



## FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC UPDATE

Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2021

### February 1, 2022







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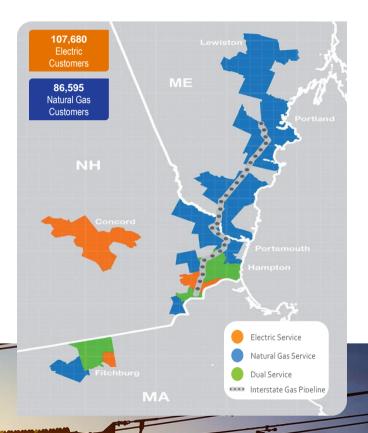
# **About Unitil**

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Pure-Play New England utility creating long-term sustainable value

# We provide energy for life, safely and reliably delivering electricity and natural gas in New England

- Providing local electric and natural gas in our attractive service areas along New Hampshire and Maine Seacoast
  - Growing customer base supported by ongoing conversions from competing fuels
  - Service areas well positioned for continued economic growth
- Robust investment opportunities in Electric and Natural Gas systems
  - Investments including grid modernization and resiliency are well aligned with our sustainability strategies
  - Investing in enabling technologies to allow for a greener and more efficient energy system
- Industry leading customer service and operational excellence in both electric and natural gas operations



# **Financial Results and Strategic Update**

### Strong financial results and continued execution of strategic plan

### **Strong Positive Financial Results**

- 2021 Net Income of \$36.1 million or \$2.35 per share<sup>(1)</sup>
  - \$0.20 per share increase

### Expected Long-Term EPS Growth Rate at 5% - 7%

- Achieved 9.3% EPS growth over 2020
- EPS growth expected above the high end of the range for the next two years

### **Continued Operational Excellence**

- Customer Satisfaction remains at an all-time high
- Once again received EEI Mutual Assistance Award
- Gas response time remains well below industry average

### Solid Capital Investment Outlook

- Maintain expected long-term Rate Base growth of 6.5% 8.5%
- Committed to balance sheet strength

### **Commitment to Sustainability**

- Linking sustainability to strategic planning
- Published 2021 Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Report
- Committed to reducing Company-wide greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030 from a 2019 baseline, and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050



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# Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Results

### Net Income and Earnings Per Share

### Net Income of \$14.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2021, or \$0.93 per share<sup>(1)</sup>

- Net Income increase of \$0.9 million, or \$0.03 per share, relative to the fourth quarter of 2020
- Higher adjusted gross margins<sup>(2)</sup> than in the same period in 2020

### Fiscal year 2021 Net Income of \$36.1 million, or \$2.35 per share<sup>(3)</sup>

- Net Income increase of \$3.9 million, or \$0.20 per share, relative to fiscal year 2020
- Earnings growth reflect higher natural gas and electric adjusted gross margins<sup>(1)</sup> partially offset by higher operating expenses

	Three Months En	ded December 31	Twelve Months E	nded December 31
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net Income (\$ millions)	\$14.5	\$13.6	\$36.1	\$32.2
Earnings Per Share	\$0.93	\$0.90	\$2.35	\$2.15
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Fourth quarter EPS is calculated by subtracting fiscal year 2021 EPS by reported Year-to-Date ended September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 EPS of \$1.42

- (2) Adjusted gross margin is a non-GAAP financial measure. Reconciliation from non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP financial measures are provided at the end of the presentation
- (3) Weighted average common shares outstanding at December 31, 2021 reflect the issuance of 920,000 common shares during the third quarter

# **Electric Volume and Adjusted Gross Margin Variances**

Variances in units, customers, and adjusted gross margin

2021 to 2020								
Unit Sales	Weather Normalized Unit Sales <sup>(1)</sup>	Customers	Adjusted Gross Margin <sup>(2)</sup>					
2.2% Increase	2.5% Increase	0.6% Increase	4.8% Increase					

### **Unit Sales**

- Higher C&I unit sales of 3.5% supported by customer growth and improving economic conditions
- Residential unit sales slightly higher than prior year reflects customer growth

### Adjusted Gross Margin<sup>(2)</sup> Increase \$4.5 Million

- Higher distribution rates and customer growth of \$4.5 million
- Customers served increased 603 over prior year

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# **Natural Gas Volume and Adjusted Gross Margin Variances**

Variances in units, customers, and adjusted gross margin

2021 to 2020								
Unit Sales Weather Normalized Unit Sales <sup>(1)</sup>		Customers	Adjusted Gross Margin <sup>(2)</sup>					
3.3% Increase	2.8% Increase	1.2% Increase	8.6% Increase					

### **Unit Sales**

- Increase in unit sales primarily reflects customer growth and the colder peak
  winter weather
- Customers served increased by 1,021 over prior year

