalf of ATSI, the Ohio Companies and PP. On June 21, 2017, the Sixth Circuit issued its decision denying the MISO TOs' appeal request. On a related issue, FirstEnergy joined certain other PJM TOs in a protest of MISO's proposal to allocate MVP costs to energy transactions that cross MISO's borders into the PJM Region. On July 13, 2016, FERC issued its order finding it appropriate for MISO to assess an MVP usage charge for transmission exports from MISO to PJM. Various parties, including FirstEnergy and the PJM TOs, requested rehearing or clarification of FERC's order. The requests for rehearing remain pending before FERC.

In addition, in a May 31, 2011 order, FERC ruled that the costs for certain "legacy RTEP" transmission projects in PJM approved before ATSI joined PJM could be charged to transmission customers in the ATSI zone. The amount to be paid, and the question of derived benefits, is pending before FERC as a result of the Seventh Circuit's June 25, 2014 order described above under "PJM Transmission Rates."

The outcome of the proceedings that address the remaining open issues related to costs for the "Michigan Thumb" transmission project and "legacy RTEP" transmission projects cannot be predicted at this time.

MAIT Transmission Formula Rate

On October 28, 2016, MAIT submitted an application to FERC requesting authorization to implement a forward-looking formula transmission rate to recover and earn a return on transmission assets effective January 1, 2017. Various intervenors submitted protests of the proposed MAIT formula rate. Among other things, the protest asked FERC to suspend the proposed effective date for the formula rate until June 1, 2017. On March 10, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the MAIT formula transmission rate for filing, suspending it for five months, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures. On April 10, 2017, MAIT requested rehearing of FERC's decision to suspend the effective date of the formula rate. FERC's order on rehearing remains pending. MAIT's rates went into effect on July 1, 2017, subject to refund pending the outcome of the hearing and settlement procedures. The settlement process is ongoing.

JCP&L Transmission Formula Rate

On October 28, 2016, after withdrawing its request to the NJBPU to transfer its transmission assets to MAIT, JCP&L submitted an application to FERC requesting authorization to implement a forward-looking formula transmission rate to recover and earn a return on transmission assets effective January 1, 2017. A group of intervenors, including the NJBPU and New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, filed a protest of the proposed JCP&L transmission rate. Among other things, the protest asked FERC to suspend the proposed effective date for the formula rate until June 1, 2017. On March 10, 2017, FERC issued an order accepting the JCP&L formula transmission rate for filing, suspending it for five months, and establishing hearing and settlement judge procedures. On April 10, 2017, JCP&L requested rehearing of FERC's decision to suspend the effective date of the formula rate. FERC's order on rehearing remains pending. JCP&L's rates went into effect on June 1, 2017, subject to refund pending the outcome of the hearing and settlement procedures. The settlement process is ongoing.

PATH Transmission Project

In 2012, the PJM Board of Managers canceled the PATH project, a proposed transmission line from West Virginia through Virginia and into Maryland. As a result of PJM canceling the project, approximately \$62 million and approximately \$59 million in costs incurred by PATH-Allegheny and PATH-WV, respectively, were reclassified from net property, plant and equipment to a regulatory asset for future recovery. PATH-Allegheny and PATH-WV requested authorization from FERC to recover the costs with a proposed ROE of 10.9% (10.4% base plus 0.5% for RTO membership) from PJM customers over five years. FERC issued an order denying the 0.5% ROE adder for RTO membership and allowing the tariff changes enabling recovery of these costs to become effective on December 1, 2012, subject to hearing and settlement procedures. On January 19, 2017, FERC issued an order reducing the PATH formula rate ROE from 10.4% to 8.11% effective January 19, 2017 and allowing recovery of certain related costs. On February 21, 2017, PATH subsequently filed a request for rehearing with FERC seeking recovery of disallowed costs and requesting that the ROE be reset to 10.4%. The Edison Electric Institute submitted an amicus curiae request for reconsideration in support of PATH. On March 20, 2017, PATH also submitted a compliance filing implementing the January 19, 2017 order. Certain affected ratepayers commented on the compliance filing, alleging inaccuracies in and lack of transparency of data and information in the compliance filing, and requested that PATH be directed to

recalculate the refund provided in the filing. PATH responded to these comments in a filing that was submitted on May 22, 2017. The requests for rehearing and the compliance filing remain pending before FERC.

Market-Based Rate Authority, Triennial Update

The Utilities, AE Supply, FES and its subsidiaries, Buchanan Generation, LLC, and Green Valley Hydro, LLC each hold authority from FERC to sell electricity at market-based rates. One condition for retaining this authority is that every three years each entity must file an update with the FERC that demonstrates that each entity continues to meet FERC's requirements for holding market-based rate authority. On December 23, 2016, FESC, on behalf of its affiliates with market-based rate authority, submitted to FERC the most recent triennial market power analysis filing for each market-based rate holder for the current cycle of this filing requirement. The filings remain pending before FERC. 11. COMMITMENTS, GUARANTEES AND CONTINGENCIES

GUARANTEES AND OTHER ASSURANCES

FirstEnergy has various financial and performance guarantees and indemnifications which are issued in the normal course of business. These contracts include performance guarantees, stand-by letters of credit, debt guarantees, surety bonds and indemnifications. FirstEnergy enters into these arrangements to facilitate commercial transactions with third parties by enhancing the value of the transaction to the third party.

As of June 30, 2017, FirstEnergy's outstanding guarantees and other assurances aggregated approximately \$3.3 billion, consisting of parental guarantees (\$649 million), subsidiaries' guarantees (\$1.9 billion), other guarantees (\$300 million) and other assurances (\$466 million).

Of the aggregate amount, substantially all relates to guarantees of wholly-owned consolidated entities of FirstEnergy. FES' debt obligations are generally guaranteed by its subsidiaries, FG and NG, and FES guarantees the debt obligations of each of FG and NG. Accordingly, present and future holders of indebtedness of FES, FG and NG would have claims against each of FES, FG and NG, regardless of whether their primary obligor is FES, FG or NG.

COLLATERAL AND CONTINGENT-RELATED FEATURES

In the normal course of business, FE and its subsidiaries routinely enter into physical or financially settled contracts for the sale and purchase of electric capacity, energy, fuel, and emission allowances. Certain bilateral agreements and derivative instruments contain provisions that require FE or its subsidiaries to post collateral. This collateral may be posted in the form of cash or credit support with thresholds contingent upon FE's or its subsidiaries' credit rating from each of the major credit rating agencies. The collateral and credit support requirements vary by contract and by counterparty. The incremental collateral requirement allows for the offsetting of assets and liabilities with the same counterparty, where the contractual right of offset exists under applicable master netting agreements.

Bilateral agreements and derivative instruments entered into by FE and its subsidiaries have margining provisions that require posting of collateral. Based on CES' power portfolio exposure as of June 30, 2017, FES has posted collateral of \$123 million and AE Supply has posted no collateral. The Regulated Distribution Segment has posted collateral of \$4 million.

These credit-risk-related contingent features, or the margining provisions within bilateral agreements, stipulate that if the subsidiary were to be downgraded or lose its investment grade credit rating (based on its senior unsecured debt rating), it would be required to provide additional collateral. Depending on the volume of forward contracts and future price movements, higher amounts for margining, which is the ability to secure additional collateral when needed, could be required. The following table discloses the potential additional credit rating contingent contractual collateral obligations as of June 30, 2017.

| Potential Collateral Obligations | FES | AE Supply | Regulated | FE Corp | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | | (in millio | ons) | | |
| Contractual Obligations for Additional Collateral | | | | | |
| At Current Credit Rating | \$6 | \$ 2 | \$ — | \$— | \$8 |
| Upon Further Downgrade | | | 43 | | 43 |
| Surety Bonds (Collateralized Amount) ⁽¹⁾ | 65 | 25 | 92 | 187 | 369 |
| Total Exposure from Contractual Obligations | \$71 | \$ 27 | \$ 135 | \$187 | \$420 |

(1) Surety Bonds are not tied to a credit rating. Surety Bonds impact assumes maximum contractual obligations (typical obligations require 30 days to cure). FE is a guarantor for \$169 million of FES' surety bonds for the benefit of the PA DEP with respect to LBR and a guarantor for a \$12 million FES surety bond for the benefit of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency relating to the W.H. Sammis generating station.

Excluded from the preceding table are the potential collateral obligations due to affiliate transactions between the Regulated Distribution segment and CES segment. As of June 30, 2017, FES has \$2 million collateral posted with their affiliates.

OTHER COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

FE is a guarantor under a syndicated senior secured term loan facility due March 3, 2020, under which Global Holding borrowed \$300 million. In addition to FE, Signal Peak, Global Rail, Global Mining Group, LLC and Global Coal Sales Group, LLC, each being a direct or indirect subsidiary of Global Holding, continue to provide their joint and several guaranties of the obligations of Global Holding under the facility.

In connection with the facility, 69.99% of Global Holding's direct and indirect membership interests in Signal Peak, Global Rail and their affiliates along with FEV's and WMB Marketing Ventures, LLC's respective 33-1/3% membership interests in Global Holding, are pledged to the lenders under the current facility as collateral.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Various federal, state and local authorities regulate FirstEnergy with regard to air and water quality and other environmental matters. Pursuant to a March 28, 2017 executive order, the EPA and other federal agencies are to review existing regulations that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources and appropriately suspend, revise, or rescind those that unduly burden the development of domestic energy resources beyond the degree necessary to protect the public interest or otherwise comply with the law. FirstEnergy cannot predict the timing or outcome of any of these reviews or how any future actions taken as a result thereof, in particular with respect to existing environmental regulations, may impact its business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

Compliance with environmental regulations could have a material adverse effect on FirstEnergy's earnings and competitive position to the extent that FirstEnergy competes with companies that are not subject to such regulations and, therefore, do not bear the risk of costs associated with compliance, or failure to comply, with such regulations.

Clean Air Act

FirstEnergy complies with SO₂ and NOx emission reduction requirements under the CAA and SIP(s) by burning lower-sulfur fuel, utilizing combustion controls and post-combustion controls, generating more electricity from lower or non-emitting plants and/or using emission allowances.

CSAPR requires reductions of NOx and SO₂ emissions in two phases (2015 and 2017), ultimately capping SO₂ emissions in affected states to 2.4 million tons annually and NOx emissions to 1.2 million tons annually. CSAPR allows trading of NOx and SO₂ emission allowances between power plants located in the same state and interstate trading of NOx and SO₂ emission allowances with some restrictions. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ordered the EPA on July 28, 2015, to reconsider the CSAPR caps on NOx and SO₂ emissions from power plants in 13 states, including Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This follows the 2014 U.S. Supreme Court ruling generally upholding EPA's regulatory approach under CSAPR, but questioning whether EPA required upwind states to reduce emissions by more than their contribution to air pollution in downwind states. EPA issued a CSAPR update rule on September 7, 2016, reducing summertime NOx emissions from power plants in 22 states in the eastern U.S., including Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, beginning in 2017. Various states and other stakeholders appealed the CSAPR update rule to the D.C. Circuit in November and December 2016. Depending on the outcome of the appeals and on how the EPA and the states implement CSAPR, the future cost of compliance may be material and changes to FirstEnergy's and FES' operations may result.

