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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2014
OR

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

Commission file number 1 8359

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22 2376465
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, New Jersey 07719
(Address of principal
executive offices)

732 938 1480
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

Common Stock \$2.50 Par Value
(Title of each class)

New York Stock Exchange
(Name of each exchange on which registered)

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: No:

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes: No:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting

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company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer: Accelerated filer:

Non-accelerated filer:
(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Smaller reporting company:

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

Yes: No:

The number of shares outstanding of \$2.50 par value Common Stock as of May 2, 2014 was 42,136,052.

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GLOSSARY OF KEY
TERMS

AFUDC	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
AIP	Accelerated Infrastructure Program
ASC	Accounting Standards Codification
ASU	Accounting Standards Update
Bcf	Billion Cubic Feet
BGSS	Basic Gas Supply Service
BPU	New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
CIP	Conservation Incentive Program
CME	Chicago Mercantile Exchange
CR&R	Commercial Realty & Resources Corp.
Dodd-Frank Act	Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
DRP	NJR Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan
EDA	New Jersey Economic Development Authority
EDA Bonds	Collectively, Series 2011A, Series 2011B and Series 2011C Bonds issued by the EDA
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FCM	Futures Commission Merchant
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FMB	First Mortgage Bonds
FRM	Financial Risk Management
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the United States
ICE	Intercontinental Exchange
Iroquois	Iroquois Gas Transmission L.P.
ISDA	The International Swaps and Derivatives Association
ITC	Investment Tax Credit
JPMC Facility	NJNG's \$100 million, four-year credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. expiring in August 2015
JPMC Term Loan	NJR's \$100 million, one-year term loan credit agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. expiring in September 2014
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
MetLife	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
MetLife Facility	NJR's unsecured, uncommitted \$100 million private placement shelf note agreement with MetLife, Inc.
MGP	Manufactured Gas Plant
MMBtu	Million Metric British Thermal Unit
Moody's	Moody's Investors Service, Inc.
MW	Megawatts
MWh	Megawatt Hour
NAESB	The North American Energy Standards Board
NJR Credit Facility	NJR's \$425 million unsecured committed credit facility expiring in August 2017
NFE	Net Financial Earnings
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicles
NJ RISE	New Jersey Reinvestment in System Enhancement
NJCEP	New Jersey's Clean Energy Program
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NJNG	New Jersey Natural Gas Company
NJNG Credit Facility	The \$250 million unsecured committed credit facility expiring in August 2014

NPNS	Normal Purchase/Normal Sale
NJR or The Company	New Jersey Resources Corporation
NJR Energy	NJR Energy Corporation
NJR Midstream	NJR Midstream Holdings Corporation
NJR Service	NJR Service Corporation
NJRCEV	NJR Clean Energy Ventures Corporation
NJRES	NJR Energy Services Company
NJRHS	NJR Home Services Company
Non-GAAP	Not in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the United States
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
O&M	Operating and Maintenance
OCI	Other Comprehensive Income
OPEB	Other Postemployment Benefit Plans
PIM	Pipeline Integrity Management
Prudential	Prudential Investment Management, Inc.
Prudential Facility	NJR's unsecured, uncommitted \$75 million private placement shelf note agreement with Prudential
PTC	Production Tax Credit
RA	Remediation Adjustment
Retail and Other	Retail and Other Operations
Retail Holdings	NJR Retail Holdings Corporation
S&P	Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC
SAFE	Safety Acceleration and Facility Enhancement
Sarbanes-Oxley	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
SAVEGREEN	The SAVEGREEN Project®
SBC	Societal Benefits Clause
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SREC	Solar Renewable Energy Certificate
Steckman Ridge	Collectively, Steckman Ridge GP, LLC and Steckman Ridge, LP
Superstorm Sandy	Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy
The Exchange Act	The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
U.S.	The United States of America
USF	Universal Service Fund
VRDN	Variable Rate Demand Notes

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INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this report, including, without limitation, statements as to management expectations and beliefs presented in Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," Part I, Item 3. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," Part II, Item I. "Legal Proceedings" and in the notes to the financial statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can also be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "estimate," "may," "intend," "expect," "believe," "will" "plan," "should," or comparable terminology and are made based upon management's current expectations and beliefs as of this date concerning future developments and their potential effect upon the Company. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with management's expectations or that the effect of future developments on the Company will be those anticipated by management.

The Company cautions readers that the assumptions that form the basis for forward-looking statements regarding customer growth, customer usage, qualifications for ITCs, PTCs and SRECs, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, capital requirements, future capital expenditures, market risk and other matters for fiscal 2014 and thereafter include many factors that are beyond the Company's ability to control or estimate precisely, such as estimates of future market conditions, the behavior of other market participants and changes in the debt and equity capital markets. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from NJR's expectations include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors of NJR's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2013, as well as the following:

- weather and economic conditions;
- demographic changes in the NJNG service territory and their effect on NJNG's customer growth;
 - volatility of natural gas and other commodity prices and their impact on NJNG customer usage, NJNG's BGSS incentive programs, NJRES operations and on the Company's risk management efforts;
- changes in rating agency requirements and/or credit ratings and their effect on availability and cost of capital to the Company;
- the impact of volatility in the credit markets on our access to capital;
- the ability to comply with debt covenants;
- the impact to the asset values and resulting higher costs and funding obligations of NJR's pension and postemployment benefit plans as a result of potential downturns in the financial markets, lower discount rates or impacts associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
- accounting effects and other risks associated with hedging activities and use of derivatives contracts;
- commercial and wholesale credit risks, including the availability of creditworthy customers and counterparties, liquidity in the wholesale energy trading market;
- regulatory approval of NJNG's planned infrastructure programs;
- the ability to obtain governmental approvals and/or financing for the construction, development and operation of certain non-regulated energy investments;
- risks associated with the management of the Company's joint ventures and partnerships;
- risks associated with our investments in distributed power projects and our investment in an on-shore wind developer, including the availability of regulatory and tax incentives, logistical risks and potential delays related to construction, permitting, regulatory approvals and electric grid interconnection, the availability of viable projects, NJR's eligibility for ITCs and PTCs, the future market for SRECs and operational risks related to projects in service;
- timing of qualifying for ITCs due to delays or failures to complete planned solar energy projects and the resulting effect on our effective tax rate and earnings;
- the level and rate at which NJNG's costs and expenses (including those related to restoration efforts resulting from Post Tropical Cyclone Sandy, commonly referred to as Superstorm Sandy) are incurred and the extent to which they

are allowed to be recovered from customers through the regulatory process;

- access to adequate supplies of natural gas and dependence on third-party storage and transportation facilities for natural gas supply;
- operating risks incidental to handling, storing, transporting and providing customers with natural gas;
- risks related to our employee workforce, including a work stoppage;
- the regulatory and pricing policies of federal and state regulatory agencies;
- the possible expiration of the NJNG CIP;
- the costs of compliance with the proposed regulatory framework for over-the-counter derivatives;
- the costs of compliance with present and future environmental laws, including potential climate change-related legislation;
- risks related to changes in accounting standards;
- the impact of a disallowance of recovery of environmental-related expenditures and other regulatory changes;
- environmental-related and other litigation and other uncertainties;
- risks related to cyber-attack or failure of information technology systems; and
- the impact of natural disasters, terrorist activities, and other extreme events on our operations and customers, including any impacts to utility gross margin and restoration costs.

While the Company periodically reassesses material trends and uncertainties affecting the Company's results of operations and financial condition in connection with its preparation of management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition contained in its Quarterly and Annual Reports, the Company does not, by including this statement, assume any obligation to review or revise any particular forward-looking statement referenced herein in light of future events.

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(Thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
OPERATING REVENUES				
Utility	\$ 394,528	\$ 351,750	\$ 627,997	\$ 570,599
Nonutility	1,185,041	609,135	1,829,977	1,126,305
Total operating revenues	1,579,569	960,885	2,457,974	1,696,904
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Gas purchases:				
Utility	147,946	189,040	259,148	300,361
Nonutility	1,047,870	611,567	1,711,400	1,066,994
Operation and maintenance	61,273	43,067	103,296	83,137
Regulatory rider expenses	38,211	23,774	58,043	37,756
Depreciation and amortization	12,828	11,721	25,394	23,024
Energy and other taxes	24,429	24,747	41,457	41,472
Total operating expenses	1,332,557	903,916	2,198,738	1,552,744
OPERATING INCOME	247,012	56,969	259,236	144,160
Other income	712	2,781	1,839	3,046
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	6,306	5,746	12,601	11,571
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF AFFILIATES	241,418	54,004	248,474	135,635
Income tax provision	71,680	12,065	73,185	36,045
Equity in earnings of affiliates	3,233	3,530	5,375	6,085
NET INCOME	\$ 172,971	\$ 45,469	\$ 180,664	\$ 105,675
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE				
BASIC	\$4.11	\$1.09	\$4.30	\$2.53
DILUTED	\$4.07	\$1.08	\$4.26	\$2.52
DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.42	\$0.40	\$0.84	\$0.80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
BASIC	42,079	41,789	42,050	41,742
DILUTED	42,457	41,972	42,428	41,925

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
Net income	\$ 172,971	\$ 45,469	\$ 180,664	\$ 105,675
Other comprehensive income, net of tax				
Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities, net of tax of \$(11), \$(447), \$203, and \$(226), respectively	\$ 15	\$ 647	(295	) 327
Net unrealized (loss) on derivatives, net of tax of \$89, \$4, \$109, and \$10, respectively	(152) (7)(186) (17

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Adjustment to postemployment benefit obligation, net of tax of \$(112), \$(202), \$(223) and \$(405), respectively	161	296	322	709
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$24	\$936	(159) 1,019
Comprehensive income	\$172,995	\$46,405	\$180,505	\$106,694

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(Thousands)	Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 180,664	\$ 105,675
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows from operating activities:		
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	52,394	20,466
Depreciation and amortization	25,394	23,024
Allowance for equity used during construction	(603)	(1,333)
Allowance for bad debt expense	1,205	1,341
Deferred income taxes	22,970	14,639
Manufactured gas plant remediation costs	(1,845)	(3,254)
Equity in earnings of equity investees, net of distributions received	1,626	1,835
Cost of removal - asset retirement obligations	(164)	(137)
Contributions to postemployment benefit plans	(2,348)	(23,102)
Changes in:		
Components of working capital	96,040	(44,510)
Other noncurrent assets	6,038	5,198
Other noncurrent liabilities	2,071	8,539
Cash flows from operating activities	383,442	108,381
CASH FLOWS (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Expenditures for		
Utility plant	(59,971)	(51,376)
Solar and wind equipment	(45,403)	(24,865)
Real estate properties and other	(477)	(298)
Cost of removal	(10,914)	(14,323)
Distribution from equity investees in excess of equity in earnings	464	648
Proceeds from sale of asset	6,000	—
Withdrawal from restricted cash construction fund	85	—
Cash flows (used in) investing activities	(110,216)	(90,214)
CASH FLOWS (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	7,757	6,922
Tax benefit from stock options exercised	94	79
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transaction	7,576	7,076
Proceeds from long-term debt	125,000	—
Payments of long-term debt	(65,017)	(3,833)
Purchases of treasury stock	(4,387)	(1,311)
Payments of common stock dividends	(35,264)	(33,913)
Net (payments)/proceeds from short-term debt	(302,400)	8,300
Cash flows (used in) financing activities	(266,641)	(16,680)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	6,585	1,487
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,969	4,509
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 9,554	\$ 5,996
CHANGES IN COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL		

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Receivables	\$(294,939)	\$(245,241)
Inventories	178,955	92,822
Recovery of gas costs	6,866	(542)
Gas purchases payable	138,044	88,263
Prepaid and accrued taxes	67,164	46,900
Accounts payable and other	3,992	(5,070)
Restricted broker margin accounts	(21,329)	(10,196)
Customers' credit balances and deposits	(8,819)	(30,579)
Other current assets	26,106	19,133
Total	\$96,040	\$(44,510)

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

Cash paid for:

Interest (net of amounts capitalized)	\$11,221	\$10,207
Income taxes	\$8,648	\$4,111

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Accrued capital expenditures	\$1,347	\$(9,463)
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

ASSETS

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Utility plant, at cost	\$ 1,726,124	\$ 1,681,585
Construction work in progress	135,721	114,961
Solar equipment, real estate properties and other, at cost	269,613	249,516
Construction work in progress	36,172	9,093
Total property, plant and equipment	2,167,630	2,055,155
Accumulated depreciation and amortization, utility plant	(395,457)	(383,895)
Accumulated depreciation and amortization, solar equipment, real estate properties and other	(33,728)	(28,144)
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,738,445	1,643,116
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,554	2,969
Customer accounts receivable		
Billed	487,941	240,281
Unbilled revenues	53,664	7,429
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(5,491)	(5,330)
Regulatory assets	18,970	34,372
Gas in storage, at average cost	139,021	314,477
Materials and supplies, at average cost	10,835	14,334
Prepaid and accrued taxes	431	42,645
Asset held for sale	—	5,428
Derivatives, at fair value	45,182	53,327
Restricted broker margin accounts	38,490	6,581
Deferred taxes	11,859	8,432
Other	25,603	20,953
Total current assets	836,059	745,898
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Investments in equity investees	160,228	161,591
Prepaid pension asset	6,126	6,287
Regulatory assets	368,319	402,202
Derivatives, at fair value	2,270	2,761
Other	49,763	42,928
Total noncurrent assets	586,706	615,769
Total assets	\$3,161,210	\$3,004,783

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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
CAPITALIZATION		
Common stock, \$2.50 par value; authorized 75,000,000 shares; outstanding March 31, 2014-42,074,766; September 30, 2013-41,961,534	\$ 112,706	\$ 112,563
Premium on common stock	303,107	300,196
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss), net of tax	(1,780)	)(1,621)
Treasury stock at cost and other; shares March 31, 2014-3,007,914; September 30, 2013-3,060,356	(125,085)	)(128,638)
Retained earnings	750,234	604,884
Common stock equity	1,039,182	887,384
Long-term debt	628,490	512,886
Total capitalization	1,667,672	1,400,270
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current maturities of long-term debt	21,526	68,643
Short-term debt	63,200	365,600
Gas purchases payable	392,857	254,813
Accounts payable and other	65,263	60,342
Dividends payable	17,665	17,624
Deferred and accrued taxes	26,914	4,040
Regulatory liabilities	20,360	1,456
New Jersey clean energy program	5,979	14,532
Derivatives, at fair value	71,223	40,390
Broker margin accounts	10,573	—
Customers' credit balances and deposits	15,574	24,393
Total current liabilities	711,134	851,833
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred income taxes	401,537	372,773
Deferred investment tax credits	5,423	5,584
Deferred revenue	4,402	4,763
Derivatives, at fair value	5,192	2,458
Manufactured gas plant remediation	183,600	183,600
Postemployment employee benefit liability	68,494	67,897
Regulatory liabilities	76,857	79,647
Asset retirement obligation	29,534	28,711
Other	7,365	7,247
Total noncurrent liabilities	782,404	752,680
Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 12)		
Total capitalization and liabilities	\$3,161,210	\$3,004,783

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

New Jersey Resources Corporation provides regulated gas distribution services and operates certain non-regulated businesses primarily through the following subsidiaries:

New Jersey Natural Gas Company provides natural gas utility service to approximately 503,700 retail customers in central and northern New Jersey and is subject to rate regulation by the BPU. NJNG comprises the Natural Gas Distribution segment;

NJR Energy Services Company comprises the Energy Services segment that maintains and transacts around a portfolio of natural gas storage and transportation positions and provides wholesale energy and energy management services;

NJR Clean Energy Ventures, the company's unregulated distributed power subsidiary, comprises the Clean Energy Ventures segment and reports the results of operations and assets related to the Company's capital investments in distributed power projects, including commercial and residential solar projects and on-shore wind investments;

NJR Midstream Holdings Corporation primarily invests in energy-related ventures through its subsidiaries, NJR Steckman Ridge Storage Company, which holds the Company's 50 percent combined interest in Steckman Ridge and NJNR Pipeline Company, which holds the Company's 5.53 percent ownership interest in Iroquois Gas Transmission L.P. Steckman Ridge and Iroquois comprise the Midstream segment. On November 7, 2013, NJR Energy Holdings Corporation changed its name to NJR Midstream Holdings Corporation; and

NJR Retail Holdings Corporation has two principal subsidiaries, NJR Home Services Company and Commercial Realty & Resources Corporation. Retail Holdings and NJR Energy Corporation are included in Retail and Other operations.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared by NJR in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and ASC 270. The September 30, 2013, Balance Sheet data is derived from the audited financial statements of the Company. These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in NJR's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of NJR and its subsidiaries. In the opinion of management, the accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements reflect all adjustments necessary, for a fair presentation of the results of the interim periods presented. These adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. Because of the seasonal nature of NJR's utility and wholesale energy services operations, in addition to other factors, the financial results for the interim periods presented are not indicative of the results that are to be expected for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

Intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

Gas in Storage

The following table summarizes gas in storage, at average cost by company as of:

(\$ in thousands)	March 31, 2014		September 30, 2013	
	Gas in Storage	Bcf	Gas in Storage	Bcf
NJNG	\$ 12,582	2.1	\$ 104,979	20.4
NJRES	126,439	23.2	209,498	62.3
Total	\$ 139,021	25.3	\$ 314,477	82.7

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Available for Sale Securities

Included in other noncurrent assets on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets are certain investments in equity securities of a publicly traded energy company that have a fair value of \$11.2 million and \$11.7 million as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively. Total unrealized gains associated with these equity securities, which are included as a part of accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of common stock equity, were \$8.6 million (\$5.1 million, after tax) and \$9.1 million (\$5.4 million, after tax) as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively. Reclassifications of realized gains out of other comprehensive income into income are determined based on average cost.

