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For the quarterly period ended:

#### March 31, 2014

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For the transition period from _	to

Commission Name of Registrant, State of Incorporation, Address IRS Employer

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	Large Accelerated Filer	Accelerated Filer	Non-accelerated Filer	Smaller Reporting Company
MGE Energy, Inc.	X			
Madison Gas and Electric				
Company			X	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act):

MGE Energy, Inc. and Madison Gas and Electric Company: Yes [] No [X]

Number of Shares Outstanding of Each Class of Common Stock as of April 30, 2014

MGE Energy, Inc.

Common

stock, \$1.00

par value, 34,668,370 shares outstanding.

Madison Gas and Electric Company Common

stock, \$1.00 par value, 17,347,894 shares outstanding (all of which are owned beneficially and of record by

MGE Energy,

Inc.).

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

#### **Filing Format**

This combined Form 10-Q is being filed separately by MGE Energy, Inc. (MGE Energy) and Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE). MGE is a wholly owned subsidiary of MGE Energy and represents a majority of its assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and operations. Thus, all information contained in this report relates to, and is filed by, MGE Energy. Information that is specifically identified in this report as relating solely to MGE Energy, such as its financial statements and information relating to its nonregulated business, does not relate to, and is not filed by, MGE. MGE makes no representation as to that information. The terms "we" and "our," as used in this report, refer to MGE Energy and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report, and other documents filed by MGE Energy and MGE with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from time to time, contain forward-looking statements that reflect management's current assumptions and estimates regarding future performance and economic conditions especially as they relate to economic conditions, future load growth, revenues, expenses, capital expenditures, financial resources, regulatory matters, and the scope and expense associated with future environmental regulation. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "could," "should," "intend," "will," and other similar words generally identify forward-looking statements. Both MGE Energy and MGE caution investors that these forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, expressed, or implied.

The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made by a registrant include (a) those factors discussed in the Registrants' 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K: Item 1A. Risk Factors, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, as updated by Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this report, and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 18, as updated by Part I, Item 1. Financial Statements Note 8 in this report, and (b) other factors discussed herein and in other filings made by that registrant with the SEC.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this report. MGE Energy and MGE undertake no obligation to release publicly any revision to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report.

#### **Stock Split**

On December 20, 2013, MGE Energy's Board of Directors declared a three-for-two stock split of MGE Energy's outstanding shares of common stock, effective in the form of a stock dividend. Shareholders of record at the close of business on January 24, 2014, received one additional share of MGE Energy common stock for every two shares of common stock owned on that date. The additional shares were distributed on February 7, 2014. All share and per share data provided in this report give effect to this stock split.

#### Where to Find More Information

The public may read and copy any reports or other information that MGE Energy and MGE file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. These documents also are available to the public from commercial document retrieval services, the website maintained by the SEC at <a href="sec.gov">sec.gov</a>, MGE Energy's website at <a href="mage.com">mgeenergy.com</a>, and MGE's website at <a href="mage.com">mge.com</a>. Copies may be obtained from our websites free of charge. Information contained on MGE Energy's and MGE's websites shall not be deemed incorporated into, or to be a part of, this report.

#### Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms Used in the Text and Notes of this Report

Abbreviations, acronyms, and definitions used in the text and notes of this report are defined below.

MGE Energy and Subsidiaries:

CWDC Central Wisconsin Development Corporation

MAGAEL MAGAEL, LLC

MGE Madison Gas and Electric Company

MGE Construct, LLC
MGE Energy
MGE Energy, Inc.
MGE Power
MGE Power, LLC

MGE Power Elm MGE Power Elm Road, LLC

Road

MGE Power West MGE Power West Campus, LLC

Campus

MGE Transco MGE Transco Investment, LLC NGV Fueling NGV Fueling Services, LLC

Services

Other Defined

Terms:

AFUDC Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

ATC American Transmission Company LLC

Blount Station CAA Clean Air Act

CAIR Clean Air Interstate Rule CAVR Clean Air Visibility Rule

Codification Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification

Columbia Columbia Energy Center
CSAPR Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

Dth Dekatherms, a quantity measure used in respect of natural gas

Elm Road Units Elm Road Generating Station

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board

FTR Financial Transmission Rights

GHG Greenhouse Gas

Heating degree days Measure of the extent to which the average daily temperature is below 65 degrees Fahrenheit, (HDD) which is considered an indicator of possible increased demand for energy to provide heating

IRS Internal Revenue Service

kWh Kilowatt-hour, a measure of electric energy produced

MACT Maximum Achievable Control Technology

MATS Mercury and Air Toxics Standards

MISO Midcontinent Independent System Operator (a regional transmission organization)

MW Megawatt, a measure of electric energy generating capacity
MWh Megawatt-hour, a measure of electric energy produced

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NOV Notice of Violation NOx Nitrogen Oxides

NSPS New Source Performance Standards
OPRB Other Postretirement Benefits

PGA Purchased Gas Adjustment clause, a regulatory mechanism used to reconcile natural gas costs

recovered in rates to actual costs

PJM Interconnection, LLC (a regional transmission organization)

PPA Purchased power agreement

PSCW Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
PSD Prevention of Significant Deterioration
RICE Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine

SCR Selective Catalytic Reduction

SEC Securities and Exchange Commission

SIP State Implementation Plan

SO2 Sulfur Dioxide the State State of Wisconsin

Stock Plan Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan of MGE Energy

UW University of Wisconsin at Madison

VIE Variable Interest Entity

WCCF West Campus Cogeneration Facility
WEPCO Wisconsin Electric Power Company
Working capital Current assets less current liabilities
WPL Wisconsin Power and Light Company
WPSC Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
XBRL eXtensible Business Reporting Language

### **Item 1. Financial Statements.**

# MGE Energy, Inc.

### **Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per-share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		
		Marc	h 31,
		2014	2013
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Regulated electric revenues	\$	98,852\$	93,494
Regulated gas revenues		110,713	72,467
Nonregulated revenues		680	1,276
Total Operating Revenues		210,245	167,237
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Fuel for electric generation		14,132	10,760
Purchased power		18,555	18,205
Cost of gas sold		78,508	44,692
Other operations and maintenance		40,472	41,649
Depreciation and amortization		9,746	9,624
Other general taxes		4,861	4,679
Total Operating Expenses		166,274	129,609
Operating Income		43,971	37,628
Other income, net		4,552	3,309
Interest expense, net		(4,541)	(4,675)
Income before income taxes		43,982	36,262
Income tax provision		(16,265)	(13,678)
Net Income	\$	27,717\$	22,584
<b>Earnings Per Share of Common Stock</b>			
(basic and diluted)	\$	0.80\$	0.65
Dividends per share of common stock	\$	0.272\$	0.263
<b>Average Shares Outstanding</b>			
(basic and diluted)		34,668	34,668

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

### MGE Energy, Inc.

### **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

Three Months Ended

March 31, 2014 2013 \$ 27,717\$ 22,584

Net Income

Other comprehensive income, net of tax:

Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of

tax (\$5 and \$43)

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**Comprehensive Income** 

\$ 27,724\$ 22,649

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# MGE Energy, Inc.

### **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Three M End	
	Marcl	ı 31,
	2014	2013
Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 27,717\$	22,584
Items not affecting cash:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,746	9,624
Deferred income taxes	(877)	11,294
Provision for doubtful receivables	743	743
Employee benefit plan expenses	(332)	3,336
Equity earnings in ATC	(2,481)	(2,396)
Other items	(679)	750
Changes in working capital items:		
Decrease in current assets	3,283	17,341
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	19,604	(4,590)
Dividend income from ATC	1,917	1,807
Cash contributions to pension and other postretirement plans	(818)	(30,764)
Other noncurrent items, net	547	(1,077)
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	58,370	28,652
Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(21,800)	(29,164)
Capital contributions to investments	(693)	(373)
Other	(682)	(279)
Cash Used for Investing Activities	(23,175)	(29,816)
Financing Activities:		
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(9,420)	(9,132)
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,019)	(667)
Increase in short-term debt	_	10,500
Other	(80)	_
Cash (Used for) Provided by Financing Activities	(10,519)	701
Change in cash and cash equivalents	24,676	(463)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	68,813	46,357
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 93,489\$	45,894

# Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Significant noncash investing activities:

Accrued capital expenditures

\$ 8,967\$ 12,699

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# MGE Energy, Inc.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

