

### Unitil Unitil Corporation Earnings Conference Call

Third Quarter 2018

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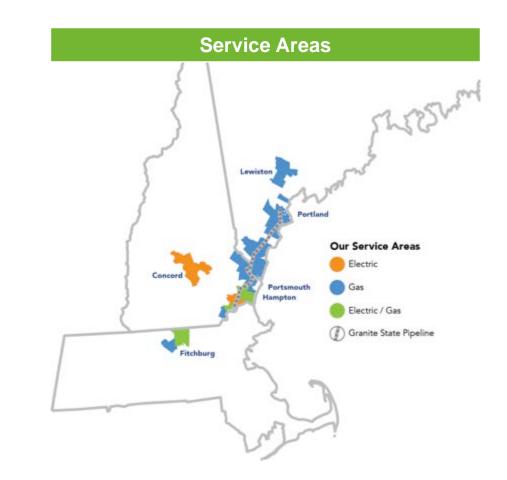
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# **Unitil Overview**

- Natural gas and electric distribution utility with operations in three states serving ~186,300 customers
  - Electric: ~105,000 customers
  - Gas: ~81,300 customers
- Growing operations and customer base
  - Robust natural gas system
    expansion
  - Electric and gas system modernization
  - 500+ full-time employees with dual storm roles
- We provide **energy for life**, safely and reliably delivering natural gas and electricity in New England



# Q3 2018 Financial Results

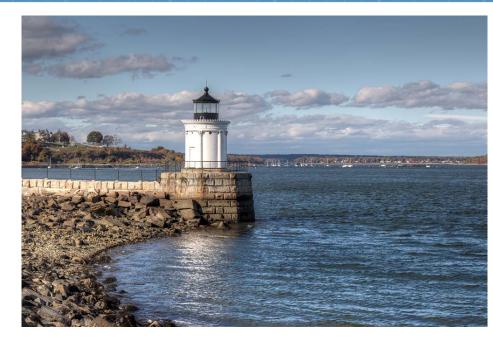
- Third quarter 2018 Net Income of \$2.8 million, or \$0.19 per share
  - Increase of \$0.5 million, or \$0.03 per share, compared to 2017
- Year-to-date 2018 Net Income of \$22.0 million, or \$1.49 per share
  - Increase of \$4.2 million, or \$0.22 per share, compared to 2017
- Increased earnings in 2018 were driven by higher sales margin, reflecting: customer growth, colder winter weather, warmer summer weather, and new distribution rates compared to 2017

		nths Ended nber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(in millions excluding EPS)	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	
Net Income	\$2.8	\$2.3	\$22.0	\$17.8	
Earnings Per Share	\$0.19	\$0.16	\$1.49	\$1.27	

# Service Area Highlights

#### • Portland & Southern Maine

- Over 1,000 housing units in/or awaiting construction in the city of Portland, increasing the amount of households by 3%
- Portland is the largest city north of Boston and generates over half of the total gross state product
- \$3.4 billion of new construction
- Portsmouth and Seacoast NH
  - NH's fastest growing area and is a cultural hub located evenly between Boston and Portland
  - \$1.7 billion of new construction
- Concord & Capital Region NH
  - Stable government-driven economy and regional spending
  - Over \$0.4 billion of new construction
- Salem NH
  - Attractive tax environment spawning influx of MA residents
  - Over \$1.1 billion of new construction
- Central Massachusetts
  - Fitchburg area is revitalizing and becoming a bedroom community for Boston commuters
  - More than \$200 million of new construction