Sale of Asset

On October 22, 2013, CR&R sold approximately 25.4 acres of undeveloped land located in Monmouth County with a net book value of \$5.4 million for \$6 million, generating a pre-tax gain after closing costs of \$313,000, which was recognized in other income on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Customer Accounts Receivable

Customer accounts receivable include outstanding billings from the following subsidiaries as of:

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014			September 30, 2013		
NJRES	\$ 328,544	67	%	\$ 194,263	81	%
NJNG ⁽¹⁾	156,272	32		43,045	18	
NJRCEV	565	—		293	—	
NJRHS and other	2,560	1		2,680	1	
Total	\$ 487,941	100	%	\$ 240,281	100	%

⁽¹⁾ Does not include unbilled revenues of \$53.7 million and \$7.4 million as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively.

Loan Receivable

NJNG provides interest-free loans, with terms ranging from two to ten years, to customers that elect to purchase and install certain energy efficient equipment in accordance with its BPU-approved SAVEGREEN program. The loans are recognized at net present value on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company has recorded \$3 million and \$1.9 million in other current assets and \$21.9 million and \$14.3 million in other noncurrent assets as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively, on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

NJR's policy is to establish an allowance for doubtful accounts when loan balances are outstanding for more than 60 days. As of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, there was no allowance for doubtful accounts established.

Recent Updates to the Accounting Standards Codification

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, an amendment to ASC Topic 210, Balance Sheet, requiring additional disclosures about the effect of an entity's rights of setoff and related master netting arrangements to its financial statements. ASU 2013-01, issued in January 2013, further clarified that the amended guidance was applicable to certain financial and derivative instruments. The Company applied the provisions of the amended guidance retrospectively effective October 1, 2013. The guidance did not impact the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows, however, it required additional disclosures that are included in Note 4. Derivative Instruments.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, an amendment to ASC Topic 740, Income Taxes, which clarifies financial statement presentation for unrecognized tax benefits. The ASU requires that an unrecognized tax benefit, or portion thereof, shall be presented in the balance sheet as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, similar tax loss or a tax credit carryforward. To the extent such a deferred tax asset is not available or the company does not intend to use it to settle any additional taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position, the related unrecognized tax benefit will be presented as a liability in the financial statements. The amended guidance will become effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013. The Company will apply the provisions of the new guidance at the effective date, if applicable, on a prospective basis.

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3. REGULATION

NJNG is subject to cost-based regulation, therefore, it is permitted to recover authorized operating expenses and earn a reasonable return on its utility investment based on the BPU's approval, in accordance with accounting guidance applicable to regulated operations. The impact of the ratemaking process and decisions authorized by the BPU allows NJNG to capitalize or defer certain costs that are expected to be recovered from its customers as regulatory assets and to recognize certain obligations representing amounts that are probable future expenditures as regulatory liabilities.

Regulatory assets and liabilities included on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets are comprised of the following:

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
Regulatory assets-current		
Conservation Incentive Program	\$—	\$ 18,887
Underrecovered gas costs	12,991	953
New Jersey Clean Energy Program	5,979	14,532
Total current	\$ 18,970	\$ 34,372
Regulatory assets-noncurrent		
Environmental remediation costs		
Expended, net of recoveries	\$ 32,661	\$ 46,968
Liability for future expenditures	183,600	183,600
Deferred income taxes	10,718	10,718
Derivatives at fair value, net	—	19
SAVEGREEN	23,988	30,004
Postemployment and other benefit costs	98,029	101,415
Deferred Superstorm Sandy costs	15,207	14,822
Other	4,116	14,656
Total noncurrent	\$ 368,319	\$ 402,202
Regulatory liability-current		
Conservation Incentive Program	\$ 5,964	\$—
Derivatives at fair value, net	14,396	1,456
Total current	\$ 20,360	\$ 1,456
Regulatory liabilities-noncurrent		
Cost of removal obligation	\$ 75,327	\$ 79,315
Other	1,530	332
Total noncurrent	\$ 76,857	\$ 79,647

NJNG's recovery of costs is facilitated through its base tariff rates, BGSS and other regulatory tariff riders. As recovery of regulatory assets is subject to BPU approval, if there are any changes in regulatory positions that indicate recovery is not probable, the related cost would be charged to income in the period of such determination.

Recent regulatory filings and/or actions include the following:

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On September 18, 2013, the BPU approved NJNG's filing to reduce the USF recovery rate resulting in a .5 percent decrease for the average residential heating customer effective October 1, 2013.

On October 16, 2013, the BPU provisionally approved NJNG's filing to maintain its current BGSS rate along with reductions to its CIP factors effective November 1, 2013 which resulted in a 1 percent reduction to an average residential heat customer's bill.

On November 21, 2013, NJNG notified the BPU of its intent to reduce its BGSS rate, effective December 1, 2013, resulting in a 6 percent decrease to the average residential heating customer bill.

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On November 22, 2013, the BPU provisionally approved a Stipulation of Settlement for SBC factors that included recovery of MGP expenditures through June 30, 2013 and a .2 percent reduction to the average residential heat customer related to the SBC RA factor to recover \$18.7 million annually, and a 1.9 percent increase related to its NJCEP factor, effective December 1, 2013.

On December 18, 2013, the BPU approved a gas service agreement which will allow NJNG to provide transportation service to Red Oak Power, LLC, an electric generation facility, through September 2022.

On April 23, 2014, the BPU approved a petition filed by NJNG requesting authorization over a three-year period to issue up to \$300 million of medium-term notes with a maturity of not more than 30 years, renew its revolving credit facility expiring August 2014 for up to five years, enter into interest rate risk management transactions related to debt securities and redeem, refinance or defease any of NJNG's outstanding long-term debt securities.

4. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Company is subject to commodity price risk due to fluctuations in the market price of natural gas, SREC, and electricity prices. To manage this risk, the Company enters into a variety of derivative instruments including, but not limited to, futures contracts, physical forward contracts, financial options and swaps to economically hedge the commodity price risk associated with its existing and anticipated commitments to purchase and sell natural gas, SRECs, and electricity. In addition, the Company may utilize foreign currency derivatives as cash flow hedges of Canadian dollar denominated gas purchases. These contracts, with a few exceptions as described below, are accounted for as derivatives. Accordingly, all of the financial and certain of the Company's physical derivative instruments are recorded at fair value on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. For a more detailed discussion of the Company's fair value measurement policies and level disclosures associated with the NJR's derivative instruments, see Note 5. Fair Value.

Since the Company chooses not to designate its financial commodity and physical forward commodity derivatives as accounting hedges or to elect NPNS as appropriate, changes in the fair value of these derivative instruments are recorded as a component of gas purchases or operating revenues, as appropriate for NJRES, on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as unrealized gains or (losses). For NJRES at settlement, realized gains and (losses) on all financial derivative instruments are recognized as a component of gas purchases and realized gains and (losses) on all physical derivatives follow the presentation of the related unrealized gains and (losses) as a component of either gas purchases or operating revenues.

NJRES also enters into natural gas transactions in Canada and, consequently, is exposed to fluctuations in the value of Canadian currency relative to the US dollar. NJRES utilizes foreign currency derivatives to lock in the currency translation rate associated with natural gas transactions denominated in Canadian currency. The derivatives may include currency forwards, futures, or swaps and are accounted for as derivatives. These derivatives are being used to hedge future forecasted cash payments associated with transportation and storage contracts along with purchases of natural gas. The Company has designated these foreign currency derivatives as cash flow hedges of that exposure, and expects the hedge relationship to be highly effective throughout the term. Since NJRES designates its foreign exchange contracts as cash flow hedges, changes in fair value of the effective portion of the hedge are recorded in OCI. When the foreign exchange contracts are settled and the related purchases are recognized in income, realized gains and (losses) are recognized in gas purchases on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of

Operations.

As a result of NJRES entering into transactions to borrow gas, commonly referred to as “park and loans,” an embedded derivative is created related to differences between the fair value of the amount borrowed and the fair value of the amount that may ultimately be repaid, based on changes in forward natural gas prices during the contract term. This embedded derivative is accounted for as a forward sale in the month in which the repayment of the borrowed gas is expected to occur, and is considered a derivative transaction that is recorded at fair value on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, with changes in value recognized in current period earnings.

Changes in fair value of NJNG's financial derivative instruments are recorded as a component of regulatory assets or liabilities on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, as NJNG has received regulatory approval to defer and to recover these amounts through future BGSS rates as an increase or decrease to the cost of natural gas in NJNG's tariff for gas service.

The Company elects NPNS accounting treatment on all physical commodity contracts at NJNG. These contracts are accounted for on an accrual basis. Accordingly, gains or (losses) are recognized in regulatory assets or liabilities on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets when the contract settles and the natural gas is delivered.

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NJRCEV hedges certain of its expected production of SRECs through forward sale contracts. The Company intends to physically deliver the SRECs upon settlement and therefore applies NPNS accounting treatment to the contracts. NJRCEV recognizes revenue for SRECs upon transfer of the certificate.

Fair Value of Derivatives

The following table reflects the fair value of NJR's derivative assets and liabilities recognized on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of:

(Thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value			
		March 31, 2014		September 30, 2013	
		Asset Derivatives	Liability Derivatives	Asset Derivatives	Liability Derivatives
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:					
NJRES:					
Foreign currency contracts	Derivatives - current	\$—	\$277	\$16	\$3
	Derivatives - noncurrent	—	7	—	2
Fair value of derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$—	\$284	\$16	\$5
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
NJNG:					
Financial derivative contracts	Derivatives - current	\$15,387	\$998	\$3,502	\$2,045
	Derivatives - noncurrent	—	—	121	140
NJRES:					
Physical forward commodity contracts	Derivatives - current	5,634	35,568	11,282	14,573
	Derivatives - noncurrent	197	111	541	22
Financial derivative contracts	Derivatives - current	24,161	34,380	38,527	23,769
	Derivatives - noncurrent	2,073	5,074	2,099	2,294
Fair value of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$47,452	\$76,131	\$56,072	\$42,843
Total fair value of derivatives		\$47,452	\$76,415	\$56,088	\$42,848

At March 31, 2014, the gross notional amount of the foreign currency transactions was approximately \$6.9 million, and ineffectiveness in the hedge relationship is immaterial to the financial results of NJR.

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Offsetting of Derivatives

NJR transacts under master netting arrangements or similar agreements that allow it to offset derivative assets and liabilities with the same counterparty, however NJR's policy is to present its derivative assets and liabilities on a gross basis in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The tables below summarize the reported gross amounts, the amounts that NJR has the right to offset but elects not to, financial collateral, as well as the net amounts NJR could present in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets but elects not to.

(Thousands)	Amounts Presented in Balance Sheets ⁽¹⁾	Offsetting Derivative Instruments ⁽²⁾	Financial Collateral Received/Pledged ⁽³⁾	Net Amounts ⁽⁴⁾
As of March 31, 2014:				
Derivative assets:				
NJRES				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$ 5,831	\$(2,190)	\$—	\$ 3,641
Financial commodity contracts	26,234	(26,234)	—	—
Foreign currency contracts	—	—	—	—
Total NJRES	\$ 32,065	\$(28,424)	\$—	\$ 3,641
NJNG				
Financial commodity contracts	\$ 15,387	\$(998)	\$(10,772)	\$ 3,617
Derivative liabilities:				
NJRES				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$ 35,679	\$(2,371)	\$(500)	\$ 32,808
Financial commodity contracts	39,454	(26,233)	(13,221)	—
Foreign currency contracts	284	—	—	284
Total NJRES	\$ 75,417	\$(28,604)	\$(13,721)	\$ 33,092
NJNG				
Financial commodity contracts	\$ 998	\$(998)	\$—	\$—
As of September 30, 2013:				
Derivative assets:				
NJRES				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$ 11,823	\$(3,549)	\$(100)	\$ 8,174
Financial commodity contracts	40,626	(26,063)	6,870	21,433
Foreign currency contracts	16	(5)	—	11
Total NJRES	\$ 52,465	\$(29,617)	\$ 6,770	\$ 29,618
NJNG				
Financial commodity contracts	\$ 3,623	\$(2,185)	\$ 214	\$ 1,652
Derivative liabilities:				
NJRES				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$ 14,595	\$(3,549)	\$(500)	\$ 10,546
Financial commodity contracts	26,063	(26,063)	—	—
Foreign currency contracts	5	(5)	—	—
Total NJRES	\$ 40,663	\$(29,617)	\$(500)	\$ 10,546
NJNG				

Financial commodity contracts	\$2,185	\$(2,185)	\$—	\$—
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- (1) Derivative assets and liabilities are presented on a gross basis in the balance sheet as the Company does not elect balance sheet offsetting under ASC 210-20.
- (2) Offsetting derivative instruments include: transactions with NAESB netting election, transactions held by FCM's with net margining and transactions with ISDA netting.
- (3) Financial collateral includes cash balances at FCM's as well as cash received from or pledged to other counterparties.
- (4) Net amounts represent presentation of derivative assets and liabilities if the Company were to elect balance sheet offsetting under ASC 210-20.

NJRES utilizes financial derivatives to economically hedge the gross margin associated with the purchase of physical gas for injection into storage and the subsequent sale of physical gas at a later date. The gains or (losses) on the financial transactions that are economic hedges of the cost of the purchased gas are recognized prior to the gains or (losses) on the physical transaction,

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which are recognized in earnings when the natural gas is sold. Therefore, mismatches between the timing of the recognition of realized gains or (losses) on the financial derivative instruments and gains or (losses) associated with the actual sale of the natural gas that is being economically hedged along with fair value changes in derivative instruments creates volatility in the results of NJRES, although the Company's intended economic results relating to the entire transaction are unaffected.

The following table reflects the effect of derivative instruments on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as of:

(Thousands)	Location of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivatives	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivatives			
		Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
		2014	2013	2014	2013
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
NJRES:					
Physical commodity contracts	Operating revenues	\$(57,916)	\$(2,224)	\$(57,998)	\$(7,859)
Physical commodity contracts	Gas purchases	(54,481)	2,762	(79,474)	2,556
Financial derivative contracts	Gas purchases	(101,629)	(30,669)	(141,699)	(1,467)
Total unrealized and realized (losses)		\$(214,026)	\$(30,131)	\$(279,171)	\$(6,770)

Not included in the previous table, are gains associated with NJNG's financial derivatives that totaled \$6.2 million and \$12.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and gains that totaled \$12.8 million and \$6.2 million for the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These derivatives are part of NJNG's risk management activities that relate to its natural gas purchases and BGSS incentive programs. As these transactions are entered into pursuant to and recoverable through regulatory riders, any changes in the value of NJNG's financial derivatives are deferred in regulatory assets or liabilities resulting in no impact to earnings.

As previously noted, NJRES designates its foreign exchange contracts as cash flow hedges, therefore, changes in fair value of the effective portion of the hedges are recorded in OCI and, upon settlement of the contracts, realized gains and (losses) are reclassified from OCI to gas purchases on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The following tables reflect the effect of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges on OCI as of March 31:

(Thousands)	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	
				Three Months Ended March 31,	
				2014	2013	2014	2013
Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:					
Foreign currency contracts	\$(309)	\$24	\$68	\$(35)	\$—

(Thousands)	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion) ⁽¹⁾		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income (Effective Portion)		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	
	Six Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:						
Foreign currency contracts	\$ (460	) \$(71	) \$ 165	\$ 44	\$ —	\$ —

(1) The settlement of foreign currency transactions over the next twelve months is expected to result in the reclassification of \$277,000 from OCI into earnings. The maximum tenor is April 2015.

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NJNG and NJRES had the following outstanding long (short) derivatives as of:

		Volume (Bcf)	
		March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
NJNG	Futures	27.5	22.6
NJRES	Futures	(20.9	)(64.2
	Options	—	1.5
	Physical	31.0	7.3

Broker Margin

Generally, exchange-traded futures contracts require posted collateral, referred to as margin, usually in the form of cash. The amount of margin required is comprised of a fixed initial amount based on the contract and a variable amount based on market price movements from the initial trade price. The Company maintains separate broker margin accounts for NJNG and NJRES. The balances by company, are as follows:

(Thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
NJNG	Broker margin - Current assets	\$—	\$213
NJNG	Broker margin - Current (liabilities)	\$(10,573)\$—
NJRES	Broker margin - Current assets	\$38,490	\$6,368

Wholesale Credit Risk

NJNG and NJRES are exposed to credit risk as a result of their wholesale marketing activities. In addition, NJRCEV engages in SREC sales. As a result of the inherent volatility in the prices of natural gas commodities, derivatives and SRECs, the market value of contractual positions with individual counterparties could exceed established credit limits or collateral provided by those counterparties. If a counterparty failed to perform the obligations under its contract (e.g., failed to deliver or pay for natural gas), then the Company could sustain a loss.

NJR monitors and manages the credit risk of its wholesale marketing operations through credit policies and procedures that management believes reduce overall credit risk. These policies include a review and evaluation of current and prospective counterparties' financial statements and/or credit ratings, daily monitoring of counterparties' credit limits and exposure, daily communication with traders regarding credit status and the use of credit mitigation measures, such as collateral requirements and netting agreements. Examples of collateral include letters of credit and cash received for either prepayment or margin deposit. Collateral may be requested due to NJR's election not to extend credit or because exposure exceeds defined thresholds. Most of NJR's wholesale marketing contracts contain standard netting provisions. These contracts include those governed by ISDA and the NAESB. The netting provisions refer to payment netting, whereby receivables and payables with the same counterparty are offset and the resulting net amount is paid to the party to which it is due.

