UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 2, 2023

CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| (State or other jurisdiction of | |
| incorporation or organization) | |

001-11590 (Commission File Number) 51-0064146 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

500 Energy Lane, Dover, DE 19901 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

(302) 734-6799

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

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

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock - par value per share \$0.4867 | CPK | New York Stock Exchange, Inc. |
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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) |
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| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). |
| Emerging growth company \square |
| If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. |
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| Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition. |
| On November 2, 2023, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2023. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein. |
| Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. |
| (d) Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, dated November 2, 2023. |
| SIGNATURE |
| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized. |
| Chesapeake Utilities Corporation |
| /s/ Beth W. Cooper |
| Beth W. Cooper Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, |
| Treasurer, and Assistant Corporate Secretary |

Date: November 2, 2023



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CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2023 RESULTS

- Earnings per share ("EPS")* for the third quarter of 2023 was \$0.53 compared to \$0.54 per share for the third quarter of 2022
- Adjusted EPS** for the third quarter of 2023, which excludes transaction-related expenses attributable to the announced acquisition of Florida City Gas ("FCG"), increased by 28 percent to \$0.69 compared to \$0.54 per share for the third quarter of 2022
- Year-to-date EPS was \$3.47 compared to \$3.58 per share in the prior year. Adjusted EPS, excluding transaction-related expenses, for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$3.63
- Historically warmer temperatures significantly impacted customer consumption during the first half of 2023, lowering both EPS and Adjusted EPS by approximately \$0.41 per share
- Adjusted gross margin** growth of \$7.6 million during the third quarter was driven by continued pipeline expansion projects, natural gas organic growth, regulatory initiatives, and increased propane margins and fees
- Entered into a definitive agreement to acquire FCG for approximately \$923 million, which is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2023

<u>Dover, Delaware</u> — Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) ("Chesapeake Utilities" or the "Company") today announced financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023.

In the third quarter of 2023, the Company's adjusted net income**, which excludes transaction-related expenses for the announced acquisition of FCG, was \$12.2 million, compared to \$9.7 million reported in the third quarter of 2022. Adjusted EPS in the quarter was \$0.69 per share, compared to \$0.54 per share reported in the same prior-year period.

Earnings for the third quarter of 2023 were driven by continued pipeline expansion projects, organic growth in the Company's natural gas distribution businesses, contributions from the Company's Florida natural gas base rate proceeding, increased propane margins and fees, and incremental contributions associated with regulated infrastructure programs. These improvements were partially offset by reduced customer consumption compared to the prior-year period, lower virtual pipeline services and increased interest expense attributable to higher rates on short-term borrowings and the senior notes issued in March 2023.

During the first nine months of 2023, adjusted net income was \$64.8 million compared to \$63.6 million for the same period in 2022. Adjusted EPS for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 was \$3.63 compared to \$3.58 per share reported in the prior-year period.

Year-to-date earnings in 2023 were impacted by significantly warmer weather where our service territories on the Delmarva Peninsula and in Ohio experienced temperatures that were more than 20 percent higher than historical averages through the first half of 2023. The impacts of weather for the first nine months of 2023 were offset by the positive growth contributions noted above as well as a continued focus on cost management.

"Despite continued challenges with rising interest rates and significantly warmer temperatures through the first half of the year, Chesapeake Utilities has delivered strong performance on a year-to-date basis," commented Jeff Householder, chairman, president and CEO. "Growth investments, regulatory initiatives and continued expense management enabled us to overcome the significant weather and interest rate impacts on a year-to-date basis, resulting in year-to-date Adjusted EPS of \$3.63 versus 2022 Adjusted EPS of \$3.58. Excluding transaction-related expenses associated with the acquisition of FCG, in the third quarter, operating income increased \$5.5 million or 29.4 percent compared to the prior-year period, driven by incremental adjusted gross margin of \$7.6 million, or 8.8 percent."

"Not only do we see additional growth opportunities to drive incremental growth in our legacy businesses, but we are excited about the additional opportunities that the FCG acquisition will provide once it is a member of the Chesapeake family of businesses. We remain on track to completing the acquisition by year end. Across the organization, our team remains committed to executing on our growth strategy, achieving another record year of performance and driving increased shareholder value," concluded Householder.

Acquisition of Florida City Gas

In September 2023, the Company entered into a definitive stock purchase agreement with NextEra Energy, Inc. to acquire FCG for approximately \$923 million in cash, subject to certain working capital adjustments. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the fourth quarter of 2023, contingent on customary closing conditions and certain regulatory approvals.

FCG serves approximately 120,000 residential and commercial natural gas customers across eight counties in Florida, including Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Hendry, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River. Its natural gas system includes approximately 3,800 miles of distribution main and 80 miles of transmission pipe.

In connection with the acquisition, the Company has obtained a commitment for a 364-day bridge loan facility for up to \$965 million. The Company expects to ultimately finance the transaction through the issuance of new permanent debt and equity.

Capital Investment and Earnings Guidance

Prior to the announcement of the FCG acquisition, the Company's capital expenditures guidance ranged from \$900 million to \$1.1 billion for the five years ended 2025 and its EPS guidance range was \$6.15 to \$6.35 per share for 2025.

Given the magnitude of the FCG acquisition, the Company will surpass its capital expenditures guidance range two years early. Additionally, as a result of the Company's most recent 5-year strategic plan review where it revisited growth projections over the next five years for its legacy businesses and with the increased scale and investment opportunities related to the planned acquisition of FCG, the Company announced new capital expenditure guidance for the five-year period ended 2028 that will range from \$1.5 billion to \$1.8 billion. The Company also reaffirmed its current EPS guidance range for 2025 of \$6.15 to \$6.35 per share and extended its EPS guidance to a range of \$7.75 to \$8.00 per share for 2028. This would imply an EPS growth rate of approximately 8 percent from the current 2025 EPS guidance range, or since 2018, an 8.5 percent growth rate.

*Unless otherwise noted, EPS and Adjusted EPS information is presented on a diluted basis.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

**This press release including the tables herein, include references to both Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") and non-GAAP financial measures, including Adjusted Gross Margin.

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Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS. A "non-GAAP financial measure" is generally defined as a numerical measure of a company's historical or future performance that includes or excludes amounts, or that is subject to adjustments, so as to be different from the most directly comparable measure calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP. Our management believes certain non-GAAP financial measures, when considered together with GAAP financial measures, provide information that is useful to investors in understanding period-over-period operating results separate and apart from items that may, or could, have a disproportionately positive or negative impact on results in any particular period.

The Company calculates Adjusted Gross Margin by deducting the purchased cost of natural gas, propane and electricity and the cost of labor spent on direct revenue-producing activities from operating revenues. The costs included in Adjusted Gross Margin exclude depreciation and amortization and certain costs presented in operations and maintenance expenses in accordance with regulatory requirements. The Company calculates Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS by deducting costs and expenses associated with significant acquisitions that may affect the comparison of period-over-period results. These 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 measures. The Company believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful and meaningful to investors as a basis for making investment decisions, and provide investors with information that demonstrates the profitability achieved by the Company under allowed rates for regulated energy operations and under the Company's competitive pricing structures for unregulated energy operations. The Company's management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing a business unit and Company performance. Other companies may calculate these non-GAAP financial measures in a different manner.

The following tables reconcile Gross Margin, Net Income, and EPS, all as defined under GAAP, to our non-GAAP measures of Adjusted Gross Margin, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS for each of the periods presented.

Adjusted Gross Margin

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|---------------------------|-----|---------------------|----|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (in thousands) | Regulated Energy | | Unregulated Energy | Oth | er and Eliminations | | Total | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 102,411 | \$ 34,970 | \$ | (5,834) | \$ | 131,547 | | | | |
| Cost of Sales: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural gas, propane and electric costs | | (26,518) | (16,381 |) | 5,805 | | (37,094) | | | | |
| Depreciation & amortization | | (13,192) | (4,420 |) | 2 | | (17,610) | | | | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | | (4,819) | (7,532 |) | (382) | | (12,733) | | | | |
| Gross Margin (GAAP) | | 57,882 | 6,637 | | (409) | | 64,110 | | | | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | | 4,819 | 7,532 | | 382 | | 12,733 | | | | |
| Depreciation & amortization | | 13,192 | 4,420 | | (2) | | 17,610 | | | | |
| Adjusted Gross Margin (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 75,893 | \$ 18,589 | \$ | (29) | \$ | 94,453 | | | | |

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022

| | Tor the Times Months Ended September 50, 2022 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------|--------------------|------------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (in thousands) | Regulated Ener | gy | Unregulated Energy | Other and Eliminations | Total | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ 90 |),980 | \$ 47,914 | \$ (7,841) | \$ 131,053 | | | | | | |
| Cost of Sales: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural gas, propane and electric costs | (21 | ,248) | (30,768) | 7,811 | (44,205) | | | | | | |
| Depreciation & amortization | (13 | 3,271) | (4,071) | 3 | (17,339) | | | | | | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | (9 | 9,211) | (7,673) | 371 | (16,513) | | | | | | |
| Gross Margin (GAAP) | 47 | 7,250 | 5,402 | 344 | 52,996 | | | | | | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | Ç | 9,211 | 7,673 | (371) | 16,513 | | | | | | |
| Depreciation & amortization | 13 | 3,271 | 4,071 | (3) | 17,339 | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Gross Margin (Non-GAAP) | \$ 69 | 9,732 | \$ 17,146 | \$ (30) | \$ 86,848 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

For the Nine months ended September 30, 2023

| (in thousands) | Regulated Energy | | Un | regulated Energy | Other | and Eliminations | Total | | |
|---|------------------|-----------|----|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-----------|--|
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 345,822 | \$ | 158,886 | \$ | (19,439) | \$ | 485,269 | |
| Cost of Sales: | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural gas, propane and electric costs | | (105,692) | | (75,068) | | 19,282 | | (161,478) | |
| Depreciation & amortization | | (39,179) | | (12,923) | | 6 | | (52,096) | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | | (23,346) | | (23,528) | | (377) | | (47,251) | |
| Gross Margin (GAAP) | | 177,605 | | 47,367 | | (528) | | 224,444 | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | | 23,346 | | 23,528 | | 377 | | 47,251 | |
| Depreciation & amortization | | 39,179 | | 12,923 | | (6) | | 52,096 | |
| Adjusted Gross Margin (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 240,130 | \$ | 83,818 | \$ | (157) | \$ | 323,791 | |

For the Nine months ended September 30, 2022

| | To the time months chied september 50, 2022 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|----|----------------|---------|-----------------|----|-----------|--|--|--|
| (in thousands) | Regu | Regulated Energy | | gulated Energy | Other a | nd Eliminations | | Total | | | |
| Operating Revenues | \$ | 311,064 | \$ | 202,669 | \$ | (20,330) | \$ | 493,403 | | | |
| Cost of Sales: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural gas, propane and electric costs | | (88,264) | | (120,476) | | 20,238 | | (188,502) | | | |
| Depreciation & amortization | | (39,496) | | (12,025) | | (11) | | (51,532) | | | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | | (25,694) | | (21,428) | | (578) | | (47,700) | | | |
| Gross Margin (GAAP) | | 157,610 | | 48,740 | | (681) | | 205,669 | | | |
| Operations & maintenance expense (1) | | 25,694 | | 21,428 | | 578 | | 47,700 | | | |
| Depreciation & amortization | | 39,496 | | 12,025 | | 11 | | 51,532 | | | |
| Adjusted Gross Margin (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 222,800 | \$ | 82,193 | \$ | (92) | \$ | 304,901 | | | |

(1) Operations & maintenance expenses within the Consolidated Statements of Income are presented in accordance with regulatory requirements and to provide comparability within the industry. Operations & maintenance expenses which are deemed to be directly attributable to revenue producing activities have been separately presented above in order to calculate Gross Margin as defined under US GAAP.

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Mon Septen | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|----|--------------------|--------------|----|------------|
| (in thousands, except shares and per share data) | | 2023 | | 2022 | 2023 | | 2022 |
| Net Income (GAAP) | \$ | 9,407 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ 61,884 | \$ | 63,646 |
| Transaction-related expenses, net (1) | | 2,804 | | _ | 2,898 | | _ |
| Adjusted Net Income (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 12,211 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ 64,782 | \$ | 63,646 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | | 17,857,784 | | 17,819,373 | 17,847,288 | | 17,797,001 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Earnings Per Share - Diluted (GAAP) | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ 3.47 | \$ | 3.58 |
| Transaction-related expenses, net (1) | | 0.16 | | _ | 0.16 | | _ |
| Adjusted Earnings Per Share - Diluted (Non-GAAP) | \$ | 0.69 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ 3.63 | \$ | 3.58 |

⁽¹⁾ Transaction-related expenses represent costs incurred attributable to the announced acquisition of FCG including, but not limited to, legal, consulting, audit and financing fees.

Operating Results for the Quarters Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

Consolidated Results

| | Three Mo | nths E | | | |
|---|--------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------------|
| | Septen | nber 3 | 0, | | |
| (in thousands) | 2023 | | 2022 | Change | Percent Change |
| Adjusted gross margin** | \$ 94,453 | \$ | 86,848 | \$ 7,605 | 8.8 % |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | 23,800 | | 23,103 | 697 | 3.0 % |
| Transaction-related expenses | 3,899 | | _ | 3,899 | NMF |
| Other operating expenses | 46,526 | | 45,097 | 1,429 | 3.2 % |
| Operating income | \$ 20,228 | \$ | 18,648 | \$ 1,580 | 8.5 % |
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Operating income for the third quarter of 2023 was \$20.2 million, an increase of \$1.6 million or 8.5 percent compared to the same period in 2022. Excluding transaction-related expenses associated with the acquisition of FCG, operating income increased \$5.5 million or 29.4 percent compared to the prior-year period. Adjusted gross margin in the third quarter of 2023 was positively impacted by contributions from the Company's Florida natural gas base rate proceeding, increased propane margins and fees, continued pipeline expansion projects, organic growth in the Company's natural gas distribution businesses and incremental contributions associated with regulated infrastructure programs. These increases in adjusted gross margin were partially offset by a reduced level of virtual pipeline services and lower consumption during the third quarter of 2023. Higher operating expenses were largely associated with increased employee costs driven by growth initiatives, the ongoing competitive labor market and

higher benefits costs compared to the prior-year period. Operating income was also impacted by higher depreciation, amortization and property taxes.

Regulated Energy Segment

| Three | Mo | nths | Ended | |
|-------|----|------|-------|--|
| _ | | | 20 | |

| September 30, | | | | | | |
|---|----|--------|----|--------|-------------|----------------|
| (in thousands) | | 2023 | | 2022 | Change | Percent Change |
| Adjusted gross margin** | \$ | 75,893 | \$ | 69,732 | \$ 6,161 | 8.8 % |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | | 18,891 | | 18,594 | 297 | 1.6 % |
| Transaction-related expenses | | 3,899 | | _ | 3,899 | NMF |
| Other operating expenses | | 28,191 | | 27,475 | 716 | 2.6 % |
| Operating income | \$ | 24,912 | \$ | 23,663 | \$ 1,249 | 5.3 % |

The key components of the increase in adjusted gross margin** are shown below:

| (in | thousands) | ۱ |
|-----|------------|---|

| Rate changes associated with the Florida natural gas base rate proceeding (1) | \$ 3,470 |
|---|-------------|
| Natural gas transmission service expansions | 1,382 |
| Natural gas growth including conversions (excluding service expansions) | 1,312 |
| Contributions from regulated infrastructure programs | 563 |
| Changes in customer consumption | (259) |
| Other variances | (307) |
| Quarter-over-quarter increase in adjusted gross margin** | \$ 6,161 |

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Includes adjusted gross margin contributions from permanent base rates that became effective in March 2023.

The major components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

(in thousands)

| Quarter-over-quarter increase in other operating expenses | \$ | 716 |
|---|---------|------|
| Other variances | <u></u> | (33) |
| Increased payroll, benefits and other employee-related expenses | \$ | 749 |
| (in thousands) | | |

Unregulated Energy Segment

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|----|---------|-------------|----------------|
| (in thousands) | | 2023 | | 2022 | Change | Percent Change |
| Adjusted gross margin** | \$ | 18,589 | \$ | 17,146 | \$ 1,443 | 8.4 % |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | | 4,902 | | 4,507 | 395 | 8.8 % |
| Other operating expenses | | 18,410 | | 17,695 | 715 | 4.0 % |
| Operating loss | \$ | (4,723) | \$ | (5,056) | \$ 333 | 6.6 % |

Operating results for the second and third quarters historically have been lower due to reduced customer demand during warmer periods of the year. The impact to operating income may not align with the seasonal variations in adjusted gross margin as many of the operating expenses are recognized ratably over the course of the year.

The major components of the change in adjusted gross margin** are shown below:

| thousands) | |
|------------|--|
| | |
| | |

| <u>Propane Operations</u> | |
|--|-------------|
| Increased propane margins and service fees | \$ 1,813 |
| Reduced propane customer consumption | (659) |
| CNG/RNG/LNG Transportation and Infrastructure | |
| Lower level of virtual pipeline services | (428) |
| <u>Aspire Energy</u> | |
| Increased customer consumption | 298 |
| Other variances | 419 |
| Quarter-over-quarter increase in adjusted gross margin** | \$ 1,443 |
| The major components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows: | |
| (in thousands) | |
| Increased payroll, benefits and other employee-related expenses | \$ 889 |
| | |

Operating Results for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

Quarter-over-quarter increase in other operating expenses

Consolidated Results

Other variances

| Nine Months Ende | ed |
|------------------|----|
| Sentember 30 | |

(174)

| | September 30, | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|----|---------|--------------|----------------|
| (in thousands) | | 2023 | | 2022 | Change | Percent Change |
| Adjusted gross margin** | \$ | 323,791 | \$ | 304,901 | \$ 18,890 | 6.2 % |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | | 70,918 | | 68,521 | 2,397 | 3.5 % |
| Transaction-related expenses | | 3,899 | | _ | 3,899 | NMF |
| Other operating expenses | | 145,486 | | 136,399 | 9,087 | 6.7 % |
| Operating income | \$ | 103,488 | \$ | 99,981 | \$ 3,507 | 3.5 % |

Operating income for the first nine months of 2023 was \$103.5 million, an increase of \$3.5 million or 3.5 percent compared to the same period in 2022. Excluding transaction-related expenses associated with the acquisition of FCG, operating income increased \$7.4 million or 7.4 percent compared to the prior-year period, despite significantly warmer temperatures in the Company's northern service territories experienced primarily during the first half of 2023. Adjusted gross margin for the first nine months of 2023 was positively impacted by contributions from the Company's Florida natural gas base rate proceeding, increased propane margins and fees, continued pipeline expansion projects, organic growth in the Company's natural gas distribution businesses, incremental contributions associated with regulated infrastructure programs and increased demand for virtual pipeline services. These increases were partially offset by a \$7.3 million reduction in adjusted gross margin from reduced customer consumption resulting from the significantly warmer temperatures in our northern service territories during the first half of the year. Also offsetting the increase in adjusted gross margin were higher employee costs driven by growth initiatives, the ongoing competitive labor market and higher benefits costs, higher depreciation, amortization and property taxes and increased costs related to the Company's facilities, maintenance and outside services.

Regulated Energy Segment

| Nine | Months | Ended |
|------|--------|-------|
| _ | _ | |

| | September 50, | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|----|---------|--------------|----------------|
| (in thousands) | | 2023 | | 2022 | Change | Percent Change |
| Adjusted gross margin** | \$ | 240,130 | \$ | 222,800 | \$ 17,330 | 7.8 % |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | | 56,415 | | 55,225 | 1,190 | 2.2 % |
| Transaction-related expenses | | 3,899 | | _ | 3,899 | NMF |
| Other operating expenses | | 87,988 | | 83,373 | 4,615 | 5.5 % |
| Operating income | \$ | 91,828 | \$ | 84,202 | \$ 7,626 | 9.1 % |

The key components of the increase in adjusted gross margin** are shown below:

| (in | thousands) | ١ |
|-----|------------|---|
| | | |

| Rate changes associated with the Florida natural gas base rate proceeding (1) | \$ 11,440 |
|---|--------------|
| Natural gas growth including conversions (excluding service expansions) | 4,678 |
| Natural gas transmission service expansions | 2,976 |
| Contributions from regulated infrastructure programs | 1,756 |
| Changes in customer consumption - primarily related to weather | (3,272) |
| Other variances | (248) |
| Period-over-period increase in adjusted gross margin** | \$ 17,330 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjusted gross margin contributions from interim rates and permanent base rates that became effective in March 2023.

The major components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

| (in | thousands) | |
|-----|------------|--|
| | | |

| Increased payroll, benefits and other employee-related expenses | \$ 2,301 |
|---|-------------|
| Increased facilities expenses, maintenance costs and outside services | 1,079 |
| Increased regulatory expenses | 444 |
| Increased costs related to credit and collections | 270 |
| Other variances | 521 |
| Period-over-period increase in other operating expenses | \$ 4,615 |

Unregulated Energy Segment

| Nine | Months | Ended |
|------|--------|-------|
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|---|----|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| (in thousands) | · | 2023 | | 2022 | Change | Percent Change |
| Adjusted gross margin** | \$ | 83,818 | \$ | 82,193 | \$ 1,625 | 2.0 % |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | | 14,500 | | 13,269 | 1,231 | 9.3 % |
| Other operating expenses | | 57,789 | | 53,367 | 4,422 | 8.3 % |
| Operating income | \$ | 11,529 | \$ | 15,557 | \$ (4,028) | (25.9)% |

The major components of the change in adjusted gross margin** are shown below:

(in thousands)

| <u>Propane Operations</u> | |
|---|-------------|
| Increased propane margins and service fees | \$ 6,389 |
| Propane customer consumption - primarily weather related | (5,583) |
| Decreased customer consumption due to conversion of customers to our natural gas system | (656) |
| <u>CNG/RNG/LNG Transportation and Infrastructure</u> | |
| Increased level of virtual pipeline services | 1,338 |
| <u>Aspire Energy</u> | |
| Reduced customer consumption - primarily weather related | (254) |
| Other variances | 391 |
| Period-over-period increase in adjusted gross margin** | \$ 1,625 |

The major components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

(in thousands)

| Period-over-period increase in other operating expenses | \$ 4,422 |
|---|-------------|
| Other variances | (17) |
| Increased facilities expenses, maintenance costs and outside services | 836 |
| Increased payroll, benefits and other employee-related expenses | \$ 3,603 |
| (| |

Sustainability Initiatives

In May 2023, Chesapeake Utilities published its most recent sustainability report, and the Company continues to remain steadfast in regards to its sustainability commitments, including:

- Maintaining a leading role in the journey to a lower carbon future in its service areas.
- · Continuing to promote a diverse and inclusive workplace and further the sustainability of the communities it serves.
- Operating its businesses with integrity and the highest ethical standards.

These commitments guide the Company's mission to deliver energy that makes life better for the people and communities it serves. They impact every aspect of the Company and the relationships it has with its

stakeholders. The Company encourages its investors to review the report, which can be accessed on the Company's website, and welcomes feedback as it continues to enhance its sustainability disclosures.

Forward-Looking Statements

Matters included in this release may include forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Please refer to the Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements in the Company's 2022 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the third quarter of 2023 for further information on the risks and uncertainties related to the Company's forward-looking statements.

Conference Call

Chesapeake Utilities (NYSE: CPK) will host a conference call on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the Company's financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023. To listen to the Company's conference call via live webcast, please visit the Events & Presentations section of the Investors page on www.chpk.com. For investors and analysts that wish to participate by phone for the question and answer portion of the call, please use the following dial-in information:

Toll-free: 800.343.5172 International: 203.518.9848 Conference ID: CPKQ323

A replay of the presentation will be made available on the previously noted website following the conclusion of the call.

About Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified energy delivery company, listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Chesapeake Utilities Corporation offers sustainable energy solutions through its natural gas transmission and distribution, electricity generation and distribution, propane gas distribution, mobile compressed natural gas utility services and solutions, and other businesses.

Please note that Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is not affiliated with Chesapeake Energy, an oil and natural gas exploration company headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Financial Summary

(in thousands, except shares and per-share data)

| | | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|----|----------------------------------|----|------------|----|------------------------------------|----|------------|--|
| | | 2023 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2022 | |
| Adjusted Gross Margin | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Energy segment | \$ | 75,893 | \$ | 69,732 | \$ | 240,130 | \$ | 222,800 | |
| Unregulated Energy segment | | 18,589 | | 17,146 | | 83,818 | | 82,193 | |
| Other businesses and eliminations | | (29) | | (30) | | (157) | | (92) | |
| Total Adjusted Gross Margin** | \$ | 94,453 | \$ | 86,848 | \$ | 323,791 | \$ | 304,901 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Income (Loss) | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Energy segment | \$ | 24,912 | \$ | 23,663 | \$ | 91,828 | \$ | 84,202 | |
| Unregulated Energy segment | | (4,723) | | (5,056) | | 11,529 | | 15,557 | |
| Other businesses and eliminations | | 39 | | 41 | | 131 | | 222 | |
| Total Operating Income | | 20,228 | | 18,648 | | 103,488 | | 99,981 | |
| Other income (expense), net | | (72) | | 957 | | 1,036 | | 4,454 | |
| Interest charges | | 7,076 | | 6,240 | | 21,272 | | 17,404 | |
| Income Before Income Taxes | | 13,080 | | 13,365 | | 83,252 | | 87,031 | |
| Income taxes | | 3,673 | | 3,703 | | 21,368 | | 23,385 | |
| Net Income | \$ | 9,407 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ | 61,884 | \$ | 63,646 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings Per Share of Common Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.48 | \$ | 3.59 | |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.47 | \$ | 3.58 | |
| Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Income (GAAP) | \$ | 9,407 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ | 61,884 | \$ | 63,646 | |
| Transaction-related-expenses, net (1) | Ψ | 2,804 | Ψ | | Ψ | 2,898 | Ψ | - | |
| Adjusted Net Income (Non-GAAP)** | \$ | 12,211 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ | 64,782 | \$ | 63,646 | |
| , | | | - | | | | | | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | | 17,857,784 | | 17,819,373 | | 17,847,288 | | 17,797,001 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings Per Share - Diluted (GAAP) | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.47 | \$ | 3.58 | |
| Transaction-related-expenses, net (1) | | 0.16 | | | | 0.16 | | _ | |
| Adjusted Earnings Per Share - Diluted (Non-GAAP)** | \$ | 0.69 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.63 | \$ | 3.58 | |

⁽¹⁾ Transaction-related expenses represent costs incurred attributable to the announced acquisition of FCG including, but not limited to, legal, consulting, audit and financing fees.

Financial Summary Highlights

Key variances between the third quarter of 2022 and the third quarter of 2023 included:

| (in thousands, except per share data) | Pre-tax Income | | I | Net ncome | Earnings Per Share |
|--|-------------------|---------|----|--------------|-----------------------|
| Third Quarter of 2022 Adjusted Results | \$ | 13,365 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ 0.54 |
| | | | | | |
| Non-recurring Items: | | | | | |
| Absence of interest income from Federal Income Tax refund | | (628) | | (454) | (0.03) |
| | | (628) | | (454) | (0.03) |
| | | | | | |
| Increased (Decreased) Adjusted Gross Margins: | | | | | |
| Contribution from rates associated with Florida natural gas base rate proceeding* | | 3,470 | | 2,495 | 0.14 |
| Increased propane margins and service fees | | 1,813 | | 1,304 | 0.07 |
| Natural gas transmission service expansions* | | 1,382 | | 994 | 0.06 |
| Natural gas growth including conversions (excluding service expansions) | | 1,312 | | 944 | 0.06 |
| Contributions from regulated infrastructure programs* | | 563 | | 405 | 0.02 |
| Changes in customer consumption | | (684) | | (492) | (0.03) |
| Decreased margins related to demand for virtual pipeline services* | | (428) | | (308) | (0.02) |
| | | 7,428 | | 5,342 | 0.30 |
| Increased Operating Expenses (Excluding Natural Gas, Propane, and Electric Costs): | | | | | |
| Increased payroll, benefits and other employee-related expenses | | (1,638) | | (1,178) | (0.06) |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes | | (697) | | (501) | (0.03) |
| | | (2,335) | | (1,679) | (0.09) |
| | | | | | |
| Interest charges | | (835) | | (601) | (0.03) |
| Changes in Other income, net | | (401) | | (288) | (0.02) |
| Net other changes | | 385 | | 229 | 0.02 |
| | | (851) | | (660) | (0.03) |
| Third Quarter of 2023 Adjusted Results** | \$ | 16,979 | \$ | 12,211 | \$ 0.69 |

^{*} Refer to Major Projects and Initiatives Table for additional information.

** Transaction-related expenses attributable to the announced acquisition of FCG have been excluded from the Company's non-GAAP measures of adjusted net income and adjusted EPS. See above tables for a reconciliation of these items against the related GAAP measures.

Key variances between the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023 included:

| (in thousands, except per share data) | _ | Pre-tax Net Income Income | | Earnings Per Share | |
|--|----|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Nine months ended September 30, 2022 Adjusted Results | \$ | 87,031 | \$ 63,646 | \$ 3.58 | |
| No. of the Contract of the Con | | | | | |
| Non-recurring Items: | | (1.000) | (1, 41, 4) | (0.00) | |
| Absence of gain from sales of assets | | (1,902) | (1,414) | (80.0) | |
| Absence of interest income from Federal Income Tax refund | | (628) | (459) | (0.03) | |
| One-time benefit associated with reduction in state tax rate | | | 1,284 | 0.07 | |
| | | (2,530) | (589) | (0.04) | |
| Increased (Decreased) Adjusted Gross Margins: | | | | | |
| Contribution from rates associated with Florida natural gas base rate proceeding* | | 11,440 | 8,504 | 0.48 | |
| Increased propane margins and service fees | | 6,389 | 4,749 | 0.27 | |
| Natural gas growth including conversions (excluding service expansions) | | 4,678 | 3,478 | 0.19 | |
| Natural gas transmission service expansions* | | 2,976 | 2,212 | 0.12 | |
| Contributions from regulated infrastructure programs* | | 1,756 | 1,305 | 0.07 | |
| Increased margins related to demand for virtual pipeline services* | | 1,338 | 995 | 0.06 | |
| Increased adjusted gross margin from off-system natural gas capacity sales | | 740 | 550 | 0.03 | |
| Customer consumption - primarily resulting from weather | | (9,765) | (7,259) | (0.41) | |
| | | 19,552 | 14,534 | 0.81 | |
| Increased Operating Eupaness (Eyeluding Natural Cas Branana and Electric Casta). | | | | | |
| Increased Operating Expenses (Excluding Natural Gas, Propane, and Electric Costs): | | (F 00F) | (4.300) | (0.25) | |
| Increased payroll, benefits and other employee-related expenses | | (5,905) | (4,389) | (0.25) | |
| Depreciation, amortization and property taxes Increased facilities expenses, maintenance costs and outside services | | (2,397) | (1,782) | (0.10) | |
| increased facilities expenses, maintenance costs and outside services | | (2,032) | (1,510) | (0.08) | |
| | | (10,334) | (7,681) | (0.43) | |
| Interest charges | | (3,868) | (2,875) | (0.16) | |
| Changes in Other income, net | | (888) | (660) | (0.04) | |
| Net other changes | | (1,812) | (1,593) | (0.09) | |
| | | (6,568) | (5,128) | (0.29) | |
| Nine months ended September 30, 2023 Adjusted Results** | \$ | 87,151 | \$ 64,782 | \$ 3.63 | |

^{*} Refer to Major Projects and Initiatives Table for additional information.
** Transaction-related expenses attributable to the announced acquisition of FCG have been excluded from the Company's non-GAAP measures of adjusted net income and adjusted EPS. See above tables for a reconciliation of these items against the related GAAP measures.

Recently Completed and Ongoing Major Projects and Initiatives

The Company constantly pursues and develops additional projects and initiatives to serve existing and new customers, further grow its businesses and earnings, and increase shareholder value. The following table includes the major projects and initiatives recently completed and currently underway. Major projects and initiatives that have generated consistent year-over-year adjusted gross margin contributions are removed from the table at the beginning of the next calendar year. The discussion of the Company's major projects accompanying this table, includes those projects which began generating adjusted gross margin in the current year, or those which are expected to contribute adjusted gross margin beginning in future years. A comprehensive discussion of all projects reflected below can be found in the Company's third quarter 2023 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The Company's practice is to add new projects and initiatives to this table once negotiations or details are substantially final and/or the associated earnings can be estimated. As the FCG acquisition is still pending, it has not been incorporated into the table below.

| | Adjusted Gross Margin | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|----|----------|------|--------|----|--------------|----|--------|-------|--------|
| | Three Mor | | | Nine Mon | ths | Ended | | Year Ended | | Estim | ate f | or |
| | Septem | iber 30, | | Septen | ıbeı | 30, | 1 | December 31, | | Fis | cal | |
| (in thousands) | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2022 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2024 |
| Pipeline Expansions: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guernsey Power Station | \$ 373 | \$ 373 | \$ | 1,107 | \$ | 1,004 | \$ | 1,377 | \$ | 1,486 | \$ | 1,482 |
| Southern Expansion | _ | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 586 | | 2,344 |
| Winter Haven Expansion | 166 | 64 | | 468 | | 125 | | 260 | | 576 | | 626 |
| Beachside Pipeline Expansion | 603 | _ | | 1,206 | | _ | | _ | | 1,825 | | 2,451 |
| North Ocean City Connector | _ | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 200 |
| St. Cloud / Twin Lakes Expansion | 118 | _ | | 118 | | _ | | _ | | 268 | | 584 |
| Clean Energy (1) | 267 | _ | | 783 | | _ | | 126 | | 1,009 | | 1,009 |
| Wildlight | 178 | _ | | 271 | | _ | | _ | | 528 | | 2,000 |
| Lake Wales | 114 | | | 152 | | _ | | | | 265 | | 454 |
| Newberry | _ | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 862 |
| Total Pipeline Expansions | 1,819 | 437 | | 4,105 | | 1,129 | | 1,763 | | 6,543 | | 12,012 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CNG/RNG/LNG Transportation and Infrastructure | 2,385 | 2,813 | | 8,811 | | 7,473 | | 11,100 | | 11,321 | | 12,500 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulatory Initiatives: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Florida GUARD program | 90 | _ | | 90 | | _ | | _ | | 324 | | 2,421 |
| Capital Cost Surcharge Programs | 687 | 489 | | 2,110 | | 1,503 | | 2,001 | | 2,811 | | 3,979 |
| Florida Rate Case Proceeding (2) | 3,991 | 521 | | 11,961 | | 521 | | 2,474 | | 16,289 | | 17,153 |
| Electric Storm Protection Plan | 298 | | | 940 | | _ | | 486 | | 960 | | 2,433 |
| Total Regulatory Initiatives | 5,066 | 1,010 | | 15,101 | | 2,024 | | 4,961 | | 20,384 | | 25,986 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 9,270 | \$ 4,260 | \$ | 28,017 | \$ | 10,626 | \$ | 17,824 | \$ | 38,248 | \$ | 50,498 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjusted gross margin generated from interim services through the project in-service date in September 2023.

⁽²⁾ Includes adjusted gross margin during 2023 comprised of both interim rates and permanent base rates which became effective in March 2023.

Detailed Discussion of Major Projects and Initiatives

Pipeline Expansions

Southern Expansion

Eastern Shore installed a new natural gas driven compressor skid unit at its existing Bridgeville, Delaware compressor station that will provide 7,300 Dts/d of incremental firm transportation pipeline capacity. The project obtained FERC approval in December 2022 and went into service during October 2023.

Beachside Pipeline Expansion

In June 2021, Peninsula Pipeline and, at that time, an unrelated party, Florida City Gas, entered into a Transportation Service Agreement for an incremental 10,176 Dts/d of firm service in Indian River County, Florida, to support Florida City Gas' growth along the Indian River's barrier island. As part of this agreement, Peninsula Pipeline constructed approximately 11.3 miles of pipeline from its existing pipeline in the Sebastian, Florida area east under the Intercoastal Waterway and southward on the barrier island. Construction is complete and the project went into service in April 2023.

North Ocean City Connector

During the second quarter of 2022, the Company began construction of an extension of service into North Ocean City, Maryland. The Company's Delaware natural gas division and its subsidiary, Sandpiper Energy, Inc. installed approximately 5.7 miles of pipeline across southern Sussex County, Delaware to Fenwick Island, Delaware and Worcester County, Maryland. The project reinforces the Company's existing system in Ocean City, Maryland and enables incremental growth along the pipeline. Construction of this project was completed in the second quarter of 2023. Adjusted gross margin in connection with this project is expected to be recognized contingent upon the completion and inclusion in rate base at the Company's next rate case in Maryland.

St. Cloud / Twin Lakes Expansion

In July 2022, Peninsula Pipeline filed a petition with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") for the State of Florida for approval of its Transportation Service Agreement with the Company's Florida subsidiary, Florida Public Utilities ("FPU"), for an additional 2,400 Dts/day of firm service in the St. Cloud, Florida area. As part of this agreement, Peninsula Pipeline constructed a pipeline extension and regulator station for FPU. The extension supports new incremental load due to growth in the area, including providing service, most immediately, to the residential development Twin Lakes. The expansion also improves reliability and provides operational benefits to FPU's existing distribution system in the area, supporting future growth. Construction is complete and the project went into service in July 2023.

Wildlight Expansion

In August 2022, Peninsula Pipeline and FPU filed a joint petition with the Florida PSC for approval of its Transportation Service Agreement associated with the Wildlight planned community located in Nassau County, Florida. The project enables the Company to meet the significant growing demand for service in Yulee, Florida. The agreement allows the Company to build the project during the construction and build-out of the community, and charge the reservation rate as each phase of the project goes into service. Construction of the pipeline facilities will occur in two separate phases. Phase one consists of three extensions with associated facilities, and a gas injection interconnect with associated facilities. Phase two will consist of two additional pipeline extensions. Various phases of the project commenced in the first quarter of 2023, with construction on the overall project continuing through 2025.

Lake Wales

In February 2023, Peninsula Pipeline filed a petition with the Florida PSC for approval of its Transportation Service Agreement with the Company's Florida natural gas division, FPU for an additional 9,000 Dt/d of firm service in the Lake Wales, Florida area. The PSC approved the petition in April 2023.

Approval of the agreement enabled Peninsula Pipeline to complete the acquisition of an existing pipeline in May 2023 that is being utilized to serve the Company's current and new natural gas customers.

Newberry

In April 2023, Peninsula Pipeline filed a petition with the Florida PSC for approval of its Transportation Service Agreement with FPU for an additional 8,000 Dt/d of firm service in the Newberry, Florida area. The petition was approved by the Florida PSC in the third quarter of 2023. Peninsula Pipeline will construct a pipeline extension, which will be used by FPU to support the development of a natural gas distribution system to provide gas service to the City of Newberry.

Worcester Resiliency Upgrade

In August 2023, Eastern Shore filed an application with the FERC requesting authorization to construct the Worcester Resiliency Upgrade, which consists of a mixture of storage and transmission facilities in Sussex County, DE and Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset Counties in Maryland. The project will provide long-term incremental supply necessary to support the growing demand of the participating shippers. Eastern Shore has requested certificate authorization by December 2024, with a target in-service date by the third quarter of 2025.

CNG/RNG/LNG Transportation and Infrastructure

The Company has made a commitment to meet customer demand for CNG, RNG and LNG in the markets we serve. This has included making investments within Marlin Gas Services to be able to transport these products through its virtual pipeline fleet to customers. To date, the Company has also made an infrastructure investment in Ohio, enabling RNG to fuel a third-party landfill fleet and to transport RNG to end use customers off its pipeline system. Similarly, the Company announced in March 2022, the opening of a high-capacity CNG truck and tube trailer fueling station in Port Wentworth, Georgia. As one of the largest public access CNG stations on the East Coast, it will offer a RNG option to customers in the near future. The Company constructed the station in partnership with Atlanta Gas Light, a subsidiary of Southern Company Gas.

The Company is also involved in various other projects, all at various stages and all with different opportunities to participate across the energy value chain. In many of these projects, Marlin will play a key role in ensuring the RNG is transported to one of the Company's many pipeline systems where it will be injected. The Company includes its RNG transportation services and infrastructure related adjusted gross margin from across the organization in combination with CNG and LNG projects.

As new projects are finalized, we will provide additional detail on those projects at that time.

Discussed below is a current project in which we are in the construction phase:

Full Circle Dairy

In February 2023, the Company announced plans to construct, own and operate a dairy manure RNG facility at Full Circle Dairy in Madison County, Florida. The project consists of a facility converting dairy manure to RNG and transportation assets to bring the gas to market. The first injection of RNG is projected to occur in the first half of 2024.

Regulatory Initiatives

Florida Gas Utility Access and Replacement Directive ("GUARD") Program

In February 2023, FPU filed a petition with the Florida PSC for approval of the GUARD program. GUARD is a ten-year program to enhance the safety, reliability, and accessibility of portions of the Company's natural gas distribution system. The Company identified various categories of projects to be included in GUARD, which include the relocation of mains and service lines located in rear easements and other difficult to access areas to the front of the street, the replacement of problematic distribution mains, service lines, and maintenance and repair equipment and system reliability projects. In August 2023, the Florida PSC approved the GUARD program, which included \$205 million of capital expenditures projected to be spent over a 10-year period.

Other Major Factors Influencing Adjusted Gross Margin

Weather and Consumption

Weather was not a significant factor during the third quarter of 2023 but the Company's year-to-date adjusted gross margin was negatively impacted by approximately \$9.8 million attributable to reduced customer consumption driven largely by significantly warmer weather in some of the Company's service territories. The following table summarizes HDD and CDD variances from the 10-year average HDD/CDD ("Normal") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

HDD and CDD Information

| | Three Montl Septembo | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | Variance | 2023 | 2022 | Variance |
| Delmarva | | | | | | |
| Actual HDD | 19 | 28 | (9) | 2,069 | 2,603 | (534) |
| 10-Year Average HDD ("Normal") | 38 | 43 | (5) | 2,731 | 2,710 | 21 |
| Variance from Normal | (19) | (15) | | (662) | (107) | |
| Florida | | | | | | |
| Actual HDD | 1 | 1 | _ | 371 | 535 | (164) |
| 10-Year Average HDD ("Normal") | 1 | 1 | _ | 550 | 543 | 7 |
| Variance from Normal | | | | (179) | (8) | |
| Ohio | | | | | | |
| Actual HDD | 86 | 84 | 2 | 3,148 | 3,614 | (466) |
| 10-Year Average HDD ("Normal") | 65 | 72 | (7) | 3,661 | 3,614 | 47 |
| Variance from Normal | 21 | 12 | | (513) | | |
| Florida | | | | | | |
| Actual CDD | 1,533 | 1,303 | 230 | 2,793 | 2,486 | 307 |
| 10-Year Average CDD ("Normal") | 1,391 | 1,393 | (2) | 2,535 | 2,535 | _ |
| Variance from Normal | 142 | (90) | . , | 258 | (49) | |

Natural Gas Distribution Growth

The average number of residential customers served on the Delmarva Peninsula increased by approximately 5.5 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, while Florida customers increased by 3.6 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively, for the three- and nine-month periods. On the Delmarva Peninsula, a larger percentage of the adjusted gross margin growth was generated from residential growth given the expansion of gas into new housing communities and conversions to natural gas as our distribution infrastructure continues to build out. In Florida, as new communities continue to build out due to population growth and infrastructure is added to support the growth, there is increased load from both residential customers as well as new commercial and industrial customers. The details are provided in the following table:

| | | | | Adjusted Gro | oss Margin | l** | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|-----|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| | Three M | Ionths Ended | Sep | tember 30, 2023 | Nine Mo | onths Ended | Sept | tember 30, 2023 |
| (in thousands) | Delmary | a Peninsula | | Florida | Delmarva | | Florida | |
| Customer growth: | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$ | 384 | \$ | 380 | \$ | 1,470 | \$ | 1,043 |
| Commercial and industrial | | 69 | | 479 | | 522 | | 1,643 |
| Total customer growth (1) | \$ | 453 | \$ | 859 | \$ | 1,992 | \$ | 2,686 |

⁽¹⁾ Customer growth amounts for Florida include the effects of revised rates associated with the Company's natural gas base rate proceeding.

Capital Investment Growth and Capital Structure Updates

The Company's capital expenditures were \$144.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The following table shows a range of the forecasted 2023 capital expenditures by segment and by business line, excluding the FCG acquisition which is expected to close prior to year-end 2023:

| | 2023 | | | | |
|--|------|---------|----|---------|--|
| (in thousands) | | Low | | High | |
| Regulated Energy: | | | | | |
| Natural gas distribution | \$ | 89,000 | \$ | 100,000 | |
| Natural gas transmission | | 50,000 | | 60,000 | |
| Electric distribution | | 13,000 | | 15,000 | |
| Total Regulated Energy | | 152,000 | | 175,000 | |
| Unregulated Energy: | | | | | |
| Propane distribution | | 15,000 | | 16,000 | |
| Energy transmission | | 8,000 | | 9,000 | |
| Other unregulated energy | | 23,000 | | 27,000 | |
| Total Unregulated Energy | | 46,000 | | 52,000 | |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Corporate and other businesses | | 2,000 | | 3,000 | |
| Total 2023 Forecasted Capital Expenditures | \$ | 200,000 | \$ | 230,000 | |

The capital expenditure projection is subject to continuous review and modification. Actual capital requirements may vary from the above estimates due to a number of factors, including changing economic conditions, supply chain disruptions, capital delays that are greater than currently anticipated, customer growth in existing areas, regulation, new growth or acquisition opportunities and availability of capital. Historically, actual capital expenditures have typically lagged behind the forecasted amounts. See

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"Capital Investment and Earnings Guidance" discussed above for additional information on the expected impacts related to the planned acquisition of FCG.

The Company's target ratio of equity to total capitalization, including short-term borrowings, is between 50 and 60 percent. The Company's equity to total capitalization ratio, including short-term borrowings, was approximately 53 percent as of September 30, 2023.

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Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|----|------------|------------------------------------|------------|----|-----------|
| | | 2023 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2022 |
| (in thousands, except shares and per share data) | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Energy | \$ | 102,411 | \$ | 90,980 | \$ | 345,822 | \$ | 311,064 |
| Unregulated Energy and other | | 29,136 | | 40,073 | | 139,447 | | 182,339 |
| Total Operating Revenues | | 131,547 | | 131,053 | | 485,269 | | 493,403 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Natural gas and electricity costs | | 26,518 | | 21,248 | | 105,692 | | 88,264 |
| Propane and natural gas costs | | 10,576 | | 22,958 | | 55,786 | | 100,236 |
| Operations | | 41,217 | | 40,182 | | 128,147 | | 120,981 |
| Transactions-related expenses | | 3,899 | | _ | | 3,899 | | |
| Maintenance | | 5,125 | | 4,501 | | 15,487 | | 13,273 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 17,610 | | 17,339 | | 52,096 | | 51,532 |
| Other taxes | | 6,374 | | 6,177 | | 20,674 | | 19,136 |
| Total operating expenses | | 111,319 | | 112,405 | | 381,781 | | 393,422 |
| Operating Income | | 20,228 | | 18,648 | | 103,488 | | 99,981 |
| Other income (expense), net | | (72) | | 957 | | 1,036 | | 4,454 |
| Interest charges | | 7,076 | | 6,240 | | 21,272 | | 17,404 |
| Income Before Income Taxes | | 13,080 | | 13,365 | | 83,252 | | 87,031 |
| Income Taxes | | 3,673 | | 3,703 | | 21,368 | | 23,385 |
| Net Income | \$ | 9,407 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ | 61,884 | \$ | 63,646 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | | 17,796,741 | | 17,737,984 | | 17,783,787 | 1 | 7,715,845 |
| Diluted | | 17,857,784 | | 17,819,373 | | 17,847,288 | 1 | 7,797,001 |
| Earnings Per Share of Common Stock: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.48 | \$ | 3.59 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.47 | \$ | 3.58 |
| Adjusted Not Income and Adjusted Farmings Day Shave | | | | | | | | |
| Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share | \$ | 0.407 | φ | 0.000 | φ | C1 004 | ď | CD C4C |
| Net Income (GAAP) Transaction-related expenses, net (1) | Ф | 9,407 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ | 61,884 | \$ | 63,646 |
| | ф. | 2,804 | ф | 0.000 | <u>_</u> | 2,898 | ф. | CD C4C |
| Adjusted Net Income (Non-GAAP)** | \$ | 12,211 | \$ | 9,662 | \$ | 64,782 | \$ | 63,646 |
| Earnings Per Share - Diluted (GAAP) | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.47 | \$ | 3.58 |
| Transaction-related expenses, net (1) | | 0.16 | | _ | | 0.16 | | |
| Adjusted Earnings Per Share - Diluted (Non-GAAP)** | \$ | 0.69 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 3.63 | \$ | 3.58 |

⁽¹⁾ Transaction-related expenses include costs incurred attributable to the announced acquisition of FCG including, but not limited to, legal, consulting, audit and financing fees.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

| Assets | September 30, 2023 | | December 31, 2022 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| (in thousands, except shares and per share data) | | | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | | | |
| Regulated Energy | \$ | 1,916,585 | \$ 1,802,999 |
| Unregulated Energy | | 404,924 | 393,215 |
| Other businesses and eliminations | | 28,802 | 29,890 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | | 2,350,311 | 2,226,104 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization | | (503,897) | (462,926) |
| Plus: Construction work in progress | | 61,843 | 47,295 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | | 1,908,257 | 1,810,473 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 1,793 | 6,204 |
| Trade and other receivables | | 47,397 | 65,758 |
| Less: Allowance for credit losses | | (2,405) | (2,877) |
| Trade and other receivables, net | | 44,992 | 62,881 |
| Accrued revenue | | 15,229 | 29,206 |
| Propane inventory, at average cost | | 7,001 | 9,365 |
| Other inventory, at average cost | | 17,593 | 16,896 |
| Regulatory assets | | 19,111 | 41,439 |
| Storage gas prepayments | | 5,063 | 6,364 |
| Income taxes receivable | | 5,340 | 2,541 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 17,179 | 15,865 |
| Derivative assets, at fair value | | 2,328 | 2,787 |
| Other current assets | | 1,837 | 428 |
| Total current assets | | 137,466 | 193,976 |
| Deferred Charges and Other Assets | | | |
| Goodwill | | 46,213 | 46,213 |
| Other intangible assets, net | | 16,518 | 17,859 |
| Investments, at fair value | | 11,084 | 10,576 |
| Derivative assets, at fair value | | 425 | 982 |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets | | 12,842 | 14,421 |
| Regulatory assets | | 91,678 | 108,214 |
| Receivables and other deferred charges | | 16,263 | 12,323 |
| Total deferred charges and other assets | | 195,023 | 210,588 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 2,240,746 | \$ 2,215,037 |

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

| Consortance Salance (Sindance) | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Capitalization and Liabilities | September 30, 2023 | December 31, 2022 |
| (in thousands, except shares and per share data) | | |
| Capitalization | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (authorized 2,000,000 shares), no shares issued and outstanding | \$ — | \$ — |
| Common stock, par value \$0.4867 per share (authorized 50,000,000 shares) | 8,662 | 8,635 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 382,551 | 380,036 |
| Retained earnings | 476,601 | 445,509 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (1,137) | (1,379) |
| Deferred compensation obligation | 8,987 | 7,060 |
| Treasury stock | (8,987) | (7,060) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 866,677 | 832,801 |
| Long-term debt, net of current maturities | 643,801 | 578,388 |
| Total capitalization | 1,510,478 | 1,411,189 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 20,000 | 21,483 |
| Short-term borrowing | 118,570 | 202,157 |
| Accounts payable | 53,729 | 61,496 |
| Customer deposits and refunds | 40,228 | 37,152 |
| Accrued interest | 4,985 | 3,349 |
| Dividends payable | 10,500 | 9,492 |
| Accrued compensation | 9,831 | 14,660 |
| Regulatory liabilities | 9,092 | 5,031 |
| Derivative liabilities, at fair value | 828 | 585 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 20,647 | 13,618 |
| Total current liabilities | 288,410 | 369,023 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | | |
| Deferred income taxes | 264,541 | 256,167 |
| Regulatory liabilities | 145,092 | 142,989 |
| Environmental liabilities | 2,562 | 3,272 |
| Other pension and benefit costs | 17,133 | 16,965 |
| Derivative liabilities, at fair value | 101 | 1,630 |
| Operating lease - liabilities | 11,040 | 12,392 |
| Deferred investment tax credits and other liabilities | 1,389 | 1,410 |
| Total deferred credits and other liabilities | 441,858 | 434,825 |
| Environmental and other commitments and contingencies (1) | | |
| Total Capitalization and Liabilities | \$ 2,240,746 | \$ 2,215,037 |

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Refer to Note 6 and 7 in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Distribution Utility Statistical Data (Unaudited)

| | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023 | | | | | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022 | | | | | |
|--|----|---|----|--|----|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|---|---|----|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | Delmarva NG Distribution | | Florida Natural Gas Distribution ⁽¹⁾ | | FPU Electric Distribution | | Delmarva NG Distribution | | Florida Natural Gas Distribution (1) | | FPU Electric Distribution | | |
| Operating Revenues (in thousands) | | , | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$ | 8,663 | \$ | 9,862 | \$ | 16,967 | \$ | 7,642 | \$ | 8,762 | \$ | 12,941 | | |
| Commercial and Industrial | | 9,119 | | 26,020 | | 15,920 | | 8,898 | | 22,770 | | 12,596 | | |
| Other (2) | | 217 | | 2,441 | | (204) | | 143 | | 4,302 | | (338) | | |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$ | 17,999 | \$ | 38,323 | \$ | 32,683 | \$ | 16,683 | \$ | 35,834 | \$ | 25,199 | | |
| Volumes (in Dts for natural gas and MWHs for electric) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | 245,612 | | 325,445 | | 102,699 | | 230,333 | | 332,857 | | 99,517 | | |
| Commercial and Industrial | | 1,915,125 | | 10,684,539 | | 96,716 | | 1,981,048 | | 9,603,742 | | 100,519 | | |
| Other | | 62,277 | | _ | | _ | | 68,729 | | 804,970 | | 2,007 | | |
| Total | | 2,223,014 | | 11,009,984 | | 199,415 | | 2,280,110 | | 10,741,569 | | 202,043 | | |
| Average Customers | · | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | 97,847 | | 88,640 | | 25,782 | | 92,776 | | 85,555 | | 25,585 | | |
| Commercial and Industrial | | 8,208 | | 8,411 | | 7,382 | | 8,071 | | 8,335 | | 7,366 | | |
| Other | | 24 | | 6 | | _ | | 4 | | 6 | | _ | | |
| Total | | 106,079 | | 97,057 | | 33,164 | | 100,851 | | 93,896 | | 32,951 | | |

| | For the Ni | ıs Ended Septeml | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---|--|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|---|----|------------------------------|--|
| | Delmarva NG Distribution | | Florida Natural Gas Distribution (1) | | FPU Electric Distribution | | Delmarva NG Distribution | | Florida Natural Gas Distribution (1) | | FPU Electric Distribution | |
| Operating Revenues (in thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$ 67,562 | \$ | 38,546 | \$ | 39,347 | \$ | 61,730 | \$ | 34,560 | \$ | 30,537 | |
| Commercial and Industrial | 41,637 | | 80,499 | | 39,913 | | 39,078 | | 72,524 | | 30,351 | |
| Other (2) | (6,696) | | 6,401 | | (805) | | (4,767) | | 4,472 | | 3,705 | |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$ 102,503 | \$ | 125,446 | \$ | 78,455 | \$ | 96,041 | \$ | 111,556 | \$ | 64,593 | |
| Volumes (in Dts for natural gas and MWHs for electric) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | 3,302,125 | | 1,551,348 | | 238,051 | | 3,593,154 | | 1,572,974 | | 243,341 | |
| Commercial and Industrial | 7,523,061 | | 31,047,013 | | 239,505 | | 7,753,767 | | 29,455,170 | | 249,487 | |
| Other | 213,600 | | 627,934 | | _ | | 231,013 | | 2,474,454 | | 5,978 | |
| Total | 11,038,786 | | 33,226,295 | | 477,556 | | 11,577,934 | | 33,502,598 | | 498,806 | |
| Average Customers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | 97,230 | | 88,051 | | 25,718 | | 92,078 | | 84,664 | | 25,500 | |
| Commercial and Industrial | 8,242 | | 8,408 | | 7,373 | | 8,115 | | 8,309 | | 7,344 | |
| Other | 23 | | 6 | | _ | | 4 | | 6 | | _ | |
| Total | 105,495 | | 96,465 | | 33,091 | | 100,197 | ' | 92,979 | | 32,844 | |

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with the Florida PSC approval of our natural gas base rate proceeding, effective March 1, 2023, our natural gas distribution businesses in Florida (FPU, FPU-Indiantown division, FPU-Fort Meade division and Chesapeake Utilities CFG division, collectively, "Florida natural gas distribution businesses") have been consolidated for rate-making purposes and amounts above are now being presented on a consolidated basis consistent with the final rate order.

(2) Operating Revenues from "Other" sources include unbilled revenue, under (over) recoveries of fuel cost, conservation revenue, other miscellaneous charges, fees for billing services provided to third parties and adjustments for pass-through taxes.