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# FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC UPDATE

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# **Financial Results and Strategic Update**

### Strong financial results and continued strategic execution

### **Achieving Strong Financial Results**

- 2024 Net Income of \$27.2 million or \$1.69 per share, through the first quarter
- \$0.18 per share increase compared to the first quarter of 2023 supported by regulatory initiatives and customer growth
- 11.9% year-over-year EPS growth
- Minimal O&M expense increase of \$0.1 million year-over-year
- GAAP ROE of 9.7%

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

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

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

- Strong regulatory outcomes across jurisdictions
- Best-in-class operational performance and top-tier customer service
- 2024 Climate and Energy Sustainability Award Winner<sup>(1)</sup>

### Solid Capital Investment Outlook

- Long-term investment requirements in system modernization and expansion
- Expected long-term rate base growth of 6.5% 8.5%
- Utility-Scale Solar project progressing as planned



# **Utility Scale Project in New Hampshire**

Site work and construction underway for 5 MW Solar Facility in Kingston, NH

### **Project Summary and Update**

- Site work began in Q1 and is progressing as expected
- PV Facility electrical design nearing completion
- Nominated for Project of the Year Energy Champion Award by Clean Energy New Hampshire
- Estimated capital cost of \$14 million will be included in Rate Base

### NH Statute RSA 374-G

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



	Timeline					
Selection F	nitial ✓ Intervenor ✓ iling Testimony March 9, 2023	Joint Letter of Support March 23, 2023	Order Received May 1, 2023	Site Work ✓ Begun Q1 2024	Expected In Service 1H 2025	Seek Cost Recovery Shortly after Completion

# **First Quarter 2024 Financial Results**

Net Income and Earnings Per Share

### Net Income of \$27.2 million in the first quarter, or \$1.69 per share

- Net Income increase of \$3.1 million, or \$0.18 per share, relative to the first quarter of 2023
- Earnings growth reflects higher Electric and Gas Adjusted Gross Margins, partially offset by higher operating expenses
- Warmer weather in the quarter affected earnings by approximately (\$0.02) relative to the prior year and approximately (\$0.10) relative to normal weather conditions

	Three Months Ended March 31		
	2024 202		
Net Income (\$ millions)	\$27.2	\$24.1	
Earnings Per Share	\$1.69	\$1.51	



# **Volume and Adjusted Gross Margin Variances**

Year-to-Date variances in units, customers, and adjusted gross margin

Electric Operations		Unit Sales and Customers	
Adjusted Gross Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	Weather Normalized Unit Sales	Customers	<ul> <li>Electric distribution revenue substantially decoupled <sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>Weather normalized Residential and C&amp;I sales increased 0.5% and 0.8%, respectively</li> <li>Approximately 500 additional customers</li> </ul>
			Adjusted Gross Margin <sup>(1)</sup> Increased \$0.4 Million
1.5% Increase	0.7% Increase	0.5% Increase	<ul> <li>Reflects higher rates and customer growth</li> <li>Decoupling adjusted revenue by \$1.1 million or \$0.05 EPS</li> </ul>

Gas Operations				
Adjusted Gross Margin <sup>(1)</sup> Weather Normalized Unit Sales		Customers		
11.1% Increase	0.5% Increase	1.2% Increase		

	Unit Sales and Customers
•	60% of gas customers decoupled <sup>(2)</sup> Weather normalized sales in Maine, our only non-decoupled service area, increased 0.3% Approximately 1,100 additional customers
	Adjusted Gross Margin <sup>(1)</sup> Increased \$6.1 Million
•	Higher rates and customer growth, partially offset by weather Decoupling adjusted revenue by \$2.3 million or \$0.11 EPS



# **First Quarter Earnings Reconciliation**

### Variances to prior period Net Income

- Adjusted Gross Margin<sup>(1)</sup> increased \$6.5 million as a result of higher rates and customer growth, partially offset by warmer winter weather in 2024.
- Operation and Maintenance Expenses increased \$0.1 million due to higher utility operating costs.
- Depreciation and Amortization increased \$1.3 million reflecting higher levels of utility plant in service, higher amortization of storm and other deferred costs.
- Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased \$0.4 million due to higher local property taxes on higher utility plant in service and higher payroll taxes.
- Interest Expense, Net increased \$0.2 million reflecting higher interest expense on short-term borrowings and higher levels of long-term debt, partially offset by higher interest income on regulatory assets.
- Other Expenses increased \$0.3 million reflecting higher retirement benefit costs.
- Income Taxes increased \$1.1 million reflecting higher pre-tax earnings in 2024.