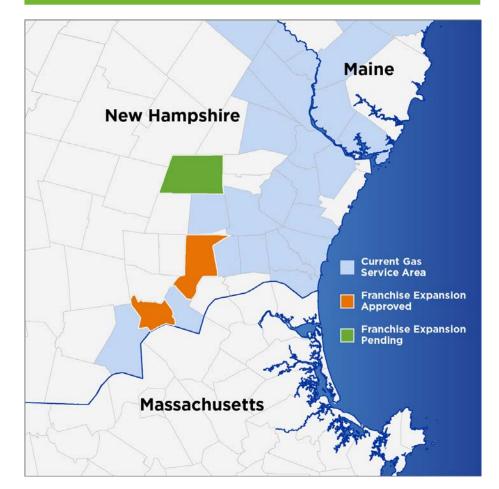


### Over \$6.8 billion of new construction within existing service areas

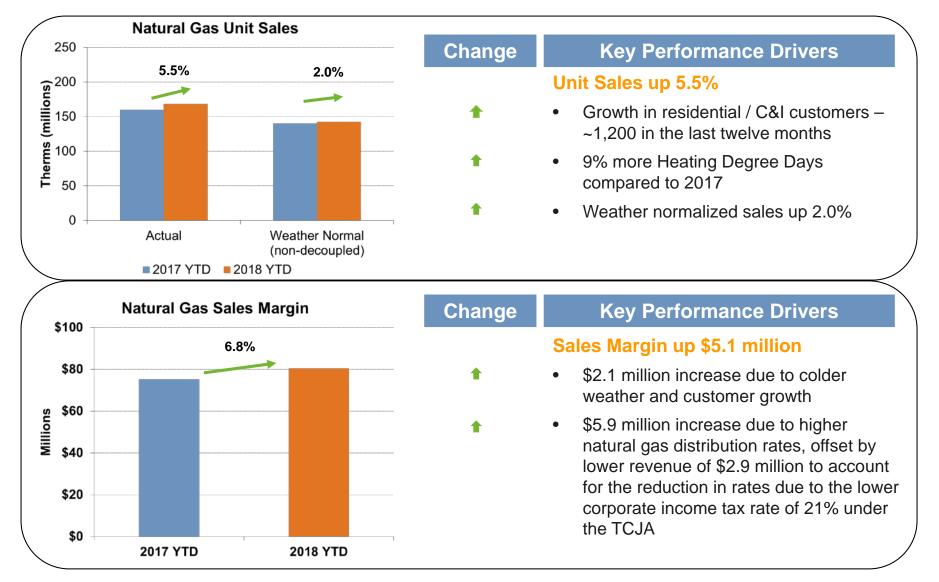
# Third Quarter Highlights - Gas Expansion

- Customer contracts up 25% compared to prior year
  - Driven by price advantage compared to fuel oil of up to 65%
- Target Area Buildout (TAB) progress
  - Saco, ME Initial 3-year build-out nearly complete and on track to meet 100% of targeted customer additions
  - Sanford, ME First year of build-out underway with installation of ~7 miles of new mains in the city's downtown
- NH gas franchise expansions
  - Recent regulatory approval issued for natural gas franchise expansion in two towns
  - Additional franchise approval is pending