The following is a summary of gross credit exposures grouped by investment and noninvestment grade counterparties, as of March 31, 2014. Internally-rated exposure applies to counterparties that are not rated by S&P or Moody's. In these cases, the Company's or guarantor's financial statements are reviewed, and similar methodologies and ratios used by S&P and/or Moody's are applied to arrive at a substitute rating. Gross credit exposure is defined as the

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unrealized fair value of physical and financial derivative commodity contracts, plus any outstanding wholesale receivable for the value of natural gas delivered and/or financial derivative commodity contract that has settled for which payment has not yet been received. The amounts presented below have not been reduced by any collateral received or netting and exclude accounts receivable for NJNG retail natural gas sales and services.

(Thousands)	Gross Credit Exposure
Investment grade	\$ 299,185
Noninvestment grade	6,104
Internally rated investment grade	43,953
Internally rated noninvestment grade	27,356
Total	\$ 376,598

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Conversely, certain of NJNG's and NJRES' derivative instruments are linked to agreements containing provisions that would require cash collateral payments from the Company if certain events occur. These provisions vary based upon the terms in individual counterparty agreements and can result in cash payments if NJNG's credit rating were to fall below its current level. NJNG's credit rating, with respect to S&P, reflects the overall corporate credit profile of NJR. Specifically, most, but not all, of these additional payments will be triggered if NJNG's debt is downgraded by the major credit agencies, regardless of investment grade status. In addition, some of these agreements include threshold amounts that would result in additional collateral payments if the values of derivative liabilities were to exceed the maximum values provided for in relevant counterparty agreements. Other provisions include payment features that are not specifically linked to ratings, but are based on certain financial metrics.

Collateral amounts associated with any of these conditions are determined based on a sliding scale and are contingent upon the degree to which the Company's credit rating and/or financial metrics deteriorate, and the extent to which liability amounts exceed applicable threshold limits. The aggregate fair value of all derivative instruments with credit-risk-related contingent features that were in a liability position on March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, was \$200,000 and \$2 million, respectively, for which the Company had not posted collateral. If all thresholds related to the credit-risk-related contingent features underlying these agreements had been invoked on March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, the Company would have been required to post an additional \$200,000 and \$1.1 million, respectively, to its counterparties. These amounts differ from the respective net derivative liabilities reflected on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets because the agreements also include clauses, commonly known as "Rights of Offset," that would permit the Company to offset its derivative assets against its derivative liabilities for determining additional collateral to be posted, as previously discussed.

5. FAIR VALUE

Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of cash and temporary investments, commercial paper and borrowings under revolving credit facilities are estimated to equal their carrying amounts due to the short maturity of those instruments. Non-current loan receivables are recorded based on what the company expects to receive, which approximates fair value. The Company regularly evaluates the credit quality and collection profile of its customers to approximate fair value.

The estimated fair value of long-term debt, including current maturities and excluding capital leases, is as follows:

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
Carrying value	\$ 594,845	\$ 529,845
Fair market value	\$ 622,213	\$ 556,518

NJR utilizes a discounted cash flow method to determine the fair value of its debt. Inputs include observable municipal and corporate yields, as appropriate for the maturity of the specific issue and the Company's credit rating. As of March 31, 2014, NJR discloses its debt within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair Value Hierarchy

NJR applies fair value measurement guidance to its financial assets and liabilities, as appropriate, which include financial derivatives and physical commodity contracts qualifying as derivatives, available for sale securities and other financial assets and liabilities. In addition, authoritative accounting literature prescribes the use of a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value based on the source of the data used to develop the price inputs. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to inputs that are based on unobservable market data and include the following:

Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets. NJR's Level 1 assets and liabilities Level include exchange traded futures and options contracts, listed equities, and money market funds. Exchange
1 traded futures and options contracts include all energy contracts traded on the NYMEX/CME and ICE that NJR refers internally to as basis swaps, fixed swaps, futures and options that are cleared through a FCM.

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Other significant observable inputs such as interest rates or price data, including both commodity and basis pricing that is observed either directly or indirectly from publications or pricing services. NJR's Level 2 assets and liabilities include over-the-counter physical forward commodity contracts and swap contracts or derivatives that are initially valued using observable quotes and are subsequently adjusted to include time value, credit risk or estimated transport pricing components for which no basis price is available. Level 2 financial derivatives consist of transactions with non-FCM counterparties (basis swaps, fixed swaps and/or options). For some physical commodity contracts the Company utilizes transportation tariff rates that are publicly available and that it considers to be observable inputs that are equivalent to market data received from an independent source. There are no significant judgments or adjustments applied to the transportation tariff inputs and no market perspective is required. Even if the transportation tariff input was considered to be a "model", it would still be considered to be a Level 2 input as:

- 1) The data is widely accepted and public
- 2) The data is non-proprietary and sourced from an independent third party
- 3) The data is observable and published

These additional adjustments are generally not considered to be significant to the ultimate recognized values.

Level 3 Inputs derived from a significant amount of unobservable market data; these include NJR's best estimate of fair value and are derived primarily through the use of internal valuation methodologies.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized as follows:

(Thousands)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
As of March 31, 2014:				
Assets:				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$—	\$5,832	\$—	\$5,832
Financial derivative contracts - natural gas	41,620	—	—	41,620
Financial derivative contracts - foreign exchange	—	—	—	—
Available for sale equity securities - energy industry ⁽¹⁾	11,218	—	—	11,218
Other ⁽²⁾	1,263	—	—	1,263
Total assets at fair value	\$54,101	\$5,832	\$—	\$59,933
Liabilities:				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$—	\$35,680	\$—	\$35,680
Financial derivative contracts - natural gas	40,451	—	—	40,451
Financial derivative contracts - foreign exchange	—	284	—	284
Total liabilities at fair value	\$40,451	\$35,964	\$—	\$76,415
As of September 30, 2013:				
Assets:				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$—	\$11,823	\$—	\$11,823
Financial derivative contracts - natural gas	44,249	—	—	44,249

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Financial derivative contracts - foreign exchange	—	16	—	16
Available for sale equity securities - energy industry ⁽¹⁾	11,716	—	—	11,716
Other ⁽²⁾	1,129	—	—	1,129
Total assets at fair value	\$57,094	\$11,839	\$—	\$68,933
Liabilities:				
Physical forward commodity contracts	\$—	\$14,595	\$—	\$14,595
Financial derivative contracts - natural gas	28,248	—	—	28,248
Financial derivative contracts - foreign exchange	—	5	—	5
Total liabilities at fair value	\$28,248	\$14,600	\$—	\$42,848

(1)Included in Other noncurrent assets on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(2)Includes various money market funds.

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6. INVESTMENTS IN EQUITY INVESTEES

Investment in equity investees includes NJR's equity method and cost method investments.

Equity Method Investments

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
Steckman Ridge	\$ 129,171	\$ 129,707
Iroquois	23,166	23,084
Total	\$ 152,337	\$ 152,791

As of March 31, 2014, the investment in Steckman Ridge includes loans with a total outstanding principal balance of \$70.4 million. The loans accrue interest at a variable rate that resets quarterly and are due October 1, 2023.

NJRES and NJNG have entered into transportation, storage and park and loan agreements with Steckman Ridge and Iroquois. See Note 14. Related Party Transactions for more information on these intercompany transactions.

Cost Method Investments

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, NJR invested \$8.8 million in OwnEnergy, a developer of on-shore wind projects, for an 18.7 percent ownership interest and the right, but not the obligation, to purchase certain qualified projects. This investment is accounted for in accordance with the cost method of accounting.

On October 11, 2013, NJRCEV acquired the development rights of the Two Dot wind project in Montana, which is its first onshore wind project. NJRCEV expects to invest approximately \$22 million to construct the 9.7 MW wind project, which NJRCEV expects to be operational in the third quarter of fiscal 2014. In the second quarter of 2014, NJRCEV acquired the development rights to its second wind project, a \$42 million, 20 MW wind farm currently under construction in Carroll County, Iowa, which NJRCEV expects to be operational in the second quarter of fiscal 2015.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table presents the calculation of the Company's basic and diluted earnings per share for:

(Thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
Net income	\$ 172,971	\$ 45,469	\$ 180,664	\$ 105,675
Basic earnings per share				
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding-basic	42,079	41,789	42,050	41,742
Basic earnings per common share	\$4.11	\$1.09	\$4.30	\$2.53
Diluted earnings per share				
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding-basic	42,079	41,789	42,050	41,742
Incremental shares ⁽¹⁾	378	183	378	183
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding-diluted	42,457	41,972	42,428	41,925

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Diluted earnings per common share ⁽²⁾	\$4.07	\$1.08	\$4.26	\$2.52
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(1) Incremental shares consist of stock options, stock awards and performance units.

(2) There were no anti-dilutive shares excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

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8. COMMON STOCK EQUITY

Changes in common stock equity during the six months ended March 31, 2014, are as follows:

(Thousands)	Number of Shares	Common Stock	Premium on Common Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Treasury Stock And Other	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance as of September 30, 2013	41,962	\$ 112,563	\$ 300,196	\$ (1,621)	\$ (128,638)	\$ 604,884	\$ 887,384
Net income						180,664	180,664
Other comprehensive (loss)				(159)			(159)
Common stock issued under stock plans	224	143	2,817		6,741		9,701
Tax benefits from stock plans			94				94
Cash dividend declared (\$.84 per share)						(35,314)	(35,314)
Treasury stock and other	(111)				(3,188)		(3,188)
Balance as of March 31, 2014	42,075	\$ 112,706	\$ 303,107	\$ (1,780)	\$ (125,085)	\$ 750,234	\$ 1,039,182

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The following table presents the changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of related tax effects:

(Thousands)	Available for Sale Securities	Cash Flow Hedges	Postemployment Benefit Obligation	Total
Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$ 5,400	\$ 12	\$ (7,033)	\$ (1,621)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax				
Other comprehensive (loss), before reclassifications, net of tax of \$203, \$169, \$-, \$372	(295)	(291)	—	(586)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax of \$-, \$(60), \$(223), \$(283)	—	105	(1) 322	(2) 427
Net current-period other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax of \$203, \$109, \$(223), \$89	(295)	(186)	322	(159)
Balance as of March 31, 2014	\$ 5,105	\$ (174)	\$ (6,711)	\$ (1,780)
Balance as of September 30, 2012	\$ 4,921	\$ 51	\$ (15,743)	\$ (10,771)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax				
Other comprehensive income, before reclassifications, net of tax of \$(226), \$26, \$-, \$(200)	327	(45)	—	282
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax of \$-, \$(16) \$(406), \$(422)	—	28	(1) 709	(2) 737
	327	(17)	709	1,019

Net current-period other comprehensive income, net of tax
of \$(226), \$10, \$(406), \$(622)

Balance as of March 31, 2013 \$5,248 \$34 \$(15,034) \$(9,752)

(1) Consists of realized losses related to foreign currency derivatives, which are reclassified to gas purchases in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) Included in the computation of net periodic pension cost, a component of operations and maintenance expense in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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9. DEBT

NJR and NJNG finance working capital requirements and capital expenditures through the issuance of various short-term debt and long-term financing arrangements, including a commercial paper program, committed unsecured credit facilities and private placement debt shelf facilities. Amounts available under credit facilities are reduced by bank or commercial paper borrowings, as applicable, and any outstanding letters of credit. Neither NJNG nor the results of its operations are obligated or pledged to support the NJR credit or debt shelf facilities.

Credit Facilities

On January 24, 2014, NJR entered into an agreement for a \$50 million unsecured committed credit line. The credit line was put in place primarily to provide additional working capital to NJRES to meet any potential margin calls that may arise in NJRES' normal course of business. Effective January 31, 2014, NJR utilized the accordion option available under the NJR Credit Facility to increase the amount of credit available from \$325 million to \$425 million and the additional credit line was thereby terminated on the same date.

A summary of NJR's credit facility and NJNG's commercial paper program and credit facility are as follows:

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014		September 30, 2013	Expiration Dates
NJR				
Bank revolving credit facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 425,000		\$ 325,000	August 2017
Notes outstanding at end of period	\$ 15,200		\$ 97,000	
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	1.15	%	1.00	%
Amount available at end of period ⁽²⁾	\$ 384,459		\$ 210,110	
Bank term loan ⁽³⁾	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	September 2014
Loan outstanding at end of period	\$ —		\$ 100,000	
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	—	%	0.74	%
Amount available at end of period	\$ 100,000		\$ —	
Bank letter of credit facility ^{(3) (4)}	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	June 2014
NJNG				
Bank credit facility dedicated to EDA Bonds ^{(1) (4)}	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	August 2015
Bank revolving credit facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 250,000		\$ 250,000	August 2014
Commercial paper outstanding at end of period	\$ 48,000		\$ 168,600	
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	0.12	%	0.13	%
Amount available at end of period ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 201,269		\$ 81,400	

(1) Committed credit facilities, which require commitment fees on the unused amounts.

(2) Letters of credit outstanding total \$25.3 million and \$17.9 million as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively, which reduces amount available by the same amount.

(3) Uncommitted.

(4) There were no borrowings outstanding as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively.

(5) Letters of credit outstanding total \$731,000 and \$266,000 as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively, which reduces the amount available by the same amount.

NJR Long-term Debt

On May 12, 2011, NJR entered into an unsecured, uncommitted \$100 million private placement shelf note agreement allowing NJR to issue senior notes during a two-year issuance period, which expired on May 10, 2013. As of March 31, 2014, NJR had two series of notes outstanding under this agreement, \$25 million at 1.94 percent, which will mature on September 15, 2015 and \$25 million at 2.51 percent, which will mature on September 15, 2018.

On June 30, 2011, NJR entered into an unsecured, uncommitted \$75 million private placement shelf note agreement allowing NJR to issue senior notes during a three-year issuance period ending June 30, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, NJR had \$50 million at 3.25 percent outstanding, which will mature on September 17, 2022, under this agreement.

On September 26, 2013, NJR entered into an unsecured, uncommitted \$100 million private placement shelf note agreement allowing NJR to issue senior notes during a three-year issuance period ending September 26, 2016. As of March 31, 2014, \$100 million remains available for borrowing under this facility.

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NJNG Long-term Debt

On March 13, 2014, NJNG issued \$70 million of 3.58 percent senior notes due March 13, 2024, and \$55 million of 4.61 percent senior notes due March 13, 2044, secured by FMB in the private placement market pursuant to a note purchase agreement entered into on February 7, 2014. The proceeds were used to pay down short-term debt and redeem its \$60 million, 4.77 percent private placement bonds.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2014, management decided to redeem the \$12 million, 5 percent Series HH bonds, which were callable as of December 1, 2013. On April 10, 2014, NJNG provided notice to bond holders that the bonds will be redeemed on May 27, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, the bonds have been reclassified to current maturities of long-term debt on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

NJNG received \$7.6 million and \$7.1 million in December 2013 and 2012, respectively, in connection with the sale-leaseback of its natural gas meters. NJNG records a capital lease obligation that is paid over the term of the lease and has the option to purchase the meters back at fair value upon expiration of the lease.

10.EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Plans

The components of the net periodic cost for pension benefits, including the Company's Pension Equalization Plan, and OPEB costs (principally health care and life insurance) for employees and covered dependents were as follows:

	Pension				OPEB			
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
(Thousands)	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	\$ 1,536	\$ 1,718	\$ 3,072	\$ 3,436	\$ 981	\$ 1,171	\$ 1,962	\$ 2,342
Interest cost	2,517	2,235	5,033	4,470	1,433	1,287	2,866	2,574
Expected return on plan assets	(3,869)	(3,706)	(7,738)	(7,412)	(1,043)	(913)	(2,087)	(1,826)
Recognized actuarial loss	1,399	1,911	2,798	3,822	625	964	1,250	1,928
Prior service cost amortization	28	27	56	54	(89)	7	(178)	14
Recognized net initial obligation	—	—	—	—	2	(89)	5	(178)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 1,611	\$ 2,185	\$ 3,221	\$ 4,370	\$ 1,909	\$ 2,427	\$ 3,818	\$ 4,854

The Company does not expect to be required to make additional contributions to fund the pension plans over the next three fiscal years based on current actuarial assumptions; however, funding requirements are uncertain and can depend significantly on changes in actuarial assumptions, returns on plan assets, interest rates and changes in the demographics of eligible employees and covered dependents. In addition, as in the past, the Company may elect to make contributions in excess of the minimum required amount to the plans. NJR made a discretionary contribution of \$20 million to the pension plans during fiscal 2013. There have been no discretionary contributions made during the six months ended March 31, 2014.

11. INCOME TAXES

NJR evaluates its tax positions to determine the appropriate accounting and recognition of potential future obligations associated with unrecognized tax benefits. During the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, based on its analysis, the Company determined that there was no need to recognize any liabilities associated with uncertain tax positions.

The effective tax rates for the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, are 28.8 percent and 25.4 percent, respectively. The increased tax rate is due primarily to a significant year over year increase in the forecasted pre-tax income. This increase is partially offset by the impact of increased forecasted ITCs, net of deferred taxes, and PTCs of \$18.9 million and \$13.4 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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To calculate the estimated annual effective tax rate, NJR considers solar and wind projects that are probable of being completed and placed in service during the current fiscal year based on the best information available at each reporting period. The estimate includes an assessment of various factors, such as board of director approval, status of contractual agreements, permitting, regulatory approval and interconnection. Adjustments to the effective tax rate and management's estimates will occur as information and assumptions change.