# Fitchburg Rate Case Overview (Electric and Gas)

FG&E rate cases progressing on schedule and nearing conclusion

Rate Case Filing Details <sup>(1)</sup>			
Docket Number 23-80 (electric) and 23-81 (gas			
Test Year 202			
Requested Common Equity Ratio	52.26% (Current Authorized: 52.50%)		
Requested Rate of Return	Electric – 10.5%, Gas – 10.75%		
Requested Electric Revenue Increase	\$6.8 million		
Requested Gas Revenue Increase	\$11.2 million		
Requested Rate Base	Electric \$90.3 million, Gas \$121.7 Million		

(1) Rate case details reflect most recent filing on 05/01/2024, which may differ slightly from initial filing

Evidentiary hearings concluded; anticipate new base distribution rates to take effect July 1, 2024

#### **Key Elements**

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



# Massachusetts Electric Sector Modernization Plan (ESMP)

Capital investments to optimize electric system capacity and technological improvements

#### **ESMP Summary**

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

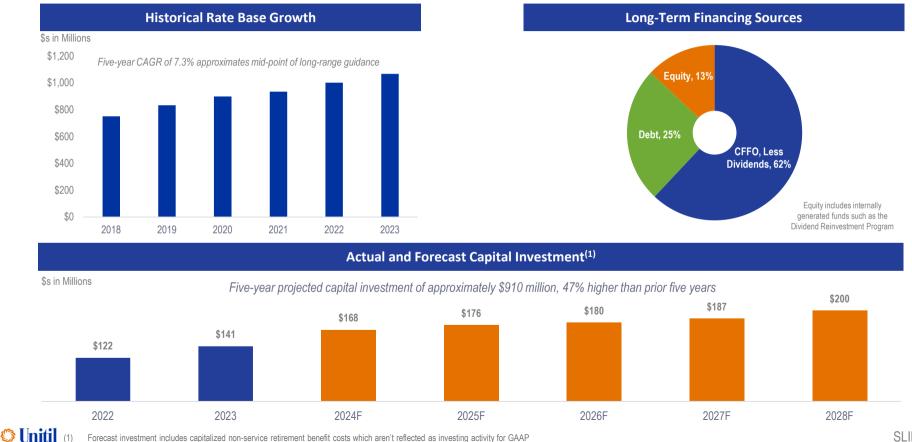
### **Currently Approved Programs**

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



# **Significant Investment Opportunities**

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



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

# **Balance Sheet Strength and Capitalization**

### Maintaining investment grade credit ratings

### **Responsible Financing Plan**

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

#### **Investment Grade Rating**

S&P issuer rating of BBB+

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- Moody's issuer rating of Baa1 for distribution subsidiaries
  - Baa2 for Granite State Gas and Unitil Corporation

#### **Comparatively Lower Risk than Peers**

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

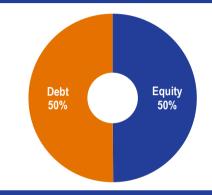
(1) Most recent data per S&P Ratings 360; includes S&P rating adjustments.

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

Energy Supply, Other Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms, Deferred Storm Charges and other Deferred Charge

(4) Balance includes certain environmental costs, rate case costs and other expenditures

#### Balanced Capital Structure (as of March 31, 2024)



#### Interest Expense Offsets (March 31, 2024) \$ Millions

Short-Term Debt	\$169.9
Balances Generating P&L Offsets	
Construction Work in Progress	\$68.5
Deferred Costs <sup>(3)</sup>	\$75.0
Regulatory Assets Without Associated Return <sup>(4)</sup>	(\$6.9)
Total	\$136.6

# **Operating Excellence**

Industry leading reliability, response time, and customer satisfaction paired with effective cost control