March 31,	December	31,
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ASSETS	2014	2013
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 93,489\$	68,813
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$4,501 and \$4,219, respectively	62,760	44,890
Other accounts receivable, less reserves of \$608 and \$750, respectively	5,019	5,352
Unbilled revenues	29,568	31,982
Materials and supplies, at average cost	17,023	16,662
Fossil fuel	4,675	5,206
Stored natural gas, at average cost	642	13,988
Prepaid taxes	11,773	19,106
Regulatory assets - current	4,690	6,377
Other current assets	9,301	8,225
Total Current Assets	238,940	220,601
Regulatory assets	105,253	107,166
Pension benefits	16,013	15,071
Other deferred assets and other	6,758	8,046
Property, Plant, and Equipment:		
Property, plant, and equipment, net	1,026,807	1,018,809
Construction work in progress	147,449	141,415
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	1,174,256	1,160,224
Investments	69,203	67,952
Total Assets	\$ 1,610,423\$	1,579,060
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION		
Current Liabilities:		
Long-term debt due within one year	\$ 4,121\$	4,102
Accounts payable	56,171	43,684
Accrued taxes	11,275	822
Accrued interest	3,250	4,839
Accrued payroll related items	8,103	10,731
Deferred income taxes	-	1,711
Regulatory liabilities - current	11,537	13,538
Derivative liabilities	6,540	7,750
Other current liabilities	8,518	9,489
Total Current Liabilities	109,515	96,666
Other Credits:		
Deferred income taxes	287,224	284,791
Investment tax credit - deferred	1,362	1,413
Regulatory liabilities	20,788	19,792

Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	49,512	49,184
Derivative liabilities	53,750	57,930
Other deferred liabilities and other	54,155	52,360
Total Other Credits	466,791	465,470
Capitalization:		
Common shareholders' equity	635,734	617,510
Long-term debt	398,383	399,414
Total Capitalization	1,034,117	1,016,924
Commitments and contingencies (see Footnote 8)	-	-
Total Liabilities and Capitalization	\$ 1,610,423\$	1,579,060

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

### MGE Energy, Inc.

### **Consolidated Statements of Common Equity (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per-share amounts)

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	Commor	Stock	Additional		Other	
			Paid-in	Retained	Comprehensive	
	Shares	Value	Capital	Earnings	Income	Total
2013						
Beginning balance - December 31, 2012	34,668\$	34,668\$	316,2685	\$ 228,399\$	94\$	579,429
Net income				22,584		22,584
Other comprehensive income					65	65
Common stock dividends declared						
(\$0.263 per share)				(9,132)		(9,132)
Ending balance - March 31, 2013	34,668\$	34,668\$	316,268\$	\$ 241,851\$	5 159\$	592,946
2014						
Beginning balance - December 31, 2013	34,668\$	34,668\$	316,2688	266,197	377\$	617,510
Net income				27,717		27,717
Other comprehensive income					7	7
Common stock dividends declared						
(\$0.272 per share)				(9,420)		(9,420)
Cash in lieu of fractional shares related						
to stock split				(80)		(80)
Ending balance - March 31, 2014	34,668\$	34,668\$	316,2688	284,414	384\$	635,734

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

### **Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Three M End	
	Marc	h 31,
	2014	2013
Operating Revenues:		
Regulated electric revenues	\$ 98,858\$	
Regulated gas revenues	110,718	-
Nonregulated revenues	680	1,276
Total Operating Revenues	210,256	167,237
Operating Expenses:		
Fuel for electric generation	14,134	10,760
Purchased power	18,558	18,205
Cost of gas sold	78,513	44,692
Other operations and maintenance	40,317	41,504
Depreciation and amortization	9,734	9,624
Other general taxes	4,861	4,679
Income tax provision	14,924	12,870
Total Operating Expenses	181,041	142,334
Operating Income	29,215	24,903
Other Income and Deductions:		
AFUDC - equity funds	1,950	596
Equity in earnings in ATC	2,481	2,396
Income tax provision	(1,264)	(781)
Other (expense) income, net	(158)	141
Total Other Income and Deductions	3,009	2,352
Income before interest expense	32,224	27,255
Interest Expense:		
Interest on long-term debt	5,249	4,928
Other interest, net	(25)	(37)
AFUDC - borrowed funds	(643)	(196)
Net Interest Expense	4,581	4,695
Net Income	\$ 27,643\$	
Less Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest, net of tax	(6,510)	(6,826)
Net Income Attributable to MGE	\$ 21,133\$	5 15,734

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March	31,
	2014	2013
Net Income	\$ 27,643\$	22,560
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of		
tax (\$12 and \$18)	18	27
Comprehensive Income	\$ 27,661\$	22,587
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to Noncontrolling		
Interest, net of tax	(6,510)	(6,826)
Comprehensive Income attributable to MGE	\$ 21,151\$	15,761

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

### **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Three M End	
	March	ı 31,
	2014	2013
Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 27,643\$	22,560
Items not affecting cash:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,734	9,624
Deferred income taxes	(1,141)	11,016
Provision for doubtful receivables	743	743
Employee benefit plan expenses	(332)	3,336
Equity earnings in ATC	(2,481)	(2,396)
Other items	(546)	882
Changes in working capital items:		
Decrease in current assets	7,817	17,135
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities	17,488	(4,326)
Dividend income from ATC	1,917	1,807
Cash contributions to pension and other postretirement plans	(818)	(30,764)
Other noncurrent items, net	521	(1,096)
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	60,545	28,521
Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(21,800)	(29,164)
Capital contributions to investments	(533)	(178)
Other	(637)	(184)
Cash Used for Investing Activities	(22,970)	(29,526)
Financing Activities:		
Cash dividends paid to parent by MGE	(7,000)	-
Distributions to parent from noncontrolling interest	(6,909)	(5,500)
Equity contribution received by noncontrolling interest	533	178
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,019)	(667)
Increase in short-term debt	-	10,500
Cash (Used for) Provided by Financing Activities	(14,395)	4,511
Change in cash and cash equivalents	23,180	3,506
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	14,808	6,350
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 37,988\$	9,856

### Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Significant noncash investing activities: Accrued capital expenditures

\$ 8,967\$ 12,699

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

March	31	December 31.
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ASSETS	2014	2013
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,988\$	14,808
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$4,501 and \$4,219, respectively	62,760	44,890
Affiliate receivables	550	534
Other accounts receivable, less reserves of \$608 and \$750, respectively	4,937	5,274
Unbilled revenues	29,568	31,982
Materials and supplies, at average cost	17,023	16,662
Fossil fuel	4,675	5,206
Stored natural gas, at average cost	642	13,988
Prepaid taxes	12,044	23,934
Regulatory assets - current	4,690	6,377
Other current assets	8,979	8,197
Total Current Assets	183,856	171,852
Affiliate receivable long-term	5,692	5,825
Regulatory assets	105,253	107,166
Pension benefits	16,013	15,071
Other deferred assets and other	4,818	6,138
Property, Plant, and Equipment:		
Property, plant, and equipment, net	1,025,886	1,017,877
Construction work in progress	147,449	141,415
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	1,173,335	1,159,292
Investments	66,426	65,299
Total Assets	\$ 1,555,393\$	1,530,643
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION		
Current Liabilities:		
Long-term debt due within one year	\$ 4,121\$	4,102
Accounts payable	56,171	43,684
Accrued interest and taxes	10,019	6,040
Accrued payroll related items	8,103	10,731
Deferred income taxes	707	2,723
Regulatory liabilities - current	11,537	13,538
Derivative liabilities	6,540	7,750
Other current liabilities	8,244	6,446
Total Current Liabilities	105,442	95,014
Other Credits:	,	•
Deferred income taxes	281,261	279,085
Investment tax credit - deferred	1,362	1,413

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Regulatory liabilities	20,788	19,792
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	49,512	49,184
Derivative liabilities	53,750	57,930
Other deferred liabilities and other	54,156	52,357
Total Other Credits	460,829	459,761
Capitalization:		
Common shareholder's equity	471,642	457,491
Noncontrolling interest	119,097	118,963
Total Equity	590,739	576,454
Long-term debt	398,383	399,414
Total Capitalization	989,122	975,868
Commitments and contingencies (see Footnote 8)	-	-
Total Liabilities and Capitalization	\$ 1,555,393\$	1,530,643

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

### **Consolidated Statements of Common Equity (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

#### Accumulated

	Common	n Stock	Additional		Other	Non-	
			Paid-in	RetainedCo	omprehensive (	Controlling	
2012	Shares	Value	Capital	Earnings	Income	Interest	Total
2013 Beginning balance - Dec. 31, 2012	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	223,527\$	4\$		550,766
Net income Other comprehensive loss				15,734	27	6,826	22,560 27
Equity contribution received by noncontrolling interest						178	178
Distributions to parent from noncontrolling interest						(5,500)	(5,500)
Ending balance - March 31, 2013	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	239,261\$	31\$	118,974\$	568,031
2014							
Beginning balance - Dec. 31, 2013 Net income	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	247,534\$ 21,133	192\$	118,963\$ 6,510	576,454 27,643
Other comprehensive income				,	18	- 7-	18
Cash dividends paid to parent by MGE				(7,000)			(7,000)
Equity contribution received by noncontrolling interest						533	533
Distributions to parent from						(6,909)	(6,909)
noncontrolling interest Ending balance - March 31, 2014	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	261,667\$	210\$	119,097\$	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

MGE Energy, Inc., and Madison Gas and Electric Company

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)** 

March 31, 2014

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Basis of Presentation - MGE Energy and MGE.