As of March 31, 2014, the Company has state income tax net operating losses of approximately \$125.3 million, which generally have a life of 20 years. The Company has recorded a deferred state tax asset of approximately \$7.3 million on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, reflecting the tax benefit associated with the loss carryforwards. In addition, as of March 31, 2014, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance of \$229,000 because it believes that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets related to CR&R and NJR will expire unused. As of September 30, 2013, the Company had a state income tax net operating losses of approximately \$104.4 million, a deferred state tax asset of approximately \$6.1 million and a valuation allowance of \$262,000.

As of September 30, 2013, the Company had an ITC carryforward of approximately \$40 million, which has a life of 20 years. The Company expects to utilize the entire carryforward.

12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Cash Commitments

NJNG has entered into long-term contracts, expiring at various dates through August 2030, for the supply, storage and delivery of natural gas. These contracts include current annual fixed charges of approximately \$95.1 million at current contract rates and volumes, which are recoverable through BGSS.

For the purpose of securing storage and pipeline capacity, NJRES enters into storage and pipeline capacity contracts, which require the payment of certain demand charges by NJRES to maintain the ability to access such natural gas storage or pipeline capacity, during a fixed time period, which generally ranges from one to ten years. Demand charges are established by storage and pipeline operators and regulated by the FERC. These demand charges represent commitments to pay storage providers or pipeline companies for the right to store and transport natural gas utilizing their respective assets.

Commitments as of March 31, 2014, for natural gas purchases and future demand fees for the next five fiscal year periods are as follows:

(Thousands)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Thereafter
NJRES:						
Natural gas purchases	\$ 320,608	\$ 99,106	\$ 15,452	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Storage demand fees	15,571	20,773	9,931	5,425	3,318	4,000
Pipeline demand fees	35,978	43,174	33,561	18,307	12,548	7,175
Sub-total NJRES	\$ 372,157	\$ 163,053	\$ 58,944	\$ 23,732	\$ 15,866	\$ 11,175
NJNG:						
Natural gas purchases	\$ 55,132	\$ 107,920	\$ 6,522	\$ 113	\$ —	\$ —
Storage demand fees	12,995	20,611	13,285	10,883	9,299	13,948
Pipeline demand fees	32,139	74,142	43,312	34,247	33,978	194,675

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Sub-total NJNG	\$ 100,266	\$ 202,673	\$ 63,119	\$ 45,243	\$ 43,277	\$ 208,623
Total ⁽¹⁾	\$ 472,423	\$ 365,726	\$ 122,063	\$ 68,975	\$ 59,143	\$ 219,798

(1) Does not include amounts related to intercompany asset management agreements between NJRES and NJNG.

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Legal Proceedings

Manufactured Gas Plant Remediation

NJNG is responsible for the remedial cleanup of five MGP sites, dating back to gas operations in the late 1800s and early 1900s that contain contaminated residues from former gas manufacturing operations. NJNG is currently involved in administrative proceedings with the NJDEP, as well as participating in various studies and investigations by outside consultants, to determine the nature and extent of any such contaminated residues and to develop appropriate programs of remedial action, where warranted, under Administrative Consent Orders or Memoranda of Agreement with the NJDEP.

NJNG may, subject to BPU approval, recover its remediation expenditures, including carrying costs, over rolling seven-year periods pursuant to a RA approved by the BPU. In July 2013, NJNG requested approval of its MGP expenditures incurred through June 2013 as well as a reduction in the SBC RA factor to recover \$18.7 million annually. The petition was provisionally approved by the BPU on November 22, 2013. As of March 31, 2014, \$32.7 million of previously incurred remediation costs, net of recoveries from customers and insurance proceeds, are included in regulatory assets on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

NJNG periodically, and at least annually, performs an environmental review of the MGP sites, including a review of potential liability for investigation and remedial action. NJNG estimated at the time of the review that total future expenditures to remediate and monitor the five MGP sites for which it is responsible, including potential liabilities for Natural Resource Damages that might be brought by the NJDEP for alleged injury to groundwater or other natural resources concerning these sites, will range from approximately \$159.8 million to \$261.2 million. NJNG's estimate of these liabilities is based upon known facts, existing technology and enacted laws and regulations in place when the review was completed. Where it is probable that costs will be incurred, and the information is sufficient to establish a range of possible liability, NJNG accrues the best estimated amount in the range. If no point within the range is more likely than the other, it is NJNG's policy to accrue the lower end of the range. Accordingly, as of March 31, 2014, NJNG recorded an MGP remediation liability and a corresponding regulatory asset of \$183.6 million on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, based on the best estimate. The actual costs to be incurred by NJNG are dependent upon several factors, including final determination of remedial action, changing technologies and governmental regulations, the ultimate ability of other responsible parties to pay and any insurance recoveries.

NJNG will continue to seek recovery of MGP-related costs through the RA. If any future regulatory position indicates that the recovery of such costs is not probable, the related non-recoverable costs would be charged to income in the period of such determination. However, because recovery of such costs is subject to BPU approval, there can be no assurance as to the ultimate recovery through the RA or the impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows, which could be material.

General

The Company is party to various other claims, legal actions and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In the Company's opinion, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

13. BUSINESS SEGMENT AND OTHER OPERATIONS DATA

NJR organizes its businesses based on its products and services as well as regulatory environment. As a result, the Company manages the businesses through the following reportable segments and other operations: the Natural Gas Distribution segment consists of regulated energy and off-system, capacity and storage management operations; the Energy Services segment consists of unregulated wholesale energy operations; the Clean Energy Ventures segment consists of capital investments in distributed power projects; the Midstream segment consists of NJR's investments in natural gas transportation and storage facilities; the Retail and Other operations consist of heating, cooling and water appliance installation and services, commercial real estate development, other investments and general corporate activities.

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Information related to the Company's various business segments and other operations is detailed below:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating revenues				
Natural Gas Distribution				
External customers	\$394,528	\$351,750	\$627,997	\$570,599
Energy Services				
External customers ⁽¹⁾	1,173,835	599,362	1,807,526	1,102,997
Intercompany	67,749	4,444	71,767	4,551
Clean Energy Ventures				
External customers	2,679	1,440	4,852	4,619
Subtotal	1,638,791	956,996	2,512,142	1,682,766
Retail and Other				
External customers	8,527	8,334	17,599	18,689
Intercompany	297	186	499	449
Eliminations	(68,046)	(4,631)	(72,266)	(5,000)
Total	\$1,579,569	\$960,885	\$2,457,974	\$1,696,904
Depreciation and amortization				
Natural Gas Distribution	\$9,972	\$9,399	\$19,807	\$18,676
Energy Services	13	11	25	22
Clean Energy Ventures	2,635	2,104	5,146	3,935
Midstream	2	1	3	3
Subtotal	12,622	11,515	24,981	22,636
Retail and Other	208	199	415	390
Eliminations	(2)	7	(2)	(2)
Total	\$12,828	\$11,721	\$25,394	\$23,024
Interest income ⁽²⁾				
Natural Gas Distribution	\$181	\$146	\$442	\$313
Midstream	270	263	538	534
Subtotal	451	409	980	847
Retail and Other	—	1	—	2
Eliminations	(235)	(218)	(468)	(450)
Total	\$216	\$192	\$512	\$399

(1) Includes sales to Canada, which accounted for 4 percent and 6.9 percent of total operating revenues during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(2) Included in other income on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest				
Natural Gas Distribution	\$3,888	\$3,549	\$7,872	\$7,133
Energy Services	661	640	1,277	1,208
Clean Energy Ventures	1,249	822	2,435	1,605
Midstream	377	476	775	1,067
Subtotal	6,175	5,487	12,359	11,013
Retail and Other	131	259	242	558
Total	\$6,306	\$5,746	\$12,601	\$11,571
Income tax provision (benefit)				
Natural Gas Distribution	\$23,725	\$22,794	\$37,908	\$37,301
Energy Services	64,345	(5,203)	)53,072	10,961
Clean Energy Ventures	(17,388)	)(6,457	)(19,432	)(14,226
Midstream	1,573	1,619	2,569	2,862
Subtotal	72,255	12,753	74,117	36,898
Retail and Other	(1,129)	)(906	)(1,320	)(1,029
Eliminations	554	218	388	176
Total	\$71,680	\$12,065	\$73,185	\$36,045
Equity in earnings of affiliates				
Midstream	\$4,141	\$4,469	\$7,083	\$7,960
Eliminations	(908)	)(939	)(1,708	)(1,875
Total	\$3,233	\$3,530	\$5,375	\$6,085
Net financial earnings (loss)				
Natural Gas Distribution	\$47,043	\$45,917	\$74,682	\$71,409
Energy Services	91,407	16,368	98,781	19,382
Clean Energy Ventures	12,807	5,154	16,421	10,459
Midstream	2,254	2,274	3,688	4,059
Subtotal	153,511	69,713	193,572	105,309
Retail and Other	(1,576)	)(1,037	)(1,777	)(1,131
Eliminations	(15)	)(12	)(15	)(21
Total	\$151,920	\$68,664	\$191,780	\$104,157
Capital expenditures				
Natural Gas Distribution	\$35,484	\$31,554	\$70,885	\$65,699
Clean Energy Ventures	20,486	9,545	45,403	24,865
Subtotal	55,970	41,099	116,288	90,564
Retail and Other	272	144	477	298
Total	\$56,242	\$41,243	\$116,765	\$90,862

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The chief operating decision maker of the Company is the Chief Executive Officer who uses NFE as a measure of profit or loss in measuring the results of the Company's segments and operations. A reconciliation of consolidated NFE to consolidated net income is as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Consolidated net financial earnings	\$ 151,920	\$ 68,664	\$ 191,780	\$ 104,157
Less:				
Unrealized (gain) loss from derivative instruments and related transactions ⁽¹⁾	(13,256	)38,800	52,395	20,466
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(18,668	)(2,117	)(41,548	)(22,865
Tax adjustments	10,873	(13,488	)269	881
Consolidated net income	\$ 172,971	\$ 45,469	\$ 180,664	\$ 105,675

Excludes unrealized losses related to an intercompany transaction between NJNG and NJRES that have been (1) eliminated in consolidation of approximately \$(957,000) and \$(377,000) for the three months ended and \$(672,000) and \$(310,000) for the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The Company uses derivative instruments as economic hedges of purchases and sales of physical gas inventory. For GAAP purposes, these derivatives are recorded at fair value and related changes in fair value are included in reported earnings. Revenues and cost of gas related to physical gas flow is recognized as the gas is delivered to customers. Consequently, there is a mismatch in the timing of earnings recognition between the economic hedges and physical gas flows. Timing differences occur in two ways:

Unrealized gains and losses on derivatives are recognized in reported earnings in periods prior to physical gas inventory flows; and

Unrealized gains and losses of prior periods are reclassified as realized gains and losses when derivatives are settled in the same period as physical gas inventory movements occur.

NFE is a measure of the earnings based on eliminating these timing differences, to effectively match the earnings effects of the economic hedges with the physical sale of gas. Consequently, to reconcile between GAAP and NFE, current period unrealized gains and losses on the derivatives are excluded from NFE as a reconciling item. Additionally, realized derivative gains and losses are also included in current period net income. However, NFE includes only realized gains and losses related to natural gas sold out of inventory, effectively matching the full earnings effects of the derivatives with realized margins on physical gas flows. NJR also calculates a quarterly tax adjustment based on an estimated annual effective tax rate for NFE purposes.

The Company's assets for the various business segments and business operations are detailed below:

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013
Assets at end of period:		
Natural Gas Distribution	\$ 2,157,317	\$ 2,094,940
Energy Services	546,010	468,096
Clean Energy Ventures	312,258	253,663

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Midstream	153,050	153,536
Subtotal	3,168,635	2,970,235
Retail and Other	89,810	85,293
Intercompany assets ⁽¹⁾	(97,235	)(50,745)
Total	\$ 3,161,210	\$ 3,004,783

(1) Consists of transactions between subsidiaries that are eliminated and reclassified in consolidation.

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14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

NJRES may periodically enter into storage or park and loan agreements with its affiliated FERC-regulated natural gas storage facility, Steckman Ridge, or transportation agreements with its affiliated FERC-regulated interstate pipeline, Iroquois. As of March 31, 2014, NJRES has entered into storage and park and loan transactions with Steckman Ridge for varying terms, all of which expire in March 2015. Additionally, NJRES has transportation capacity with Iroquois that expires in March 2019. Demand fees, net of eliminations, associated with both Steckman Ridge and Iroquois were \$1.5 million and \$3.2 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. As of March 31, 2014, NJRES had demand fees payable of \$166,000 and \$403,000 to Steckman Ridge and Iroquois, respectively, which are included in gas purchases payable. As of September 30, 2013, fees payable to Steckman Ridge and Iroquois, were \$159,000 and \$390,000, respectively.

In January 2010, NJNG entered into a 10-year agreement effective April 1, 2010, for 3 Bcf of firm storage capacity with Steckman Ridge. Under the terms of the agreement, NJNG incurs demand fees, at market rates, of approximately \$9.3 million annually, a portion of which is eliminated in consolidation. These fees are recoverable through NJNG's BGSS mechanism and are included in regulatory assets. Additionally, NJNG has transportation capacity with Iroquois that expires by January 2019. Demand fees, net of eliminations, associated with both Steckman Ridge and Iroquois were \$4.8 million and \$2.7 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. NJNG had demand fees payable to Steckman Ridge in the amount of \$776,000 as of March 31, 2014 and \$775,000 as of September 30, 2013. NJNG had fees payable to Iroquois of \$62,000 and \$61,000 as of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, respectively.

In December 2009, NJNG and NJRES entered into an asset management agreement that began in January 2010 and ends in March 2015. Under the terms of this agreement, NJNG released certain transportation and storage contracts to NJRES for the entire term of the agreement. NJNG also sold approximately 1 Bcf of natural gas in storage at cost to NJRES. In return, NJNG has the option to purchase index priced gas from NJRES at NJNG's city gate and other delivery locations to maintain operational reliability. In September 2010, NJNG and NJRES entered into an asset management agreement that began in November 2010 and ends October 2014, whereby NJNG released additional transportation contracts to NJRES for the entire term of the agreement and has the option to purchase index priced gas from NJRES at NJNG's city gate. In March 2014, NJNG and NJRES entered into another asset management agreement that began in April 2014 and ends March 2016, whereby NJNG released additional transportation contracts to NJRES for the entire term of the agreement and has the option to purchase index priced gas from NJRES at NJNG's city gate.

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Critical Accounting Policies

A summary of NJR's critical accounting policies is included in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended September 30, 2013. NJR's critical accounting policies have not changed from those reported in the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Refer to Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for discussion of recently issued accounting standards.

Management's Overview

Consolidated

NJR is an energy services holding company providing retail natural gas service in New Jersey and wholesale natural gas and related energy services to customers primarily in the U.S. and Canada, through two of its subsidiaries, NJNG and NJRES. In addition, NJR invests in distributed power projects, midstream assets and provides various repair, sales and installations services. A more detailed description of NJR's organizational structure can be found in Item 1. Business of NJR's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Business Segments

NJR has four primary business segments as presented in the chart below:

In addition to the business segments above, NJR has other non-utility operations that either provide corporate support services or do not meet management's criteria to be treated as a separate business segment. These operations, which comprise Retail and Other, include: appliance repair services, sales and installations at NJRHS; energy-related ventures at NJR Energy and commercial real estate holdings at CR&R.

A summary of the company's consolidated results is as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,			% change
	2014	2013	% change	2014	2013	% change	
Operating revenues	\$ 1,579,569	\$ 960,885	64.4	2,457,974	\$ 1,696,904	44.9	%
Gas purchases	\$ 1,195,816	\$ 800,607	49.4	1,970,548	\$ 1,367,355	44.1	%

The primary drivers of the changes noted above, which are described in more detail in the individual segment discussions, are as follows:

Operating revenues and gas purchases increased during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to:

increased sales volumes at NJRES due to increased demand for natural gas in regions affected by the extreme cold weather, coupled with higher average commodity prices; and

an increase in firm sales at NJNG as a result of colder weather, customer growth, coupled with higher off-system sales, partially offset by lower BGSS rates.

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Net income (loss) by business segment and operations are as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,								
	2014	2013		2014	2013							
Net income (loss)												
Natural Gas Distribution	\$47,043	27	%	\$45,917	101	%	\$74,682	41	%	\$71,409	68	%
Energy Services	110,636	64		(7,204)	(16)	)	91,250	51		20,590	19	
Clean Energy Ventures	13,672	8		5,154	11		12,164	7		10,459	10	
Midstream	2,254	1		2,274	5		3,688	2		4,059	4	
Retail and Other	(1,576)	(1)	)	(1,037)	(2)	)	(1,777)	(1)	)	(1,131)	(1))
Eliminations ⁽¹⁾	942	1		365	1		657	—		289	—	
Total	\$172,971	100	%	\$45,469	100	%	\$180,664	100	%	\$105,675	100	%

(1) Consists of transactions between subsidiaries that are eliminated in consolidation.

The increase in net income during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013 was primarily driven by:

- an increase at NJRES due primarily to higher gross margin due to increased demand caused by the extreme cold weather, coupled with higher average commodity prices; and
- an increase at NJNG due primarily to higher gross margin related to customer growth and infrastructure investments.