### **Northeast Utilities** Customer Satisfaction Ranking





### Eastern Utilities Customer Satisfaction Ranking



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

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

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

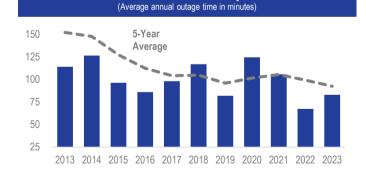
- Responded to 91.2% emergency calls in 30 minutes or less
- Significantly better than AGA median of 73.1%

### Effective O&M Control

 O&M increases less than broader inflation while providing toptier service to customers

**Electric Reliability** 

First quarter O&M less than 2022 and similar to 2023 levels



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

Delivering consistent results through a reliable, regulated strategy



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# **About Unitil**

Pure play New England utility creating long-term sustainable value

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

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

#### **Compelling investor value proposition**

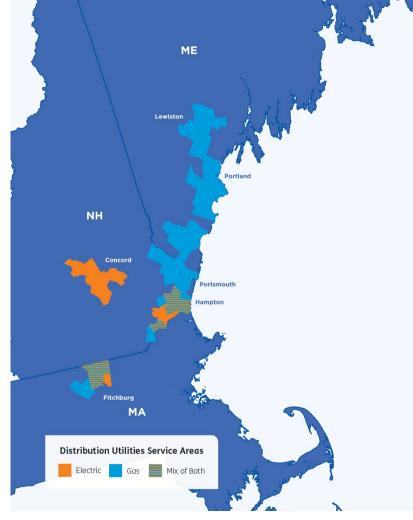
- Low-risk expected earnings and dividend growth
- Sustainable long-term growth opportunities
- Proven track record of financial, operating, and strategic performance

### Robust investment opportunities in electric and gas infrastructure

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

#### Stable long-term expected earnings growth

- Supportive regulatory outcomes
- Distribution revenues largely decoupled from sales volumes
- Earnings unaffected by commodity cost fluctuations



# **GAAP Return on Average Common Equity**

GAAP Return on Equity over the last twelve months

Company	Average Common Equity	LTM ROACE <sup>(1)</sup>	
Northern Utilities	\$266	9.0%	
Unitil Energy Systems	\$124	9.0%	
Fitchburg Gas and Electric	\$128	10.1%	
Granite State Gas	\$22	7.1%	
Unitil Corporation	\$498	9.7%	

\$s in Millions



# **Rate Relief Summary**

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

Company	Activity	Millions	Date Effective	
	Capital Tracker	\$2.1	Q2 2023	
Northern Utilities (Maine)	Base Rate Case Increase	\$7.6	Q4 2023	
	Capital Tracker	\$2.4	Q2 2024	
Unitil Energy Systems	Capital Tracker	\$1.2	Q2 2023	
	Grid Modernization	\$1.0	Q2 2023	
Fitchburg (Electric)	Capital Tracker	\$0.4	Q1 2024	
	Base Rate Case Increase	\$6.8 (requested)	Q3 2024	
	Capital Tracker	\$1.2	Q2 2023	
Fitchburg (Gas)	Capital Tracker	\$1.9	Q2 2024	
	Base Rate Case Increase	\$10.9 (requested)	Q3 2024	
Granite State Gas	Capital Tracker	\$1.0	Q3 2023	

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

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



# **Maintaining Long-Term Earnings Growth**

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

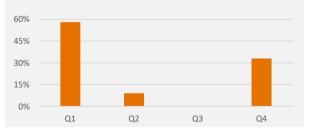




#### 2024 Expectations

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

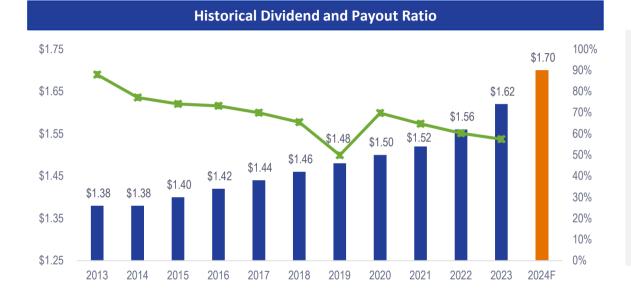
#### Approximate Quarterly EPS Distribution <sup>(2)</sup>