### Adjusted Gross Margin<sup>(2)</sup> Increase \$10.5 Million

- Higher rates and customer growth of \$9.4 million
- Favorable effects of colder winter weather of \$1.1 million

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# **Fiscal Year Earnings Reconciliation**

### Variances to prior period earnings

- Adjusted Gross Margin<sup>(1)</sup> increased \$15.0 million as a result of higher rates, colder winter weather, and customer growth
- Operating and Maintenance Expenses increased \$3.0 million largely due to higher utility operating costs and higher labor costs
- Depreciation and Amortization increased \$5.0 million reflecting higher levels of utility plant in service and higher amortization
- Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased \$0.6 million due to higher local property taxes on higher levels of utility plant in service and slightly higher payroll taxes
- Net Interest Expense increased \$1.8 million reflecting higher levels of long-term debt, partially offset by lower rates on lower levels of short-term borrowings
- Other Expenses decreased \$0.6 million reflecting lower retirement benefit and other costs
- Income Taxes increased \$1.3 million reflecting higher pre-tax earnings in the period



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# New Hampshire Rate Case Filings

Revenue decoupling proposals, multi-year rate plans, retain new customer revenues

### Unitil Energy (NH Electric) hearings scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

- All parties have reached a comprehensive settlement agreement in principle on final rates. subject to approval by the NHPUC
- Multi-vear rate plan recovering non-growth investments
- EV-related investments
- Revenue decoupling

### Northern (NH Gas) rate case filed August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

- \$7.8 million base rate increase proposal; \$2.6 million temporary rate effective Q4 2021
- Multi-year rate plan recovering non-growth investments
- Schedule: intervenor testimony 04/01/2022, rebuttal testimony 05/17/2022, hearings scheduled for June 2022

### 82%

Expected customers under Decoupled Rate Structures after NH rate filings

24% Customers currently under Decoupled Rate Structures

### **Regulatory Timeline**







August 2, 2021 Northern NH Base Rate Case Filed



**Temporary Rates Effective** UES - \$4.5 million 6/1/2021 Northern - \$2.6 million 10/1/2021

### First Half, 2022 UES rate case order received and new base

rates take effect

### Second Half, 2022

Northern rate case order received and new base rates take effect





### 2023 →

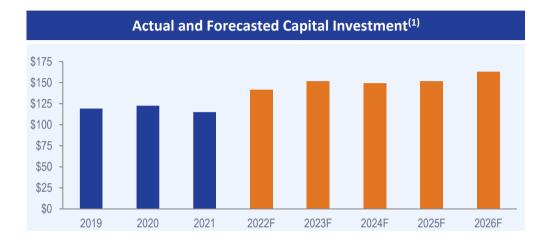
Rate plans ongoing and fully decoupled rates in effect





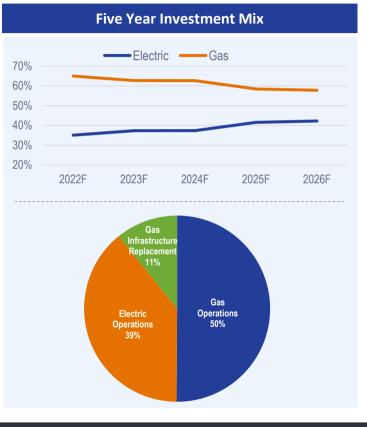
# **Investment Plan Update**

Increasing investment plan to support, expand, and modernize utility infrastructure



- Forecasting total investment of about \$755 million over the next 5 years supporting continued rate base growth in line with historical growth of 6.5% to 8.5%
  - Roughly 30% increase in coming five years planned capital investment over the prior five years
- Investment mix between gas and electric divisions becoming increasingly balanced
- Potential upside for strategic projects being investigated with a focus on advanced energy systems and clean energy solutions

(1) The forecasted capital investment estimates include capitalized non-service retirement benefit costs which aren't reflected as investing activity for GAAP financial statements

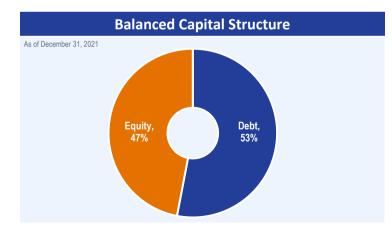


# **Focused on Maintaining a Strong Balance Sheet**

### Capital requirements met through a diverse and balanced funding plan

### Balanced Long-Term Financing Plan

- Capital investments funded principally by Cash Flow From Operations less dividends
- Remaining needs are funded through Long-Term Debt and Common Equity to ensure a properly balanced capital structure
- Equity proceeds include secondary offerings, Dividend Reinvestment, and 401(k) proceeds
- Follow-on equity issuance in August strengthened the balance sheet, further supporting investment grade credit metrics
  - Increased equity capitalization to 47.0% relative to prior year equity capitalization of 42.3%