The EPA tightened the primary and secondary NAAQS for ozone from the 2008 standard levels of 75 PPB to 70 PPB on October 1, 2015. The EPA stated the vast majority of U.S. counties will meet the new 70 PPB standard by 2025 due to other federal and state rules and programs but the EPA will designate those counties that fail to attain the new 2015 ozone NAAQS by October 1, 2017. States will then have roughly three years to develop implementation plans to attain the new 2015 ozone NAAQS. Depending on how the EPA and the states implement the new 2015 ozone NAAQS, the future cost of compliance may be material and changes to FirstEnergy's and FES' operations may result. In August 2016, the State of Delaware filed a CAA Section 126 petition with the EPA alleging that the Harrison generating facility's NOx emissions significantly contribute to Delaware's inability to attain the ozone NAAQS. The petition seeks a short term NOx emission rate limit of 0.125 lb/mmBTU over an averaging period of no more than 24 hours. On September 27, 2016, the EPA extended the time frame for acting on the State Delaware's CAA Section 126 petition by six months to April 7, 2017 but has not taken any further action. In November 2016, the State of Maryland filed a CAA Section 126 petition with the EPA alleging that NOx emissions from 36 EGUs, including Harrison Units 1, 2 and 3, Mansfield Unit 1 and Pleasants Units 1 and 2, significantly contribute to Maryland's inability to attain the

ozone NAAQS. The petition seeks NOx emission rate limits for the 36 EGUs by May 1, 2017. On January 3, 2017, the EPA extended the time frame for acting on the CAA Section 126 petition by six months to July 15, 2017 but has not taken any further action. On July 20, 2017, the State of Maryland notified the EPA of its intent to sue the EPA for failing to act on Maryland's CAA Section 126 petition following the 60 day notification period required by the CAA. FirstEnergy is unable to predict the outcome of these matters or estimate the loss or range of loss.

MATS imposed emission limits for mercury, PM, and HCl for all existing and new fossil fuel fired electric generating units effective in April 2015 with averaging of emissions from multiple units located at a single plant. The majority of FirstEnergy's MATS compliance program and related costs have been completed.

On August 3, 2015, FG, a wholly owned subsidiary of FES, submitted to the AAA office in New York, N.Y., a demand for arbitration and statement of claim against BNSF and CSX seeking a declaration that MATS constituted a force majeure event that excuses FG's performance under its coal transportation contract with these parties. Specifically, the dispute arises from a contract for the transportation by BNSF and CSX of a minimum of 3.5 million tons of coal annually through 2025 to certain coal-fired power plants owned by FG that are located in Ohio. As a result of and in compliance with MATS, all plants covered by this contract were deactivated by April 16, 2015. Separately, on August 4, 2015, BNSF and CSX submitted to the AAA office in Washington, D.C., a demand for arbitration and statement of claim against FG alleging that FG breached the contract and that FG's declaration of a force majeure under the contract is not valid and seeking damages under the contract through 2025. On May 31, 2016, the parties agreed to a stipulation that if FG's force majeure defense is determined to be wholly or partially invalid, liquidated damages are the sole remedy available to BNSF and CSX. The arbitration panel consolidated the claims and held a hearing in November and December 2016. On April 12, 2017, the arbitration panel ruled on liability in favor of BNSF and CSX. In the liability award, the panel found, among

other things, that FG's demand for declaratory judgment that force majeure excused FG's performance was denied, that FG breached and repudiated the coal transportation contract and that the panel retains jurisdiction of claims for liquidated damages for the years 2015-2025. On May 1, 2017, FE and FG and CSX and BNSF entered into a definitive settlement agreement, which resolved all claims related to this consolidated proceeding on the terms and conditions set forth below. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, FG will pay CSX and BNSF an aggregate amount equal to \$109 million which is payable in three annual installments, the first of which was made on May 1, 2017. FE agreed to unconditionally and continually guarantee the settlement payments due by FG pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement. The settlement agreement further provides that in the event of the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings or failure to make timely settlement payments, the unpaid settlement amount will immediately accelerate and become due and payable in full. Further, FE and FG, and CSX and BNSF, agree to release, waive and discharge each other from any further obligations under the claims covered by the settlement agreement upon payment in full of the settlement amount. Until such time, CSX and BNSF will retain the claims covered by the settlement agreement and in the event of a bankruptcy proceeding, CSX and BNSF shall be entitled to seek damages for such claims in an amount to be determined by the arbitration panel or otherwise agreed by the parties.

On December 22, 2016, FG, a wholly owned subsidiary of FES, received a demand for arbitration and statement of claim from BNSF and NS, which are the counterparties to the coal transportation contract covering the delivery of 2.5 million tons annually through 2025, for FG's coal-fired Bay Shore Units 2-4, deactivated on September 1, 2012, as a result of the EPA's MATS and for FG's W.H. Sammis generating station. The demand for arbitration was submitted to the AAA office in Washington, D.C. against FG alleging, among other things, that FG breached the agreement in 2015 and 2016 and repudiated the agreement for 2017-2025. The counterparties are seeking, among other things, damages, including lost profits through 2025, and a declaratory judgment that FG's claim of force majeure is invalid. The arbitration hearing is scheduled for June 2018. The parties have exchanged settlement proposals to resolve all claims related to this proceeding and all remaining claims. FirstEnergy and FES recorded a pre-tax charge of \$55 million in the first quarter of 2017 based on an estimated settlement. If the dispute with BNSF and NS is not settled, the amount of damages owed to BNSF and NS could be materially higher and may cause FES to seek protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws. Absent a settlement, FG intends to vigorously assert its position in this arbitration proceeding, and if it were ultimately determined that the force majeure provisions or other defenses do not excuse the delivery shortfalls, the results of operations and financial condition of both FirstEnergy and FES could be materially adversely impacted.

As to a specific coal supply agreement, AE Supply, the party thereto, asserted termination rights effective in 2015 as a result of MATS. In response to notification of the termination, on January 15, 2015, Tunnel Ridge, LLC, the coal supplier, commenced litigation in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania alleging AE Supply does not have sufficient justification to terminate the agreement and seeking damages for the difference between the market and contract price of the coal, or lost profits plus incidental damages. AE Supply filed an answer denying any liability related to the termination. On May 1, 2017, the complaint was amended to add FE, FES and FG, although not parties to the underlying contract, as defendants and to seek additional damages based on new claims of fraud, unjust enrichment, promissory estoppel and alter ego. On June 27, 2017, after oral argument, defendants' preliminary objections to the amended complaint were denied. FirstEnergy, FES and AE Supply believe the merits of this case are distinguishable from the rail arbitration proceedings above based on the contract terms and other elements of the case. There were approximately 5.5 million tons remaining under the contract for delivery. This matter is in the discovery phase of litigation and no trial date has been established. FirstEnergy and FES dispute the allegations and intend to vigorously defend the merits of the lawsuit. At this time, FirstEnergy and FES cannot estimate the loss or range of loss regarding the ongoing litigation with respect to this agreement. Damages, if any, are yet to be determined, but an adverse outcome could be material.

In September 2007, AE received an NOV from the EPA alleging NSR and PSD violations under the CAA, as well as Pennsylvania and West Virginia state laws at the coal-fired Hatfield's Ferry and Armstrong plants in Pennsylvania and

the coal-fired Fort Martin and Willow Island plants in West Virginia. The EPA's NOV alleges equipment replacements during maintenance outages triggered the pre-construction permitting requirements under the NSR and PSD programs. On June 29, 2012, January 31, 2013, March 27, 2013 and October 18, 2016, EPA issued CAA section 114 requests for the Harrison coal-fired plant seeking information and documentation relevant to its operation and maintenance, including capital projects undertaken since 2007. On December 12, 2014, EPA issued a CAA section 114 request for the Fort Martin coal-fired plant seeking information and documentation relevant to its operation and maintenance, including capital projects undertaken since 2009. FirstEnergy intends to comply with the CAA but, at this time, is unable to predict the outcome of this matter or estimate the loss or range of loss.

Climate Change

FirstEnergy has established a goal to reduce CO₂ emissions by 90% below 2005 levels by 2045. There are a number of initiatives to reduce GHG emissions at the state, federal and international level. Certain northeastern states are participating in the RGGI and western states led by California, have implemented programs, primarily cap and trade mechanisms, to control emissions of certain GHGs. Additional policies reducing GHG emissions, such as demand reduction programs, renewable portfolio standards and renewable subsidies have been implemented across the nation.

The EPA released its final "Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases under the Clean Air Act" in December 2009, concluding that concentrations of several key GHGs constitutes an "endangerment" and may be regulated as "air pollutants" under the CAA and mandated measurement and reporting of GHG emissions from certain sources, including electric generating plants. On June 23, 2014, the United States Supreme Court decided that CO₂ or other GHG emissions alone cannot trigger permitting requirements under the CAA, but that air emission sources that need PSD permits due to other regulated air

pollutants can be required by the EPA to install GHG control technologies. The EPA released its final regulations in August 2015 (which have been stayed by the U.S. Supreme Court), to reduce CO₂ emissions from existing fossil fuel fired electric generating units that would require each state to develop SIPs by September 6, 2016, to meet the EPA's state specific CO₂ emission rate goals. The EPA's CPP allows states to request a two-year extension to finalize SIPs by September 6, 2018. If states fail to develop SIPs, the EPA also proposed a federal implementation plan that can be implemented by the EPA that included model emissions trading rules which states can also adopt in their SIPs. The EPA also finalized separate regulations imposing CO₂ emission limits for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel fired electric generating units. Numerous states and private parties filed appeals and motions to stay the CPP with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in October 2015. On January 21, 2016, a panel of the D.C. Circuit denied the motions for stay and set an expedited schedule for briefing and argument. On February 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court stayed the rule during the pendency of the challenges to the D.C. Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court. On March 28, 2017, an executive order, entitled "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth," instructed the EPA to review the CPP and related rules addressing GHG emissions and suspend, revise or rescind the rules if appropriate. Depending on the outcomes of the review pursuant to the executive order, of further appeals and how any final rules are ultimately implemented, the future cost of compliance may be material.

