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## **About Unitil**

### Pure play New England utility creating long-term sustainable value

# Local distributor of electricity and natural gas in attractive service areas along the New Hampshire and Maine Seacoast

- Fully regulated electric and gas operations
- Growing customer base supported by strong regional economic growth
- Continuing price advantage over competing fuels

### **Compelling investor value proposition**

- · Low-risk expected earnings and dividend growth
- Sustainable long-term growth opportunities
- Proven track record of financial, operating, and strategic performance

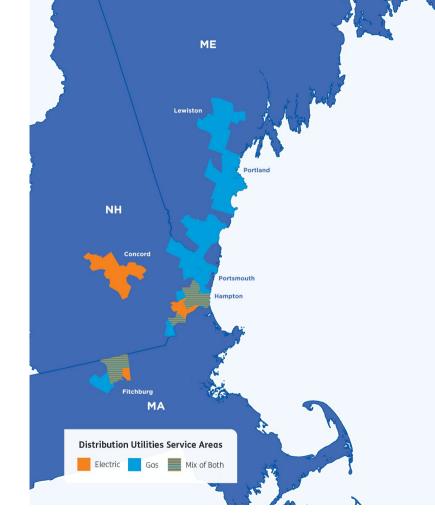
# Robust investment opportunities in electric and gas infrastructure

- Grid modernization, resiliency, and renewable resource investments are well-aligned with climate policies
- Timely recovery of capital investments

### Stable long-term expected earnings growth

- Strong regulatory and legislative support
- Distribution revenues largely decoupled from sales volumes
- Earnings unaffected by commodity cost fluctuations

### Operational and customer service excellence





# **Financial Results and Strategic Update**

### Strong financial results and continued strategic execution

### **Achieving Strong Financial Results**

- 2023 Net Income of \$45.2 million or \$2.82 per share
- \$0.23 per share increase compared to 2022 supported by regulatory initiatives and customer growth
- 8.9% year-over-year EPS growth
- GAAP ROE of 9.5%

### **Delivering on Long-term Goals**

- Reaffirming long-term EPS growth rate of 5% 7%
- Payout ratio firmly within target range of 55% 65%

### **Executing Corporate Strategy and Operational Excellence**

- Strong regulatory outcomes across jurisdictions
- Best-in-class operational performance and top-tier customer service
- #2 in Business NH Magazine's 2023 'Best Companies to Work For'

### **Solid Capital Investment Outlook**

- Long-term investment requirements in system modernization and expansion
- Expected long-term rate base growth of 6.5% 8.5%







# Fitchburg Rate Case Overview (Electric and Gas)

### FG&E rate cases progressing on schedule

Rate Case Filing Details (1)			
Docket Number	23-80 (electric) and 23-81 (gas)		
Test Year	2022 Test Year		
Requested Common Equity Ratio	52.26% (Current Authorized: 52.50%)		
Requested Rate of Return	Electric – 10.5%, Gas – 10.75%		
Requested Electric Revenue Increase	\$6.7 million		
Requested Gas Revenue Increase	\$11.3 million		
Requested Rate Base	Electric \$90.6 million, Gas \$121.5 Million		

<sup>(1)</sup> Rate case details reflect most recent filing on 02/01/2024, which may differ slightly from initial filing

Projected Rate Case	20	23	2024		
Schedule	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q3	
Rate Cases Filed	✓ 8/17				
Public Hearings		✓ 11/9, 29			
Intervenor Testimony		✓ 12/8			
Rebuttal Testimony			✓ 1/23		
Evidentiary Hearings			<b>□</b> 2/1 − 3/1		
Rates Effective				<b>7/1</b>	

### **Key Elements**

- Five-year Performance Based Ratemaking plans with annual inflation-based adjustments to revenue
  - K-Bar mechanism taking place of CCA to recover base electric capital investments
  - GSEP (gas), Grid Modernization (electric) capital recovery mechanisms remain in place
- Roll-in of capital tracker revenues offsets revenue deficiency requests
  - Electric tracker transfer of \$2.7 million
  - Gas tracker transfer of \$4.2 million
- Maintains revenue decoupling