# Long-Term Financing Sources



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# **Dividend Increase and Expected Payout**

Increasing quarterly dividend to \$0.39 per share or \$1.56 on annualized basis  $^{(1)}$ 



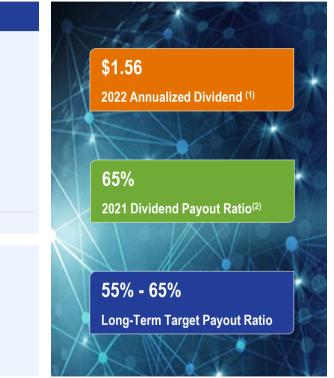
### Accelerating rate of dividend increase

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- Increasing the annualized common dividend by \$0.04 per share in 2022 after several years of \$0.02 per share annual increases
- Dividend increase reflects confidence in ability to execute on strategic plan
- Evaluate option to further accelerate dividend growth in future years as payout ratio declines

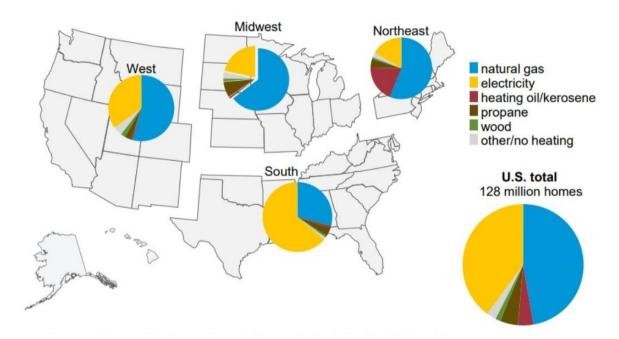
### Balancing dividend sustainability with capital investment opportunities

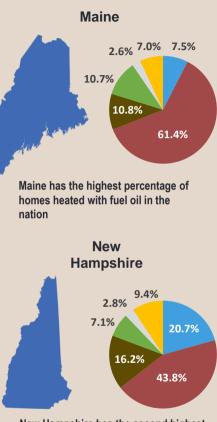
- Continue to target a long-tern dividend payout ratio of 55% to 65%
- Decreasing payout ratio to support increasing investment plan while offering shareholders a steady and predictable return
- (1) Quarterly dividends are subject to approval by Unitil's Board of Directors
- (2) Reflects 2021 annualized dividend of \$1.52 divided by 2021 EPS of \$2.35



# **Fuels Used for Home Heating**

Proportion of homes by primary space heating fuel and census region provides growth opportunities

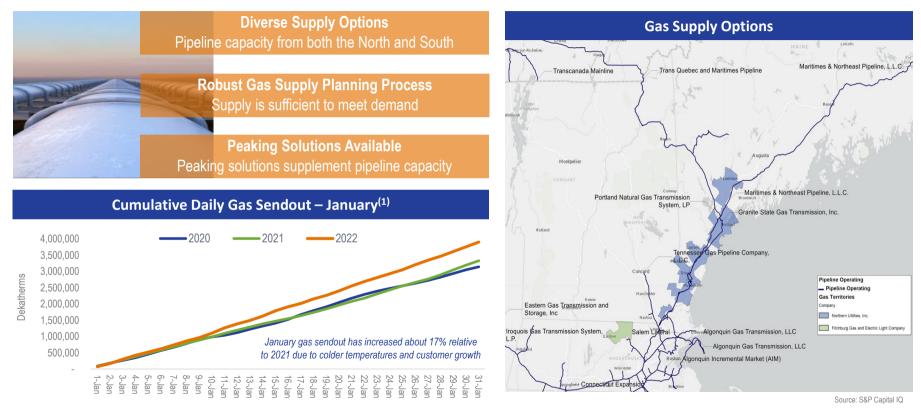




New Hampshire has the second highest percentage of homes heated with fuel oil in the nation

# **Diverse Gas Supply**

Even on the coldest New England days, sufficient gas supply to meet customer needs and growth strategy