At the international level, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change resulted in the Kyoto Protocol requiring participating countries, which does not include the U.S., to reduce GHGs commencing in 2008 and has been extended through 2020. The Obama Administration submitted in March 2015, a formal pledge for the U.S. to reduce its economy-wide GHG emissions by 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025 and joined in adopting the agreement reached on December 12, 2015 at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings in Paris. The Paris Agreement was ratified by the requisite number of countries (i.e., at least 55 countries representing at least 55% of global GHG emissions) in October 2016 and its non-binding obligations to limit global warming to well below two degrees Celsius became effective on November 4, 2016. On June 1, 2017, the Trump Administration announced that the U.S. would cease all participation in the Paris Agreement. FirstEnergy cannot currently estimate the financial impact of climate change policies, although potential legislative or regulatory programs restricting CO₂ emissions, or litigation alleging damages from GHG emissions, could require material capital and other expenditures or result in changes to its operations. The CO₂ emissions per KWH of electricity generated by FirstEnergy is lower than many of its regional competitors due to its diversified generation sources, which include low or non-CO₂ emitting gas-fired and nuclear generators.

Clean Water Act

Various water quality regulations, the majority of which are the result of the federal CWA and its amendments, apply to FirstEnergy's plants. In addition, the states in which FirstEnergy operates have water quality standards applicable to FirstEnergy's operations.

The EPA finalized CWA Section 316(b) regulations in May 2014, requiring cooling water intake structures with an intake velocity greater than 0.5 feet per second to reduce fish impingement when aquatic organisms are pinned against screens or other parts of a cooling water intake system to a 12% annual average and requiring cooling water intake structures exceeding 125 million gallons per day to conduct studies to determine site-specific controls, if any, to reduce entrainment, which occurs when aquatic life is drawn into a facility's cooling water system. FirstEnergy is studying various control options and their costs and effectiveness, including pilot testing of reverse louvers in a portion of the Bay Shore plant's cooling water intake channel to divert fish away from the plant's cooling water intake system. Depending on the results of such studies and any final action taken by the states based on those studies, the future capital costs of compliance with these standards may be material.

On September 30, 2015, the EPA finalized new, more stringent effluent limits for the Steam Electric Power Generating category (40 CFR Part 423) for arsenic, mercury, selenium and nitrogen for wastewater from wet scrubber

systems and zero discharge of pollutants in ash transport water. The treatment obligations phase-in as permits are renewed on a five-year cycle from 2018 to 2023. The final rule also allows plants to commit to more stringent effluent limits for wet scrubber systems based on evaporative technology and in return have until the end of 2023 to meet the more stringent limits. On April 13, 2017, the EPA granted a Petition for Reconsideration and administratively stayed (effective upon publication in the Federal Register) all deadlines in the effluent limits rule pending a new rulemaking. Depending on the outcome of appeals and how any final rules are ultimately implemented, the future costs of compliance with these standards may be substantial and changes to FirstEnergy's and FES' operations may result.

In October 2009, the WVDEP issued an NPDES water discharge permit for the Fort Martin plant, which imposes TDS, sulfate concentrations and other effluent limitations for heavy metals, as well as temperature limitations. Concurrent with the issuance of the Fort Martin NPDES permit, WVDEP also issued an administrative order setting deadlines for MP to meet certain of the effluent limits that were effective immediately under the terms of the NPDES permit. MP appealed, and a stay of certain conditions of the NPDES permit and order have been granted pending a final decision on the appeal and subject to WVDEP moving to dissolve the stay. The Fort Martin NPDES permit could require an initial capital investment ranging from \$150 million to \$300 million in order to install technology to meet the TDS and sulfate limits, which technology may also meet certain of the other effluent limits. Additional technology may be needed to meet certain other limits in the Fort Martin NPDES permit. MP intends to vigorously pursue these issues but cannot predict the outcome of the appeal or estimate the possible loss or range of loss.

FirstEnergy intends to vigorously defend against the CWA matters described above but, except as indicated above, cannot predict their outcomes or estimate the loss or range of loss.

Regulation of Waste Disposal

Federal and state hazardous waste regulations have been promulgated as a result of the RCRA, as amended, and the Toxic Substances Control Act. Certain coal combustion residuals, such as coal ash, were exempted from hazardous waste disposal requirements pending the EPA's evaluation of the need for future regulation.

In December 2014, the EPA finalized regulations for the disposal of CCRs (non-hazardous), establishing national standards regarding landfill design, structural integrity design and assessment criteria for surface impoundments, groundwater monitoring and protection procedures and other operational and reporting procedures to assure the safe disposal of CCRs from electric generating plants. Based on an assessment of the finalized regulations, the future cost of compliance and expected timing of spend had no significant impact on FirstEnergy's or FES' existing AROs associated with CCRs. Although not currently expected, any changes in timing and closure plan requirements in the future, including changes resulting from the strategic review at CES, could materially and adversely impact FirstEnergy's and FES' AROs.

Pursuant to a 2013 consent decree, PA DEP issued a 2014 permit for the Little Blue Run CCR impoundment requiring the Bruce Mansfield plant to cease disposal of CCRs by December 31, 2016 and FG to provide bonding for 45 years of closure and post-closure activities and to complete closure within a 12-year period, but authorizing FG to seek a permit modification based on "unexpected site conditions that have or will slow closure progress." The permit does not require active dewatering of the CCRs, but does require a groundwater assessment for arsenic and abatement if certain conditions in the permit are met. The CCRs from the Bruce Mansfield plant are being beneficially reused with the majority used for reclamation of a site owned by the Marshall County Coal Company in Moundsville, W. Va. and the remainder recycled into drywall by National Gypsum. These beneficial reuse options should be sufficient for ongoing plant operations, however, the Bruce Mansfield plant is pursuing other options. On May 22, 2015 and September 21, 2015, the PA DEP reissued a permit for the Hatfield's Ferry CCR disposal facility and then modified that permit to allow disposal of Bruce Mansfield plant CCR. On July 6, 2015 and October 22, 2015, the Sierra Club filed Notices of Appeal with the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board challenging the renewal, reissuance and modification of the permit for the Hatfield's Ferry CCR disposal facility.

FirstEnergy or its subsidiaries have been named as potentially responsible parties at waste disposal sites, which may require cleanup under the CERCLA. Allegations of disposal of hazardous substances at historical sites and the liability involved are often unsubstantiated and subject to dispute; however, federal law provides that all potentially responsible parties for a particular site may be liable on a joint and several basis. Environmental liabilities that are considered probable have been recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2017 based on estimates of the total costs of cleanup, FE's and its subsidiaries' proportionate responsibility for such costs and the financial ability of other unaffiliated entities to pay. Total liabilities of approximately \$131 million have been accrued through June 30, 2017. Included in the total are accrued liabilities of approximately \$84 million for environmental remediation of former manufactured gas plants and gas holder facilities in New Jersey, which are being recovered by JCP&L through a non-bypassable SBC. FirstEnergy or its subsidiaries could be found potentially responsible for additional amounts or additional sites, but the loss or range of losses cannot be determined or reasonably estimated at this time.

OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Nuclear Plant Matters

Under NRC regulations, FirstEnergy must ensure that adequate funds will be available to decommission its nuclear facilities. As of June 30, 2017, FirstEnergy had approximately \$2.6 billion invested in external trusts to be used for the decommissioning and environmental remediation of Davis-Besse, Beaver Valley, Perry and TMI-2. The values of FirstEnergy's NDTs also fluctuate based on market conditions. If the value of the trusts decline by a material amount,

FirstEnergy's obligation to fund the trusts may increase. Disruptions in the capital markets and their effects on particular businesses and the economy could also affect the values of the NDTs.

As part of routine inspections of the concrete shield building at Davis-Besse in 2013, FENOC identified changes to the subsurface laminar cracking condition originally discovered in 2011. These inspections revealed that the cracking condition had propagated a small amount in select areas. FENOC's analysis confirms that the building continues to maintain its structural integrity, and its ability to safely perform all of its functions. In a May 28, 2015, Inspection Report regarding the apparent cause evaluation on crack propagation, the NRC issued a non-cited violation for FENOC's failure to request and obtain a license amendment for its method of evaluating the significance of the shield building cracking. The NRC also concluded that the shield building remained capable of performing its design safety functions despite the identified laminar cracking and that this issue was of very low safety significance. FENOC plans to submit a license amendment application to the NRC related to the laminar cracking in the Shield Building.

On March 12, 2012, the NRC issued orders requiring safety enhancements at U.S. reactors based on recommendations from the lessons learned Task Force review of the accident at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. These orders require additional mitigation strategies for beyond-design-basis external events, and enhanced equipment for monitoring water levels in spent fuel pools. The NRC also requested that licensees including FENOC: re-analyze earthquake and flooding risks using the latest information available; conduct earthquake and flooding hazard walkdowns at their nuclear plants; assess the ability of current communications systems and equipment to perform under a prolonged loss of onsite and offsite electrical power; and assess plant staffing levels needed to fill emergency positions. Although a majority of the necessary modifications and upgrades at FirstEnergy's nuclear facilities have been implemented, the improvements still remain subject to regulatory approval.

FES provides a parental support agreement to NG of up to \$400 million. The NRC typically relies on such parental support agreements to provide additional assurance that U.S. merchant nuclear plants, including NG's nuclear units, have the necessary financial resources to maintain safe operations, particularly in the event of extraordinary circumstances. So long as FES remains in the unregulated companies' money pool, the \$500 million secured line of credit with FE discussed in Note 1, "Organization and Basis of Presentation - Going Concern at FES" above provides FES the needed liquidity in order for FES to satisfy its nuclear support obligations to NG.

Other Legal Matters

There are various lawsuits, claims (including claims for asbestos exposure) and proceedings related to FirstEnergy's normal business operations pending against FirstEnergy and its subsidiaries. The loss or range of loss in these matters is not expected to be material to FirstEnergy or its subsidiaries. The other potentially material items not otherwise discussed above are described under Note 10, "Regulatory Matters" of the Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

FirstEnergy accrues legal liabilities only when it concludes that it is probable that it has an obligation for such costs and can reasonably estimate the amount of such costs. In cases where FirstEnergy determines that it is not probable, but reasonably possible that it has a material obligation, it discloses such obligations and the possible loss or range of loss if such estimate can be made. If it were ultimately determined that FirstEnergy or its subsidiaries have legal liability or are otherwise made subject to liability based on any of the matters referenced above, it could have a material adverse effect on FirstEnergy's or its subsidiaries' financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. 12. SUPPLEMENTAL GUARANTOR INFORMATION

In 2007, FG, a 100% owned subsidiary of FES, completed a sale and leaseback transaction for a 93.83% undivided interest in Bruce Mansfield Unit 1. FG's parent company, FES, has fully and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed all of FG's obligations under each of the leases. The related lessor notes and pass through certificates are not guaranteed by FG or its parent company, but the notes are secured by, among other things, each lessor trust's undivided interest in Unit 1, rights and interests under the applicable lease and rights and interests under other related agreements, including FES' lease guaranty. This transaction is classified as an operating lease for FES and FirstEnergy and as a financing lease for FG.