Assets by business segment and operations are as follows:

(Thousands)	March 31, 2014			September 30, 2013		
Assets						
Natural Gas Distribution	\$2,157,317	68	%	\$2,094,940	70	%
Energy Services	546,010	17		468,096	16	
Clean Energy Ventures	312,258	10		253,663	8	
Midstream	153,050	5		153,536	5	
Retail and Other	89,810	3		85,293	3	
Intercompany assets ⁽¹⁾	(97,235)	(3)	)	(50,745)	(2))
Total	\$3,161,210	100	%	\$3,004,783	100	%

(1) Consists of transactions between subsidiaries that are eliminated in consolidation.

The increase in assets during the six months ended March 31, 2014, included additional utility plant expenditures at our Natural Gas Distribution segment and solar and wind expenditures at Clean Energy Ventures. In addition, higher commodity prices and sales volumes contributed to the increase in accounts receivable at Energy Services during the six months ended March 31, 2014.

Management of the Company uses NFE, a non-GAAP financial measure, when evaluating its operating results of its Energy Services segment related to financial derivative instruments that have settled and are designed to economically hedge natural gas still in inventory. NFE is a measure of the earnings based on eliminating timing differences surrounding the recognition of certain gains or losses to effectively match the earnings effects of the economic hedges

with the physical sale of gas and, therefore, eliminates the impact of volatility to GAAP earnings associated with the derivative instruments. NJR also calculates a quarterly tax adjustment based on an estimated annual effective tax rate for NFE purposes. Any resulting quarterly tax adjustments are applied to its Clean Energy Ventures segment, as such adjustments relate to tax credits generated by NJRCEV. Non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative to GAAP, and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for the comparable GAAP measure.

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The following is a reconciliation of consolidated net income, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, to NFE:

(\$ in Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$172,971	\$45,469	\$180,664	\$105,675
Add:				
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments and related transactions	(13,256)	38,800	52,395	20,466
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(18,668)	(2,117)	(41,548)	(22,865)
Tax adjustments	10,873	(13,488)	269	881
Net financial earnings	\$151,920	\$68,664	\$191,780	\$104,157

NFE by business segment and other operations, discussed in more detail within the operating results sections of each segment, is summarized as follows:

(\$ in Thousands)	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended				
	March 31,			March 31,				
	2014	2013		2014	2013			
Net financial earnings (loss)								
Natural Gas Distribution	\$47,043	31 %	\$45,917	67 %	\$74,682	39 %	\$71,409	68 %
Energy Services	91,407	60	16,368	24	98,781	51	19,382	19
Clean Energy Ventures	12,807	8	5,154	8	16,421	9	10,459	10
Midstream	2,254	2	2,274	3	3,688	2	4,059	4
Retail and Other	(1,576)	(1)	(1,037)	(2)	(1,777)	(1)	(1,131)	(1)
Eliminations ⁽¹⁾	(15)	—	(12)	—	(15)	—	(21)	—
Total	\$151,920	100 %	\$68,664	100 %	\$191,780	100 %	\$104,157	100 %

(1) Consists of transactions between subsidiaries that are eliminated in consolidation.

The increase in NFE during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013 was primarily driven by:

- an increase at NJRES due primarily to higher gross margin due to increased demand caused by the extreme cold weather, coupled with higher prices; and
- an increase at NJNG due primarily to higher gross margin related to customer growth and infrastructure investments.

Natural Gas Distribution Segment

Overview

NJNG, a natural gas utility that provides regulated retail natural gas service in central and northern New Jersey and also participates in the off-system sales and capacity release markets, comprises our natural gas distribution segment. As a regulated company, NJNG is required to recognize the impact of regulatory decisions on its financial statements. See Note 3. Regulation in the accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a more detailed discussion on regulatory actions, including filings related to programs and associated expenditures as well as

rate requests related to recovery of costs.

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Our Natural Gas Distribution segment has approximately 503,700 residential and commercial customers in its service territory. The business is subject to various risks, such as those associated with adverse economic conditions, that can negatively impact customer growth, operating and financing costs, fluctuations in commodity prices and customer conservation efforts, which can impact customer usage, certain regulatory actions, environmental remediation and severe weather conditions. It is often difficult to predict the impact of events or trends associated with these risks.

In addition, NJNG's business is seasonal by nature, as weather conditions directly influence the volume of natural gas delivered. Specifically, customer demand substantially increases during the winter months when natural gas is used for heating purposes. As a result, NJNG receives most of its gas distribution revenues during the first and second fiscal quarters and is subject to variations in earnings and working capital during the year.

NJNG's operations are managed with the goal of providing safe and reliable service, growing its customer base, diversifying its margin, promoting clean energy programs and mitigating the risks discussed above, through several key initiatives including:

Earning a reasonable rate of return on the investments in its natural gas distribution and transmission systems, as well as timely recovery of all prudently incurred costs in order to provide safe and reliable service throughout NJNG's territory:

- NJNG is required by the BPU to file a base rate case no later than November 15, 2015;

- Continuing to invest in the safety and integrity of its infrastructure;

- Managing its new customer growth rate, which NJNG expects to be approximately 1.5 percent annually over the next two years;

- Maintaining a collaborative relationship with the BPU on regulatory initiatives, including:

- planning and authorization of infrastructure investments;
- pursuing rate and regulatory strategies to stabilize and decouple margin, including the continuation of CIP;
- utilizing BGSS incentive programs through BPU-approved mechanisms to reduce gas costs and generate earnings;
- administration and promotion of NJNG's BPU-approved SAVEGREEN project;

- Managing the volatility of wholesale natural gas prices through a hedging program designed to keep customers' BGSS rates as stable as possible; and

- Working to manage expectations related to its financial obligations associated with its MGP sites.

Superstorm Sandy

In October 2012, high winds, heavy rainfall and the related flooding associated with Superstorm Sandy caused significant damage to portions of NJNG's distribution system. As a result, NJNG curtailed the natural gas infrastructure in certain areas of its service territory that were most heavily damaged, affecting approximately 30,100 of NJNG's customers. As of March 31, 2014, gas service has been restored to approximately 75 percent of those customers. Total capital expenditures associated with the restoration of the affected portions of distribution system were \$30.8 million, including \$4.7 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014. In addition, NJNG expects to spend approximately \$5.3 million and \$5.2 million during fiscal 2014 and 2015, respectively. NJNG filed a petition with the BPU in November 2012, requesting deferral accounting for uninsured incremental O&M costs associated with Superstorm Sandy restoration efforts. NJNG requested that the review of and the appropriate recovery period for such deferred expenses be addressed in NJNG's next base rate case to be filed no later than November 15, 2015. As of March 31, 2014 and September 30, 2013, NJNG had \$15.2 million and \$14.8 million, respectively, of deferred O&M costs in regulatory assets on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets related to the restoration of its infrastructure. In addition, as a result of the disruption of service to these customers, NJNG lost approximately \$4.9 million and \$7.1 million in operating revenue and \$1.7 million and \$2.6 million in utility gross margin, during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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Infrastructure projects

NJNG has significant annual capital expenditures associated with the management of its natural gas distribution and transmission system, including new utility plant for customer growth and its associated PIM and infrastructure programs.

AIP and SAFE

NJNG has implemented BPU-approved infrastructure projects that are designed to enhance the reliability of NJNG's gas distribution system, including AIP and SAFE. The AIP projects were completed in October 2012. To date, NJNG has received regulatory approval to recover approximately \$15.4 million annually through its base tariff rates.

In October 2012, the BPU approved a stipulation allowing NJNG to implement the SAFE program whereby NJNG is replacing portions of its gas distribution unprotected steel and cast iron infrastructure over a four year period. NJNG will seek to recover \$130 million, plus a weighted average cost of capital of 6.9 percent, with a return on equity of 9.75 percent, in its next base rate case to be filed no later than November 15, 2015.

NGV Advantage

In June 2012, the BPU approved a pilot program for NJNG to invest up to \$10 million to build NGV refueling stations in Monmouth, Ocean and Morris counties. As of March 31, 2014, NJNG has begun development of three NGV stations. On April 23, 2014, the BPU approved NJNG's request to include a cost recovery filing to the BPU in its next base rate case to be filed no later than November 15, 2015. In addition, the NJBPU approved a deferred accounting methodology related to the NGV investment costs consistent with NJNG's SAFE Program. The NGV program was authorized by the BPU to earn an overall weighted average cost of capital of 7.1 percent, including a return on equity of 10.3 percent. A portion of the proceeds from the utilization of the compressed natural gas equipment, along with any available federal and state incentives, will be credited back to ratepayers to help offset the cost of this investment.

NJ RISE

NJNG filed a petition with the BPU in September 2013, seeking approval of NJ RISE, which consists of six capital projects totaling \$102.5 million, excluding AFUDC, for gas distribution storm hardening and mitigation projects, along with associated O&M expenses. The submission was made in response to a March 2013 BPU order, initiating a proceeding to investigate prudent, cost efficient and effective opportunities to protect New Jersey's utility infrastructure from future major storm events. These system enhancements are intended to minimize service impacts during extreme weather events to customers that live in the most storm prone areas of NJNG's service territory. In the filing, NJNG seeks to recover the capital costs associated with NJ RISE through an annual adjustment to its base rate.

Other projects

NJNG is exploring other system enhancements that are designed to support improved reliability in the southern portion of its service territory, referred to as the Southern Reliability Link, as well as to reduce costs associated with the filling of LNG tanks, referred to as Liquefaction.

Below is a summary of estimated capital expenditures for the next two fiscal years:

(Millions)	2014	2015
Customer growth	\$24.7	\$25.6
System maintenance and other	64.2	55.7
AIP/SAFE	31.6	33.7
Superstorm Sandy	5.3	5.2
NGV Advantage	9.0	—
NJ RISE	4.6	13.0
Liquefaction/LNG	16.0	16.3
Southern Reliability	2.3	12.3
Total	\$157.7	\$161.8

Estimated capital expenditures are reviewed on a regular basis and may vary based on the ongoing effects of regulatory oversight, environmental regulations, unforeseen events and the ability to access capital.

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Customer growth

In conducting NJNG's business, management focuses on factors it believes may have significant influence on its future financial results. NJNG's policy is to work with all stakeholders, including customers, regulators and policymakers, to achieve favorable results. These factors include the rate of NJNG's customer growth in its service territory, which can be influenced by political and regulatory policies, the delivered cost of natural gas compared with competing fuels, interest rates and general economic and business conditions.

During the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, NJNG added 3,658 and 3,697 new customers and converted 348 and 328 existing customers to natural gas heat and other services. This customer growth represents an estimated increase of approximately \$2.3 million annually to utility gross margin assuming normal weather and usage. In addition, NJNG currently expects to add approximately 14,000 to 16,000 new customers during the two-year period of fiscal 2014 and 2015. Based on information from municipalities and developers, as well as external industry analysts and management's experience, NJNG estimates that approximately 50 percent of the growth will come from new construction markets and 50 percent from customer conversions to natural gas from other fuel sources. This growth would increase utility gross margin under NJNG's base rates by approximately \$4 million annually, as calculated under NJNG's CIP tariff. See the Natural Gas Distribution Results of Operations section of Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for a definition and further discussion of utility gross margin.

SAVEGREEN

SAVEGREEN conducts home energy audits and provides various grants, incentives and financing alternatives, that are designed to encourage the installation of high efficiency heating and cooling equipment and other energy efficiency upgrades. Depending on the specific incentive or approval, NJNG recovers costs associated with the programs over a two to ten-year period through a tariff rider mechanism. The recovery includes a weighted average cost of capital that ranges from 6.9 percent, with a return on equity of 9.75 percent, to 7.76 percent, with a return on equity of 10.3 percent.

In June 2013, the BPU approved NJNG's 2012 request to extend and expand the current SAVEGREEN program through June 2015, with certain modifications, resulting in grants, incentives and financing investments of more than \$85 million over a two year period, earning a weighted average return of 6.9 percent. Since inception, the BPU has approved total SAVEGREEN investments of approximately \$149.5 million, of which, \$78 million in grants, rebates and loans has been provided to customers, with a total annual recovery of approximately \$20 million.

Conservation Incentive Program

The CIP eliminates the disincentive to promote conservation and energy efficiency and facilitates normalizing NJNG's utility gross margin for variances not only due to weather but also for other factors affecting customer usage. In March 2013, NJNG and South Jersey Gas Company filed a joint petition with the BPU requesting the continuation of the CIP with certain modifications. The discovery phase is complete and since no BPU Order on that petition has been issued as of September 2013, the CIP program will continue for up to one additional year or until such an Order is issued, whichever is earlier. The Parties are currently discussing settlement alternatives at this time. NJNG's total utility firm gross margin includes the following adjustments related to the CIP mechanism:

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(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Weather ⁽¹⁾	\$(11,793)	\$390	\$(11,712)	\$3,622
Usage	1,266	2,525	3,606	6,386
Total	\$(10,527)	\$2,915	\$(8,106)	\$10,008

Compared with the 20-year average, weather was 17.5 percent and 1.8 percent colder-than-normal during the three (1) months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and 11.5 percent colder-than-normal and .6 percent warmer-than-normal during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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Commodity prices

Our Natural Gas Distribution segment is affected by the price of natural gas, which can have a significant impact on our cash flows, short-term financing costs, gas costs recovered from customers, NJNG's ability to collect accounts receivable, which impacts our bad debt expense, and our ability to maintain a competitive advantage over other fuel sources. Natural gas commodity prices may experience high volatility as indicated by NYMEX settlement prices, which serve as a market indicator, as shown below for the 12 month periods ending March 31, 2014 and 2013: As of March 31, 2014, forward natural gas prices for the next 12 months on the NYMEX, which serve as a forward-looking market indicator, averaged \$4.46 per MMBtu.

A more detailed discussion of the impacts of the price of natural gas to operating revenues, gas purchases and cash flows can be found in the Results of Operations and Cash Flow sections of Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

BGSS

Recovery of natural gas costs

NJNG's cost of gas is passed through to our customers, without markup, by applying NJNG's authorized BGSS tariff rate to actual therms delivered. There is no utility gross margin associated with BGSS costs; therefore, changes in such costs do not impact NJNG's earnings. NJNG monitors its actual gas costs in comparison to its tariff rates to manage its cash flows associated with its allowed recovery of gas costs, which is facilitated through BPU-approved deferred accounting and the BGSS pricing mechanism. Accordingly, NJNG occasionally adjusts its periodic BGSS rates or can issue credits or refunds, as appropriate, for its residential and small commercial customers when the commodity cost varies from the existing BGSS rate. BGSS rates for its large commercial customers are adjusted monthly based on NYMEX prices.

In May 2013, NJNG notified the BPU of its intent to reduce its BGSS rate effective June 1, 2013, resulting in a 5.2 percent decrease to the average residential heating customer bill and again on November 21, 2013, effective December 1, 2013, resulting in a 6 percent decrease to the average residential heating customer bill. Refer to Note 3. Regulation in the accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, for a discussion of BGSS rate actions.

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BGSS Incentive Programs

NJNG is eligible to receive financial incentives through October 2015, for reducing BGSS costs through a series of utility gross margin-sharing programs that include off-system sales, capacity release, storage incentive and FRM programs that are designed to encourage better utilization and hedging of its natural gas supply, transportation and storage assets. Depending on the program, NJNG shares 80 or 85 percent of utility gross margin generated by these programs with firm customers. NJNG is also permitted to propose a process to re-evaluate and discuss alternative incentive programs annually, should performance of the existing incentives or market conditions warrant.

Utility gross margin from incentive programs was \$4.5 million and \$4.1 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. A more detailed discussion of the impacts to margin can be found in the Results of Operations section of Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Hedging

In order to provide price stability to its natural gas supply portfolio, NJNG employs a hedging strategy with the goal of having at least 75 percent of the Company's projected winter gas purchase volumes hedged by each November 1 and at least 25 percent of the gas purchase requirements hedged for the following April through March period. This is accomplished with the use of a variety of financial instruments including futures, swaps and options used in conjunction with commodity and/or weather-related hedging activity.

Environmental remediation

NJNG is responsible for the environmental remediation of five MGP sites, which contain contaminated residues from former gas manufacturing operations that ceased at these sites by the mid-1950s and, in some cases, had been discontinued many years earlier. Actual MGP remediation costs may vary from management's estimates due to the developing nature of remediation requirements, regulatory decisions by the NJDEP and related litigation. NJNG reviews these costs at the end of each fiscal year and adjusts its liability and corresponding regulatory asset as necessary to reflect its expected future remediation obligation. Accordingly, as of March 31, 2014, NJNG recognized a regulatory asset and an obligation of \$183.6 million.

NJNG is currently authorized to recover remediation costs of approximately \$18.7 million annually, based on expenditures incurred through June 2013.

Interest Rate Risk

Due to the capital-intensive nature of NJNG's operations and the seasonal nature of its working capital requirements, significant changes in interest rates can also impact NJNG's results. A more detailed discussion can be found in the Liquidity and Capital Resources and Cash Flow sections of Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Operating Results

Utility Gross Margin

NJNG's utility gross margin is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as natural gas revenues less natural gas purchases, sales tax, and regulatory rider expenses, and may not be comparable to the definition of gross margin used by others in the natural gas distribution business and other industries. Management believes that utility gross margin provides a more meaningful basis than revenue for evaluating utility operations since natural gas costs, sales tax and regulatory rider expenses are included in operating revenue and passed through to customers and, therefore, have no effect on utility gross margin. Non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative to GAAP, and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for the comparable GAAP measure.