This report is a combined report of MGE Energy and MGE. References in this report to "MGE Energy" are to MGE Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries. References in this report to "MGE" are to Madison Gas and Electric Company.

MGE Power Elm Road and MGE Power West Campus own electric generating assets and lease those assets to MGE. Both entities are variable interest entities under applicable authoritative guidance. MGE is considered the primary beneficiary of these entities as a result of contractual agreements. As a result, MGE has consolidated MGE Power Elm Road and MGE Power West Campus. See Footnote 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2014, and for the three months ended, are unaudited, but include all adjustments that MGE Energy and MGE management consider necessary for a fair statement of their respective financial statements. All adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature except as otherwise disclosed. The year-end consolidated balance sheet information was derived from the audited balance sheet appearing in MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These notes should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes on pages 57 through 100 of the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

On December 20, 2013, MGE Energy's Board of Directors declared a three-for-two stock split of MGE Energy's common stock in the form of a stock dividend. The additional shares were distributed February 7, 2014, to all shareholders of record as of January 24, 2014. All shares and per share data provided in this report give effect to this stock split.

Equity and Financing Arrangements.
a.
Common Stock - MGE Energy.
MGE Energy sells shares of its common stock through its Stock Plan. Those shares may be newly issued shares or shares that MGE Energy has purchased in the open market for resale to participants in the Stock Plan. All sales under the stock plan are covered by a shelf registration statement that MGE Energy filed with the SEC. For both the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, MGE Energy did not issue any new shares of common stock under the Stoc Plan.
b.
Dilutive Shares Calculation - MGE Energy.
MGE Energy does not hold any dilutive securities.
3.
Investment in ATC - MGE Energy and MGE.
ATC owns and operates electric transmission facilities primarily in Wisconsin. MGE received an interest in ATC when it, like other Wisconsin electric utilities, contributed its electric transmission facilities to ATC as required by Wisconsin law. That interest is presently held by MGE Transco, which is jointly owned by MGE Energy and MGE.
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MGE Transco has accounted for its investment in ATC under the equity method of accounting. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, MGE Transco recorded the following:

Three Months Ended

March 31,
(In thousands) 2014 2013
Equity in earnings from investment in ATC \$2,481 \$2,396
Dividends received from ATC 1,917 1,807
Capital contributions to ATC 533 178

On April 30, 2014, MGE Transco made an additional \$0.5 million capital contribution to ATC.

MGE Transco's investment in ATC as of March 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013, was \$65.6 million and \$64.5 million, respectively.

At March 31, 2014, MGE is the majority owner, and MGE Energy, the holding company, is the minority owner of MGE Transco. MGE Energy's proportionate share of the equity and net income of MGE Transco is classified within the MGE financial statements as noncontrolling interest.

ATC's summarized financial data for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, is as follows:

### Three Months Ended

	March	n 31,
(In thousands)	2014	2013
Operating revenues	\$ 163,337\$	151,737
Operating expenses	(78,623)	(69,770)
Other income (expense), net	388	(448)
Interest expense, net	(21,996)	(21,044)
Earnings before members' income taxes	\$ 63,106\$	60,475

#### Columbia Environmental Project Construction - MGE Energy and MGE.

MGE and two other utilities jointly own Columbia, a coal-fired generating facility. WPL is the plant operator and permit holder, and owns 46.2% of Columbia. WPSC owns a 31.8% interest, and MGE owns a 22% interest, in Columbia. In early 2011, the PSCW issued a *Certificate and Order* authorizing the construction of scrubbers and bag houses and associated equipment on Columbia Units 1 and 2 to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> and mercury emissions. Unit 2 was placed into service in April 2014 and Unit 1 is expected to be placed into service in the third quarter of 2014. The scrubbers and bag houses are expected to support compliance obligations for current and anticipated air quality regulations, including CAIR, CSAPR, the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS), and the Wisconsin Mercury Rule. The operator's current estimate shows that MGE's share of the capital expenditures required for this project is approximately \$135 million. As of March 31, 2014, MGE had accumulated \$124.3 million (excluding carrying costs) related to its share of the project, which is reflected in the Construction Work in Progress balance on MGE Energy's and MGE's consolidated balance sheets. MGE expects to incur capital expenditures of approximately \$10.7 million for the remainder of 2014. These amounts may change as a result of modifications to the project estimate or timing differences. MGE's share of various contractual commitments entered for the project as of March 31, 2014, is \$10.7 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, MGE has recognized after tax \$1.9 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, in AFUDC equity related to this project.

MGE expects that the costs pertaining to this project will be fully recoverable through rates. For 2014, the PSCW authorized MGE 100% AFUDC on this project during construction. For 2013, the PSCW authorized MGE a 50% current return (included in customer rates) and the remaining 50% as AFUDC.

Taxes - MGE Energy and MGE.

**Effective Tax Rate.** 

MGE Energy's effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, was 37.0% and 37.7%, respectively. MGE's effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, was

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36.9% and 37.7%, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate is primarily attributable to higher AFUDC equity earnings in 2014.

#### 6.

#### Pension and Other Postretirement Plans - MGE Energy and MGE.

MGE maintains qualified and nonqualified pension plans, health care, and life insurance benefits. Additionally, MGE has defined contribution 401(k) benefit plans.

The following table presents the components of MGE Energy's and MGE's net periodic benefit costs recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013. A portion of the net periodic benefit cost is capitalized within the consolidated balance sheets.

	Three M	
	March	31,
(In thousands)	2014	2013
<b>Pension Benefits</b>		
Components of net periodic (benefit) cost:		
Service cost	\$ 1,484\$	1,929
Interest cost	3,251	3,186
Expected return on assets	(5,279)	(4,776)
Amortization of:		
Prior service (benefit) cost	49	79
Actuarial loss	173	2,015
Net periodic (benefit) cost	\$ (322)\$	2,433
<b>Postretirement Benefits</b>		
Components of net periodic (benefit) cost:		
Service cost	\$ 330\$	596
Interest cost	772	970
Expected return on assets	(654)	(544)
Amortization of:		
Transition obligation	1	1
Prior service (benefit) cost	(668)	28
Actuarial loss	39	311
Net periodic (benefit) cost	\$ (180)\$	1,362

#### Share-Based Compensation - MGE Energy and MGE.

Under MGE Energy's Performance Unit Plan, eligible employees may receive performance units that entitle the holder to receive a cash payment equal to the value of a designated number of shares of MGE Energy's common stock, plus dividend equivalent payments thereon, at the end of the set performance period.

In addition to units granted in 2009 through 2013, on February 21, 2014, 21,991 units were granted based on the MGE Energy closing stock price as of that date. These units are subject to a five-year graded vesting schedule and have been adjusted to reflect the three-for-two stock split declared December 20, 2013. On the grant date, MGE Energy and MGE measure the cost of the employee services received in exchange for a performance unit award based on the current market value of MGE Energy common stock. The fair value of the awards has been subsequently re-measured at March 31, 2014, as required by applicable accounting standards. Changes in fair value have been recognized as compensation cost. Since this amount is re-measured quarterly throughout the vesting period, the compensation cost is subject to variability.

For nonretirement eligible employees, stock based compensation costs are accrued and recognized using the graded vesting method. Compensation cost for retirement eligible employees or employees that will become retirement eligible during the vesting schedule are recognized on an abridged horizon.

In December 2013, a Director Incentive Plan was approved for the non-employee members of the Board of Directors. This plan is similar to MGE Energy's Performance Unit Plan for eligible employees described above. Under the plan, a non-employee director can receive performance units that entitle the holder to receive a cash payment equal to the value of a designated number of shares of MGE Energy's common stock, plus dividend

payments, at the end of the set performance period. The units are subject to a three-year graded vesting schedule. In January 2014, unit awards of 4,683 (post-split) were granted to the non-employee Directors. For accounting purposes, the awards will be measured similarly to the employee unit awards.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, MGE recorded \$0.8 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, in compensation expense as a result of the plans. In January 2014, cash payments of \$1.2 million were distributed relating to awards that were granted in 2009. No forfeitures occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2014 or 2013. At March 31, 2014, \$3.9 million of outstanding awards are vested.

8.

Commitments and Contingencies - MGE Energy and MGE.

a.