The Condensed Consolidating Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, for the parent and guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries are presented below. These statements are provided as FG's parent company fully and unconditionally guarantees outstanding registered securities of FG as well as FG's obligations under the facility lease for the Bruce Mansfield sale and leaseback that underlie outstanding registered pass-through trust certificates. Investments in wholly owned subsidiaries are accounted for by the parent company using the equity method. Results of operations for FG and NG are, therefore, reflected in their parent company's investment accounts and earnings as if operating lease treatment was achieved. The principal elimination entries eliminate investments in subsidiaries and intercompany balances and transactions and the entries required to reflect operating lease treatment associated with the 2007 Bruce Mansfield Unit 1 sale and leaseback transaction.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

| For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 | FES FG NG Eliminations Consolidated (In millions) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) | |
| REVENUES | \$717 \$474 \$360 \$ (810) \$ 741 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: Fuel | — 106 48 — 154 |
| Purchased power from affiliates Purchased power from non-affiliates | 811 — 38 (810) 39 156 — — 156 |
| Other operating expenses | 63 58 153 12 286 |
| Provision for depreciation | 3 9 16 (1) 27 |
| General taxes Total operating expenses | 5 5 8 — 18 1,038 178 263 (799) 680 |
| Total operating expenses | 1,036 176 203 (799) 080 |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | (321) 296 97 (11) 61 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Investment income (loss), including net income from equity | 247 10 21 (263) 15 |
| investees Interest expense offiliates | |
| Interest expense — affiliates Interest expense — other | (20) (3) (1) 19 (5) (12) (26) (11) 14 (35) |
| Capitalized interest | - $ 6$ $ 6$ |
| Total other income (expense) | 215 (19) 15 (230) (19) |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (106) 277 112 (241) 42 |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (125) 102 45 1 23 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$19 \$175 \$67 \$ (242) \$ 19 |
| STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$19 \$175 \$67 \$ (242) \$ 19 |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS): Pension and OPEB prior service costs Change in unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | (4) (4) — 4 (4) 6 — 6 (6) 2 (4) 6 (2) 2 — (2) 2 — — 2 (2) 4 (2) 2 \$21 \$173 \$71 \$ (244) \$ 21 |

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

| For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 | FES FG (In millions) | | NG | G Eliminations Co | | Consolida | Consolidated | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|--|
| STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) | (III IIIIII | Olisj | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | \$1,597 | \$710 | \$696 | \$ (1,348 |) | \$ 1,655 | | |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | 204 | 0.4 | | | 200 | | |
| Fuel Purchased power from affiliates | — 1,474 | 204 | 94 76 | (1,348 | | 298 202 | | |
| Purchased power from non-affiliates | 316 | | | (1,5 4 0 | | 316 | | |
| Other operating expenses | 177 | 283 | 320 | 24 | | 804 | | |
| Provision for depreciation | 6 | 16 | 31 | (1 | | 52 | | |
| General taxes | 11 | 13 | 15 | | | 39 | | |
| Total operating expenses | 1,984 | 516 | 536 | (1,325 |) | 1,711 | | |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | (387) | 194 | 160 | (23 |) | (56 |) | |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): | | | | | | | | |
| Investment income (loss), including net income (loss) from equity investees | 229 | 20 | 48 | (262 |) | 35 | | |
| Miscellaneous income | _ | | 5 | _ | | 5 | | |
| Interest expense — affiliates | (38) | (6) | (2) | 39 | | (7 |) | |
| Interest expense — other | (23) | (53) | (22) | 28 | | (70 |) | |
| Capitalized interest | _ | 1 | 13 | | | 14 | | |
| Total other income (expense) | 168 | (38) | 42 | (195 |) | (23 |) | |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (219) | 156 | 202 | (218 |) | (79 |) | |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (158) | 60 | 78 | 2 | | (18 |) | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$(61) | \$96 | \$124 | \$ (220 |) | \$ (61 |) | |
| STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | | | | | | | | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$(61) | \$96 | \$124 | \$ (220 |) | \$ (61 |) | |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS): Pension and OPEB prior service costs Change in unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) | (7) 22 15 5 | (7) | 22 22 22 8 | 7 (22 (15 (5 |) | (7 22 15 5 |) | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | 10 \$(51) | (4 \$92 | 14 \$138 | (10 \$ (230 | | 10 \$ (51 |) | |

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

| For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2016 | FES | | | ES FG n millions) | | Eliminati | ions Consolidate | ed |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|----|
| STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) | (111 11111) | 10118) | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | \$1,061 | \$400 | \$473 | \$ (832 |) \$ 1,102 | | | |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | | | | | | | |
| Fuel | | 181 | 47 | | 228 | | | |
| Purchased power from affiliates | 950 | _ | 49 | (832 |) 167 | | | |
| Purchased power from non-affiliates | 266 | | 1.40 | 1.4 | 266 | | | |
| Other operating expenses | 119 | 88 | 148 | 14 | 369 | | | |
| Provision for depreciation | 3 | 32 | 50 | (1 |) 84 | | | |
| General taxes | 7 | 6 | 6 | | 19 | | | |
| Impairment of assets | 23 | 517 | 200 | — (010 | 540 | | | |
| Total operating expenses | 1,368 | 824 | 300 | (819 |) 1,673 | | | |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | (307 | (424) | 173 | (13 |) (571 |) | | |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): | | | | | | | | |
| Investment income (loss), including net income from equity | (1.62 | . 7 | 22 | 150 | 10 | | | |
| investees | (163 | 7 | 22 | 153 | 19 | | | |
| Miscellaneous income | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Interest expense — affiliates | (12 | (2) | | 13 | (1 |) | | |
| Interest expense — other | (13 | (26) | (13) | 15 | (37 |) | | |
| Capitalized interest | | 2 | 6 | | 8 | | | |
| Total other income (expense) | (187 | (19) | 15 | 181 | (10 |) | | |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (494 | (443) | 188 | 168 | (581 |) | | |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (56 | (149) | 61 | 1 | (143 |) | | |
| (| (0.0 | , () | | | (= 10 | , | | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$(438) | \$(294) | \$127 | \$ 167 | \$ (438 |) | | |
| STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | | | | | | | | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$(438) | \$(294) | \$127 | \$ 167 | \$ (438 |) | | |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS): | | | | | | | | |
| Pension and OPEB prior service costs | (3 | (4) | | 4 | (3 |) | | |
| Amortized gains on derivative hedges | (1) |) — | _ | | (1 |) | | |
| Change in unrealized gains on available for sale securities | 33 | | 32 | (32 |) 33 | | | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 29 | (4) | 32 | (28 |) 29 | | | |
| Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) | 12 | (2) | 13 | (11 |) 12 | | | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 17 | | 19 | (17 |) 17 | | | |

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) \$(421) \$(296) \$146 \$ 150 \$ (421)

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

| For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 | FES FG (In millions) | | NG | Eliminatio | minations Consoli | | ited |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) | (III IIIIIII | ions) | | | | | |
| REVENUES | \$2,216 | \$815 | \$1,004 | \$ (1,734 |) | \$ 2,301 | |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: Fuel Purchased power from affiliates | <u> </u> | 300 | 93 106 | — (1,734 |) | 393 249 | |
| Purchased power from non-affiliates Other operating expenses Provision for depreciation General taxes | 643 123 6 15 | 159 63 | 301 100 | 26 (2 | | 643 609 167 | |
| Impairment of assets Total operating expenses | 23 2,687 | 16 517 1,055 | 14 — 614 | |) | 45 540 2,646 | |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | (471) | (240) | 390 | (24 |) | (345 |) |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Investment income, including net income from equity investees Miscellaneous income Interest expense — affiliates Interest expense — other Capitalized interest Total other income (expense) | 3 (21) | (52) | . , | (106 — 24 29 — (53 | | 32 3 (3 (73 18 (23 |)) |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (429) | (279) | 417 | (77 |) | (368 |) |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | (122) | (88) | 147 | 2 | | (61 |) |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$(307) | \$(191) | \$270 | \$ (79 |) | \$ (307 |) |
| STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | | | | | | | |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$(307) | \$(191) | \$270 | \$ (79 |) | \$ (307 |) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) Pension and OPEB prior service costs Amortized gains on derivative hedges Change in unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Other comprehensive income (loss) Income taxes (benefits) on other comprehensive income (loss) Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | (1) 56 48 19 29 | (3) (4) | | 7 (55 (48 (18 (30 |) | (7 (1 56 48 19 29 |) |
| COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | \$(278) | \$(195) | \$304 | \$ (109 |) | \$ (278 |) |

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS

| As of June 30, 2017 | FES (In mil | FG lions) | NG | Eliminations | | Eliminations | | Eliminations Conso | | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---|--------------|--|--------------------|--|--------------|
| ASSETS | ` | , | | | | | | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ — | \$2 | \$ — | \$ — | | \$ 2 | | | | |
| Receivables- | | | | | | | | | | |
| Customers | 185 | | | | | 185 | | | | |
| Affiliated companies | 300 | 240 | 237 | (392 |) | 385 | | | | |
| Other | 10 | 2 | | _ | _ | 12 | | | | |
| Notes receivable from affiliated companies | 361 | 1,599 | 1,366 | (3,326 |) | _ | | | | |
| Materials and supplies | 41 | 137 | 82 | _ | _ | 260 | | | | |
| Derivatives | 41 | | | | | 41 | | | | |
| Collateral | 98 | 13 | | | | 111 | | | | |
| Prepayments and other | 40 | 11 | | _ | | 51 | | | | |
| Trophy monte and other | 1,076 | 2,004 | 1,685 | (3,718 |) | 1,047 | | | | |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: | 1,070 | _,00. | 1,000 | (0,710 | , | 1,017 | | | | |
| In service | 121 | 2,561 | 4,981 | (281 |) | 7,382 | | | | |
| Less — Accumulated provision for depreciation | 59 | 1,936 | 4,248 | (188 |) | | | | | |
| Less Treeumanated provision for depreciation | 62 | 625 | 733 | (93 | _ | 1,327 | | | | |
| Construction work in progress | 2 | 55 | 242 | _ | , | 299 | | | | |
| Construction work in progress | 64 | 680 | 975 | (93 |) | | | | | |
| INVESTMENTS: | 01 | 000 | 715 | ()3 | , | 1,020 | | | | |
| Nuclear plant decommissioning trusts | | | 1,793 | | | 1,793 | | | | |
| Investment in affiliated companies | 3,230 | | | (3,230 |) | • | | | | |
| Other | | 9 | | | , | 9 | | | | |
| Office | 3,230 | 9 | 1,793 | (3,230 |) | 1,802 | | | | |
| | 3,230 | | 1,775 | (3,230 | , | 1,002 | | | | |
| DEFERRED CHARGES AND OTHER ASSETS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | | 6 | 14 | | | 20 | | | | |
| Accumulated deferred income tax benefits | 440 | 1,203 | 738 | (273 |) | 2,108 | | | | |
| Derivatives | 9 | | | | , | 9 | | | | |
| Other | 32 | 329 | | 18 | | 379 | | | | |
| oner | 481 | 1,538 | 752 | (255 |) | 2,516 | | | | |
| | | | | \$ (7,296 | - | | | | | |
| | ψ1,051 | Ψπ,231 | Ψ5,205 | Ψ (1,2)0 | , | Ψ 0,551 | | | | |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Currently payable long-term debt | \$— | \$183 | \$99 | \$ (27 |) | \$ 255 | | | | |
| Short-term borrowings - affiliated companies | 3,241 | 360 | | (3,326 |) | | | | | |
| Accounts payable- | 3,2 .1 | 200 | | (3,320 | , | 273 | | | | |
| Affiliated companies | 477 | 92 | 168 | (473 |) | 264 | | | | |
| Other | 17 | 74 | _ | _ | , | 91 | | | | |
| Accrued taxes | 48 | 51 | 59 | (29 |) | 129 | | | | |
| Derivatives Derivatives | 15 | 3 | | | , | 18 | | | | |
| Other | 47 | 80 | 10 | 33 | | 170 | | | | |
| | 3,845 | 843 | 336 | (3,822 |) | 1,202 | | | | |
| | 5,045 | 0.5 | 550 | (3,022 | , | 1,202 | | | | |