### Supports multiple stakeholder interests

Provides cost mitigation and efficiency incentives

Aligned with regulatory precedent

Supports decarbonization policy initiatives

Promotes customer bill stability



# **Massachusetts Electric Sector Modernization Plan (ESMP)**

Plan to help the Commonwealth realize its Greenhouse Gas Emission limits consistent with the Clean Energy Climate Plan

### **ESMP Summary**

- Comprehensive distribution and technology investment plan to:
  - Improve reliability and resiliency
  - Increase timely adoption of renewable energy resources
  - Promote energy storage and electrification technologies
  - Prepare for future climate-driven impacts on the electric system
  - Accommodate increased electrification from transportation, building and other potential demands
  - Minimize or mitigate the impact to ratepayers while helping the Commonwealth realize its greenhouse gas emission limits
- Includes capital investment totaling \$43 million through 2028
- Timely recovery through proposed capital tracker mechanism
- Strategies and frameworks to ensure community engagement and transparency
- Filed January 29, 2024

### **Currently Approved Programs**

- Grid Modernization \$24.1 million authorized investment from 2022 2025
- EV Make Ready \$1.0 million authorized 2023 2027





# **Kingston Solar Project Progressing**

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission determines project to be in public interest

### **NH Statute RSA 374-G**

- Enables utility ownership of DER, limited to 6% of utility's total distribution peak load (approximately 18MW for Unitil)
- Individual generation projects limited to 5MW

### **Summary of Proposal made to NHPUC**

- Public interest determination granted by NHPUC allows 5 MW solar facility to begin construction
  - Capital cost estimates of approximately \$14 million
  - 96 acres in Kingston, NH with close proximity to substation
- Project is expected to reduce customer's energy bills, reduce emissions, and stimulate economic growth in the area

### **Progress Update**

- All necessary permits have been received
- Site work began in February

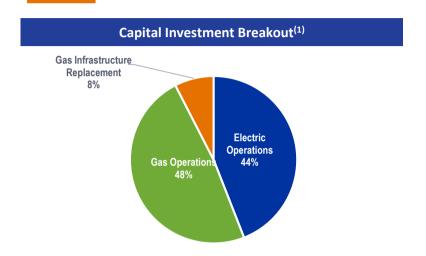


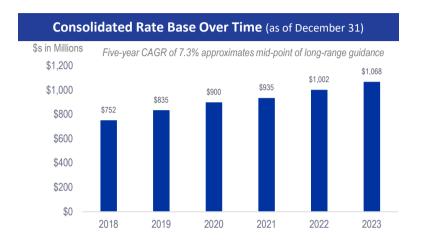
			Time	eline			
Initial Filing October 31, 2022	Intervenor Testimony March 9, 2023	Joint Letter of Support March 23, 2023	NHPUC Hearing April 11, 2023	Order Received May 1, 2023	Site Work Began Q1 2024	Expected In Service 1H 2025	Seek Recovery in Rate Case Shortly After Completion



# **Significant Investment Opportunities**

Anticipate long-term rate base growth of 6.5% to 8.5%









Forecast investment includes capitalized non-service retirement benefit costs which aren't reflected as investing activity for GAAP

# **Service Areas Contribute to Growth Opportunities**

### Desirable service areas provide unique advantages

### New Hampshire has robust and developing economy

- Frequently cited as one of the best states to live in; low crime rate and excellent economic conditions
- Low unemployment at 2.5% (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

### On-the-main penetration of approximately 60%

Allows for continued low-cost customer conversions and reduced emissions

### Cold winter weather in our service areas requires heat sources that maintain effectiveness

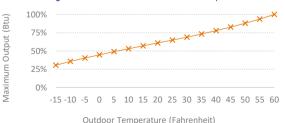
• Stand-alone electric heat pumps are not sufficient during New England's coldest winter days

### Favorable regulatory developments in high growth jurisdictions

- NH Energy Choice legislation
- NH passed law that allows up to 5% of gas supply to be sourced with RNG and permits recovery of associated investment

### **Heat Pump Output**

Heat pumps become ineffective during New England winters where the temperature frequently falls below 10°F. Pairing heat pumps with natural gas is the cleanest and most affordable option.