#### **Environmental.**

MGE Energy and MGE are subject to frequently changing local, state, and federal regulations concerning air quality, water quality, land use, threatened and endangered species, hazardous materials handling, and solid waste disposal. These regulations affect the manner in which they conduct their operations, the costs of those operations, as well as capital and operating expenditures. Regulatory initiatives, proposed rules, and court challenges to adopted rules, have the potential to have a material effect on our capital expenditures and operating costs. These initiatives, proposed rules, and court challenges include:

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The President's announced plan and directive to the EPA to regulate carbon pollution, or GHG emissions, from new and existing electric power generation, and EPA's related proposed GHG New Source Performance Standards (NSPS).

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Rules to regulate NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, including the EPA's Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), which recently has been reinstated by the U.S. Supreme Court (see below for recent developments with CSAPR). The Sierra Club has sought federal appellate court review of Wisconsin's implementation plan for CAVR. Both the pending reinstatement of CSAPR and the appellate court review of Wisconsin's implementation plan for Clean Air Visibility Rule (CAVR) make the nature of compliance requirements uncertain.

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Rules to regulate mercury and similar emissions, including Wisconsin's adopted Mercury Rule and the EPA's adopted Mercury and Air Toxics Standards.

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The EPA's proposed cooling water intake rules. The EPA issued a proposed Phase II rule and alternative compliance strategies for existing facilities in April 2011 and has announced that it intends to release the final rule in May 2014 pursuant to a consent agreement.

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The EPA's proposed water effluent limitations guidelines and standards for steam electric power plants, which focus on the reduction of metals and other pollutants in wastewater from new and existing power plants from coal-burning plants such as our Columbia and Elm Road Units.

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The EPA's ongoing review of several National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), including the potential lowering of ozone NAAQS, and upcoming guidance for determining attainment for sulfur dioxide NAAQS.

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The EPA is reconsidering the current emergency dispatch restrictions in the Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines Maximum Achievable Control Technology (RICE MACT) regulation. The reconsideration could result in increased or decreased restrictions for these engines.

The matters in the bullet points above are discussed further in Footnote 18.d. in MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to the developments noted above, the following discussion is an update to the current status of environmental matters set forth in that Footnote.

#### EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Upheld by the Supreme Court

On April 29, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision upholding CSAPR, thereby reversing the D.C. Circuit Court's decision on CSAPR, and remanding the matter back to the D.C. Circuit for further proceedings. The EPA may amend CSAPR to modify compliance deadlines that have passed since the rule was vacated by the D.C. Circuit. It is

unclear if the rule will be reinstated for 2014 emissions or later. The	
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Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) will remain in effect until CSAPR is reinstated. See MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10K for additional information on the legal proceedings associated with these environmental matters.

Past evaluations of CSAPR's effect on MGE have pointed to SO<sub>2</sub> emissions at our Columbia plant as being our primary concern in meeting emissions allocations under CSAPR. Planned new SO<sub>2</sub> controls at Columbia are underway; Unit 2 was completed in April 2014 and Unit 1 is expected to be completed by third quarter of 2014 (see Footnote 4 for information regarding the Columbia environmental construction project). MGE expects that the costs pertaining to meeting CSAPR requirements will be fully recoverable through rates. We will continue to monitor and evaluate recoverability through the D.C. Circuit Court process and the EPA implementation phase.

#### Columbia

Based upon current available information, compliance with various environmental requirements and initiatives is expected to result in significant additional operating and capital expenditures at Columbia as noted below.

#### Columbia Environmental Project

See Footnote 4 for information regarding the Columbia environmental construction project.

#### Columbia Clean Air Act Litigation

In December 2009, the EPA sent a notice of violation (NOV) to MGE as one of the co-owners of Columbia. The NOV alleges that WPL, as owner-operator, and the other co-owners failed to comply with appropriate pre-construction review and permitting requirements and, as a result, violated the PSD program requirements, the Title V operating permit requirements of the CAA and the Wisconsin State Implementation Plan (SIP). In April 2013, the EPA filed a lawsuit against the co-owners of Columbia asserting similar allegations. In September 2010 and April 2013, Sierra Club filed lawsuits against WPL alleging violations of the CAA at Columbia and other WPL-operated Wisconsin facilities.

In April 2013, WPL, as owner-operator, along with the other owners of Columbia, entered into a consent decree with the EPA and the Sierra Club to resolve these claims, while admitting no liability. In June 2013, the consent decree was approved and entered by the Court. The consent decree requires installation of the following emission controls at Columbia: scrubbers and baghouses at Columbia Units 1 and 2 by December 31, 2014, and an SCR system at Columbia Unit 2 by December 31, 2018. In addition, the consent decree establishes emission rate limits for SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and particulate matter for Columbia Units 1 and 2. The consent decree also includes annual plant-wide emission caps for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> for Columbia. MGE also paid approximately \$0.2 million as its share of a civil penalty and will complete approximately \$0.6 million in environmental mitigation projects. MGE intends to seek recovery in rates of the costs associated with its compliance with the terms of the final consent decree and currently expects to recover any

<b>b.</b>
Chattel Paper Agreement and Other Guarantees.
MGE makes available to qualifying customers a financing program for the purchase and installation of energy-relate equipment that will provide more efficient use of utility service at the customer's property. MGE is party to a chattel paper purchase agreement with a financial institution under which it can sell or finance an undivided interest with recourse, in up to \$10.0 million of the financing program receivables, until July 31, 2014. At March 31, 2014, MGE had sold a \$5.1 million interest in these receivables. MGE retains the servicing responsibility for these receivables. A of March 31, 2014, the servicing asset recognized by MGE is \$0.3 million.
MGE accounts for servicing rights under the amortization method. Initial determination of the servicing asset fair value is based on the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The discount rate is based on the PSCW authorized weighted cost of capital.
MGE would be required to perform under its guarantee if a customer defaulted on its loan. The energy-related equipment installed at the customer sites is used to secure the customer loans. The loan balances outstanding at March 31, 2014, approximate the fair value of the energy-related equipment acting as
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collateral. The length of the MGE guarantee to the financial institution varies from one to ten years depending on the term of the underlying customer loan. Principal payments for the remainder of 2014 and the next four years on the loans are:

(In thousands) 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 Chattel Paper \$ 477 \$1,007\$ 910 \$ 506 \$ 449

c.

Legal Matters.

MGE is involved in various legal matters that are being defended and handled in the normal course of business. MGE maintains accruals for such costs that are probable of being incurred and subject to reasonable estimation. The accrued amount for these matters is not material to the financial statements.

d.

**Purchase Contracts.** 

MGE Energy and MGE have entered into various commodity supply, transportation, and storage contracts to meet their obligations to deliver electricity and natural gas to customers. As of March 31, 2014, the future commitments related to these purchase contracts were as follows:

(In thousands) 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 Purchase power<sup>(a)</sup> \$50,542\$49,072\$49,743\$50,243\$51,265

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MGE has several purchase power agreements to help meet future electric supply requirements. Management expects to recover these costs in future customer rates.

9.

**Derivative and Hedging Instruments - MGE Energy and MGE.** 

Purpose.

As part of its regular operations, MGE enters into contracts, including options, swaps, futures, forwards, and other contractual commitments, to manage its exposure to commodity prices and gas revenues. To the extent that these contracts are derivatives, MGE assesses whether or not the normal purchases or normal sales exclusion applies. For contracts to which this exclusion cannot be applied, MGE Energy and MGE recognize such derivatives in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value. The majority of MGE's derivative activities are conducted in accordance with its electric and gas risk management program, which is approved by the PSCW and limits the volume MGE can hedge with specific risk management strategies. The maximum length of time over which cash flows related to energy commodities can be hedged is four years. If the derivative qualifies for regulatory deferral, the derivatives are marked to fair value and are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability. The deferred gain or loss is recognized in earnings in the delivery month applicable to the instrument. Gains and losses related to hedges qualifying for regulatory treatment are recoverable in gas rates through the PGA or in electric rates as a component of the fuel rules mechanism.

b.