CAPITALIZATION:

| 01111111111111111 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---|----------|
| Total equity | 239 | 914 | 2,217 | (3,131 |) | 239 |
| Long-term debt and other long-term obligations | 691 | 1,938 | 1,022 | (1,078 |) | 2,573 |
| | 930 | 2,852 | 3,239 | (4,209 |) | 2,812 |
| NONCURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | | | | |
| Deferred gain on sale and leaseback transaction | | | | 740 | | 740 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 5 | _ | | (5 |) | _ |
| Retirement benefits | 27 | 178 | | _ | | 205 |
| Asset retirement obligations | | 188 | 787 | _ | | 975 |
| Derivatives | 1 | _ | | _ | | 1 |
| Other | 43 | 170 | 843 | _ | | 1,056 |
| | 76 | 536 | 1,630 | 735 | | 2,977 |
| | \$4,851 | \$4,231 | \$5,205 | \$ (7,296 |) | \$ 6,991 |

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS

| As of December 31, 2016 | FES (In mil | FG lions) | NG | Eliminations | | Eliminations C | | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---|----------------|--|--------------|
| ASSETS | • | ŕ | | | | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ — | \$2 | \$ — | \$ — | | \$ 2 | | |
| Receivables- | | | | | | | | |
| Customers | 213 | | _ | | | 213 | | |
| Affiliated companies | 332 | 315 | 417 | (612 |) | 452 | | |
| Other | 17 | 2 | 8 | _ | ĺ | 27 | | |
| Notes receivable from affiliated companies | 501 | 1,585 | 1,294 | (3,351 |) | 29 | | |
| Materials and supplies | 45 | 142 | 80 | _ | _ | 267 | | |
| Derivatives | 137 | | _ | _ | | 137 | | |
| Collateral | 157 | | _ | _ | | 157 | | |
| Prepayments and other | 38 | 24 | 1 | | | 63 | | |
| 1.0 | 1,440 | 2,070 | 1,800 | (3,963 |) | 1,347 | | |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: | , - | , | , | (-) | , | , | | |
| In service | 120 | 2,524 | 4,703 | (290 |) | 7,057 | | |
| Less — Accumulated provision for depreciation | 52 | 1,920 | 4,144 | (187 |) | 5,929 | | |
| 1 | 68 | 604 | 559 | (103 |) | 1,128 | | |
| Construction work in progress | 2 | 67 | 358 | _ | , | 427 | | |
| r | 70 | 671 | 917 | (103 |) | | | |
| INVESTMENTS: | | | | | , | , | | |
| Nuclear plant decommissioning trusts | _ | _ | 1,552 | | | 1,552 | | |
| Investment in affiliated companies | 2,923 | | _ | (2,923 |) | • | | |
| Other | | 9 | 1 | _ | , | 10 | | |
| | 2,923 | 9 | 1,553 | (2,923 |) | 1,562 | | |
| | | | | • | | | | |
| DEFERRED CHARGES AND OTHER ASSETS: | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | | 12 | 28 | _ | | 40 | | |
| Accumulated deferred income tax benefits | 395 | 1,271 | 883 | (270 |) | 2,279 | | |
| Derivatives | 77 | | _ | _ | | 77 | | |
| Other | 33 | 327 | _ | 21 | | 381 | | |
| | 505 | 1,610 | 911 | (249 |) | 2,777 | | |
| | \$4,938 | \$4,360 | \$5,181 | \$ (7,238 |) | \$ 7,241 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | | | | | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | | | | | | |
| Currently payable long-term debt | \$ — | \$200 | \$5 | \$ (26 |) | | | |
| Short-term borrowings - affiliated companies | 2,969 | 483 | _ | (3,351 |) | 101 | | |
| Accounts payable- | | | | | | | | |
| Affiliated companies | 743 | 107 | 406 | (706 |) | 550 | | |
| Other | 17 | 93 | _ | _ | | 110 | | |
| Accrued taxes | 50 | 48 | 61 | (16 |) | 143 | | |
| Derivatives | 71 | 6 | | _ | | 77 | | |
| Other | 56 | 54 | 10 | 36 | | 156 | | |
| | 3,906 | 991 | 482 | (4,063 |) | 1,316 | | |

CAPITALIZATION:

| 218 | 828 | 2,006 | (2,834 |) | 218 |
|---------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 691 | 2,093 | 1,120 | (1,091 |) | 2,813 |
| 909 | 2,921 | 3,126 | (3,925 |) | 3,031 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | 757 | | 757 |
| 4 | 3 | | (7 |) | _ |
| 25 | 172 | | _ | | 197 |
| | 188 | 713 | | | 901 |
| 52 | | | | | 52 |
| 42 | 85 | 860 | _ | | 987 |
| 123 | 448 | 1,573 | 750 | | 2,894 |
| \$4,938 | \$4,360 | \$5,181 | \$ (7,238 |) | \$ 7,241 |
| | 691 909 | 691 2,093 909 2,921 — — 4 3 25 172 — 188 52 — 42 85 123 448 | 691 2,093 1,120 909 2,921 3,126 — — — 4 3 — 25 172 — — 188 713 52 — — 42 85 860 123 448 1,573 | 691 2,093 1,120 (1,091 909 2,921 3,126 (3,925 — — — 757 4 3 — (7 25 172 — — — 188 713 — 52 — — — 42 85 860 — | 691 2,093 1,120 (1,091) 909 2,921 3,126 (3,925) 757 4 3 - (7) 25 172 188 713 - 52 42 85 860 - 123 448 1,573 750 |

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 | FES FG NG EliminationsConsolidated (In millions) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NET CASH PROVIDED FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | \$(411) \$340 \$379 \$ (13) \$ 295 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | |
| New Financing- | |
| Short-term borrowings, net | 272 — — (98) 174 |
| Redemptions and Repayments- | 4.71 \ 4.72 \ \ 4.62 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ |
| Long-term debt | - (171) (5) 13 (163) |
| Short-term borrowings, net | - (122) $-$ 122 $-$ (4 |
| Other | (1)(3) - (4) |
| Net cash provided from (used for) financing activities | 271 (296) (5) 37 7 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | |
| Property additions | - (30) (139) $-$ (169) |
| Nuclear fuel | $ (30^{\circ})(137) (107^{\circ})$ $ (134^{\circ})$ (134°) |
| Sales of investment securities held in trusts | - $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ |
| Purchases of investment securities held in trusts | - $ -$ |
| Loans to affiliated companies, net | 140 (14) (73) (24) 29 |
| Other | - $ 1$ $ 1$ |
| Net cash provided from (used for) investing activities | 140 (44) (374) (24) (302) |
| rect cash provided from (asea for) investing activities | 140 (41) (5/1) (502) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | - 2 $-$ 2 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$— \$2 \$— \$ 2 |
| 1 | |
| | |
| 52 | |

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 | FES (In mi | FG llions) | NG | Eliminat | tion | sConsolic | dated |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|
| NET CASH PROVIDED FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | \$(335 | \$308 | \$596 | \$ (12 |) | \$ 557 | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | | | | | | |
| New Financing- | 222 | 0.0 | 0 | (200 | | 210 | |
| Short-term borrowings, net | 322 | 89 | 8 | (209 |) | 210 | |
| Redemptions and Repayments- | | <i>(</i> 10) | (0.1) | 4.0 | | /O.4. | |
| Long-term debt | | | (245) | 12 | | (245 |) |
| Other | |) (2 | · — | | | (3 |) |
| Net cash provided from (used for) financing activities | 321 | 75 | (237) | (197 |) | (38 |) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | | | | | | |
| Property additions | (27 | (126) | (182) | <u> </u> | | (335 |) |
| Nuclear fuel | | | (188) | | | (188 |) |
| Sales of investment securities held in trusts | | | 441 | | | 441 | |
| Purchases of investment securities held in trusts | | | (467) | _ | | (467 |) |
| Cash Investments | 11 | | | _ | | 11 | |
| Loans to affiliated companies, net | 22 | (257) | 37 | 209 | | 11 | |
| Other | 8 | | _ | _ | | 8 | |
| Net cash provided from (used for) investing activities | 14 | (383) | (359) | 209 | | (519 |) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | _ | _ | | | | _ | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | | 2 | | | | 2 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | \$2 | \$ | \$ — | | \$ 2 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of portod | Ψ | Ψ2 | Ψ | Ψ | | Ψ 2 | |

13. SEGMENT INFORMATION

FirstEnergy's reportable segments are as follows: Regulated Distribution, Regulated Transmission, and CES.

Financial information for each of FirstEnergy's reportable segments is presented in the tables below. FES does not have separate reportable operating segments.