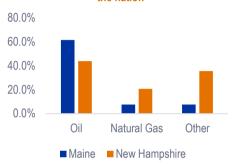


### **Unitil Delivered Energy**

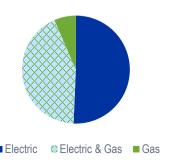
Gas infrastructure delivers significant energy while maintaining affordability; delivers ~7x more energy compared to electric system during winter months despite having fewer customers.



# Maine and New Hampshire have the first and second highest percentage of homes heated with fuel oil in the nation



Well diversified operations in Massachusetts, the Company's most progressive service area, with significant overlap between gas and electric customers





# **Balance Sheet Strength and Capitalization**

### Maintaining investment grade credit ratings

### **Responsible Financing Plan**

- Maintaining a strong balance remains a top objective
- Capital investments funded principally by Cash Flow From Operations less dividends
- Limited refinancing risk and no variable rate long-term debt

### **Investment Grade Rating**

- S&P issuer rating of BBB+
- Moody's issuer rating of Baa1 for distribution subsidiaries
  - Baa2 for Granite State Gas and Unitil Corporation

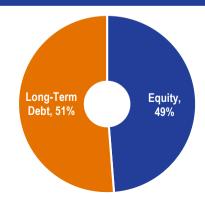
Comparatively Lower Risk than Peers					
	Unitil Peer Average Forward Look Expectation				
FFO / Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	19.1%	15.9%	Mid – High Teens		
Debt / EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	4.3x	5.3x	<5.0x		
Equity Ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	~49%	~45%	45% - 50%		



<sup>(2)</sup> Unitil data as of 12/31/2023; peer data most recent available per S&P Capital IQ.

# Equity, 13% CFFO, Less Dividends, 62% Equity includes internally generated funds such as the Dividend Reinvestment Program

### **Balanced Capital Structure (as of December 31, 2023)**





# **Dividend Increase and Expected Payout**

Consecutive years of accelerated dividend rate increases



- Balancing dividend sustainability with capital investment opportunities
- Expected dividend payout ratio to remain in target range of 55% to 65%
- Expected long-term dividend growth approximates long-term earnings growth
- Dividend increase of 5% in 2024<sup>(1)</sup>

Annualized Dividend \$1.70 Per Share (1)
Steady, Predictable Shareholder Return

2023 Payout Ratio 57%<sup>(2)</sup>

**Dividend Sustainability and Capital Investment** 

Payout Ratio Target 55% - 65%

**Long-Term Outlook** 

# **Continued Operating Excellence**

Industry leading reliability, response time, and customer satisfaction



### **Top-Tier Electric Service Reliability**

 12% lower service interruption time over the last 5 years compared to the prior five years

### **Continued Excellence in Gas Response Time**

- Responded to 91.2% emergency calls in 30 minutes or less
- Significantly better than AGA median of 73.1%

### Ranked 1st in the Northeast in Overall Customer Satisfaction at 87%

Third highest customer satisfaction of 23 Eastern utilities



# **Maintaining Long-Term Earnings Growth**

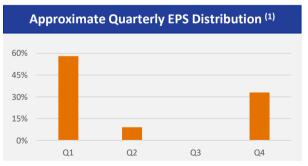
Long-term growth expectation remaining in the range of 5% to 7%<sup>(1)</sup>





### **2024 Expectations**

- 2024 earnings expected to be within long-term growth range
- Decoupled margin provides stability and visibility over 80% of customers under decoupled rates
- Anticipate O&M growth in 2024 at or below inflation
- Mitigated interest rate risk no significant maturities or variable rate long-term debt