**Notional Amounts.** 

The gross notional volume of open derivatives is as follows:

March 31, 2014 December 31, 2013
Commodity derivative contracts 409,800 MWh
Commodity derivative contracts 2,200,000 Dth
FTRs 790 MW 1,984 MW

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#### **Financial Statement Presentation.**

MGE purchases and sells exchange-traded and over-the-counter options, swaps, and future contracts. These arrangements are primarily entered into to help stabilize the price risk associated with gas or power purchases. These transactions are employed by both MGE's gas and electric segments. Additionally, as a result of the firm transmission agreements that MGE holds on transmission paths in the MISO market, MGE holds FTRs. An FTR is a financial instrument that entitles the holder to a stream of revenues or charges based on the differences in hourly day-ahead energy prices between two points on the transmission grid. The fair values of these instruments are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset/liability depending on whether they are in a net loss/gain position. Depending on the nature of the instrument, the gain or loss associated with these transactions will be reflected as cost of gas sold, fuel for electric generation, or purchased power expense in the delivery month applicable to the instrument. At March 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013, the fair value of exchange traded derivatives and FTRs exceeded their cost basis by \$2.1 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

MGE is a party to a ten-year purchased power agreement that provides MGE with firm capacity and energy during a base term from June 1, 2012, through May 31, 2022. The agreement also allows MGE an option to extend the contract after the base term. The agreement is accounted for as a derivative contract and is recognized at its fair value on the consolidated balance sheet. However, the derivative qualifies for regulatory deferral and is recognized with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability depending on whether the fair value is in a loss or gain position. The fair value of the contract at March 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013, reflects a loss position of \$60.3 million and \$65.7 million, respectively. The actual fuel cost will be recognized in purchased power expense in the month of purchase.

The following table summarizes the fair value of the derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheet. All derivative instruments in this table are presented on a gross basis and are calculated prior to the netting of instruments with the same counterparty under a master netting agreement as well as the netting of collateral. For financial statement purposes, MGE Energy and MGE have netted instruments with the same counterparty under a master netting agreement as well as the netting of collateral.

	Asset Derivati	ves	Liability Derivatives	
(In thousands) March 31, 2014	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Commodity derivative contracts	Other current assets	\$ 2,086	Derivative liability (current)	\$ 111
Commodity derivative contracts	Other deferred charges	37	Derivative liability (long-term)	41
FTRs	Other current assets	106	Derivative liability (current)	-
Ten-year PPA	N/A	N/A	Derivative liability (current)	6,540
Ten-year PPA	N/A	N/A	Derivative liability (long-term)	53,750

**December 31, 2013** 

Commodity derivative contracts	Other current assets	\$ 1,356	Derivative liability (current)	\$	51
Commodity derivative contracts	Other deferred charges	167	Derivative liability (long-term)		48
FTRs	Other current assets	363	Derivative liability (current)		-
Ten-year PPA	N/A	N/A	Derivative liability (current)		7,750
Ten-year PPA	N/A	N/A	Derivative liability (long-term)	4	57,930

The following tables show the effect of netting arrangements for recognized derivative assets and liabilities that are subject to a master netting arrangement or similar arrangement on the balance sheet.

## Offsetting of Derivative Assets

Officering of Derivative Assets				Net amount
		Gross amounts	Collateral posted	presented in
		offset in balance	against derivative	balance
(In thousands) March 31, 2014	Gross amounts	sheet	positions	sheet
Commodity derivative contracts FTRs	\$ 2,123 S 106	(152) \$		\$ 1,971 106
December 31, 2013				
Commodity derivative contracts FTRs	\$ 1,523 S 363	(99) \$	5 (175)	\$ 1,249 363
Offsetting of Derivative Liabili	ties			Net amount
		Gross amounts	Collateral posted	presented in
		offset in balance	against derivative	balance
(In thousands) March 31, 2014	Gross amounts	sheet	positions	sheet
Commodity derivative contracts Ten-year PPA	\$ 152.5 60,290	(152) \$	- -	\$ - 60,290
December 31, 2013				
Commodity derivative contracts Ten-year PPA	\$ 99 S 65,680	(99) \$	- -	\$ - 65,680

The following tables summarize the unrealized and realized gains (losses) related to the derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated income statement for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.

(In thousands) 2014 2013
(In thousands) Current and long- Other current Current and long- Other current

	term regulatory		assets	term regulatory		assets
	as	set	asset			
<b>Three Months Ended March 31:</b>						
Balance at January 1,	\$	63,893\$	411	\$	72,329\$	574
Change in unrealized gain		(13,601)	-		(1,697)	-
Realized loss reclassified to a deferred account		1,535	(1,535)		(290)	290
Realized gain (loss) reclassified to income						
statement		6,386	1,475		(1,145)	(605)
Balance at March 31,	\$	58,213\$	351	\$	69,197\$	259

Realized losses (gains)

Fuel for electric

generation/

(In thousands)	purchase	ed power	Cost of gas sold
Three Months Ended March 31, 2014:			
Commodity derivative contracts	\$	(4,795)	(1,220)
FTRs		(636)	-
Ten-year PPA		(1,210)	-
Three Months Ended March 31, 2013:			
Commodity derivative contracts	\$	225	608
FTRs		(158)	-
Ten-year PPA		1,278	-

MGE's commodity derivative contracts, FTRs, and ten-year PPA are subject to regulatory deferral. These derivatives are marked to fair value and are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability. Realized gains and losses are deferred on the consolidated balance sheet and are recognized in earnings in the delivery

month applicable to the instrument. As a result of the above described treatment, there are no unrealized gains or losses that flow through earnings.

The ten-year PPA has a provision that may require MGE to post collateral if MGE's debt rating falls below investment grade (i.e., below BBB-). The amount of collateral that it may be required to post varies from \$20.0 million to \$40.0 million, depending on MGE's nominated capacity amount. As of March 31, 2014, no collateral has been posted. Certain counterparties extend MGE a credit limit. If MGE exceeds these limits, the counterparties may require collateral to be posted. As of March 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013, no counterparties were in a net liability position.

Nonperformance of counterparties to the non-exchange traded derivatives could expose MGE to credit loss. However, MGE enters into transactions only with companies that meet or exceed strict credit guidelines, and it monitors these counterparties on an ongoing basis to mitigate nonperformance risk in its portfolio. As of March 31, 2014, no counterparties have defaulted.

10.

Rate Matters - MGE Energy and MGE.

a.

Rate Proceedings.

On April 17, 2014, MGE filed an application with the PSCW requesting a 2.8% increase to electric rates and a 2.3% decrease to gas rates for 2015. Electric and natural gas rates would then be frozen in 2016, subject to review of fuel costs. As a condition of the rate freeze, MGE has requested escrow accounting treatment for transmission related costs starting in 2015. This treatment will allow MGE to reflect any differential in actual costs incurred in its next rate case filing. The proposed electric rate increases cover costs associated with the construction of emission-reduction equipment at Columbia and improvements and reliability of the state's electric transmission system.

On July 26, 2013, the PSCW authorized MGE to freeze electric and natural gas rates at 2013 levels for 2014. The order includes authorizing 100% AFUDC on the Columbia scrubber construction project and deferral of increased costs related to ATC and MISO Schedule 26 fees. As part of the rate freeze plan authorized by the PSCW, effective January 1, 2014, approximately \$6.2 million associated with a 2012 fuel rule surplus credit will not be required to be refunded to customers and will be amortized in 2014. The fuel credit will accrue interest at MGE's weighted cost of capital. The authorized return on equity will remain unchanged at 10.3%.

On December 14, 2012, the PSCW authorized MGE to increase 2013 rates for retail electric customers by 3.8% or
\$14.9 million and to increase gas rates by 1.0% or \$1.6 million. The change in retail electric rates was driven by costs
for new environmental equipment at Columbia, final construction costs for the Elm Road Units, transmission
reliability enhancements, and purchased power costs. The authorized return on common stock equity remains
unchanged at 10.3%.

b.

**Fuel Rules.** 

Fuel rules require the PSCW and Wisconsin utilities to defer electric fuel-related costs that fall outside a symmetrical cost tolerance band around the amount approved for a utility in its most recent base rate proceedings. Any over/under recovery of the actual costs is determined on an annual basis and will be adjusted in future billings to electric retail customers. The fuel rules bandwidth is currently set at plus or minus 2%. Under fuel rules, MGE would defer costs, less any excess revenues, if its actual electric fuel costs exceeded 102% of the electric fuel costs allowed in its latest rate order. Excess revenues are defined as revenues in the year in question that provide MGE with a greater return on common equity than authorized by the PSCW in MGE's latest rate order. Conversely, MGE is required to defer the benefit of lower costs if actual electric fuel costs were less than 98% of the electric fuel costs allowed in that order.

As of March 31, 2014, MGE did not defer any electric fuel-related savings/costs that are outside the range authorized by the PSCW. As part of the rate freeze plan authorized by the PSCW for 2014, \$1.6 million of the approximately \$6.2 million associated with the 2012 fuel rule surplus credit was amortized against purchase power expense during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

11.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments - MGE Energy and MGE.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or would be paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The standard clarifies that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability including assumptions about risk. The standard also establishes a three level fair value hierarchy based upon the observability of the assumptions used and requires the use of observable market data when available. The levels are:

Level 1 - Pricing inputs are quoted prices within active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Pricing inputs are quoted prices within active markets for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations that are correlated with or otherwise verifiable by observable market data.

Level 3 - Pricing inputs are unobservable and reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

a.

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities Recorded at the Carrying Amount.

At March 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013, the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair market value due to the short maturity of those investments and obligations. The estimated fair market value of MGE Energy's and MGE's long-term debt is based on quoted market prices for similar financial instruments at March 31, 2014, and December 31, 2013. Since long-term debt is not traded in an active market, it is classified as Level 2. The estimated fair market value of MGE Energy's and MGE's financial instruments are as follows:

March 31, 2014 December 31, 2013

Carrying Carrying

(In thousands)
MGE Energy

Amount Fair Value Amount Fair Value

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents \$ 93,489\$ 93,489 \$ 68,813\$ 68,813 Liabilities:

Long-term debt\* 402,774 436,788 403,793 432,010

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Assets:

Long-term debt\* 402,774 436,788 403,793 432,010

\*Includes long-term debt due within one year.

## b.

# **Recurring Fair Value Measurements.**

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for MGE Energy and MGE.

		Fair Va	alue as of	March 31,	2014
(In thousands)		Total	Level 1	Level 2 I	Level 3
MGE Energy					
Assets:					
Exchange-traded investments	\$	804\$	804\$	-\$	-
Total Assets	\$	804\$	804\$	-\$	-
Liabilities:					
Derivatives, net	\$	58,213\$	(584)\$	-\$	58,797
Deferred compensation		2,472		2,472	_
Total Liabilities	\$	60,685\$	(584)\$	2,472\$	58,797
MGE					
Assets:					
Exchange-traded investments		461\$			-
Total Assets	\$	461\$	461\$	-\$	-
Liabilities:					
Derivatives, net	\$	58,213\$			58,797
Deferred compensation		2,472		2,472	-
Total Liabilities	\$	60,685\$	(584)\$	2,472\$	58,797
		Fair V	alue as of	December	· 31,
			201	13	
(In thousands)		Total	Larval 1	т 10 т	
		Total	Level I	Level 2 L	evel 3
MGE Energy		Total	Level I	Level 2 L	evel 3
MGE Energy Assets:		Total	Level I	Level 2 L	evel 3
Assets:	\$				evel 3
	\$ \$				evel 3
Assets: Exchange-traded investments		792\$	792\$	-\$	evel 3
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Assets: Exchange-traded investments Total Assets Liabilities: Derivatives, net <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ \$	792\$ 792\$ 63,893\$	792\$ 792\$ (735)\$	-\$ -\$ -\$ 6 2,364	- - 64,628 -
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Deferred compensation 2,364 2,364 **Total Liabilities** \$66,257\$ (735)\$ 2,364\$ 64,628 (a) These amounts are shown gross and exclude \$0.2 million of collateral that was posted against derivative positions with counterparties. No transfers were made in or out of Level 1 or Level 2 for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Investments include exchange-traded investment securities valued using quoted prices on active exchanges and are therefore classified as Level 1. Derivatives include exchange-traded derivative contracts, over-the-counter transactions, a ten-year purchased power agreement, and FTRs. Most exchange-traded derivative contracts are valued based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and are therefore classified as Level 1. A small number of exchange-traded derivative contracts are valued using quoted market pricing in markets with insufficient volumes and are therefore classified as Level 3. Transactions done with an over-the-counter party are on inactive markets and are therefore considered unobservable and classified as Level 3. These transactions are 24

valued based on quoted prices from markets with similar exchange traded transactions. FTRs are priced based upon monthly auction results for identical or similar instruments in a closed market with limited data available and are therefore classified as Level 3.

The ten-year purchased power agreement (see Footnote 9) was valued using an internally-developed pricing model and therefore is classified as Level 3. The model projects future market energy prices and compares those prices to the projected power costs to be incurred under the contract. Inputs to the model require significant management judgment and estimation. Future energy prices are based on a forward power pricing curve using exchange-traded contracts in the electric futures market, where such exchange-traded contracts exist, and upon calculations based on forward gas prices, where such exchange-traded contracts do not exist. A basis adjustment is applied to the market energy price to reflect the price differential between the market price delivery point and the counterparty delivery point. The historical relationship between the delivery points is reviewed and a discount (below 100%) or premium (above 100%) is derived. This comparison is done for both peak times when demand is high and off peak times when demand is low. If the basis adjustment is lowered, the fair value measurement will decrease and if the basis adjustment is increased, the fair value measurement will increase.

The projected power costs anticipated to be incurred under the purchased power agreement are determined using many factors, including historical generating costs, future prices, and expected fuel mix of the counterparty. An increase in the projected fuel costs would result in a decrease in the fair value measurement of the purchased power agreement. A significant input that MGE estimates is the counterparty's fuel mix in determining the projected power cost. MGE also considers the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability. This consideration includes assumptions about market risk such as liquidity, volatility, and contract duration. The fair value model uses a discount rate that incorporates discounting, credit, and model risks.

This model is prepared by members of MGE's Energy Accounting group. It is reviewed on a quarterly basis by management in Energy Supply and Finance to review the assumptions, inputs, and fair value measurements.

The following table presents the significant unobservable inputs used in the pricing model.

Significant Unobservable Inputs Model Input

Basis adjustment:

 On peak
 95.5%

 Off peak
 93.1%

Counterparty fuel mix:

Internal generation 50% - 70% Purchased power 50% - 30%

The deferred compensation plan allows participants to defer certain cash compensation into a notional investment account. These amounts are included within other deferred liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets of MGE Energy and MGE. The notional investments earn interest based upon the semiannual rate of U.S. Treasury Bills having a 26 week maturity increased by 1% compounded monthly with a minimum annual rate of 7%, compounded monthly. The notional investments are based upon observable market data, however, since the deferred compensation obligations themselves are not exchanged in an active market, they are classified as Level 2.

The following table summarizes the changes in Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for both MGE Energy and MGE.

	Three Months Ended		
	Marcl	h 31,	
(In thousands)	2014	2013	
Beginning balance,	\$ (64,628)\$	(72,346)	
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):			
Included in regulatory liabilities	5,831	2,748	
Included in other comprehensive income	-	-	
Included in earnings	6,634	(1,148)	
Included in current assets	(53)	-	
Purchases	6,859	5,562	
Sales	(60)	(3)	
Issuances	-	-	
Settlements	(13,380)	(4,411)	
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	_	
Balance as of March 31,	\$ (58,797)\$	(69,598)	
Total gains (losses) included in earnings attributed to the change in unrealized gains (losses)			
related to assets and liabilities held at March 31,(b)	\$ -\$	-	

The following table presents total realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in income for Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for both MGE Energy and MGE (*b*).

Three Months Ended

March 31, (*In thousands*) 2014 2013 Purchased Power Expense \$6,634 \$(1,148)

(b)

MGE's exchange-traded derivative contracts, over-the-counter party transactions, ten-year purchased power agreement, and FTRs are subject to regulatory deferral. These derivatives are therefore marked to fair value and are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability.

New Accounting Pronouncements - MGE Energy and M	v and MGE.
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a.

Obligations Resulting from Joint and Several Liability Arrangements for Which the Total Amount of the Obligation is Fixed at the Reporting Date.

In February 2013, the FASB issued authoritative guidance within the Codification's Balance Sheet topic that provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which the total amount of the obligation is fixed at the reporting date. This authoritative guidance became effective January 1, 2014. The authoritative guidance did not have a financial or disclosure impact.

b.

Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit.

In July 2013, the FASB issued authoritative guidance within the Codification's Income Statement topic that provides guidance on the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exist. The authoritative guidance was issued to eliminate diversity in practice by providing guidance on the presentation of unrecognized tax benefits. This authoritative guidance became effective January 1, 2014. The authoritative guidance will not have a financial statement or disclosure impact, unless MGE Energy or its subsidiaries are in a net operating loss position. MGE Energy or its subsidiaries are currently not in a net operating loss position.

13.Segment Information - MGE Energy and MGE.

MGE Energy operates in the following business segments: electric utility, gas utility, nonregulated energy, transmission investment, and all other. See MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional discussion of each of these segments.