2022 January data reflects actual daily sendout excluding January 31st which was estimated for illustrative purposes

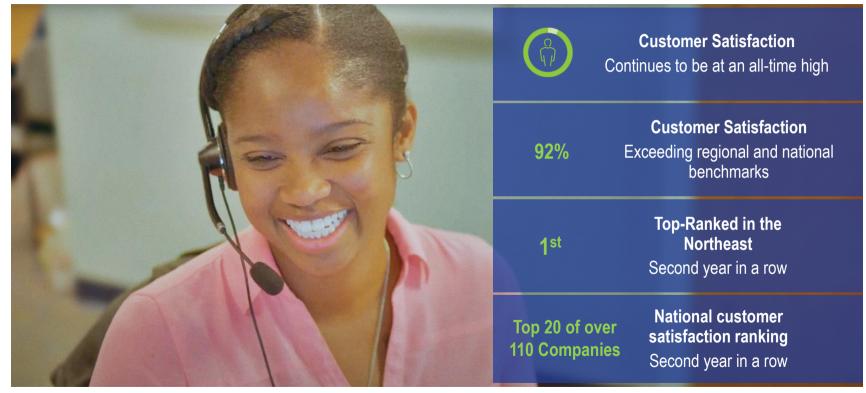
# **Operational Excellence**

Continuous improvement in safety and reliability



# **Customer Satisfaction Exceeding Expectations**

Treating Customers and Employees with respect is a top priority



2020 and 2021 Survey Results Among Non-Collective Bargaining Employees

# Low Risk Utility Creating Long-Term Sustainable Value

The energy transition offers robust long-term investment opportunities



### Transforming Customer Services and Energy Offerings

- Connecting customers with value adding products and services
- Accelerating customer adoption of clean energy technologies
- Promoting adoption of electric vehicles through investment in public charging infrastructure and time-of-use rates



### Modernizing Electric and Natural Gas Infrastructure

- Investing in technologies that optimize system performance and offer savings for customers
- Reducing the frequency and duration of power outages while mitigating storm impacts
- Expanding and optimizing the connection of customer-owned clean energy resources



### Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition

- Reducing direct company greenhouse gas emissions
- Investing in renewable energy projects where state regulations allow
- Pursuing renewable natural gas supply alternatives



### Fundamental Principles and Beliefs Underlying our Long-Term Strategy

- As a combination electric and gas distribution company operating in northern New England, Unitil is uniquely positioned to contribute to, and benefit from, evolving climate policies
- · Net-Zero emissions commitment by 2050 reflects our goal to become a leader in environmental stewardship
- Advancing the electric grid will provide robust capital investment opportunities
- · Natural gas, renewable natural gas, and gas distribution assets will play a vital role in ensuring clean, secure, low-cost energy

# Appendix



# **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	\$238 Million	6.9%		
Unitil Energy Systems	\$111 Million	8.3%		
Fitchburg Gas and Electric	\$97 Million	9.7%		
Granite State Gas	\$20 Million	10.8%		
Unitil Corporation	\$419 Million	8.6%		

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

# **Rate Relief Summary**

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

Company	Activity	Dollars (Millions)	Date Effective		
Northorn Utilitica (New Hempehire)	Base Rate Case Increase	\$7.8 (requested)	Q3 2022 (expected)		
Northern Utilities (New Hampshire)	Temporary Rate Case Increase (1)	\$2.6	Q3 2021		
Northern Utilities (Maine)	Capital Tracker – 2021	\$1.1	Q2 2021		
Unitil Energy Systems	Base Rate Case Increase	\$12.0 (requested)	Q2 2022 (expected)		
	Temporary Rate Case Increase (1)	\$4.5	Q2 2021		
Fitchburg (Electric)	Electric Capital Tracker	\$1.4	Q1 2021		
Fitchburg (Gas)	Base Rate Case Award – 2021 <sup>(2)</sup> Gas Capital Tracker – 2021	\$0.9 \$0.5	Q1 2021 Q2 2021		
Granite State Gas	Capital Tracker – 2021	\$0.1	Q3 2021		

(1) Temporary Rates effective during pendency of Base Rate case; increases are subject to recoupment or refund

(2) Fitchburg Gas Base Rate Case Award reflects the deferred distribution rate increase pursuant to the approved Settlement Agreement in DPU 19-131

# **GAAP Reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Margin**

### Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021

	Electric		Non- Regulated Gas and Other Tota					Total
Total Operating Revenue	\$	248.5	\$	224.8	\$		\$	473.3
Less: Cost of Sales		(151.1)		(91.7)				(242.8)
Less: Depreciation and Amortization		(25.9)		(32.6)		(1.0)		(59.5)
GAAP Gross Margin		71.5		100.5		(1.0)		171.0
Depreciation and Amortization		25.9		32.6		1.0		59.5
Adjusted Gross Margin	\$	97.4	\$	133.1	\$		\$	230.5

### Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021 (\$ millions)

### Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2020 (\$ millions)

	Electric		Non- Regulated Gas and Other				Total	
Total Operating Revenue	\$	227.2	\$	191.4	\$		\$ 418.6	
Less: Cost of Sales		(134.3)		(68.8)			(203.1)	
Less: Depreciation and Amortization		(23.8)		(29.8)		(0.9)	(54.5)	
GAAP Gross Margin		69.1		92.8		(0.9)	161.0	
Depreciation and Amortization		23.8		29.8		0.9	54.5	
Adjusted Gross Margin	\$	92.9	\$	122.6	\$		\$ 215.5	