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NJNG's operating results are as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
Utility gross margin				
Operating revenues	\$ 394,528	\$ 351,750	\$ 627,997	\$ 570,599
Less:				
Gas purchases	218,065	194,926	333,609	307,087
Energy and other taxes	22,297	22,515	36,926	36,767
Regulatory rider expense	38,211	23,774	58,043	37,756
Total utility gross margin	115,955	110,535	199,419	188,989
Operation and maintenance expenses	30,699	28,705	57,951	53,896
Depreciation and amortization	9,972	9,399	19,807	18,676
Other taxes not reflected in utility gross margin	1,232	1,076	2,306	2,318
Operating income	74,052	71,355	119,355	114,099
Other income	604	905	1,107	1,744
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	3,888	3,549	7,872	7,133
Income tax provision	23,725	22,794	37,908	37,301
Net income	\$ 47,043	\$ 45,917	\$ 74,682	\$ 71,409

Operating revenues increased by \$42.8 million, or 12.2 percent, and gas purchases increased by \$23.1 million, or 11.9 percent, respectively, during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three months ended March 31, 2013. During the six months ended March 31, 2014, operating revenues increased by \$57.4 million, or 10.1 percent, and gas purchases increased by \$26.5 million, or 8.6 percent, respectively, during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013. A description of the factors contributing to the increases (decreases) in operating revenues and gas purchases are as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014 v. 2013		March 31, 2014 v. 2013	
	Operating revenue	Gas purchases	Operating revenue	Gas purchases
Firm sales	\$44.3	\$21.8	\$59.3	\$30.8
Average BGSS rates ⁽¹⁾	(26.9	)(25.2	)(39.9	)(37.3
Off-system sales	26.6	26.2	35.1	34.4
CIP adjustments	(13.4	)—	(18.1)—
SAVEGREEN	7.2	—	11.3	—
AIP	3.5	—	5.6	—
Other	1.5	0.3	4.1	(1.4
Total increase	\$42.8	\$23.1	\$57.4	\$26.5

Operating revenue includes changes in sales tax of \$(1.7) million during the three months ended March 31, 2014, (1) compared with the three months ended March 31, 2013, and \$(2.6) million during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013.

An increase in usage related primarily to weather being 15.2 percent colder and 11.8 percent colder during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, respectively, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, contributed to increases in operating revenues and gas purchases associated with firm sales. The increase was also due to higher off-system sales revenue due primarily to a 123.3 percent increase in the average price of gas sold, offset by a 33.4 percent reduction in volumes during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three months ended March 31, 2013, and a 60.4 percent increase in the average price of gas sold, offset by a 14.2 percent reduction in volumes during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013. These increases were partially offset by lower BGSS rates during the current period along with a decrease in CIP adjustments of \$15.3 million related to weather and \$2.8 million related to usage. Other includes changes in Superstorm Sandy impact and rider rates, including those related to NJCEP and other programs.

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The following provides more information on the components of utility gross margin and associated throughput (Bcf) of natural gas delivered to customers:

(\$ in thousands)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	March 31, 2014		2013		March 31, 2014		2013	
	Margin	Bcf	Margin	Bcf	Margin	Bcf	Margin	Bcf
Utility gross margin/throughput								
Residential	\$ 73,038	22.5	\$ 70,786	19.5	\$ 123,598	35.0	\$ 119,121	30.7
Commercial, industrial and other	17,428	4.2	16,932	3.7	30,428	6.6	29,652	5.9
Firm transportation	23,352	8.6	20,721	7.1	40,673	13.6	35,895	11.4
Total utility firm gross margin/throughput	113,818	35.3	108,439	30.3	194,699	55.2	184,668	48.0
BGSS incentive programs	2,043	34.4	2,004	40.0	4,499	70.2	4,118	72.3
Interruptible	94	1.7	92	2.0	221	3.3	203	4.9
Total utility gross margin/throughput	\$ 115,955	71.4	\$ 110,535	72.3	\$ 199,419	128.7	\$ 188,989	125.2

Utility Firm Gross Margin

Utility firm gross margin is earned from residential and commercial customers who receive natural gas service from NJNG through either sales tariffs, which include a commodity and delivery component, or transportation tariffs, which include a delivery component only.

A description of the factors contributing to the increases in utility firm gross margin are as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended
	March 31, 2014 v. 2013	March 31, 2014 v. 2013
AIP	\$ 3,114	\$ 5,239
Customer impact	1,759	3,838
SAVEGREEN	506	954
Total increase	\$ 5,379	\$ 10,031

The increase in utility firm gross margin during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, was due primarily to increases in revenue related to infrastructure investments, customer growth and the effects of Superstorm Sandy.

The increase in firm transportation margin is due primarily to transfers of customers from residential and commercial sales as a result of increased marketing activity by third party natural gas providers in NJNG's distribution territory. The transfer of customers has no impact on NJNG's total utility firm gross margin since distribution tariff rates are the same for these customer classes.

NJNG's total customers include the following:

	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2013
Firm customers		

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Residential	411,993	411,470
Commercial, industrial & other	25,977	26,251
Residential transport	54,684	51,013
Commercial transport	10,941	10,125
Total firm customers	503,595	498,859
Other	84	74
Total customers	503,679	498,933

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NJNG added 3,658 and 3,697 new customers and converted 348 and 328 existing customers to natural gas heat and other services during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. This customer growth represents an estimated annual increase of approximately .5 Bcf in sales to firm customers, assuming normal weather and usage, which would contribute approximately \$2.3 million annually to utility gross margin.

BGSS Incentive Programs

A description of the factors contributing to the increases (decreases) in utility gross margin generated by NJNG's BGSS incentive programs are as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 v. 2013	Six Months Ended March 31, 2014 v. 2013
Off-system sales	\$ 363	\$ 630
Capacity release	(50)	(55)
Storage	(140)	(63)
FRM	(134)	(131)
Total increase	\$ 39	\$ 381

The increase during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, was due primarily to extreme cold weather resulting in an increase in market area volatility, which contributed to increased margins in off-system sales.

Operation and Maintenance Expense

A summary and description of the factors contributing to the increases (decreases) in O&M are as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 v. 2013	Six Months Ended March 31, 2014 v. 2013
Compensation and benefits	\$ 1,861	\$ 3,452
Shared corporate costs	579	786
Other	(446)	(183)
Total increase	\$ 1,994	\$ 4,055

The increase in O&M during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, was due primarily to an increase in compensation and benefits. The increase in compensation and benefits was driven primarily by higher labor costs related to additional complement and overtime, partially offset by lower pension benefit costs due to an increase in the discount rate.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation expense increased \$573,000 and \$1.1 million during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014 as a result of additional utility plant being placed into service.

Operating Income

Operating income increased \$2.7 million and \$5.3 million, during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, respectively, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to the increase in total utility gross margin of \$5.4 million and \$10.4 million, partially offset by increases in O&M and depreciation expense, as previously discussed.

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Net Income

Net income increased \$1.1 million or 2.5 percent, to \$47 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three months ended March 31, 2013, and \$3.3 million, or 4.6 percent, to \$74.7 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014 compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to the increase in operating income as previously discussed, partially offset by an increase in the income tax provision due to higher earnings and an increase in interest expense associated with new long-term debt issued in April 2013.

Energy Services Segment

Overview

NJRES is a non-regulated natural gas marketer and is principally engaged in the optimization of natural gas storage and transportation assets. The market areas in which it operates include the Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent, Appalachian, Northeastern and Western regions in the U.S., as well as Canada.

NJRES focuses on creating value from its natural gas assets, which are typically amassed through contractual rights to natural gas transportation and storage capacity within the regions that encompass its market area. Through the use of its capacity contracts, NJRES is able to take advantage of pricing differences between geographic locations, commonly referred to as "locational spreads" or "basis spreads," and pricing differences across time horizons, commonly referred to as "time spreads." To capture these price differences, NJRES may enter into contracts for the future delivery and sales of physical natural gas and simultaneously enters into financial derivative contracts to establish an initial financial margin for each of its forecasted physical commodity transactions. Financial instruments are utilized to economically hedge natural gas inventory placed into storage that will be sold at a later date, all of which were contemplated as part of an entire forecasted transaction. The financial derivative contracts serve to protect the cash flows of the transaction from volatility in commodity prices and can include futures, options, and swap contracts, which are all predominantly actively quoted on the CME/NYMEX. Typically, periods of greater price volatility provide NJRES with additional arbitrage opportunities to generate margin by improving the respective time or locational spreads on a forward basis.

Predominantly all of NJRES' physical purchases and sales of natural gas result in the physical delivery of natural gas. NJRES accounts for its physical commodity contracts and its financial derivative instruments at fair value on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in the fair value of these contracts are included in earnings as a component of operating revenue or gas purchases, as appropriate, on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Volatility in reported net income at NJRES can occur over periods of time due to changes in the fair value of derivatives, as well as timing differences related to certain transactions. Unrealized gains and losses can fluctuate as a result of changes in the price of natural gas from the original hedge price compared with the market price of natural gas at each reporting date. Volatility in earnings also occurs as a result of timing differences between the settlement of financial derivatives and the sale of the corresponding physical natural gas that was economically hedged. When a financial instrument settles and the natural gas is placed in inventory, the realized gains and losses associated with the financial instrument are recognized in earnings. However, the gains and losses associated with the economically hedged natural gas are not recognized in earnings until the natural gas inventory is sold, at which time NJRES will realize the entire margin on the transaction.

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Operating Results

NJRES' financial results are summarized as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating revenues	\$ 1,241,584	\$ 603,806	\$ 1,879,293	\$ 1,107,548
Gas purchases (including demand charges) ⁽¹⁾	1,048,158	611,878	1,711,945	1,067,632
Gross margin	193,426	(8,072)	) 167,348	39,916
Operation and maintenance expenses	17,374	3,380	20,959	6,595
Depreciation and amortization	13	11	25	22
Other taxes	397	304	765	540
Operating income (loss)	175,642	(11,767)	) 145,599	32,759
Other income	—	—	—	—
Interest expense, net	661	640	1,277	1,208
Income tax provision (benefit)	64,345	(5,203)	) 53,072	10,961
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,636	\$ (7,204)	) \$ 91,250	\$ 20,590

(1) Costs associated with pipeline and storage capacity that are expensed over the term of the related contracts, which generally varies from less than one year to ten years.

As of March 31, 2014, NJRES' portfolio of financial derivative instruments was comprised of:

20.9 Bcf of net short futures contracts

As of March 31, 2013, NJRES' portfolio of financial derivative instruments was comprised of:

4.5 Bcf of net long futures contracts.

Operating Revenues and Gas Purchases

During the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, operating revenues increased \$637.8 million and \$771.7 million, respectively, and gas purchases increased \$436.3 million and \$644.3 million, respectively, due primarily to the sustained extreme cold weather across the U.S., especially in the Midwest, which contributed to an increase in natural gas demand and market volatility resulting in opportunities for NJRES to effectively utilize its strategically located assets across North America.

Gross Margin

Gross margin during the three months ended March 31, 2014, was higher by approximately \$201.5 million compared with the three months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to the increased prices and volumes discussed above, as well as an increase of \$51.1 million in unrealized gains and an increase of \$16.6 million in realized gains as a result of timing differences in the settlement of certain economic hedges, which are described further below.

Gross margin during the six months ended March 31, 2014, was \$127.4 million higher compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to the increased prices and volumes discussed above, as well as an increase of \$18.7 million as a result of timing differences in the settlement of certain economic hedges, which are described further below, partially offset by an increase of \$32.5 million in unrealized losses.

Operation and Maintenance Expense

O&M increased \$14 million and \$14.4 million during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to increases in incentive costs.

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Management of the Company uses non-GAAP financial measures, noted as "financial margin" and "NFE," when evaluating the operating results of NJRES. Financial margin and NFE are measures of margin and earnings based on eliminating timing differences associated with certain derivative instruments, as discussed above. Management views these measures as more representative of the overall expected economic result and uses these measures to compare NJRES' results against established benchmarks and earnings targets as these measures eliminate the impact of volatility to GAAP earnings as a result of timing differences associated with these derivative instruments. To the extent that there are unanticipated changes in the markets or to the effectiveness of the economic hedges, NJRES' non-GAAP results can differ from what was originally planned at the beginning of the transaction. Non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative to GAAP, and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for the comparable GAAP measure.

When NJRES reconciles the most directly comparable GAAP measure to both financial margin and NFE, current period unrealized gains and losses on the derivatives are excluded as a reconciling item. Financial margin and NFE also exclude the effects of economic hedging of the value of our natural gas in storage and, therefore, only include realized gains and losses related to natural gas sold out of inventory, effectively matching the full earnings effects of the derivatives with realized margins on the related physical gas flows.

Financial Margin

The following table is a computation of NJRES' financial margin:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
Operating revenues	\$1,241,584	\$603,806	\$1,879,293	\$1,107,548
Less: Gas purchases	1,048,158	611,878	1,711,945	1,067,632
Add:				
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments and related transactions	(11,743	)39,396	53,458	20,955
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(18,668	)2,117	)(41,548	)(22,865
Financial margin	\$163,015	\$29,207	\$179,258	\$38,006

A reconciliation of operating income, the closest GAAP financial measurement, to NJRES' financial margin is as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31, 2014	2013	March 31, 2014	2013
Operating income (loss)	\$175,642	\$(11,767	)\$145,599	\$32,759
Add:				
Operation and maintenance expenses	17,374	3,380	20,959	6,595
Depreciation and amortization	13	11	25	22
Other taxes	397	304	765	540

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Subtotal - Gross margin	193,426	(8,072)167,348	39,916
Add:				
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments and related transactions	(11,743)39,396	53,458	20,955
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(18,668	)(2,117	)(41,548	)(22,865
Financial margin	\$ 163,015	\$ 29,207	\$ 179,258	\$ 38,006

Financial margin increased \$133.8 million and \$141.3 million during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to the sustained extreme cold weather across the U.S., especially in the Midwest, which contributed to an increase in natural gas demand and market volatility resulting in opportunities for NJRES to effectively utilize its strategically located assets across North America to generate additional financial margin.

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Net Financial Earnings

A reconciliation of NJRES' net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measurement to NFE is as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,636	\$ (7,204)	)\$ 91,250	\$ 20,590
Add:				
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivative instruments and related transactions	(11,743	)39,396	53,458	20,955
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(18,668	) (2,117	) (41,548	) (22,865
Tax adjustments	11,182	(13,707	) (4,379	) 702
Net financial earnings	\$ 91,407	\$ 16,368	\$ 98,781	\$ 19,382

NFE increased \$75 million and \$79.4 million during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to the increased financial margin as previously discussed.

Future results are subject to NJRES' ability to maintain and expand its wholesale marketing activities and are contingent upon many other factors, including an adequate number of appropriate counterparties, volatility in the natural gas market, availability of storage arbitrage opportunities, sufficient liquidity in the energy trading market, supply and demand for natural gas and continued access to liquidity in the capital markets.

Clean Energy Ventures Segment

Overview

Our Clean Energy Ventures segment actively pursues opportunities in the solar renewable energy markets and has entered into various agreements to install solar equipment involving net-metered residential and commercial projects, as well as grid-connected projects. Currently, projects that are placed in service up through December 31, 2016, qualify for a 30 percent federal ITC. Solar projects placed in service and related ITC eligible expenditures for the three months ended March 31, are as follows:

(\$ in Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2014			2013			
Placed in service	Projects	MW	ITC Eligible Costs	Projects	MW	ITC Eligible Costs	
Net-metered:							
Commercial	—	—	\$ 5	(1) —	—	\$ 22	(1)
Residential	292	3.5	7,994	191	1.6	5,301	
Grid-connected	—	—	3	(1) —	—	10	(1)
Total placed in service	292	3.5	\$ 8,002	191	1.6	\$ 5,333	

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During the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, ITC eligible costs include additional costs from projects that were placed in service during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

Solar projects placed in service and related ITC eligible expenditures for the six months ended March 31, are as follows:

(\$ in Thousands)	Six Months Ended March 31, 2014			2013		
	Projects	MW	ITC Eligible Costs	Projects	MW	ITC Eligible Costs
Placed in service						
Net-metered:						
Commercial	1	0.3	\$993	1	2.4	\$6,613
Residential	467	5.1	13,855	294	2.4	8,268
Grid-connected	1	1.4	4,749	1	6.7	19,296
Total placed in service	469	6.8	\$19,597	296	11.5	\$34,177

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Since its inception, Clean Energy Ventures has placed a total of 62.8 MW of solar assets into service and has 25.3 commercial and .3 residential MW under construction as of March 31, 2014. The Company estimates solar-related capital expenditures in fiscal 2014 to be between \$75 million and \$85 million.

Once projects commence operations or are connected to the grid, for each MWh of electricity produced, an SREC is created. An SREC represents the renewable attributes of the solar-electricity generated and is sold by NJRCEV to counterparties, including certain electric utilities that need to comply with the solar carve-out of New Jersey's renewable portfolio standards.

NJRCEV has 16,828 and 14,079 SRECs in inventory as of March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Other SREC activity consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
SRECs generated	10,996	8,422	26,155	18,083
SRECs sold	11,314	7,362	20,678	32,362

As part of its solar investment program, NJRCEV operates a residential solar program, The Sunlight Advantage®, that provides qualifying homeowners the opportunity to have a solar system installed on their home with no installation or maintenance expenses. NJRCEV owns, operates and maintains the system over the life of the contract in exchange for monthly payments.