The Regulated Distribution segment distributes electricity through FirstEnergy's ten utility operating companies, serving approximately six million customers within 65,000 square miles of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and New York, and purchases power for its POLR, SOS, SSO and default service requirements in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. This segment also controls 3,790 MWs of regulated electric generation capacity located primarily in West Virginia, Virginia and New Jersey. The segment's results reflect the commodity costs of securing electric generation and the deferral and amortization of certain fuel costs. The Regulated Transmission segment transmits electricity through transmission facilities owned and operated by ATSI, TrAIL, MAIT (effective January 31, 2017) and certain of FirstEnergy's utilities (JCP&L, MP, PE and WP). The segment's revenues are primarily derived from forward-looking rates at ATSI and TrAIL, as well as stated transmission rates at certain of FirstEnergy's utilities. As discussed in Note 10, "Regulatory Matters - FERC Matters" above, MAIT and JCP&L submitted applications to FERC requesting authorization to implement forward-looking formula transmission rates. In March 2017, FERC approved JCP&L's and MAIT's forward-looking formula rate with effective dates of June 1, 2017, and July 1, 2017, respectively, both subject to refund pending further FERC hearing and settlement procedures. Both the forward-looking and stated rates recover costs and provide a return on transmission capital investment. Under forward-looking rates, the revenue requirement is updated annually based on a projected rate base and projected costs, which is subject to an annual true-up based on actual costs. The segment's results also reflect the net transmission expenses related to the delivery of electricity on FirstEnergy's transmission facilities.

The CES segment, through FES and AE Supply, primarily supplies electricity to end-use customers through retail and wholesale arrangements, including competitive retail sales to customers primarily in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Maryland, and the provision of partial POLR and default service for some utilities in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland, including the Utilities. As of June 30, 2017, this business segment controlled 13,162 MWs of electric generating capacity, including, as discussed in Note 14, "Asset Impairments," 1,572 MWs of natural gas and hydroelectric generating capacity subject to an asset purchase agreement with a subsidiary of LS Power and the 1,300 MW Pleasants power station subject to an asset purchase agreement with MP resulting from MP's RFP process to address its generation shortfall, as discussed in Note 10, "Regulatory Matters - State Regulation - West Virginia." The CES segment's operating results are primarily derived from electric generation sales less the related costs of electricity generation, including fuel, purchased power and net transmission (including congestion) and ancillary costs and capacity costs charged by PJM to deliver energy to the segment's customers, as well as other operating and maintenance costs, including costs incurred by FENOC.

Corporate support not charged to FE's subsidiaries, interest expense on stand-alone holding company debt, corporate income taxes and other businesses that do not constitute an operating segment are categorized as Corporate/Other for reportable business segment purposes. Additionally, reconciling adjustments for the elimination of inter-segment transactions are included in Corporate/Other. As of June 30, 2017, Corporate/Other had \$7.45 billion of stand-alone holding company long-term debt, of which 19% was subject to variable-interest rates, and \$150 million was borrowed by FE under its revolving credit facility.

Segment Financial Information

| For the Three Months Ended | RegulateRegulated DistributFoansmissio (In millions) | Energy - | | / Reconciling Adjustments | Consolidated |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 30, 2017 External revenues Internal revenues Total revenues Depreciation Amortization of regulatory assets, net Impairment of assets (Note 14) Investment income Interest expense Income taxes (benefits) Net income (loss) Total assets Total goodwill Property additions | \$2,262 \$ 327 | \$ 778 | - | \$ (58) (86) (144) — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — | \$ 3,309 — 3,309 281 65 131 17 290 117 174 43,327 5,618 666 |
| June 30, 2016 External revenues Internal revenues Total revenues Depreciation Amortization of regulatory assets, net Impairment of assets (Note 14) Investment income Interest expense Income taxes (benefits) Net income (loss) Total assets Total goodwill Property additions For the Six Months Ended | \$2,189 \$ 275 | \$ 1,008 |) | \$ (71) (108) (179) — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — | \$ 3,401 |
| June 30, 2017 External revenues Internal revenues Total revenues Depreciation Amortization of regulatory assets, net Impairment of assets (Note 14) Investment income Interest expense Income taxes (benefits) | \$4,752 \$ 640 4,752 640 357 105 119 5 28 272 78 259 105 | \$ 1,592 | | \$ (123) (203) (326) — — — (24) — | \$ 6,861 |

| Net income (loss) | 442 | 180 | (123) | (120) | | 379 |
|----------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Property additions | 568 | 469 | 188 | 29 | | 1,254 |
| | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2016 | | | | | | |
| External revenues | \$4,699 | \$ 561 | \$ 2,160 | \$ — | \$ (150) | \$ 7,270 |
| Internal revenues | | | 260 | _ | (260) | |
| Total revenues | 4,699 | 561 | 2,420 | _ | (410) | 7,270 |
| Depreciation | 335 | 91 | 205 | 32 | _ | 663 |
| Amortization of regulatory assets, net | 120 | 4 | | _ | | 124 |
| Impairment of assets (Note 14) | | | 1,447 | _ | | 1,447 |
| Investment income | 24 | | 33 | 11 | (21) | 47 |
| Interest expense | 298 | 79 | 95 | 105 | _ | 577 |
| Income taxes (benefits) | 174 | 93 | (145) | (39) | _ | 83 |
| Net income (loss) | 297 | 159 | (1,115) | (102) | | (761) |
| Property additions | 528 | 556 | 382 | 26 | _ | 1,492 |

14. ASSET IMPAIRMENTS

Competitive Generation Asset Sale

As disclosed in Note 1, "Organization and Basis of Presentation," FirstEnergy announced in January 2017 that AE Supply and AGC had entered into an asset purchase agreement to sell four of AE Supply's natural gas generating plants and approximately 59% of AGC's interest in the Bath County pumped hydro facility (1,572 MWs of combined capacity) to a subsidiary of LS Power for an all-cash purchase price of \$925 million, subject to customary and other closing conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals from FERC and the VSCC, as applicable, third party consents, and the satisfaction and discharge of \$305 million of AE Supply senior notes, which would require the payment of a "make-whole" premium estimated to be approximately \$100 million based on current interest rates. Additionally, as a further condition to closing, FE will provide the purchaser two limited guarantees of certain obligations of AE Supply and AGC arising under the purchase agreement. On February 17, 2017, AE Supply and AGC submitted a filing with FERC and on June 13, 2017, FERC issued an order authorizing the transaction as requested. The parties will also file a request for authorization to transfer the hydroelectric license under Part I of the FPA. Additional filings have been submitted to FERC for the purpose of amending affected FERC-jurisdictional rates and implementing the transaction once all regulatory approvals are obtained. Additionally, the consent of VEPCO is needed for the sale of AGC's interest in the Bath County pumped hydro facility, as well as agreement among AGC, LS Power and VEPCO with respect to certain amendments to the Bath County project agreements. On May 24, 2017, AE Supply and AGC and LS Power exercised a provision in the purchase agreement that allows either party to terminate the purchase agreement without penalty after June 23, 2017. All parties continue to negotiate, including consideration of various alternative structures regarding pricing and closing, and neither party has elected its termination rights under the provisions of the purchase agreement. As a result of the status of these ongoing negotiations regarding the asset purchase agreement and reflecting the impact of prevailing market conditions, CES recorded a non-cash pre-tax impairment charge of \$131 million in the second quarter of 2017. FirstEnergy is targeting to close the transaction with revised terms in the second half of 2017, subject to satisfaction of various customary and other closing conditions, including without limitation, receipt of regulatory approvals and third party consents. There can be no assurance that any such approvals will be obtained and/or any such conditions will be satisfied or that such sale will be consummated.

Assets held for sale as of June 30, 2017 include property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated provision for depreciation) of \$792 million, investments of \$20 million, materials and supplies inventory of \$4 million, and AROs of approximately \$1 million.

Competitive Generation Deactivations and Other Exit Activities

On July 22, 2016, FirstEnergy and FES announced their intent to exit operations of the Bay Shore Unit 1 generating station (136 MWs) by October 1, 2020, through either sale or deactivation and to deactivate Units 1-4 of the W.H. Sammis generating station (720 MWs) by May 31, 2020. As a result, FirstEnergy recorded a non-cash pre-tax impairment charge of \$647 million (\$517 million - FES) in the second quarter of 2016. PJM and the Independent Market Monitor have approved the W.H. Sammis Units 1-4 and Bay Shore Unit 1 deactivations. In addition, FirstEnergy and FES recorded termination and settlement costs on fuel contracts of approximately \$58 million (pre-tax) in the second quarter of 2016 resulting from plant retirements and deactivations, which is included in the caption of Fuel in the Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss).

Goodwill

As a result of low capacity prices associated with the 2019/2020 PJM Base Residual Auction in May 2016, as well as its annual update to its fundamental long-term capacity and energy price forecast, FirstEnergy determined that an interim impairment analysis of the CES reporting unit's goodwill was necessary during the second quarter of 2016.

Consistent with FirstEnergy's annual goodwill impairment test, a discounted cash flow analysis was used to determine the fair value of the CES reporting unit for purposes of step one of the interim goodwill impairment test. Key assumptions incorporated into the CES discounted cash flow analysis requiring significant management judgment included the following:

Future Energy and Capacity Prices: Observable market information for near-term forward power prices, PJM auction results for near term capacity pricing, and a longer-term fundamental pricing model for energy and capacity that considered the impact of key factors such as load growth, plant retirements, carbon and other environmental regulations, and natural gas pipeline construction, as well as coal and natural gas pricing.

Retail Sales and Margin: CES' current retail targeted portfolio to estimate future retail sales volume as well as historical financial results to estimate retail margins.

Operating and Capital Costs: Estimated future operating and capital costs, including the estimated impact on costs of pending carbon and other environmental regulations, as well as costs associated with capacity performance reforms in the PJM market.

Discount Rate: A discount rate of 9.50%, based on selected comparable companies' capital structure, return on debt and return on equity.

Terminal Value: A terminal value of 7.0x earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization based on consideration of peer group data and analyst consensus expectations.

Based on the impairment analysis, FirstEnergy determined that the carrying value of goodwill exceeded its fair value and recognized a non-cash pre-tax impairment charge of \$800 million (\$23 million - FES) in the second quarter of 2016, which is included within the caption Impairment of assets in the Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss).

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Registrant and Subsidiaries

FIRSTENERGY CORP.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
FIRSTENERGY'S BUSINESS

FirstEnergy and its subsidiaries are principally involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. Its reportable segments are as follows: Regulated Distribution, Regulated Transmission, and CES.

The Regulated Distribution segment distributes electricity through FirstEnergy's ten utility operating companies, serving approximately six million customers within 65,000 square miles of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and New York, and purchases power for its POLR, SOS, SSO and default service requirements in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. This segment also controls 3,790 MWs of regulated electric generation capacity located primarily in West Virginia, Virginia and New Jersey. The segment's results reflect the commodity costs of securing electric generation and the deferral and amortization of certain fuel costs.