## **Dividend Increase and Expected Payout**

Consecutive years of accelerated dividend rate increases



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

Annualized Dividend \$1.70 Per Share (1)

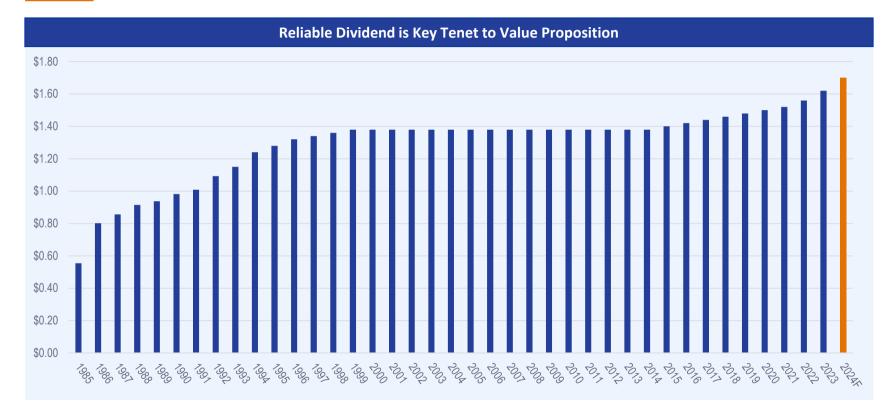
Steady, Predictable Shareholder Return

2023 Payout Ratio 57%<sup>(2)</sup> Dividend Sustainability and Capital Investment Payout Ratio Target 55% - 65%



# **Consistent Dividend Payment Since Incorporation**

Steadily increasing dividend per share since 2015



# Service Area Economies Remain Strong

Customer growth should be supported by strong economies and ongoing development



Serving robust and sought-after service areas



Job opportunities and low crime

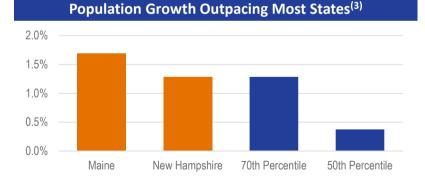


Ranked amongst "Best Places to Live"



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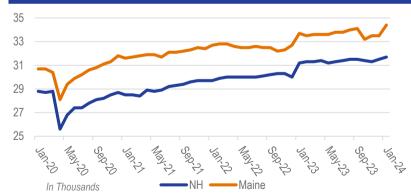
### Serving some of the hottest real estate markets in the US



New Housing Permits meet demand as inventory is depleted<sup>(1)</sup>



#### Construction Employment in ME & NH<sup>(2)</sup>



1) Sources: Building permits reflects total housing units from census.gov; Active Multiple Listing Service Listing data from BLS.gov

Source: BLS.gov as of January 2024

(3) Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Since 2020

# **Key Regulatory Recovery Mechanisms**

**Timely Rate Recovery** 

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

### **GAAP Reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Margin**

Three Months Ended March 31, 2024

	Е	Electric		Gas		Other		Total	
Total Operating Revenue	\$	73.6	\$	105.1	\$		\$	178.7	
Less: Cost of Sales		(46.5)		(44.1)				(90.6)	
Less: Depreciation and Amortization		(7.0)		(10.8)		(0.2)		(18.0)	
GAAP Gross Margin		20.1		50.2		(0.2)		70.1	
Depreciation and Amortization		7.0		10.8		0.2		18.0	
Adjusted Gross Margin	\$	27.1	\$	61.0	\$		\$	88.1	

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 (\$ millions)

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	Electric		Gas		Other		Total	
Total Operating Revenue	\$	108.2	\$	112.0	\$		\$	220.2
Less: Cost of Sales		(81.5)		(57.1)				(138.6)
Less: Depreciation and Amortization		(6.4)		(10.1)		(0.2)		(16.7)
GAAP Gross Margin		20.3		44.8		(0.2)		64.9
Depreciation and Amortization		6.4		10.1		0.2		16.7
Adjusted Gross Margin	\$	26.7	\$	54.9	\$		\$	81.6