Clean Energy Ventures also has the option to acquire small to mid-size wind projects that fit its investment profile through its 18.7 percent ownership interest in OwnEnergy, a developer of onshore wind projects. On October 11, 2013, NJRCEV acquired the development rights of the Two Dot wind project in Montana, which is its first onshore wind project. NJRCEV expects to invest approximately \$22 million to construct the 9.7 MW wind project. The project is expected to be operational in the second half of fiscal 2014. On February 14, 2014, NJRCEV acquired the development rights to a wind project in Carroll County, Iowa and will invest approximately \$42 million on the project. NJRCEV expects to complete the 20 MW project in fiscal 2015. Both wind projects are eligible for a per-kilowatt-hour PTC for a 10-year period following commencement of operation and have 25-year power purchase agreements in place, through which all energy and renewable attributes will be sold to the applicable electric utility.

Clean Energy Ventures' investments are subject to a variety of factors, such as timing of construction schedules, the permitting and regulatory process, delays related to electric grid interconnection, which can affect our ability to commence operations on a timely basis or, at all, economic trends, the ability to access capital or allocation of capital to other investments or business opportunities and other unforeseen events. Solar projects not placed in service, as originally planned prior to the end of a reporting period, would result in a failure to qualify for ITCs and changes in SREC values and could have a significant adverse impact on that period's earnings. In addition, since the primary contributors toward the value of qualifying distributed power projects are tax incentives and SRECs, changes in the federal statutes related to the ITC or PTC or in the markets surrounding renewable energy credits, which can be traded or sold to load serving entities that need to comply with state renewable energy standards, could also significantly affect earnings.

Operating Results

The financial results of NJRCEV are summarized as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating revenues	\$2,679	\$1,440	\$4,852	\$4,619
Operation and maintenance expenses	2,434	1,705	4,531	3,974
Depreciation and amortization	2,635	2,104	5,146	3,935
Other taxes	77	58	148	60
Operating (loss)	(2,467	)(2,427	)(4,973	)(3,350
Other income	—	1,946	140	1,188
Interest expense, net	1,249	822	2,435	1,605
Income tax (benefit)	(17,388)(6,457)(19,432)(14,226
Net income	\$13,672	\$5,154	\$12,164	\$10,459

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Operating revenues consist of the following:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
SREC sales	\$ 1,664	\$ 947	\$ 3,098	\$ 3,859
Electricity sales	449	237	701	369
Sunlight Advantage	566	256	1,053	391
Total operating revenues	\$ 2,679	\$ 1,440	\$ 4,852	\$ 4,619

NJRCEV hedges a portion of its expected SREC production through forward sale contracts. As of March 31, 2014, NJRCEV has hedged approximately 54.3 percent of its SREC inventory and projected SREC production related to its existing commercial assets for energy years 2014 through 2016. Energy years are compliance periods for New Jersey's renewable portfolio standard that run from June 1 to May 31.

Operation and Maintenance Expense

O&M increased by \$729,000 and \$557,000 during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, respectively, as compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to increased consulting, software maintenance and administrative costs relating to solar project support for projects placed in service, as well as additional support for wind projects under construction.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation expense increased \$531,000 and \$1.2 million during the three and six months ended March 31, 2014, respectively, as compared with the three and six months ended March 31, 2013, as a result of additional solar projects being placed into service.

Income Tax Benefit

NJR's effective tax rate is significantly impacted by the amount of tax credits forecast to be earned during the fiscal year. GAAP requires NJR to estimate its annual effective tax rate and use this rate to calculate its year-to-date tax provision. Based on projects completed in the first and second quarters and NJRCEV's forecast of projects to be completed for the balance of the fiscal year, NJR's estimated annual effective tax rate is 28.8 percent. Accordingly, \$15.9 million related to tax credits, net of deferred taxes, were recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared with \$6 million, net of deferred taxes, recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and \$16.5 million related to tax credits, net of deferred taxes, were recognized during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with \$12.8 million, net of deferred taxes, recognized during the six months ended March 31, 2013.

Net Income

Net income increased \$8.5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2013 and increased \$1.7 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to increased ITCs and revenue, partially offset by increased depreciation, interest and O&M expenses, as well as a decrease in other income. The decrease in other income was

due primarily to the settlement of a legal claim, as well as insurance recoveries, partially offset by asset disposals related to Superstorm Sandy during the six months ended March 31, 2013, which did not recur during the six months ended March 31, 2014.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Management of the Company uses non-GAAP financial measures, noted as “NFE,” when evaluating the operating results of Clean Energy Ventures. For NFE purposes an annual estimated effective tax rate is calculated and any necessary quarterly tax adjustment is applied to NJRCEV, as such adjustment is related to tax credits generated by NJRCEV. Accordingly, for NFE purposes, the effective tax rate for fiscal 2014 is estimated at 27.6 percent. Since the effective tax rate is based on certain forecasted assumptions, including estimates surrounding completion of projects, the rate and resulting NFE are subject to change.

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Non-GAAP financial measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative to GAAP, and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for the comparable GAAP measure. A reconciliation of NJRCEV's net (loss) income, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measurement to NFE is as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$ 13,672	\$ 5,154	\$ 12,164	\$ 10,459
Add:				
Tax adjustments	(865	)—	4,257	—
Net financial earnings	\$ 12,807	\$ 5,154	\$ 16,421	\$ 10,459

Midstream Segment

Overview

Our Midstream segment invests in natural gas assets, such as natural gas transportation and storage facilities. NJR believes that acquiring, owning and developing these midstream assets, which operate under a tariff structure that has either regulated or market-based rates, can provide a growth opportunity for the Company. To that end, NJR has a 50 percent ownership interest in Steckman Ridge, a storage facility that operates under market-based rates as well as a 5.53 percent ownership interest in Iroquois, a natural gas pipeline operating with regulated rates. NJR is pursuing other potential opportunities that meet its investment and development criteria.

As of March 31, 2014, NJR's net investments in Steckman Ridge and Iroquois were \$129.2 million and \$23.2 million, respectively.

Operating Results

The financial results of Midstream are summarized as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Equity in earnings of affiliates	\$4,141	\$4,469	\$7,083	\$7,960
Operation and maintenance expenses	\$168	\$278	\$514	\$418
Interest expense, net	\$107	\$213	\$237	\$533
Income tax provision	\$1,573	\$1,618	\$2,569	\$2,862
Net income	\$2,254	\$2,274	\$3,688	\$4,059

Equity in earnings, which is driven primarily by storage revenues generated by Steckman Ridge and transportation revenues generated by Iroquois, is as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Steckman Ridge	\$2,231	\$2,287	\$4,236	\$4,602
Iroquois	1,910	2,182	2,847	3,358

Total equity in earnings	\$4,141	\$4,469	\$7,083	\$7,960
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Retail and Other Operations

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The financial results of Retail and Other consist primarily of the operating results of NJRHS, CR&R, and NJR Energy. NJRHS provides service, sales and installation of appliances to approximately 119,000 service contract customers and has been focused on growing its installation business and expanding its service contract customer base. CR&R seeks additional opportunities to enhance the value of its building and undeveloped land. NJR Energy invests in other energy-related ventures. Retail and Other also includes organizational expenses incurred at NJR.

Operating Results

The consolidated financial results of Retail and Other are summarized as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating revenues	\$8,824	\$8,520	\$18,098	\$19,138
Operation and maintenance expenses	\$10,875	\$9,181	\$19,820	\$18,678
Net (loss)	\$(1,576)	\$(1,037)	\$(1,777)	\$(1,131)

Operating revenues increased \$304,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013 due primarily to a lease buyout at CR&R and increased installations at NJRHS. Operating revenues decreased \$1 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014 compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to an increase in the demand for equipment installations following Superstorm Sandy, which generated higher revenue in fiscal 2013.

O&M increased \$1.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013 and increased \$1.1 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to higher incentives, partially offset by lower equipment costs, corresponding to the decrease in installations, as discussed above for the six months ended March 31, 2014.

Net loss increased \$539,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2013 due primarily to increased O&M, as previously discussed, partially offset by increased revenues. Net loss increased \$646,000 during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with the six months ended March 31, 2013, due primarily to decreased revenues, as discussed above, as well as increased O&M, partially offset by a gain after closing costs of \$186,000 during the six months ended March 31, 2014 associated with the sale of 25.4 acres of undeveloped land at CR&R.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

NJR's objective is to maintain an efficient consolidated capital structure that accommodates the different characteristics of each business segment and business operations and provides adequate financial flexibility for accessing capital markets as required.

NJR's consolidated capital structure was as follows:

	March 31, 2014	September 30, 2013	
Common stock equity	59	%48	%
Long-term debt	36	28	
Short-term debt	5	24	
Total	100	%100	%

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Common Stock Equity

NJR satisfies its external common equity requirements, if any, through issuances of its common stock, including the proceeds from stock issuances under its DRP and proceeds from the exercise of options issued under the Company's long-term incentive program. The DRP allows NJR, at its option, to use treasury shares or newly issued shares to raise capital. NJR raised approximately \$23.8 million of equity through the DRP during fiscal 2013, by issuing 571,000 new shares. NJR also raised \$7.4 million and \$6.7 million of equity through the DRP, by issuing 163,000 and 157,000 shares of treasury stock, during the six months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In 1996, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to implement a share repurchase program, which has been expanded seven times since the inception of the program. In July 2013, the Board of Directors approved an increase in the number of shares of NJR common stock authorized for repurchase under NJR's Share Repurchase Plan by one million shares to a total of 9.75 million shares. As of March 31, 2014, the Company repurchased a total of approximately 8.2 million of the authorized shares. There were 97,600 shares repurchased during the six months ended March 31, 2014.

Debt

NJR and its unregulated subsidiaries generally rely on cash flows generated from operating activities and the utilization of committed credit facilities to provide liquidity to meet working capital and short-term debt financing requirements, while NJNG also relies on the issuance of commercial paper for short-term funding. NJR and NJNG periodically access the capital markets to fund long-life assets through the issuance of long-term debt securities.

NJR believes that its existing borrowing availability and cash flow from operations will be sufficient to satisfy its and its subsidiaries' working capital, capital expenditures and dividend requirements for the next 12 months. NJR, NJNG, NJRCEV and NJRES currently anticipate that each of their financing requirements for the next 12 months will be met primarily through the issuance of short and long-term debt, meter sale-leasebacks and proceeds from the Company's DRP.

NJR believes that as of March 31, 2014, NJR and NJNG were, and currently are, in compliance with all existing debt covenants, both financial and non-financial.

On April 23, 2014, the BPU approved a petition filed by NJNG requesting authorization over a three-year period to issue up to \$300 million of medium-term notes with a maturity of not more than 30 years, renew its revolving credit facility expiring August 2014 for up to five years, enter into interest rate risk management transactions related to debt securities and redeem, refinance or defease any of NJNG's outstanding long-term debt securities.

Short-Term Debt

NJR uses its short-term borrowings primarily to finance its share repurchases, to satisfy NJRES' short-term liquidity needs and to finance, on an initial basis, NJR's unregulated NJRCEV investments. NJRES' use of high volume storage facilities and anticipated pipeline park-and-loan arrangements, combined with related economic hedging activities in the volatile wholesale natural gas market, create significant short-term cash requirements.

The seasonal nature of NJNG's operations creates large short-term cash requirements, primarily to finance natural gas purchases and customer accounts receivable. NJNG obtains working capital for these requirements, and for the temporary financing of construction and MGP remediation expenditures and energy tax payments, based on its own financial profile, through the issuance of commercial paper supported by the NJNG Credit Facility or through short-term bank loans under the NJNG Credit Facility.

Due to the seasonal nature of natural gas prices and demand, NJR and NJNG's short-term borrowings tend to peak in the winter months.

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Short-term borrowings were as follows:

(Thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Six Months Ended	
NJR			
Notes Payable to banks:			
Balance at end of period	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,200	
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	0.95	% 0.95	%
Average balance for the period	\$ 246,865	\$ 263,844	
Weighted average interest rate for average balance	0.95	% 0.96	%
Month end maximum for the period	\$ 323,100	\$ 324,900	
NJNG			
Commercial Paper and Notes Payable to banks:			
Balance at end of period	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	
Weighted average interest rate at end of period	0.12	% 0.12	%
Average balance for the period	\$ 187,338	\$ 154,684	
Weighted average interest rate for average balance	0.15	% 0.14	%
Month end maximum for the period	\$ 204,500	\$ 204,500	

NJR

On January 24, 2014, NJR entered into an agreement for an additional \$50 million unsecured committed credit line. The additional credit line was put in place primarily to provide additional working capital to NJRES to meet any potential margin calls that may arise in NJRES' normal course of business. Effective January 31, 2014, NJR utilized the accordion option available under the NJR Credit Facility to increase the amount of credit available from \$325 million to \$425 million and the additional credit line was thereby terminated on the same date. As of March 31, 2014, NJR's revolving credit facility had \$384.5 million available under the facility.

On September 13, 2013, NJR entered into the \$100 million uncommitted JPMC Term Loan Credit Agreement, with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as a Lender and Administrative Agent, which is scheduled to terminate on September 15, 2014. As of March 31, 2014, NJR had no amounts outstanding under the JPMC Term Loan with the full amount remaining for future borrowings.

Based on its average borrowings during the six months ended March 31, 2014, NJR's average interest rate was .96 percent, resulting in interest expense of \$1.3 million.

As of March 31, 2014, NJR has five letters of credit outstanding totaling \$25.3 million, which reduces the amount available under the NJR Credit Facility by the same amount.

In June 2013, NJR entered into an agreement permitting the issuance of stand-alone letters of credit for up to \$10 million through June 5, 2014. No amounts have been drawn under this arrangement as of March 31, 2014.

NJNG

NJNG's commercial paper is sold through several commercial banks under an issuing and paying agency agreement and is supported by the \$250 million NJNG Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2014, the unused amount available under the NJNG Credit Facility, including amounts allocated to the backstop under the commercial paper program and the issuance of letters of credit, was \$201.3 million. In addition, the JPMC Facility providing liquidity support for NJNG's VRDNs has not been used to date.

During the six months ended March 31, 2014, based on its average commercial paper outstanding, NJNG's weighted average interest rate on its short-term debt was .14 percent, resulting in interest expense of \$112,000.

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As of March 31, 2014, NJNG has two letters of credit outstanding totaling approximately \$731,000. These letters of credit reduce the amount available under NJNG's committed credit facility by the same amount. NJNG does not anticipate that these letters of credit will be drawn upon by the counterparties. These letters of credit are used for collateral for soil remediation systems and expire on August 11, 2015.

Short-Term Debt Covenants

Borrowings under the NJR Credit Facility, NJNG Credit Facility, JPMC Term Loan and JPMC Facility are conditioned upon compliance with a maximum leverage ratio (consolidated total indebtedness to consolidated total capitalization as defined in the applicable agreements), of not more than .65 to 1.00 at any time. These revolving credit facilities and the JPMC Term Loan contain customary representations and warranties for transactions of this type. They also contain customary events of default and certain covenants that will limit NJR or NJNG's ability beyond agreed upon thresholds, to, among other things:

- incur additional debt;
- incur liens and encumbrances;
- make dispositions of assets;
- enter into transactions with affiliates; and
- merge, consolidate, transfer, sell or lease all or substantially all of the borrower's or guarantors' assets.

These covenants are subject to a number of exceptions and qualifications set forth in the applicable agreements.

Default Provisions

The agreements governing our long-term and short-term debt obligations include provisions that, if not complied with, could require early payment or similar actions. The most important default events include:

- defaults for non-payment;
- defaults for breach of representations and warranties;
- defaults for insolvency;
- defaults for non-performance of covenants;
- cross-defaults to other debt obligations of the borrower; and
- guarantor defaults.

The occurrence of an event of default under these agreements could result in all loans and other obligations of the borrower becoming immediately due and payable and the credit facilities or term loan being terminated.

Long-Term Debt

NJR

On September 26, 2013, NJR entered into an unsecured, uncommitted \$100 million private placement shelf note agreement with MetLife. The MetLife Facility, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, allows NJR to issue senior notes to MetLife or certain of MetLife's affiliates from time to time during a three-year issuance period ending September 26, 2016, on terms and conditions, including interest rates and maturity dates, to be agreed upon in connection with each note issuance. Any notes issued under the MetLife Facility will be guaranteed by certain unregulated subsidiaries of NJR. As of March 31, 2014, \$100 million remains available for borrowing under the MetLife Facility.

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NJR has outstanding \$25 million of 1.94 percent senior notes due September 15, 2015, and \$25 million of 2.51 percent senior notes due September 15, 2018, which were issued under a now-expired facility with MetLife.

In June 2011, NJR entered into an unsecured, uncommitted \$75 million private placement shelf note agreement with Prudential. The Prudential Facility, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, allows NJR to issue senior notes to Prudential or certain of Prudential's affiliates from time to time during a three-year issuance period ending June 30, 2014, on terms and conditions, including interest rates and maturity dates, to be agreed upon in connection with each note issuance. In September 2012, NJR issued \$50 million of 3.25 percent senior notes due September 17, 2022. The notes issued under the Prudential Facility are guaranteed by certain unregulated subsidiaries of NJR. As of March 31, 2014, \$25 million remains available for borrowing under the Prudential Facility.

NJR has a \$50 million, 6.05 percent senior unsecured note, issued through the private placement market, maturing in September 2017.

NJNG

As of March 31, 2014, NJNG's long-term debt consisted of \$347.8 million in secured fixed-rate debt issuances, with maturities ranging from 2018 to 2044, \$97 million in secured variable rate debt with maturities ranging from 2027 to 2041 and \$55.2 million in capital leases with various maturities ranging from 2014 to 2021.