The Regulated Transmission segment transmits electricity through transmission facilities owned and operated by ATSI, TrAIL, MAIT (effective January 31, 2017) and certain of FirstEnergy's utilities (JCP&L, MP, PE and WP). The segment's revenues are primarily derived from forward-looking rates at ATSI and TrAIL, as well as stated transmission rates at certain of FirstEnergy's utilities. As discussed in "Outlook - FERC Matters" below, MAIT and JCP&L submitted applications to FERC requesting authorization to implement forward-looking formula transmission rates. In March 2017, FERC approved JCP&L's and MAIT's forward-looking formula rate with effective dates of June 1, 2017, and July 1, 2017, respectively, both subject to refund pending further FERC hearing and settlement procedures. Both the forward-looking and stated rates recover costs and provide a return on transmission capital investment. Under forward-looking rates, the revenue requirement is updated annually based on a projected rate base and projected costs, which is subject to an annual true-up based on actual costs. The segment's results also reflect the net transmission expenses related to the delivery of electricity on FirstEnergy's transmission facilities. The CES segment, through FES and AE Supply, primarily supplies electricity to end-use customers through retail and wholesale arrangements, including competitive retail sales to customers primarily in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Maryland, and the provision of partial POLR and default service for some utilities in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland, including the Utilities. As of June 30, 2017, this business segment controlled 13,162 MWs of electric generating capacity, including, as further discussed below, 1,572 MWs of natural gas and hydroelectric generating capacity subject to an asset purchase agreement with a subsidiary of LS Power and the 1,300 MW Pleasants power station subject to an asset purchase agreement with MP resulting from MP's RFP process to address its generation shortfall. The CES segment's operating results are primarily derived from electric generation sales less the related costs of electricity generation, including fuel, purchased power and net transmission (including congestion) and ancillary costs and capacity costs charged by PJM to deliver energy to the segment's customers, as well as other operating and maintenance costs, including costs incurred by FENOC.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FirstEnergy believes having a combination of distribution, transmission and generation assets in a regulated or regulated-like construct is the best way to serve customers. FirstEnergy's strategy is to be a fully regulated utility, focusing on stable and predictable earnings and cash flow from its regulated business units.

Over the past several years, CES has been impacted by a prolonged decrease in demand and excess generation supply in the PJM Region, which has resulted in a period of protracted low power and capacity prices. To address this, CES sold or deactivated more than 6,770 MWs of competitive generation from 2012 to 2015 and announced in 2016 plans to exit and/or deactivate an additional 856 MWs by 2020 related to the Bay Shore Unit 1 generating station and Units 1-4 of the W.H. Sammis generating station. Additionally, CES has continued to focus on cost reductions, including those identified as part of FirstEnergy's previously disclosed cash flow improvement plan.

However, the energy and capacity markets continue to be weak, as evidenced by the significantly depressed capacity clearing prices and current forward pricing as well as the long-term fundamental view on energy and capacity prices. In order to focus on stable and predictable cash flow from its regulated business units, in November of 2016, FirstEnergy announced a strategic review of its competitive operations with a target to implement its exit from competitive operations by mid-2018.

As a result of this strategic review, FirstEnergy announced in January 2017 that AE Supply and AGC entered into an asset purchase agreement to sell four of AE Supply's natural gas generating plants and its approximately 59% of AGC's interest in Bath County (1,572 MWs of combined capacity) to a subsidiary of LS Power for an all-cash purchase price of \$925 million, subject to customary and other closing conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals from FERC and the VSCC, third party consents and the satisfaction and discharge of \$305 million of AE Supply's senior notes, which is expected to require the payment of a "make-whole" premium currently estimated to be approximately \$100 million based on current interest rates. As a further condition to closing, FE will provide the purchaser two limited guarantees of certain obligations of AE Supply and AGC arising under the purchase agreement. Additionally, the consent of VEPCO is needed for the sale of AGC's interest in the Bath County pumped hydro facility, as well as agreement among AGC, LS Power and VEPCO with respect to certain amendments to the Bath County project agreements. On May 24, 2017, AE Supply and AGC and LS Power exercised a provision in the purchase agreement that allows either party to terminate the purchase agreement without penalty after June 23, 2017. All parties continue to negotiate, including consideration of various alternative structures regarding pricing and closing, and neither party has elected its termination rights under the provisions of the purchase agreement. As a result of the status of these ongoing negotiations regarding the asset purchase agreement and reflecting the impact of prevailing market conditions, CES recorded a non-cash pre-tax impairment charge of \$131 million in the second quarter of 2017. FirstEnergy is targeting to close the transaction with revised terms in the second half of 2017, subject to satisfaction of various customary and other closing conditions, including without limitation, receipt of regulatory approvals and third party consents.

Additionally, AE Supply's Pleasants power station (1,300 MWs) was selected in MP's RFP seeking additional generation capacity, and on March 6, 2017, MP and AE Supply signed an asset purchase agreement for MP to acquire the Pleasants power station for approximately \$195 million, subject to customary and other closing conditions, including regulatory approvals as further discussed below.

The strategic options to exit the remaining portion of CES' generation, which is primarily at FES, are still uncertain, but could include one or more of the following:

legislative or regulatory solutions for generation assets that recognize their environmental or energy security benefits;

restructuring FES debt with its creditors; seeking protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws for FES and likely FENOC; and/or additional asset sales and/or plant deactivations.

Furthermore, the implementation of various strategic options, and the timing thereof, could be impacted by various events, including, but not limited to the following:

The outcome of the recently announced directive by the Secretary of Energy to complete a study that explores critical issues central to protecting the long-term reliability of the electric grid, including the impact of federal policy interventions and the changing nature of electricity fuel mix, compensation of on-site fuel supply and other factors that strengthen grid resilience, and the impact of regulatory burdens, mandates and tax and subsidy policies on the premature retirement of baseload power plants;

The resolution of legislation before the Ohio General Assembly that would create a zero-emission nuclear (ZEN) credit that would compensate nuclear power plants for their environmental attributes and the potential for similar legislative action in Pennsylvania; and/or

The inability to finalize and consummate a settlement agreement with BNSF and NS regarding a previously disclosed long-term coal transportation contract dispute as discussed in "Outlook - Environmental Matters" below, whereby FG could be subject to materially higher damages.

Today, the competitive generation portfolio is comprised of more than 13,000 MWs of generation, primarily from coal, nuclear and natural gas and oil fuel sources. The assets can generate approximately 70-75 million MWHs annually, with up to an additional five million MWHs available from purchased power agreements for wind, solar, and CES' entitlement in OVEC, of which a portion is sold through various retail channels and the remainder targeting forward wholesale or spot sales. Subject to the completion of the AE Supply and AGC asset sale discussed above as well as the transfer of the Pleasants Power station to MP, the size and generation capacity of CES' portfolio will be reduced to approximately 10,000 MWs, primarily at FES, with approximately 60-65 million MWHs produced annually.

The competitive business continues to be managed conservatively due to the stress of weak energy prices, insufficient results from recent capacity auctions and anemic demand forecasts. Furthermore, the credit quality of CES, specifically FES' unsecured debt rating of Caa1 at Moody's, CCC at S&P and C at Fitch and negative outlook from each of the rating agencies has challenged its ability to hedge generation with retail and forward wholesale sales due to significant collateral requirements. As a result, CES' contract sales are expected to decline from 53 million MWHs in 2016 to 40-45 million MWHs in 2017 and to 35-40 million MWHs in 2018. While the reduced contract sales will decrease potential collateral requirements, market price volatility may significantly impact CES' financial results due to the increased exposure to the wholesale spot market.

Although FES has access to a \$500 million secured line of credit with FE, all of which was available as of June 30, 2017, its current credit rating and the current forward wholesale pricing environment present significant challenges to FES. Furthermore, an inability to develop and execute upon viable alternative strategies for its competitive portfolio would continue to further stress the liquidity and financial condition of FES.

Cash flow from operations at FES is expected to be more than sufficient to fund capital expenditures and nuclear fuel purchases through March 2018. As previously disclosed, FES has \$515 million of maturing debt in 2018, beginning in the second quarter. Based on FES' current senior unsecured debt rating, capital structure and the forecasted decline in wholesale forward market prices over the next few years, the debt maturities are likely to be difficult to refinance, even on a secured basis. Furthermore, lack of clarity regarding the timing and viability of alternative strategies, including additional asset sales or deactivations and/or converting generation from competitive operations to a regulated or regulated-like construct in a way that provides FES with the means to satisfy its obligations over the long-term, may also require FES to restructure debt and other financial obligations with its creditors or seek protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws. In the event FES seeks protection under U.S. bankruptcy laws, FENOC will likely seek such protection. Although management is exploring capital and other cost reductions, asset sales, and other options to improve cash flow as well as continuing with efforts to explore legislative or regulatory solutions, these obligations and their impact to liquidity raise substantial doubt about FES' ability to meet its obligations as they come due over the next twelve months and, as such, its ability to continue as a going concern.

As FirstEnergy continues to further evaluate and implement the strategic review for its competitive operations, management continues to focus on its two regulated businesses - Regulated Transmission and Regulated Distribution - which focus on delivering enhanced customer service and reliability, strengthening grid and cyber-security and adding resiliency and operating flexibility to the transmission and distribution infrastructure, as well as improving the reliability and efficiency of Regulated Distribution's generation capacity - all while delivering solid operating results.

Together, the Regulated Transmission and Distribution businesses are expected to provide stable, predictable earnings and cash flows to support FE's dividend. These regulated businesses are expected to provide 4%–6% compounded annual earnings growth from 2016 to 2019, which increases to 7%–9% with the inclusion of the DMR in Ohio that was implemented on January 1, 2017 to support investment in modernization of the Ohio Companies' distribution systems.

With more than 24,500 miles in operations, the transmission system is the centerpiece of FirstEnergy's regulated investment strategy. Regulated Transmission's rate base compounded annual growth rate is expected to be 9% through 2021 as the company plans to invest \$4.2 to \$5.8 billion in capital from 2017 to 2021 as part of its Energizing the Future transmission plan, which began as a \$4.2 billion investment plan from 2014 through 2017 to upgrade FirstEnergy's transmission system.

These investments continue to be focused in the stand-alone transmission companies with effective forward-looking formula rates including ATSI and TrAIL as well as forward-looking formula rates at MAIT and JCP&L, which FERC approved in March 2017 with effective dates of June 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017, respectively, both subject to refund pending further FERC hearing and settlement procedures. FirstEnergy believes its existing transmission infrastructure creates incremental investment opportunities of approximately \$20 billion beyond those identified through 2021 which will make the transmission system more reliable, robust, secure and resistant to extreme weather events, with improved operational flexibility. FirstEnergy plans to fund a portion of these investments with \$500 million of equity annually from 2017 through 2019.

In addition to the significant opportunities at Regulated Transmission, the scale and diversity of the ten Utilities that comprise the Regulated Distribution segment uniquely position this business unit for growth and represents an additional investment opportunity. Last year, eight of the ten Utilities completed rate proceedings the results of which are expected to provide benefits to the customers and communities those Utilities serve while providing for additional growth opportunities. These may include future investments in smart meter technology and electric system improvement projects to increase reliability and improve service to their customers, as well as exploring future opportunities in customer engagement that focuses on the electrification of customers' homes and businesses by providing a full range of products and services.