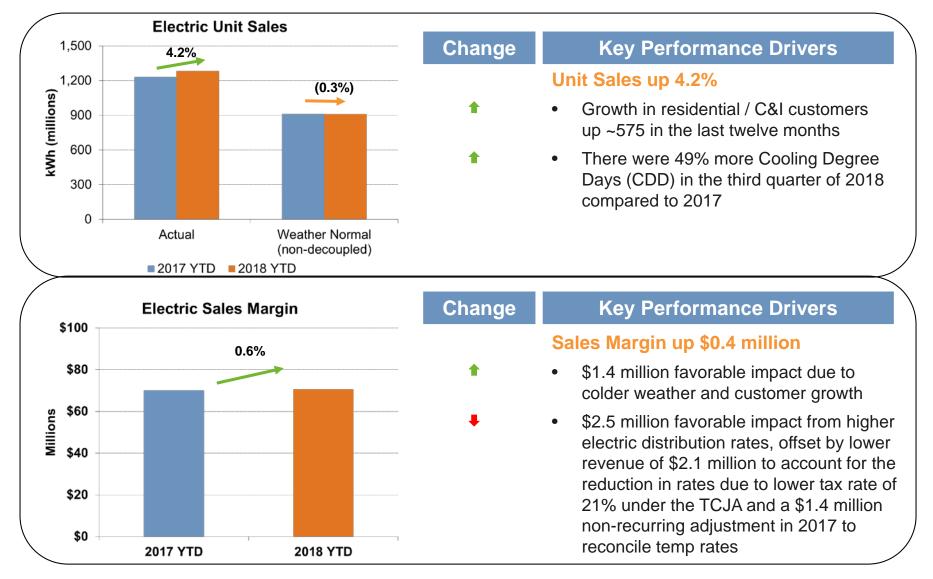
#### **Gas System Franchise Expansion**



# Gas Units Sales & Margin

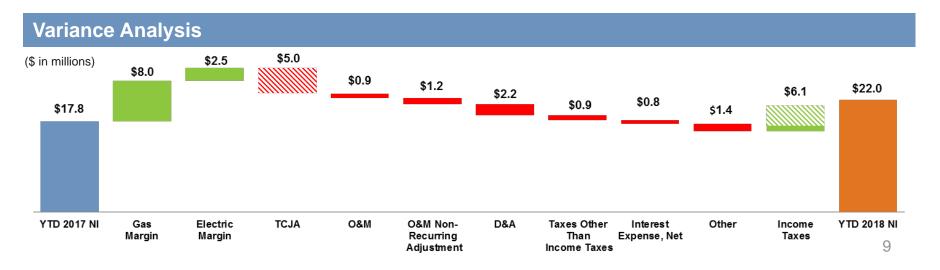


### **Electric Units Sales & Margins**



### YTD Variance: 2018 vs 2017

- Net Income up \$4.2 million or 24%
- Gas margin up \$8.0 million or 11%, before the impact of the TCJA
- Electric margin up \$2.5 million or 4%, before the impact of the TCJA
- TCJA resulted in revenue reductions of \$5.0 million (\$2.9 million in gas, \$2.1 million in electric) which is also reflected in a lower provision for income taxes
- O&M up \$0.9 million excluding \$1.2 million concurrent non-recurring adjustment. Reflects higher labor costs and higher utility operating costs, offset by lower professional fees
- D&A increase of \$2.2 million reflecting higher utility plant in service and higher amortization of technology costs, partially offset by lower amortization of deferred major storm costs
- Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increase of \$0.9 million reflecting higher property and payroll taxes
- Interest Expense, net increase of \$0.8 million reflecting interest on higher levels of long-term debt
- Income Taxes decreased \$6.1 million consisting of \$5.0 million due to the lower income tax rate and \$1.1 million due to the current tax benefit related to book/tax items turning at the lower tax rate



### 2018 Regulatory Activity

#### Subsidiary Q3 2018 Return on Equity – Authorized ROE Range of 9.5%-9.8%

Company	Average Common Equity	09/18 LTM ROE <sup>(1)</sup>	Rate Cases / Capital Trackers/ TCJA Activity		Date Effective
Northern Utilities (New Hampshire)	\$173.4	8.3%	Rate Case (NH) Capital Tracker (NH) TCJA	\$2.6 mm \$2.3 mm (\$1.7) mm	08/01/2017 05/01/2018 01/01/2018
Northern Utilities (Maine)		0.3%	Rate Case (ME) Capital Tracker (ME) TCJA	\$2.1 mm \$1.1 mm (\$2.2) mm	03/01/2018 05/01/2018 03/01/2018
Unitil Energy	\$82.3	11.2%	Capital Tracker TCJA	\$1.9 mm (\$2.2) mm	05/01/2018 01/01/2018
Fitchburg (Electric)	\$73.5	7.2%	Capital Tracker (Electric) Solar Capital Tracker TCJA	\$0.4 mm \$0.3 mm (\$0.8) mm	01/01/2018 06/01/2018 01/01/2018
Fitchburg (Gas)			Capital Tracker (Gas) TCJA	\$0.9 mm (\$0.8) mm	05/01/2018 01/01/2018
Granite State	\$13.6	10.3%	Settlement approved for no rate change		06/27/18
Unitil Corporation	\$321.4	10.3%			

(1) ROE calculated by dividing last twelve months GAAP Net Income by Average Common Equity

# **Key Investment Highlights**

- Regulated local distribution utility business model
- Growing service areas and customer base
- Diversified natural gas and electric operations
- Dividend strength
- Experienced management team