The following tables show segment information for MGE Energy's operations for the indicated periods:

(In thousands)				Non-			Consolidation/	
MGE Energy			1	Regulated	Transmission		(	Consolidated
	T	Electric	Gas	Enorgy	Investment	All Others	Elimination Entries	Total
Three Months Ended M			Gas	Energy	mvestment	Onlers	Entries	Total
2014	arcı	н э1,						
Operating revenues Interdepartmental	\$	98,852\$	110,713\$	680\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	210,245
revenues		118	3,624	10,670	_	_	(14,412)	_
Total operating revenues	:	98,970	114,337	11,350	_	_	(14,412)	210,245
Depreciation and	,	,,,,,	111,007	11,550			(11,112)	210,213
amortization		(6,337)	(1,563)	(1,834)	_	(12)	_	(9,746)
Other operating		(0,557)	(1,505)	(1,031)		(12)		(),/ ()
expenses	(	(77,901)	(92,843)	(40)	_	(156)	14,412	(156,528)
Operating income (loss)	`	14,732	19,931	9,476	_	(168)	- ·, · ·	43,971
Other (deductions)		- 1,7	,	,,,,		()		12,5 / 2
income, net		1,827	(35)	_	2,481	279	_	4,552
Interest (expense)		,	()		, -			,
income, net		(2,205)	(804)	(1,572)	_	40	_	(4,541)
Income before taxes		14,354	19,092	7,904	2,481	151	-	43,982
Income tax provision		(4,353)	(7,665)	(3,172)	(998)	(77)	-	(16,265)
Net income	\$	10,001\$	11,427\$	4,732\$	1,483\$	74\$	-\$	27,717
Three Months Ended M 2013	arc	h 31,						
Operating revenues Interdepartmental	\$	93,494\$	72,467\$	1,276\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	167,237
revenues		109	4,876	10,573	_	_	(15,558)	-
Total operating revenues	;	93,603	77,343	11,849	-	-	(15,558)	167,237
Depreciation and							, ,	
amortization Other operating		(6,400)	(1,425)	(1,799)	-	-	-	(9,624)
expenses	(	(74,925)	(60,437)	(37)	-	(144)	15,558	(119,985)

Operating income (loss)	12,278	15,481	10,013	-	(144)	-	37,628
Other income, net	575	162	-	2,396	176	-	3,309
Interest (expense)							
income, net	(2,404)	(678)	(1,613)	-	20	-	(4,675)
Income before taxes	10,449	14,965	8,400	2,396	52	-	36,262
Income tax provision	(3,433)	(5,989)	(3,257)	(971)	(28)	-	(13,678)
Net income	\$ 7,016\$	8,976\$	5,143\$	1,425\$	24\$	-\$	22,584

The following tables show segment information for MGE's operations for the indicated periods:

(In thousands) MGE				Nonregulated	Transmission	Consolidation/ Elimination	Consolidated
		Electric	Gas	Energy	Investment	Entries	Total
Three Months Ended March	ı 31	, 2014					
Operating revenues	\$	98,858\$		\$ 680	\$ -\$	-5	\$ 210,256
Interdepartmental revenues		112	3,619	10,670	-	(14,401)	-
Total operating revenues		98,970	114,337	11,350	-	(14,401)	210,256
Depreciation and amortization	n	(6,337)	(1,563)	(1,834)	-	-	(9,734)
Other operating expenses*		(82,046)	(100,450)	(3,212)	-	14,401	(171,307)
Operating income*		10,587	12,324	6,304	-	-	29,215
Other (deductions) income,							
net*		1,619	(93)	-	1,483	-	3,009
Interest expense, net		(2,205)	(804)	(1,572)	-	-	(4,581)
Net income		10,001	11,427	4,732	1,483	-	27,643
Less: Net income attributable	•						
to							
noncontrolling interest, net of	of						
tax		-	-	_	-	(6,510)	(6,510)
Net income attributable to							
MGE	\$	10,001\$	11,427	\$ 4,732	\$ 1,483\$	(6,510)	\$ 21,133
Three Months Ended March	เ 31	. 2013					
Operating revenues	\$	93,494\$	72,4673	\$ 1,276	\$ -\$	-5	\$ 167,237
Interdepartmental revenues	·	109	4,876	10,573	_	(15,558)	-
Total operating revenues		93,603	77,343	11,849	_	(15,558)	167,237
Depreciation and amortization	n	(6,400)	(1,425)	(1,799)	_	-	(9,624)
Other operating expenses*		(78,506)	(66,468)	(3,294)	_	15,558	(132,710)
Operating income*		8,697	9,450	6,756	_	-	24,903
Other income, net*		723	204	_	1,425	_	2,352
Interest expense, net		(2,404)	(678)	(1,613)	, -	_	(4,695)
Net income		7,016	8,976	5,143	1,425	-	22,560
Less: Net income attributable	<u>.</u>	•	,	ŕ	,		,
to							
noncontrolling interest, net o	f						
tax		_	_	-	-	(6,826)	(6,826)
Net income attributable to						· · · /	, , ,
MGE	\$	7,016\$	8,9765	\$ 5,143	\$ 1,425\$	(6,826)	\$ 15,734

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts are shown net of the related tax expense, consistent with the presentation on the consolidated MGE Income Statement.

The following table shows segment information for MGE Energy's and MGE's assets and capital expenditures:

<i>(</i>		Utility				Co	nsolidated	~	
(In thousands) MGE Energy			Assets				(	Consolidation/	
Wide Energy			not	Nonregula	ted Transr	nission		Elimination	
	T1	C	A 11 1		•		All	TD	m . 1
Assets:	Electric	Gas	Allocated	Energy	Inves	tment	Others	Entries	Total
March 31,									
2014	\$ 905,319\$	268,294\$	40,011	\$ 312,2	223\$	65,600\$	432,919\$	(413,943)\$	1,610,423
December 31,	900 257	265 604	10.052	200 1	16	(4.504	421 426	(200,000)	1 570 060
2013 Capital	899,257	265,694	19,853	288,1	16	64,504	431,436	(389,800)	1,579,060
Expenditures:									
Three Months									
Ended									
March 31, 2014	\$ 18,906\$	2,384\$	_	\$ 5	510\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	21,800
Year ended	Ψ 10,200Ψ	2,5014		Ψ .	,10φ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	21,000
Dec. 31, 2013	100,146	15,554	-	3,3	347	-	-	-	119,047
			Utility				Consolid	ated	
(In thousands)			J					Consolidation/	
MGE				Assets	NT 1.	1 70		T711	
				not	Nonregulat	ed Tran	smission	Elimination	
		Electric	Gas	Allocated	Energy	Inv	estment	Entries	Total
Assets:	ı o	007.052¢	266 202 \$	20.002 ¢	200.2	60¢	65 600¢	(12 (02) \$	1 555 202
March 31, 2014 December 31, 2		899,257	266,383\$ 265,694	39,883 \$ 19,853	288,2 288,0		65,600\$ 64,504	. , , , .	1,555,393 1,530,643
Capital Expend		,,	_ 50,50	17,000	200,0	~ ~	3 .,2 0 1	(0,,01)	-,500,0.0
Three Months I		10.005			_	400			•4 • • •
March 31, 2014 Year ended Dec		18,906\$	2,384\$	- \$	5	10\$	-\$	-\$	21,800
2013	51,	100,146	15,554	-	3,3	47	-	-	119,047

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

General
MGE Energy is an investor-owned public utility holding company operating through subsidiaries in five business segments:
Regulated electric utility operations, conducted through MGE,
Regulated gas utility operations, conducted through MGE,
Nonregulated energy operations, conducted through MGE Power and its subsidiaries,
Transmission investments, representing our equity investment in ATC, and
All other, which includes corporate operations and services.
Our principal subsidiary is MGE, which generates and distributes electric energy, distributes natural gas, and represents a majority portion of our assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. MGE generates and distributes electricity to approximately 141,000 customers in Dane County, Wisconsin, including the city of Madison, and purchases and distributes natural gas to approximately 147,000 customers in the Wisconsin counties of Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Iowa, Juneau, Monroe, and Vernon.

Our nonregulated energy operations own interests in electric generating capacity that is leased to MGE. The ownership/leasing structure was adopted under applicable state regulatory guidelines for MGE's participation in these generation facilities, consisting principally of a stable return on the equity investment in the new generation facilities over the term of the related leases. The nonregulated energy operations include an ownership interest in two coal-fired generating units in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and a partial ownership of a cogeneration project on the UW-Madison campus. A third party operates the units in Oak Creek, and MGE operates the cogeneration project. Due to the nature of MGE's participation in these facilities, the results of our nonregulated operations are also consolidated into MGE's consolidated financial position and results of operations under applicable accounting standards.

#### Executive Overview

Our primary focus today and for the foreseeable future is our core utility customers at MGE as well as creating long-term value for our shareholders. MGE continues to face the challenge of providing its customers with reliable power at competitive prices. MGE meets this challenge by investing in more efficient generation projects, including renewable energy sources. In the future, MGE will continue to focus on growing earnings while controlling operating and fuel costs. MGE will continue to maintain safe and efficient operations in addition to providing customer value. We believe it is critical to maintain a strong credit standing consistent with financial strength in MGE as well as the parent company in order to accomplish these goals.

Construction risk in connection with the Columbia environmental project,					
and other factors listed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.					
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For the three months ended March 31, 2014, MGE Energy's earnings were \$27.7 million or \$0.80 per share compared to \$22.6 million or \$0.65 per share for the same period in the prior year. MGE's earnings for the three months ended March 31, 2014, were \$21.1 million compared to \$15.7 million for the same period in the prior year.

	Three Months Ended
(In thousands)	March 31,

(In thousands)	March	31,
Business Segment:	2014	2013
Electric Utility	\$10,001\$	7,016
Gas Utility	11,427	8,976
Nonregulated Energy	4,732	5,143
Transmission Investments	1,483	1,425
All Other	74	24
Net Income	\$27,717\$	22,584

Our net income during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year primarily reflects the effects of the following factors:

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Electric net income increased due to a 2.8% increase in electric retail sales and a \$1.4 million (after tax) increase in AFUDC equity related to the Columbia environmental project compared to the same period in the prior year. In addition, operating and maintenance expenditures decreased compared to the prior period.

Gas net income increased due to a 23.5% increase in gas retail sales reflecting higher customer demand due to a colder winter compared to the same period in the prior year. The average temperatures in January and February 2014 were 11.5 degrees and 12.5 degrees, respectively, compared to 21.8 degrees and 21.3 degrees in the prior year. Heating degree days (a measure for determining the impact of weather during the heating season) increased by 14.2% compared to the prior period. In addition, operating and maintenance expenditures decreased compared to the prior period.

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Lower nonregulated revenues primarily attributable to approved recovery in December 2012 of force majeure costs associated with the construction of the Elm Road Units. The PSCW, as part of WEPCO's 2013 Wisconsin rate case, determined that the costs were prudently incurred and approved the recovery in rates. The recovery of the force majeure costs began in 2013. A portion of the recovery pertaining to periods prior to the PSCW order only affected 2013.

During the first three months of 2014, the following events occurred:

Columbia Environmental Project: In early 2011, the PSCW authorized the construction of air emission reduction systems and associated equipment on Columbia Units 1 and 2. MGE's estimated share of the capital expenditures required to complete this project will be approximately \$135 million. As of March 31, 2014, MGE has accumulated \$124.3 million (excluding carrying costs) related to its share of the project, which is reflected in the Construction Work in Progress balance on MGE Energy's and MGE's consolidated balance sheets. Of this amount, MGE has accumulated \$3.4 million in 2014. MGE has recognized \$1.9 million (after tax) in AFUDC equity related to this project for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The air emission reduction systems and associated equipment for Unit 2 were placed into service in April 2014.

In the near term, several items may affect us, including:

2015 Rate Filing: On April 17, 2014, MGE filed an application with the PSCW requesting a 2.8% increase to electric rates and a 2.3% decrease to gas rates for 2015. Electric and natural gas rates would then be frozen in 2016, subject to review of fuel costs. As a condition of the rate freeze, MGE has requested escrow accounting treatment for transmission related costs starting in 2015. This treatment will allow MGE to reflect any differential in actual costs incurred in its next rate case filing. The proposed electric rate increases cover costs associated with the construction of emission-reduction equipment at Columbia and improvements and reliability of the state's electric transmission system.

Environmental Initiatives: There are proposed legislation, rules, and initiatives involving matters related to air emissions, water effluent, hazardous materials, and greenhouse gases, all of which affect generation plant capital expenditures and operating costs as well as future operational planning. Such legislation and rulemaking could significantly affect the costs of owning and operating fossil-fueled generating plants, such as Columbia and Elm Road, from which we derive approximately 45% of our electric generating capacity. We would expect to seek and receive recovery of any such costs in rates; however, it is difficult to estimate the amount of such costs due to the uncertainty as

to the timing and form of the legislation and rules, and the scope and time of the recovery of costs in rates. In addition, the Columbia owners, including MGE, resolved claims surrounding the alleged failure, among other things, to obtain necessary air permits and implement necessary emission controls associated with past activities at Columbia. See Columbia discussion in Footnote 8.a. in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Columbia Environmental Project: MGE's share of the capital expenditures associated with the Columbia environmental project will be approximately \$10.7 million for the remainder of 2014. The air emission reduction systems and associated equipment for Unit 1 are expected to be placed into service in the third quarter of 2014.

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Costs: Costs for pension and other postretirement benefits are affected by actual investment returns on the assets held for those benefits and by the discount rate, which is sensitive to interest rates, used to calculate those benefits. Interest rates have declined since the end of the year that could cause discount rates used to value the pension and postretirement benefit obligations to decline. The change in the value of the plan assets and the change in the discount rate are not expected to have an impact on the income statement for 2014. However, these changes may increase benefit costs in future years. MGE expects any changes in the cost for employee benefit plans will be factored into future rate actions.

General Economic Conditions: Economic conditions both inside and outside our service area are expected to continue to affect the level of demand for our utility services and may affect the collection of our accounts receivable and the creditworthiness of counterparties with whom we do business. We have in place lines of credit aggregating \$150 million for MGE Energy (including MGE) and \$100 million for MGE to address our liquidity needs. As of March 31, 2014, there were no borrowings outstanding under our lines of credit.

The following discussion is based on the business segments as discussed in Footnote 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 and 2013

**Electric Utility Operations - MGE Energy and MGE** 

Electric sales and revenues

The following table compares MGE's electric revenues and electric kWh sales by customer class for each of the periods indicated:

		Revenu	es	Sales (kWh)			
	Three	e Month	s Ended	Three Months Ended			
		March 3	31,	March 31,			
(In thousands)	2014	2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change	
Residential	\$ 35,293\$	33,574	5.1%	221,696	209,782	5.7%	
Commercial	50,161	48,147	4.2%	448,480	429,359	4.5%	
Industrial	4,581	4,531	1.1%	58,305	59,187	(1.5)%	
Other-retail/municipal	8,254	8,639	(4.5)%	89,435	97,538	(8.3)%	
Total retail	98,289	94,891	3.6%	817,916	795,866	2.8%	
Sales to the market	1,960	19	N/A	44,167	10,146	N/A	
Adjustments to revenues	(1,397)	(1,416)	1.3%	-	-	-%	
Total	\$ 98,852\$	93,494	5.7%	862,083	806,012	7.0%	

Electric operating revenues increased \$5.4 million or 5.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2014, due to the following:

(In millions)

Volume \$2.6 Sales to the market 2.0 Other 0.8 Total \$5.4

In July 2013, the PSCW authorized MGE to freeze 2014 rates for retail electric customers.

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*Volume.* During the three months ended March 31, 2014, there was a 2.8% increase in total retail sales volumes compared to the same period in the prior year driven by higher customer demand.

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*Sales to the market.* Sales to the market represent wholesale sales made to third parties who are not ultimate users of the electricity. These sales may include spot market transactions on the markets operated by MISO and PJM. These sales may also include bilateral sales to other utilities or power marketers.

## Electric fuel and purchased power

The expense for fuel for electric generation increased \$3.4 million or 31.3% during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year. Internal electric generation costs increased \$2.4 million as a result of a 21.9% increase in the per-unit cost. Internal electric generated volume delivered to the system increased 7.7%, which resulted in \$1.0 million of increased expense.

Excluding costs associated with the 2012 fuel rule surplus credit, purchased power expense increased \$2.0 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year. This increase in expense reflects a \$1.0 million or 5.4% increase in the volume of power purchased from third parties and a \$1.0 million or 5.0% increase in the per-unit cost of purchased power. After adjusting for the 2012 fuel rule surplus credit of \$1.6 million, net purchase power expense increased \$0.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared to the prior year.

#### Electric operating and maintenance expenses

Electric operating and maintenance expenses decreased \$0.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014, compared to the same period in 2013. The following changes contributed to the net change:

(In millions)

Decreased administrative and general costs \$(1.6)

Decreased customer service costs (0.3)

Decreased distribution expenses	(0.1)
Increased transmission costs	0.6
Increased production expenses	0.6
Total	\$(0.8)

For the three months ended March 31, 2014, decreased administrative and general costs are primarily due to decreased pension and other postretirement benefit costs.

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#### Gas deliveries and revenues

The following table compares MGE's gas revenues and gas therms delivered by customer class during each of the periods indicated:

	Revenues Three Months Ended March 31,			Therms Delivered Three Months Ended March 31,			
(In thousands, except HDD and average rate per therm of				%			%
retail customer)		2014	2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
Residential	\$	59,1915	\$41,611	42.2%	57,368	47,454	20.9%
Commercial/Industrial		50,411	29,771	69.3%	62,024	49,211	26.0%
Total retail	1	09,602	71,382	53.5%	119,392	96,665	23.5%
Gas transportation		953	943	1.1%	12,494	12,327	1.4%
Other revenues		158	142	11.3%	-	-	-%
Total	\$						