Although weather adjusted distribution deliveries through 2019 are forecasted to be flat as compared to 2016, Regulated Distribution's earnings over the next three years are anticipated to increase as a result of (i) the PUCO-approved ESP IV, which includes \$204 million in additional annual revenue pursuant to DMR that became effective January 1, 2017, (ii) the PPUC-approved settlement agreements in the Pennsylvania Companies' base rate cases, which include approximately \$290 million in aggregate additional annual revenue, effective January 27, 2017, and (iii) the NJBPU-approved settlement in JCP&L's base rate case, which provides for an \$80 million annual revenue increase effective January 1, 2017.

Planned capital expenditures for Regulated Distribution are approximately \$1.3 billion, annually for 2017 through 2019.

| FINANCIAL OVERVIEW | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|
| (In millions, except per share amounts) | For the 30 | Three Mo | onths Ende | ed June | For the | Six Mont | ths Ended | June 30 |
| | 2017 | 2016 | Change | | 2017 | 2016 | Change | |
| REVENUES: | \$3,309 | \$3,401 | \$(92 |) (3)% | \$6,861 | \$7,270 | \$(409) | (6)% |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | | | | | | | |
| Fuel | 343 | 438 | (95 | (22)% | 711 | 819 | (108) | (13)% |
| Purchased power | 735 | 889 | (154 | (17)% | 1,598 | 2,013 | (415) | (21)% |
| Other operating expenses | 957 | 964 | (7 | (1)% | 2,099 | 1,882 | 217 | 12 % |
| Provision for depreciation | 281 | 334 | (53 | (16)% | 556 | 663 | (107) | (16)% |
| Amortization of regulatory assets, net | 65 | 63 | 2 | 3 % | 124 | 124 | | — % |
| General taxes | 253 | 241 | 12 | 5 % | 524 | 521 | 3 | 1 % |
| Impairment of assets | 131 | 1,447 | (1,316) | (91)% | 131 | 1,447 | (1,316) | (91)% |
| Total operating expenses | 2,765 | 4,376 | (1,611) |) (37)% | 5,743 | 7,469 | (1,726) | (23)% |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | 544 | (975 |) 1,519 | NM | 1,118 | (199 | 1,317 | NM |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): | | | | | | | | |
| Investment income | 17 | 19 | (2 | (11)% | 41 | 47 | (6) | (13)% |
| Interest expense | (290 | (289 |) (1 |) — % | (577 | (577 |) — | _ % |
| Capitalized financing costs | 20 | 26 | (6 | (23)% | 40 | 51 | (11) | (22)% |
| Total other expense | (253 |) (244 |) (9 |) 4 % | (496 | (479 |) (17 | 4 % |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | 291 | (1,219 |) 1,510 | NM | 622 | (678 | 1,300 | NM |
| INCOME TAXES (BENEFITS) | 117 | (130 |) 247 | NM | 243 | 83 | 160 | NM |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | \$174 | \$(1,089 | \$1,263 | NM | \$379 | \$(761) | \$1,140 | NM |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK: Basic Diluted * NM = not meaningful | \$0.39 \$0.39 | \$(2.56 \$(2.56 |) \$2.95) \$2.95 | NM NM | \$0.86 \$0.85 | \$(1.79) \$(1.79) | | NM NM |

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017

FirstEnergy's net income in the second quarter of 2017 was \$174 million, or a basic and diluted earnings of \$0.39 per share of common stock, compared with a net loss of \$(1,089) million, or a basic and diluted loss of \$(2.56) per share of common stock in the second quarter of 2016.

The \$1,263 million improvement in operating results was primarily due to lower asset impairment and plant exit costs recognized in the second quarter of 2017 as compared to the same period of 2016. In the second quarter of 2017, CES recognized a pre-tax impairment charge of \$131 million, resulting from the status of ongoing negotiations regarding the asset purchase agreement between AE Supply, AGC and a subsidiary of LS Power and reflecting the impact of prevailing market conditions as discussed under "Outlook - Asset Impairment - Competitive Generation Asset Sale"

below. In the second quarter of 2016, CES recognized pre-tax asset impairment and plant exit costs associated with the following:

Non-cash impairment charges of \$800 million associated with goodwill at CES,

Non-cash impairment charges of \$647 million associated with the announced plan to exit operations by 2020 of Units 1-4 of the W.H. Sammis generating station (720 MW) and the Bay Shore Unit 1 generating station (136 MW),

Coal contract settlement and termination costs of \$58 million, and

Valuation allowances against state and local NOL carryforwards of \$159 million.

During the second quarter of 2017, FirstEnergy's revenues decreased \$92 million as compared to the same period in 2016, resulting from a \$252 million decrease at CES, partially offset by a \$73 million increase at Regulated Distribution and a \$52 million increase at Regulated Transmission.

The decrease in revenue at CES was due to lower capacity revenues from lower capacity auction prices and lower contract sales volumes.

The increase in revenue at Regulated Distribution primarily resulted from the implementation of the Ohio Companies' DMR effective January 1, 2017, higher revenues from approved base distribution rate increases in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, both effective in January 2017, as well as higher revenues associated with the Ohio Companies' DCR. Distribution deliveries were slightly lower year-over-year mainly from lower weather-related usage and retail generation sales decreased as compared to 2016 resulting from higher customer shopping.

The increase in revenue at Regulated Transmission resulted from a higher rate base at ATSI and TrAIL as well as recovery of incremental operating expenses.

Operating expenses decreased \$1,611 million in the second quarter of 2017 as compared to the second quarter of 2016, primarily reflecting a decrease at CES of \$1,662 million. Changes in certain operating expenses include the following:

Impairment of assets at CES decreased \$1,316 million as further described above.

Fuel expense decreased \$95 million, primarily due to the absence of approximately \$58 million in settlement and termination costs on coal contracts in the second quarter of 2016 and lower generation associated with outages and economic dispatch of fossil units resulting from low wholesale spot market energy prices.

Purchased power decreased \$154 million, primarily at CES, due to lower capacity rates as well as lower volumes and market prices. The decline in purchased power at Regulated Distribution was the result of lower volumes from increased customer shopping as well as lower costs reflecting lower default service auction prices.

• Depreciation expense decreased \$53 million, primarily due to a lower asset base at CES resulting from asset impairments recognized in 2016.

Other income (expense) increased \$9 million primarily from lower capitalized financing costs.

FirstEnergy's effective tax rate was 40.2% on pre-tax income for the three months ended June 30, 2017 compared to 10.7% on pre-tax losses for the same period in 2016. The change in the effective tax rate resulted from the absence of an \$800 million goodwill impairment charge, of which \$433 million was non-deductible for tax purposes, and valuation allowances against state and local NOL carryforwards recognized in the second quarter of 2016.

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, FirstEnergy's net income was \$379 million, or basic earnings of \$0.86 per share of common stock (\$0.85 diluted), compared with a net loss of \$(761) million, or a basic and diluted loss of \$(1.79) per share of common stock, for the six months ended June 30, 2016.

FirstEnergy's earnings for the six months ended June 30, 2017, increased \$1,140 million as compared to the same period of 2016 primarily due to lower asset impairment and plant exit costs discussed above.

During the first six months of 2017, FirstEnergy's revenues decreased \$409 million as compared to the same period in 2016, resulting from a \$625 million decrease at CES, partially offset by a \$53 million increase at Regulated Distribution and a \$79 million increase at Regulated Transmission.

The decrease in revenue at CES was primarily due to lower contract sales volumes at lower prices and lower capacity revenues, partially offset by an increase in wholesale sales.

The increase in revenue at Regulated Distribution primarily resulted from the implementation of the Ohio Companies' DMR effective January 1, 2017, higher revenues from approved base distribution rate increases in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, both effective January 2017, as well as higher revenues associated with the Ohio Companies' DCR.

These increases were partially offset by lower generation revenues mainly related to increased customer shopping in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Additionally, distribution deliveries were slightly lower year-over-year mainly from lower weather-related usage.

The increase in revenue at Regulated Transmission resulted from a higher rate base at ATSI and TrAIL as well as recovery of incremental operating expenses. Additionally, JCP&L's forward-looking formula rate on transmission assets was implemented on June 1, 2017, subject to refund.

Operating expenses decreased \$1,726 million in the first six months of 2017 as compared to the same period of 2016, primarily reflecting a decrease at CES of \$1,700 million. Changes in certain operating expenses include the following: Impairment of assets at CES decreased \$1,316 million as further described above.

• Fuel expense decreased \$108 million, primarily due to the absence of approximately \$58 million in settlement and termination costs on coal contracts in 2016 and lower generation associated with outages and economic

dispatch of fossil units resulting from low wholesale spot market energy prices and a lower unit costs. Purchased power decreased \$415 million, primarily at CES, due to lower capacity expense as a result of lower contract sales and lower capacity rates as well as lower volumes and market prices. At Regulated Distribution, the decline in purchased power was the result of lower volumes from increased customer shopping as well as lower costs reflecting lower default service auction prices.

Other operating expenses increased \$217 million, reflecting an increase of \$160 million at CES primarily associated with estimated losses on long-term coal transportation contract disputes recognized in the first quarter of 2017 and higher non-cash mark-to-market losses on commodity contract positions. Operating expenses increased \$25 million at Regulated Distribution resulting primarily from higher operating and maintenance expenses, including increased storm restoration costs.

Depreciation expense decreased \$107 million, primarily due to a lower asset base at CES resulting from asset impairments recognized in 2016.

Other expense increased \$17 million, primarily from lower capitalized financing costs.

FirstEnergy's effective tax rate was 39.1% on pre-tax income for the six months ended June 30, 2017 compared to (12.2)% on pre-tax losses for the same period in 2016. The change in the effective tax rate resulted from the absence of an \$800 million goodwill

impairment charge, of which \$433 million was non-deductible for tax purposes, and valuation allowances against state and local NOL carryforwards recognized in the six months ended June 30, 2016.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The financial results discussed below include revenues and expenses from transactions among FirstEnergy's business segments. A reconciliation of segment financial results is provided in Note 13, "Segment Information," of the Combined Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Summary of Results of Operations — Second Quarter 2017 Compared with Second Quarter 2016

Financial results for FirstEnergy's business segments in the second quarter of 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

| Second Quarter 2017 Financial Results | Regulated Distributionsmission | Energy | Corporate/C and Reconci Adjustments | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|---|----------|
| | (In millions) | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| External | | | | | |
| Electric | \$2,215 \$ 327 | \$ 750 | \$ (42 |) | \$ 3,250 |
| Other | 47 — | 28 | (16 |) | 59 |
| Internal | | 86 | (86 |) | _ |
| Total Revenues | 2,262 327 | 864 | (144 |) | 3,309 |

Operating Expenses: