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**Gross Margin (non-GAAP measure):** Gross Margin is determined by deducting the cost of sales from operating revenue. Cost of sales includes the purchased fuel cost for natural gas, electric and propane distribution operations and the cost of labor spent on different revenue-producing activities and excludes depreciation, amortization and accretion. Other companies may calculate gross margin in a different manner.

Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP measure): Diluted Earnings per share excluding the impact of certain significant new non-cash items, including, but not limited to, the following: the impact of unrealized mark-to-market changes and one-time charges, such as severance charges. The Company calculates "adjusted earnings" by adjusting reported (GAAP) earnings to exclude the impact of certain significant non-cash items, including the impact of unrealized MTM gains (losses), one-time charges such as severance charges, and any prior year tax savings retained by our regulated businesses as a result of current year regulatory authorizations.



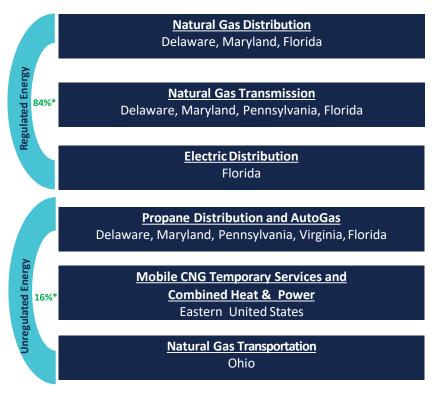




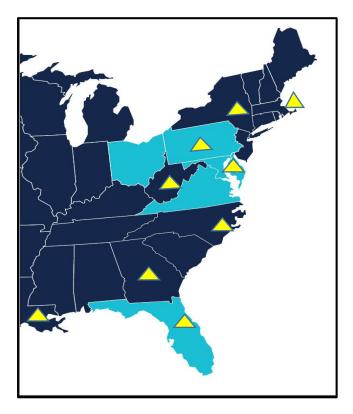
# Investor Overview Key Projects Driving Growth

- ESG Sustainability Initiatives
- Organic Natural Gas Growth
- Pipeline Expansions
- Marlin Gas Services
- Boulden Propane Acquisition
- Elkton Gas Acquisition

## **Business Overview Diversified Energy Delivery Business**



\* % of LTM Operating Income as of 9/30/2019



States Marlin Gas has Served







#### Commitment to Sustainability and ESG

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- Corporate Governance is the foundation of our processes and decision making
  - Recently Honored by Corporate Secretary as "Governance Team of the Year" among small and mid-cap companies
  - Honored as "2018 Best North American Utility for Corporate Governance"
- <u>Employee-Centric</u> company focused on sustaining our aspiring and caring culture
  - Eight years in row being recognized as a *Top Workplace*

#### Connecting with our Customers and Communities

- Chesapeake Utilities recognizes that customers expect safe, efficient and reliable service, as well as providing enhanced business connection options, more convenience and modern solutions
- In 2018 Chesapeake employees volunteered over 3,900 hours making personal connections and having a significant impact where we live, work and serve

#### Clean Energy Initiatives

- Modern pipeline infrastructure with zero miles of cast iron
- Invested \$142 million in Gas Reliability and Infrastructure Project in Florida
- New pipeline construction Northwest FL, Callahan Project, Palm Beach County Project, Del-Mar Energy Pathway
- Eight Flags 20 mw natural gas CHP plant serving FPU's electric system on Amelia Island, Florida (Displaces Coal)
- Marlin Gas Services Mobile equipment, RNG opportunities
- Propane Community Gas Systems
- Propane AutoGas Delaware Government Vehicles, Private Fleets (Displaces diesel fuel for trucks)
- Energy Lane Operation Center, Dover, DE Green Globes Green Energy Certification

## **Del-Mar Energy Pathway Project Under Development Strategic Growth Initiative**

Provides additional natural gas transmission pipeline infrastructure in Eastern Sussex County, Delaware and expands service into Somerset County, Maryland; serves four large anchor customers

- Estimated Project Cost: \$ 37 MM
- Estimated In Service Date: Beginning of fourth quarter 2021\*
- Estimated Annual Gross Margin:
  - 2019-\$0.7 MM
  - 2020-\$3.0 MM
  - 2021 \$ 4.1 MM
  - 2022 forward \$ 5.1 MM
- Interim service in advance of this project generated \$200,000 and \$500,000 gross margin for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively.

\*FERC issued authorization for the project on January 7, 2020.

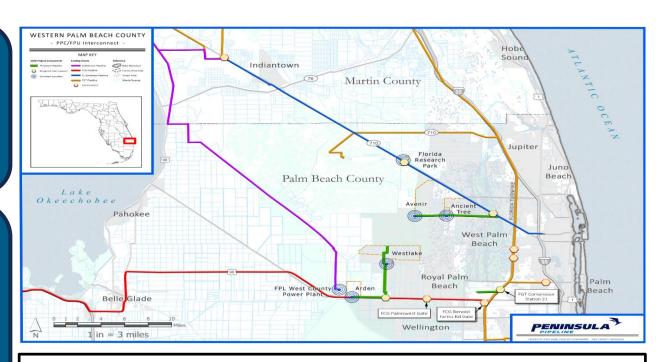






## West Palm Beach Expansion Enhances Reliability and Provides Additional Customer Growth

- \$5.2MM annual margin
- \$2.3MM in margin in 2019
- \$30MM total capital invested
- Q4 2018 initial service; fully in-service Q1 - 2020
- Four PPC projects to serve FPU's natural gas distribution systems expansions in Palm Beach County.
- Resolves a pipeline capacity constraint.

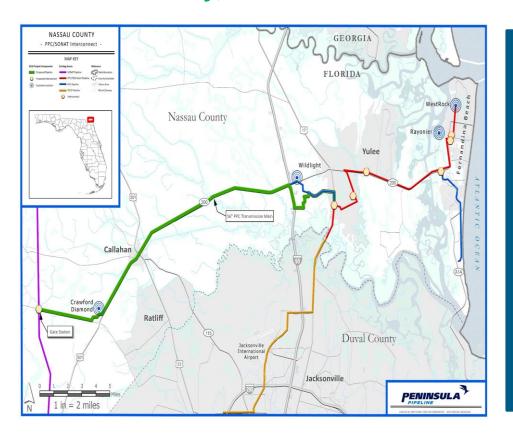


- Projects /Phases include <u>Belvedere</u>, <u>Westlake/Arden</u>, <u>Avenir</u> and <u>Research Park</u>
- Marlin Gas is providing temporary service for customers ahead of the project schedule





## **Callahan Pipeline Nassau County, Florida**



Peninsula Pipeline announced in May 2019 plans to construct a jointly owned 26 mile pipeline serving Nassau and Duval counties in Florida; Project will be jointly owned and built with Seacoast Gas Transmission (affiliate of Emera)

- Estimated Project Cost: \$ 32.5 Million\*
- Estimated In Service Date: Third Quarter of 2020
- Estimated Annual Gross Margin:
  - 2020 \$ 3.2 million
  - 2021 forward \$ 6.4 million
- 15 Miles of pipe constructed already and project is on schedule
- \*Total project cost is estimated at \$65 million
  - Chesapeake and Seacoast will fund 50% each.





#### Marlin Gas Services – Engine for Growth and Customer Service Exceeding Initial Margin Projections Year-to-Date

#### **Financial Performance**

- Marlin generated \$4.4 million of gross margin and \$1.5 million in operating income during the first nine months of 2019.
- Based on results to date and the outlook going forward, we increased our gross margin estimates for Marlin to approximately \$5.5 million in 2019 and \$6.4 million in 2020.





Since the December acquisition, our estimated annual gross margin for Marlin Gas Services for 2019 and 2020 has increased in each quarterly report.

\* Estimate not provided in December quarterly report for 2020.





## **Aspire Energy – Natural Gas Pipeline Project Guernsey Power Station**

- In December 2017, Aspire executed a binding precedent agreement with Guernsey Power Station, LLC (GPS) providing for the relocation of an existing 6" steel Aspire pipeline (completed March 2018). Aspire received the exclusive rights to provide natural gas transportation services for a ten year (300,000 Dths per day for a proposed 1,650 MW power plant).
- Guernsey Power Station began construction in Q4 2019. Aspire is finishing design and reviewing bids for construction of interconnect facilities between the Tallgrass Energy Partners Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) and GPS.
- GPS is expected to be in service by late 2021.



Capital Expenditures \$5.5MM

Margin \$1.4MM





#### **Propane Growth Initiatives**

#### **Residential Community Gas Systems**

- Maintain and develop residential builder relationships via dedicated staff to capitalize on new development opportunities and for seamless implementation
- These relationships are translating into new CGS in non-core markets

#### **AutoGas Fueling Stations**

- Strategic partners have been key
- AutoGas technical services team is very capable
- Created a multi-fleet fueling station network to support refueling efficiency for our customers

#### **Poultry Production**

- Producers are increasing capacity on the Delmarva Peninsula
- Sharp has superior infrastructure and strong grower relations

#### Start-ups and Acquisitions

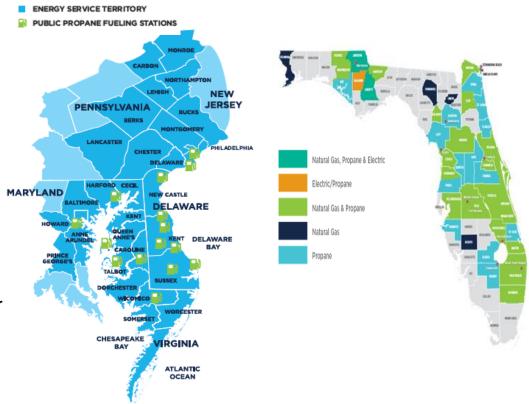
- Facilitates geographic expansion beyond existing service territories
- Recent start-up in new Virginia market in 2018
- Ohl and Boulden acquisitions completed in late 2018 and 2019, respectively

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#### **PROPANE FLORIDA**

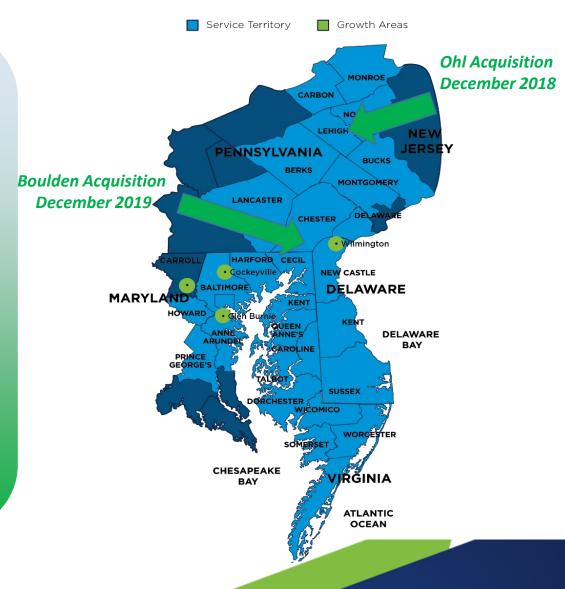




#### **Benefits of Boulden Acquisition**

### SHARP ENERGY SERVICE TERRITORIES

- Added approximately 5,200 customers in five counties in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania effective 12/16/19
- Overlays nicely with Elkton Gas acquisition to establish a strong unified energy delivery platform in Cecil County
- Solid customer base with opportunities for future growth
- Operational synergies, including supply, for northern Delmarva
- Additional services and pricing programs are being offered to customers
- Operations will be integrated into Sharp's Delmarva operations







## **Elkton Gas Company Strategic Acquisition for Delmarva Natural Gas**

#### **Summary of Transaction:**

- On December 5, 2019, Chesapeake Utilities and South Jersey Industries entered into an agreement under which Chesapeake will acquire Elkton Gas Company for approximately \$15 million
- The transaction is expected to close by the end of the third quarter 2020, subject to receiving approval from the Maryland Public Service Commission
- Elkton Gas serves approximately 7,000 customers within a franchised area of Cecil County, Maryland
- Its territory is contiguous to Chesapeake's franchised service territory in Cecil County, Maryland
- Elkton Gas has been a customer of Chesapeake's interstate transmission pipeline subsidiary, Eastern Shore Natural Gas, since 1959 when natural gas first became available to serve the town of Elkton
- Elkton Gas will continue to operate out of its existing office with the same local personnel
- With the expanded presence in Cecil County, the gas distribution system can be serviced locally with Chesapeake personnel rather than remotely from our Dover, DE operations center

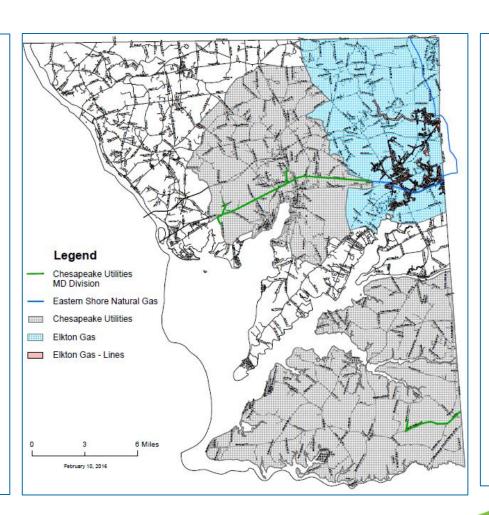




## **Existing Cecil County Operations Elkton Gas and Chesapeake Utilities**

## Current SJI – Elkton Cecil County Operations

- Leased Administrative Office Space
- Owned Operations Facilities
- Nine Local Employees
- 7,000 Customers, Primarily Residential



## Current CPK Cecil County Operations

- No Office or Operations
  Facilities in Cecil County
- No Local Employees; Employees of the Delaware Division Provide Support
- 30 Commercial, 7 Industrial and 3 Residential Customers





#### Elkton Gas Company Strategic Fit

- Elkton Gas gives CPK an operational platform in Cecil County including personnel, a contractor pool and an operations center which will enable Chesapeake to more quickly expand our footprint in Cecil County
- Additional growth is expected in the area, due to its proximity to I-95 and the
  potential for a new interchange which is expected to spur additional commercial and
  industrial development
  - A new 623 acre mixed use development has been proposed that would potentially add 4,289,000 sq. ft. of industrial/warehouse space, 257,600 sq. ft. of commercial/retail space and 1,205 homes
- Access to I-95 also provides potential opportunities for Marlin to expand its CNG and LNG business
- The acquisition will provide access to additional upstream capacity resources

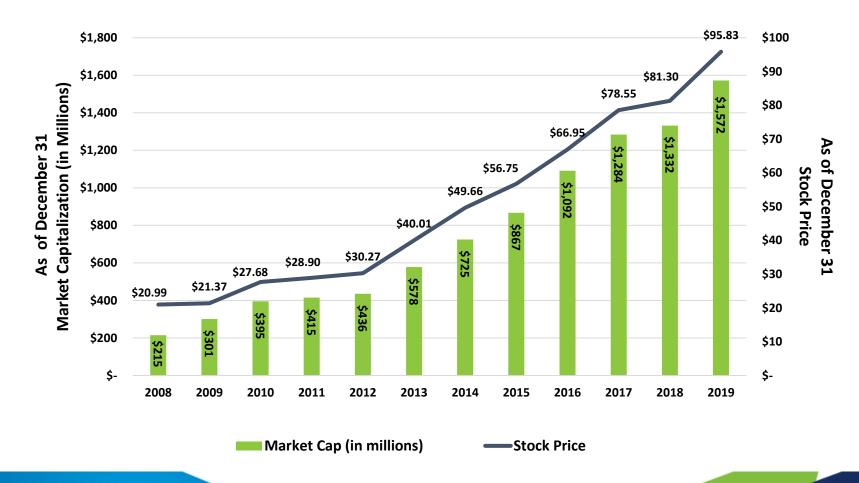






### **Financial Update**

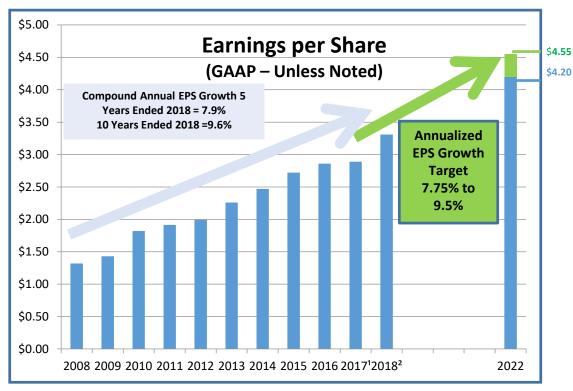
## Market Capitalization Increased Performance is Driving Increased Value







### Long-term Earnings Track Record Positioned for Growth and Total Return



<sup>1</sup> 2017 GAAP \$3.55; Adjusted \$2.89; <sup>2</sup> 2018 GAAP \$3.45; Adjusted \$3.31

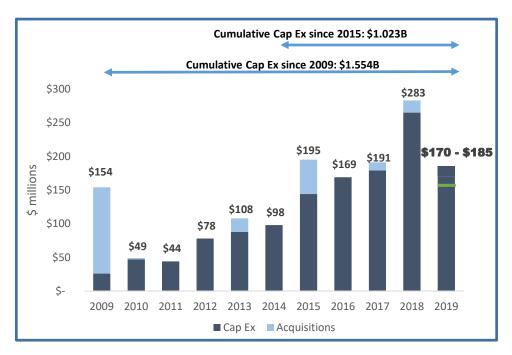
- Outlook for earnings growth within the range of previous guidance remains strong
- Commitment to achieve the target range is demonstrated by our longterm track record of delivering superior growth
- Expansion projects, organic growth and regulatory and efficiency initiatives will continue to drive increased earnings
- We will continue to pursue accretive, related opportunities like Marlin, Aspire and Eight Flags



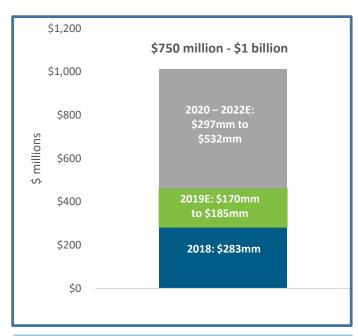


## Continuing to Build for the Future Organic Growth Opportunities, Supplemented with Targeted Acquisitions

#### Historical Cap Ex & Acquisitions In Millions



#### **Five-Year Cap Ex Plan**

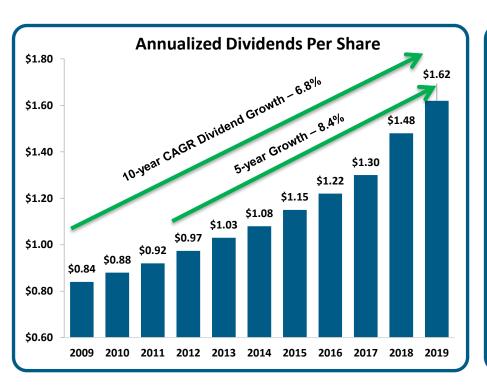


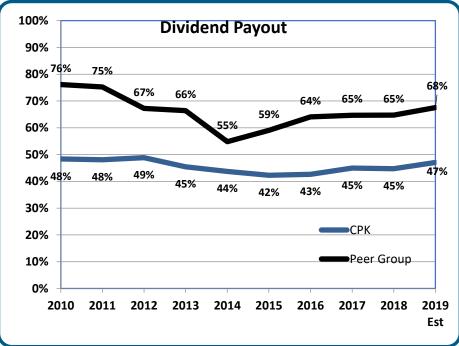
On Track
To Achieve Investment Forecast

Our 5-year CapEx plan includes \$750 million to \$1 billion of capital expenditures, predominantly into our utility & pipeline businesses



## Dividend Increased 9.5% in May 2019 Superior Dividend Growth with Retention to Support Future Earnings and Dividend Growth

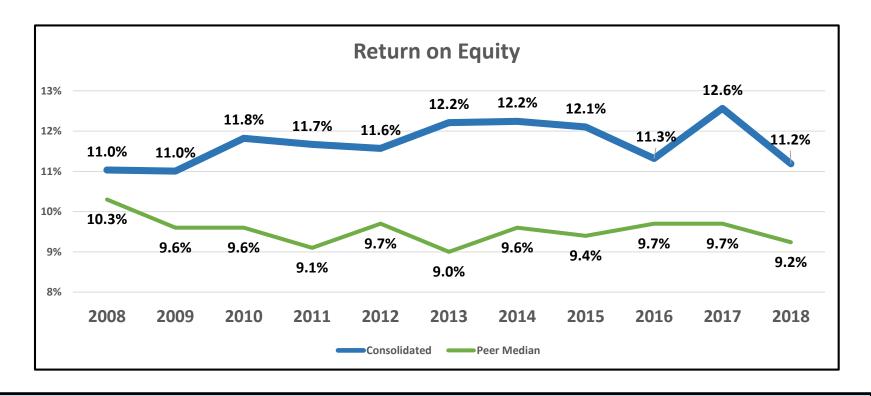




CPK's one-year and five-year dividend growth of 9.5% and 8.4%, respectively, leads our peer group. Strong EPS Growth drives Dividend Growth and Dividend payout allows for reinvesting in future growth.



## Return on Equity Delivering Consistent, High Returns



Chesapeake Utilities has delivered top quartile ROEs over the long-term.

Our return on equity has been driven by our (i) innovative approach to cultivate, develop and consummate growth projects and initiatives, and (ii) generating higher returns from our unregulated energy businesses.



## **Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Committed to Superior Performance**

We seek to identify and develop opportunities to drive our future earnings growth and increase shareholder value.

#### **Executing on Our Strategy:**

- Seek development projects to serve new customers, provide new services and expand into new service areas.
- Investing in pipeline systems that provide natural gas service to downstream customers such as LDCs, cooperatives, municipalities, industrial end-users and power plants.
- Pursue expansion projects that serve long-term commercial and industrial customers.
- Investing in propane opportunities to access new markets with significant growth potential.
- Pursuing new platforms for growth given our Marlin investment (CNG, LNG, RNG)
- Engagement strategies with employees to continually build our strategic infrastructure for sustainable growth.
  - Investing in our talent with targeted development plans, training and resources.
  - Engaging with communities where we work and live
  - Pursue excellence through safety awards, top workplace, employee engagement and community service





### Any Questions?



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Thank You!





## **Appendices**

## **Continued Strong Performance Success in 2019 and Exciting Future Outlook**

#### **Operations**

- Commitment to continuous improvement in safety and operational compliance.
- Gas distribution customer growth is well above the national average.
- Customer demand and pipeline replacement continue to drive investment in our existing gas distribution and transmission operations.
- Increased cross Business Unit collaboration is identifying operational synergies and efficiencies.
- Lower operating expense levels in 2019 and beyond.

#### **Financial**

- Significant gross margin growth for the quarter and year-to-date.
- TCJA tax benefits have contributed to margins in our non-regulated and Florida regulated natural gas businesses.
- Margins are driving strong operating income and EPS growth
- 2019 first 9 months GAAP EPS of \$2.59 represents 9.7 percent growth over 2018
- Dividend increased by 9.5 percent in May 2019; Five year dividend growth (CAGR) = 8.4 percent
- Strong performance relative to our peers
- Access to competitively priced permanent capital

#### Strategic

- New projects
  - PPC Callahan Pipeline (Florida)
  - PPC Auburndale Pipeline (Florida)
  - PPC and FPU Palm Beach County expansions (Florida)
  - ESNG DelMar Energy Pathway (Delmarva)
  - Guernsey Pipeline (Ohio)
- Marlin and Ohl acquisition contributions
- Filing for rate relief associated with Hurricane Michael: interim rates begin January 2020.
- Recent FERC filing to enable injection of RNG into Eastern Shore's system.
- Several new projects close to finalization
- Exited natural gas marketing business





#### **Successful Regulatory Initiatives**

- Florida PSC approved retention of a portion of TCJA tax savings for the Company's Florida natural gas operations:
  - \$1.3 million gain on reversal of 2018 tax reserves
  - \$1.1 million in first nine months of 2019
- Florida PSC approved storm recovery fund surcharge associated with Hurricanes Irma and Matthew (\$1.9 million to be recovered from April 2019 to March 2021)
- Two recent filings below with Florida PSC and FERC:

### Limited Electric Proceeding associated with Hurricane Michael

Filed for recovery of storm-related costs associated with Hurricane Michael (capital and expenses) through a change in base rates.

Also requested recovery of certain storm-related costs as regulatory assets.

Currently in Florida PSC review with interim rates effective January 2, 2020.

Eastern Shore filing to include standards to accommodate renewable natural gas

In response to interest from several renewable natural gas producers and given customer interest.

The renewable natural gas quality specifications articulated below conform to the least stringent of the quality specifications contained in FERC gas tariffs of the upstream pipelines that interconnect with Eastern Shore's system.

Filed on October 16, 2019 and now deemed effective.





## Major Projects and Initiatives Increasing Shareholder Value by Continuously Seeking and Developing Projects and Initiatives

	Gross Margin for the Period									
	Three Months			Nine Months						
Project/Initiative		End	ed	Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,		Estimated for Fiscal		
		Septemb	er 30,							
in thousands	2019		2018	2019	2018		2018	2019		2020
Expansions:										
2017 Eastern Shore System Expansion -including interim										
services	\$	3,671	\$ 2,409	\$12,116	\$ 5,527	\$	9,103	\$16,209	\$	15,799
Northwest Florida Expansion (including related natural gas										
distribution services)		1,592	1,589	\$ 4,881	2,741		4,350	6,500		6,500
Western Palm Beach County, Florida Expansion		745	-	1,068	-		54	2,254		5,047
Del-Mar Energy Pathway - including interim services		189	-	542	-		-	725		3,039
Auburndale		113	-	113	-		-	283		679
Callahan Intrastate Pipeline		-		_	-			_		3,219
Total Expansions	_	6,310	3,998	18,720	8,268		13,507	25,971		34,283
Acquisitions:										
Marlin Gas Services		993	-	4,353	-		110	5,500		6,400
Ohl Propane Acquisition	_	95	-	683	-		-	1,200		1,236
Total Acquisitions		1,088		5,036			110	6,700	_	7,636
Regulatory Initiatives:										
Florida GRIP		3,145	3,289	10,050	9,659		13,323	13,587		14,854
Tax benefit retained by certain Florida entities		109		2,438			-	2,980		1,879
Total Regulatory Initiatives	_	3,254	3,289	12,488	9,659		13,323	16,567		16,733
Total	\$	10,652	\$ 7,287	\$36,244	\$17,927	\$	26,940	\$49,238	\$	58,652
Change			\$ 3,365		\$18,317			\$22,298	\$	9,414

- \$10.5 MM increase from new pipeline projects thru 9/30 (\$12.5 MM increase expected for full year)
- Recent acquisitions added \$5.0MM thru 9/30 (\$6.7MM projected for full year)
- \$2.8 MM from regulatory initiatives thru 9/30 (\$3.2 MM projected for 2019)
- We are continuing to pursue several projects that should add to our margin growth in 2020 and 2021. Further details will be forthcoming as these projects are finalized.
- Please note that this table does not reflect any final rate relief associated with Hurricane Michael.





#### Strategic Exit of Natural Gas Marketing Business (PESCO)

#### Strategic Review

- The business was not aligned with our long term growth strategy; exceeded our risk tolerance and would have required significant additional investment to ensure profitability.
- We decided to exit the business, identified parties with interest and have substantially concluded the sale.
- Exiting the business improves our earnings outlook, reduces the volatility of future earnings and recovers our PESCO investment.

## Sale of Assets

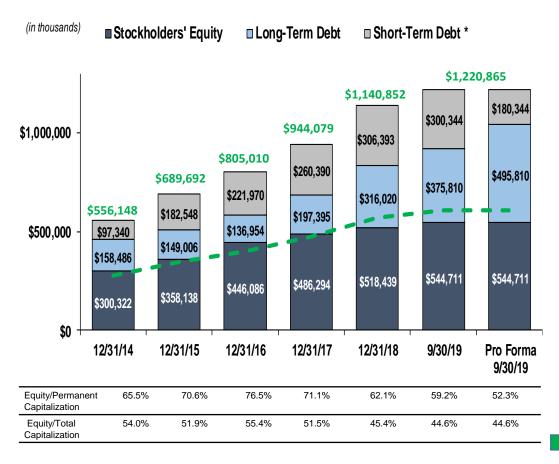
- Florida retail operations sold to Gas South LLC.
- Non-Florida retail operations/contracts sold to United Energy Trading, LLC (UET).
- Mid-Atlantic operations/contracts and asset management agreements were sold to NJR Energy Services Company (NJRES).
- Remaining small producer services portfolio recently sold.

Benefits

- Total of \$15 million estimated proceeds plus working capital should be received in the fourth quarter of 2019
- Estimated pre-tax gain ranging from \$5.0 million to \$7.0 million to \$7.0 million to be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2019
- PESCO now accounted for as a discontinued operation



## **Capital Capacity to Support Future Growth Total Capitalization has More Than Doubled in Less Than Five Years**



#### **Financing Components**

- (1) \$370 million lines of credit through October 2020
- (2) \$60 million Intermediate Hurricane Michael Term Loans Refinanced:

Long-term Private Placement of \$70 million - at 2.98% Funded December 20, 2019 Final maturity of December, 2034

- (3) Long-term private placement of \$50 million at 3.00% To be funded July 15, 2020 Final maturity July 2035
- (4) \$200 million private placement shelf facilities available for additional financing needs
- (5) Chesapeake seeks to align permanent financing with the in-service dates of its capital projects

Excluding \$60
million Hurricane
Michael Notes
Equity to Total
Capitalization equals
47%

Target Equity to Total Capitalization Ratio of 50% - 55%

Short-term debt includes current portion of long-tem debt

Pro Forma 9/30/19 includes new long-term debt of \$70 million in December 2019 and \$50 million in July 2020