(1) Earnings distribution based on 2024 expectations

# **Recapping Financial Performance Over the Past Decade**

Historical earnings growth at mid-point of long-term guidance

### **Performance Over Last 10 Years** 2.1x Net Income Compared to 2013 **1.8x EPS** 6.0% Earnings Per Share Compared to 2013 **Annual Growth** 2.2x Rate Base 8.1% Rate Base **Annual Growth** Compared to 2013 **Payout Ratio decreased 57% Payout Ratio** by approximately 30 Compared to 88% in 2013 percentage points



# **Continued Execution on Stated Objectives**

Delivering value through consistent execution

Objective	Result
Grow Earnings Per Share between 5% - 7%	9.5% annual EPS growth since 2021
Grow Rate Base between 6.5% - 8.5%	7.3% annual Rate Base growth over the last 5 years
Decrease payout ratio to support investment plan	57% Dividend Payout Ratio in 2023; within 55% - 65% target range
Protect the Balance Sheet	Maintaining Investment Grade Credit Ratings, Stable Outlook
Consistent Cost Management	2023 O&M increase lower than inflation
Regulatory Agenda Execution	Settled last 6 rate cases; 80% of customers decoupled
Maintain Best-in-Class Customer Service	#1 in Customer Satisfaction in Northeast for 4th Straight Year



# **Key Elements of Unitil's Value Proposition**

Delivering consistent results through a reliable, regulated strategy





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Key Regulatory Recovery Mechanisms

Dividend History





# **GAAP Return on Average Common Equity**

GAAP Return on Equity over the last twelve months

Company	Average Common Equity	LTM ROACE <sup>(1)</sup>
Northern Utilities	\$254	8.4%
Unitil Energy Systems	\$123	9.6%
Fitchburg Gas and Electric	\$124	9.9%
Granite State Gas	\$21	7.2%
Unitil Corporation	\$478	9.5%

\$s in Millions

# **Rate Relief Summary**

Successful regulatory strategy resulting in awards from both capital trackers and rate cases

Company	Activity	Millions	Date Effective	
Northarn Hilitiaa (Maina)	Capital Tracker	\$2.1	Q2 2023	
Northern Utilities (Maine)	Base Rate Case Increase	\$7.6	Q4 2023	
Unitil Energy Systems	Capital Tracker	\$1.2	Q2 2023	
	Exogenous Cost Recovery	\$0.7	Q1 2023	
Fitabburg /Floatric)	Grid Modernization	\$1.0	Q2 2023	
Fitchburg (Electric)	Capital Tracker	\$0.4	Q1 2024	
	Base Rate Case Increase	\$6.8 (requested)	Q3 2024	
	Exogenous Cost Recovery	\$0.7	Q1 2023	
Fitchburg (Gas)	Capital Tracker	\$1.2	Q2 2023	
	Base Rate Case Increase	\$10.9 (requested)	Q3 2024	
Granite State Gas	Capital Tracker	\$1.0	Q3 2023	



# **Key Regulatory Recovery Mechanisms**

**Timely Rate Recovery** 

	Unitil Energy	Fitchburg - Electric	Fitchburg - Gas	Northern - ME	Northern - NH
Revenue Decoupling	✓	✓	✓		✓
Power/Gas Supply	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supply Related Bad Debt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Energy Efficiency	✓	✓	✓		✓
Transmission	✓	✓			
Net Metering Credits	✓	✓			
Specific Capital Investment (1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Solar Incentives		✓			
Long-Term Renewable Contracts		✓			
Environmental Remediation			✓	✓	✓
Vegetation Management	✓				
Storm Recovery	✓	✓			
Pension / PBOP		✓	✓		
Exogenous Costs		✓	✓		✓
Local Property Taxes	✓				✓



# **Consistent Dividend Payment Since Incorporation**

Steadily increasing dividend per share since 2015