On March 13, 2014, NJNG issued \$70 million of 3.58 percent senior secured notes due March 13, 2024, and \$55 million of 4.61 percent senior secured notes due March 13, 2044, in the private placement market pursuant to a note purchase agreement entered into on February 7, 2014. The notes are secured by an equal principal amount of NJNG's FMB (Series QQ and RR, respectively) issued under NJNG's Indenture, until the Release Date. The Release Date, as defined in the note purchase agreement, is the date at which the security provided by the pledge under the Mortgage Indenture would no longer be available to holders of any outstanding series of NJNG's senior secured notes and such indebtedness would become senior unsecured indebtedness. The proceeds from the notes were used to pay down short-term debt and redeem its \$60 million, 4.77 percent private placement bonds. The notes are subject to required prepayments upon the occurrence of certain events and NJNG may at any time prepay all or a portion of the notes at a make-whole prepayment price.

On April 10, 2014, NJNG provided notice to bond holders that the \$12 million, 5 percent Series HH bonds, which were callable as of December 1, 2013, will be redeemed on May 27, 2014.

NJR is not obligated directly or contingently with respect to the Notes or the FMB.

Long-Term Debt Covenants and Default Provisions

The NJR and NJNG long-term debt instruments contain customary representations and warranties for transaction of their type. They also contain customary events of default and certain covenants that will limit NJR or NJNG's ability beyond agreed upon thresholds to, among other things:

- Incur additional debt (including a covenant that limits the amount of consolidated total debt of the borrower at the end of a fiscal quarter to 65 percent of the consolidated total capitalization of the borrower, as those terms are defined in

the applicable agreements, and a covenant limiting priority debt to 20 percent of the borrower's consolidated total capitalization, as those terms are defined in the applicable agreements);

- Incur liens and encumbrances;
- Make loans and investments;
- Make dispositions of assets;
- Make dividends or restricted payments;
- Enter into transactions with affiliates; and
- Merge, consolidate, transfer, sell or lease substantially all of the borrower's assets.

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The aforementioned covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications set forth in the applicable note purchase agreements.

Sale-Leaseback

NJNG received \$7.6 million and \$7.1 million in December 2013 and 2012, respectively, in connection with the sale-leaseback of its natural gas meters. NJNG expects to continue this sale-leaseback program on an annual basis, subject to market conditions.

Contractual Obligations

NJNG's total capital expenditures are projected to be \$157.7 million and \$161.8 million, in fiscal 2014 and 2015, respectively, and include estimated SAFE construction costs of \$31.6 million and \$33.7 million, respectively. Total capital expenditures spent or accrued during the six months ended March 31, 2014 were \$72.1 million, of which \$19.3 million was related to SAFE. In November 2012, NJNG filed a petition with the BPU requesting deferral accounting for actually incurred uninsured incremental O&M costs associated with Superstorm Sandy. As of March 31, 2014, NJNG has deferred \$15.2 million in regulatory assets for future recovery. In addition, NJNG requested the review of and the appropriate amortization period for such deferred expenses be addressed in the Company's next base rate case to be filed no later than November 15, 2015. However, there can be no assurances that such recovery mechanisms will be available or, if available, no assurances can be given relative to the timing or amount of such recovery.

NJNG expects to fund its obligations with a combination of cash flow from operations, cash on hand, issuance of commercial paper, available capacity under its revolving credit facility, the issuance of long-term debt and contributions from NJR.

As of March 31, 2014, NJNG's future MGP expenditures are estimated to total \$183.6 million. For a more detailed description of MGP properties and expenditures see Note 12. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities in the accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Estimated capital expenditures are reviewed on a regular basis and may vary based on the ongoing effects of regulatory constraints, environmental regulations, unforeseen events, and the ability to access capital.

NJRCEV's expenditures include discretionary spending on capital projects that support NJR's goal to promote clean energy. Accordingly, NJRCEV enters into agreements to install solar equipment involving both residential and commercial projects. The Company estimates solar-related capital expenditures for projects placed in service during fiscal 2014 to be between \$75 million and \$85 million. During the six months ended March 31, 2014, \$27.6 million has been spent and an additional \$72.3 million has been committed or accrued for projects to be placed in service during fiscal 2014 and beyond.

In addition, NJRCEV expects to invest approximately \$22 million to construct the 9.7 MW Two Dot wind project in Montana, which NJRCEV expects to be operational in the second half of fiscal 2014. NJRCEV will also invest approximately \$42 million on a second wind project located in Carroll County, Iowa. NJRCEV expects to complete that 20 MW project in fiscal 2015. During the six months ended March 31, 2014, \$17.8 million has been spent and an additional \$15.2 million has been committed or accrued for these wind projects.

Capital expenditures related to distributed power projects are subject to change due to a variety of factors that may affect our ability to commence operations at these projects on a timely basis or, at all, including logistics associated with the start-up of residential and commercial solar projects, such as timing of construction schedules, the permitting and regulatory process, any delays related to electric grid interconnection, economic trends, unforeseen events and the ability to access capital or allocation of capital to other investments or business opportunities.

NJRES does not currently anticipate any significant capital expenditures in fiscal 2014 and 2015.

Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any off-balance-sheet arrangements, with the exception of guarantees covering approximately \$408.4 million of natural gas purchases and demand fee commitments and outstanding letters of credit totaling \$26 million, as noted above.

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Cash Flow

Operating Activities

As presented on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, cash flows from operating activities totaled \$383.4 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with \$108.4 million during the six months ended March 31, 2013. Operating cash flows are primarily affected by variations in working capital, which can be impacted by the following:

- seasonality of NJR's business;
- fluctuations in wholesale natural gas prices, including changes in derivative asset and liability values;
- timing of storage injections and withdrawals;
- the deferral and recovery of gas costs;
- changes in contractual assets utilized to optimize margins related to natural gas transactions;
- broker margin requirements;
- timing of the collections of receivables and payments of current liabilities; and
- volumes of natural gas purchased and sold.

In addition to the above factors, unusually cold weather during the six months ended March 31, 2014 compared with the prior fiscal year resulted in a significant increase in sales of natural gas resulting in a 55.8 percent decrease to gas in storage along with the overall profitability at NJRES.

Investing Activities

Cash flows used in investing activities totaled \$110.2 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with \$90.2 million during the six months ended March 31, 2013. The increase was due primarily to an increase in capital expenditures of \$17.8 million related to wind projects and \$2.8 million related to solar projects at NJRCEV, partially offset by proceeds from the sale of land at CR&R.

Financing Activities

Financing cash flows generally are seasonal in nature and are impacted by the volatility in pricing in the natural gas markets. NJNG's inventory levels are built up during its natural gas injection season (April through October) and reduced during withdrawal season (November through March) in response to the supply requirements of its customers. Changes in financing cash flows can also be impacted by gas management and marketing activities at NJRES and distributed power investments at NJRCEV.

Cash flows used in financing activities totaled \$266.6 million during the six months ended March 31, 2014, compared with \$16.7 million during the six months ended March 31, 2013. The increase was due primarily to an increase in payments of short-term debt. Unusually cold weather during the current six-month period resulted in an increase in natural gas sales and profitability that allowed NJR and NJNG to reduce short-term borrowings. NJNG also issued \$125 million in senior notes, which was used to reduce short-term borrowings and redeem \$60 million of NJNG's long-term debt that matured in March 2014.

Credit Ratings

On January 30, 2014, Moody's upgraded NJNG's senior secured rating from Aa3 to Aa2, while maintaining a stable outlook. The rating upgrade was driven primarily by the overall credit supportiveness of the regulatory environment under which NJNG operates. In its review of NJNG's credit rating, Moody's considered the BPU's continued support of NJNG's rate mechanisms, which allows for timely recovery of costs, including those associated with NJNG's BGSS and CIP. In addition, the favorable recovery of investments related to NJNG's infrastructure and energy efficiency programs factored into the rating upgrade.

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The table below summarizes NJNG's current credit ratings issued by two rating entities, S&P and Moody's

	Standard and Poor's	Moody's
Corporate Rating	A	N/A
Commercial Paper	A-1	P-1
Senior Secured	A+	Aa2
Ratings Outlook	Stable	Stable

NJNG is not party to any lending agreements that would accelerate the maturity date of any obligation caused by a failure to maintain any specific credit rating. If such ratings are downgraded below investment grade, borrowing costs could increase, as would the costs of maintaining certain contractual relationships and future financing. Even if ratings are downgraded without falling below investment grade, NJR and NJNG could still face increased borrowing costs under their credit facilities. A rating set forth above is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Company's or NJNG's securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time. Each rating set forth above should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

The timing and mix of any external financings will target a common equity ratio that is consistent with maintaining the Company's current short-term and long-term credit ratings.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Financial Risk Management

Commodity Market Risks

Natural gas is a nationally traded commodity. Its prices are determined effectively by the NYMEX and over-the-counter markets. The prices on the NYMEX/CME, ICE and over-the-counter markets generally reflect the national balance of natural gas supply and demand, but are also significantly influenced from time to time by other events.

The regulated and unregulated natural gas businesses of NJR and its subsidiaries are subject to market risk due to fluctuations in the price of natural gas. To economically hedge against such fluctuations, NJR and its subsidiaries have entered into forwards, futures contracts, options agreements and swap agreements. To manage these derivative instruments, NJR has well-defined risk management policies and procedures that include daily monitoring of volumetric limits and monetary guidelines. NJR's natural gas businesses are conducted through three of its operating subsidiaries. NJNG is a regulated utility that uses futures, options and swaps to economically hedge against price fluctuations, and its recovery of natural gas costs is governed by the BPU. NJRES uses futures, options, swaps and physical contracts to economically hedge purchases and sales of natural gas and NJR Energy from time to time may enter into energy-related ventures. Financial derivatives have historically been transacted on an exchange and cleared through an FCM, thus requiring daily cash margining for a majority of NJRES' and NJNG's positions. As a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, certain of NJRES' and NJNG's other transactions that were previously executed in the over-the-counter markets are now cleared through an FCM, resulting in increased margin requirements. The related cash flow impact from the increased requirements is expected to be minimal. Non-financial (physical) derivatives utilized by the Company have received statutory exclusion from similar Dodd-Frank provisions due to the element of

physical settlement.

The following table reflects the changes in the fair market value of financial derivatives related to natural gas purchases and sales from September 30, 2013 to March 31, 2014:

(Thousands)	Balance September 30, 2013	Increase (Decrease) in Fair Market Value	Less Amounts Settled	Balance March 31, 2014
NJNG	\$ 1,438	\$ 14,369	\$ 1,418	\$ 14,389
NJRES	14,563	(156,880)	(129,097)	(13,220)
Total	\$ 16,001	\$(142,511)	\$(127,679)	\$ 1,169

There were no changes in methods of valuations during the six months ended March 31, 2014.

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The following is a summary of fair market value of financial derivatives at March 31, 2014, excluding foreign exchange contracts discussed below, by method of valuation and by maturity for each fiscal year period:

(Thousands)	2014	2015	2016 - 2018	After 2018	Total Fair Value
Price based on NYMEX/CME	\$ 11,221	\$(2,823)	\$(23)	\$—	\$ 8,375
Price based on ICE	400	(6,186)	(1,420)	—	(7,206)
Total	\$ 11,621	\$(9,009)	\$(1,443)	\$—	\$ 1,169

The following is a summary of financial derivatives by type as of March 31, 2014:

		Volume Bcf	Price per MMBtu	Amounts included in Derivatives (Thousands)
NJNG	Futures	27.5	\$3.31 - \$4.94	\$ 14,389
NJRES	Futures	(20.9)	\$3.24 - \$6.48	(13,220)
Total				\$ 1,169

The following table reflects the changes in the fair market value of physical commodity contracts from September 30, 2013 to March 31, 2014:

(Thousands)	Balance September 30, 2013	Increase (Decrease) in Fair Market Value	Less Amounts Settled	Balance March 31, 2014
NJRES - Prices based on other external data	\$(2,772)	(90,004)	(62,928)	\$(29,848)

The Company's market price risk is predominately related to changes in the price of natural gas at Henry Hub, which is the delivery point for the NYMEX natural gas futures contracts. As the fair value of futures and our fixed swaps is derived from this location, the price sensitivity analysis below has been prepared for all open Henry Hub natural gas futures and fixed swap positions. Based on this, an illustrative 10 percent movement in Henry Hub natural gas futures contract prices for example, increases (decreases) the reported derivative fair value of all open, unadjusted Henry Hub natural gas futures and fixed swap positions by approximately \$7.3 million. This analysis does not include potential changes to reported credit adjustments embedded in the \$8.8 million reported fair value.

Derivative Fair Value Sensitivity Analysis

(Thousands)	Henry Hub Futures and Fixed Price Swaps				
	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%
Percent increase in NYMEX natural gas futures prices					
Estimated change in derivative fair value	\$—	\$(3,639)	\$(7,278)	\$(10,918)	\$(14,557)
Ending derivative fair value	\$(8,753)	\$(12,392)	\$(16,031)	\$(19,671)	\$(23,310)
Percent decrease in NYMEX natural gas futures prices		(5)%	(10)%	(15)%	(20)%
Estimated change in derivative fair value	\$—	\$ 3,639	\$ 7,278	\$ 10,918	\$ 14,557
Ending derivative fair value	\$(8,753)	\$(5,114)	\$(1,475)	\$ 2,165	\$ 5,804

Wholesale Credit Risk

The following is a summary of gross and net credit exposures, grouped by investment and noninvestment grade counterparties, as of March 31, 2014. Gross credit exposure is defined as the unrealized fair value of derivative and

energy trading contracts plus any outstanding wholesale receivable for the value of natural gas delivered and/or financial derivative commodity contract that has settled for which payment has not yet been received. Net credit exposure is defined as gross credit exposure reduced by collateral received from counterparties and/or payables, where netting agreements exist. The amounts presented below exclude accounts receivable for NJNG retail natural gas sales and services.

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NJRES' counterparty credit exposure as of March 31, 2014, is as follows:

(Thousands)	Gross Credit Exposure	Net Credit Exposure
Investment grade	\$ 275,133	\$ 213,067
Noninvestment grade	6,104	474
Internally rated investment grade	43,212	19,660
Internally rated noninvestment grade	26,213	884
Total	\$ 350,662	\$ 234,085

NJNG's counterparty credit exposure as of March 31, 2014, is as follows:

(Thousands)	Gross Credit Exposure	Net Credit Exposure
Investment grade	\$ 24,052	\$ 21,300
Internally rated investment grade	741	254
Internally rated noninvestment grade	1,143	—
Total	\$ 25,936	\$ 21,554

Due to the inherent volatility in the prices of natural gas commodities and derivatives, the market value of contractual positions with individual counterparties could exceed established credit limits or collateral provided by those counterparties. If a counterparty failed to perform the obligations under its contract (for example, failed to deliver or pay for natural gas), the Company could sustain a loss. This loss would comprise the loss on natural gas delivered but not paid for and/or the cost of replacing natural gas not delivered or received at a price that is unfavorable to the price in the original contract. Any such loss could have a material impact on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Information regarding NJR's interest rate risk can be found in Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks and the Liquidity and Capital Resources - Debt section of Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended September 30, 2013.

Effects of Inflation

Although inflation rates have been relatively low to moderate in recent years, any change in price levels has an effect on operating results due to the capital-intensive and regulated nature of the Company's utility subsidiary. The Company attempts to minimize the effects of inflation through cost control, productivity improvements and regulatory actions when appropriate.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and

operation of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective, to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2014, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Information regarding reportable legal proceedings is contained in Part I, "Item 3. Legal Proceedings" in NJR's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2013, and is set forth in Part I, Item 1, Note 12. Commitment and Contingent Liabilities-Legal Proceedings on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. No legal proceedings became reportable during the quarter ended March 31, 2014, and there have been no material developments during such quarter regarding any previously reported legal proceedings, which have not been previously disclosed.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

While NJR attempts to identify, manage and mitigate risks and uncertainties associated with its business to the extent practical, under the circumstances, some level of risk and uncertainty will always be present. Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of NJR's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K includes a detailed discussion of NJR's risk factors. Those risks and uncertainties have the potential to materially affect NJR's financial condition and results of operations. There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A, of our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table sets forth NJR's repurchase activity for the quarter ended March 31, 2014:

Period	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
1/01/14 - 1/31/14	—	\$—	—	1,649,727
2/01/14 - 2/28/14	48,800	\$44.91	48,800	1,600,927
3/01/14 - 3/31/14	48,800	\$44.95	48,800	1,552,127
Total	97,600	\$44.93	97,600	1,552,127

The stock repurchase plan, which was authorized by our Board of Directors, became effective in September 1996 and as of March 31, 2014, included 9.75 million shares of common stock for repurchase, of which, approximately 1.55 million shares remained available for repurchase. The stock repurchase plan will expire when we have repurchased all shares authorized for repurchase thereunder, unless the repurchase plan is earlier terminated by action of our Board of Directors or further shares are authorized for repurchase.

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ITEM 6.
EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
4.2(f)+	Thirty-Fifth Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 2014
4.5+	\$125,000,000 Note Purchase Agreement dated as of February 7, 2014, by and among New Jersey Natural Gas Company and the Purchasers party thereto
31.1+	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
31.2+	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
32.1+ †	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
32.2+ †	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
101+	Interactive Data File (Form 10-Q, for the fiscal period ended March 31, 2014, furnished in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language)).

+Filed herewith.

† This certificate accompanies this report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not be deemed filed by NJR for purposes of Section 18 or any other provision of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: May 7, 2014

By:/s/ Glenn C. Lockwood
Glenn C. Lockwood
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer