



The Path Forward

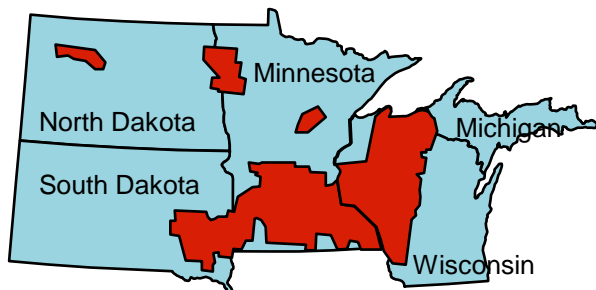
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Investment Merits



- **Diversified, fully regulated utility**
- **Environmental leader**
 - Achieved a 30% CO₂ reduction from 2005
 - On track for a 45% CO₂ reduction by 2021
- **Strong investment opportunities**
 - Cap ex forecast of \$18.4 billion for 2017-21
 - Projected rate base growth of ~5.5%
 - Proposed 2,750 MW of owned wind generation
 - No equity needed to fund current capital forecast
 - Colorado Energy Plan is potential capital upside
- **Attractive total return**
 - EPS growth target of 4-6% annually
 - Dividend growth target of 5-7% annually
 - Dividend payout ratio target of 60-70%
 - Strong investment grade credit ratings

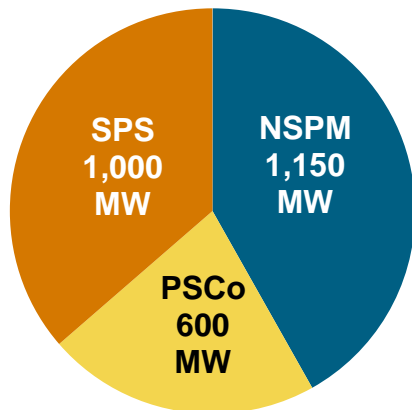
Steel for Fuel Strategy

Capital recovery costs offset by lower fuel and O&M costs and tax credits

- High wind capacity factors in our jurisdictions
- Supportive regulatory environment
- Production tax credit
- Economic, low-emission energy



2,750 MW of new wind ownership by 2020



PSCo and NSPM wind proposals have been approved. SPS wind proposal is pending commission approval in Texas and New Mexico.

Colorado Energy Plan

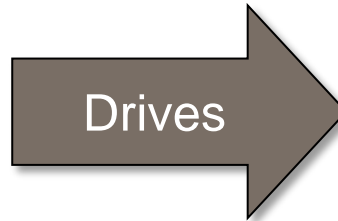
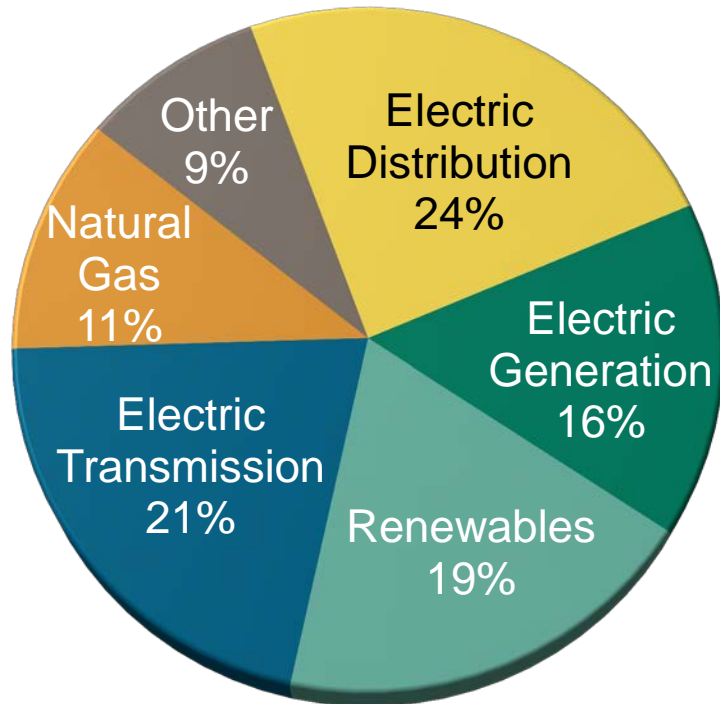
- Early coal retirements: Comanche 1 (2022) & 2 (2025)
- No increase in customer bill
- Incremental renewables and natural gas generation:
 - Up to 1,000 MW of wind (50% ownership target)
 - Up to 700 MW of solar (50% ownership target)
 - Up to 700 MW of natural gas and/or storage (75% target)

Biomass PPA termination/modification

- Replacing expensive biomass PPAs at NSPM
- Customer savings: ~\$650 million over next 10 years
- Investment of ~\$100 million
- Terminate three PPAs (102 MW); modify one PPA (34 MW)

Investing in Infrastructure

2017-2021
Capital Expenditures
\$18.4 Billion



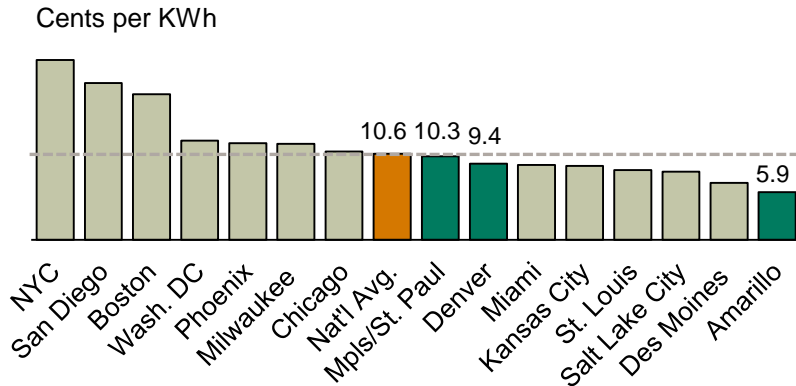
≈ 5.5%
Rate Base CAGR
2016-2021

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Delivering Customer Value

Competitive Customer Rates

TTM Ended January 1, 2017



Source: Edison Electric Institute
Typical Bills and Average Rates Report Winter 2017

Delivering for the Environment

2005

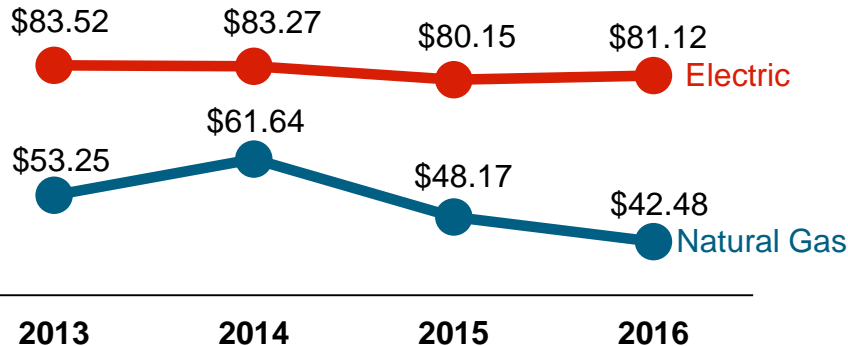
35% REDUCTION
28% REDUCTION
70% REDUCTION
73% REDUCTION
30% REDUCTION

Water Consumption Coal Ash Produced Sulfur Dioxide Emissions Nitrogen Oxide Emissions Carbon Emissions

2016

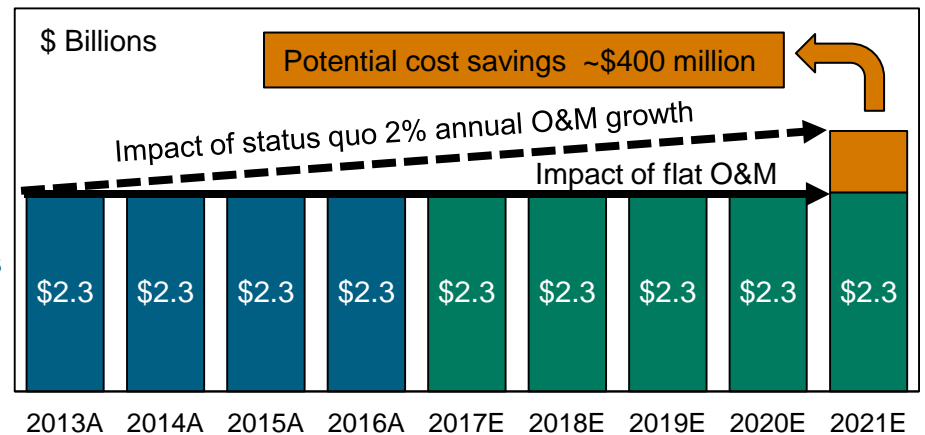
Carbon reduction of 45% projected by 2021, working towards a reduction target of 60% by 2030

Xcel Energy Declining Residential Bills



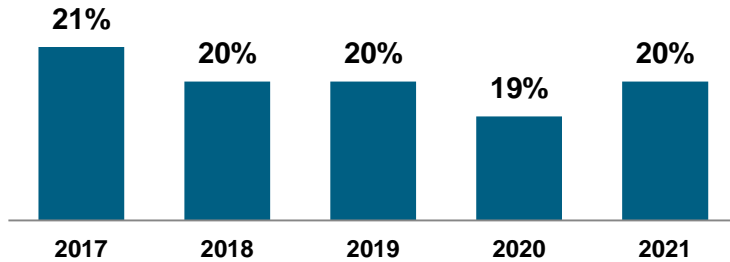
Source: SNL data for retail electric sales
Figures included are annual average of monthly bills

Potential O&M Cost Savings

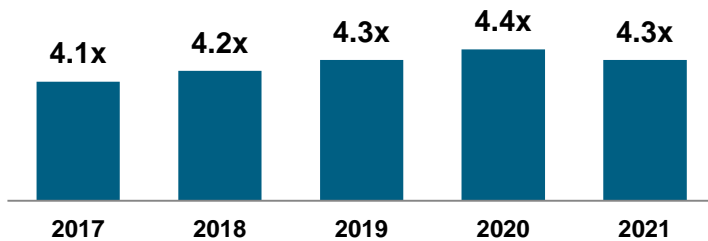


Strong Financial Profile

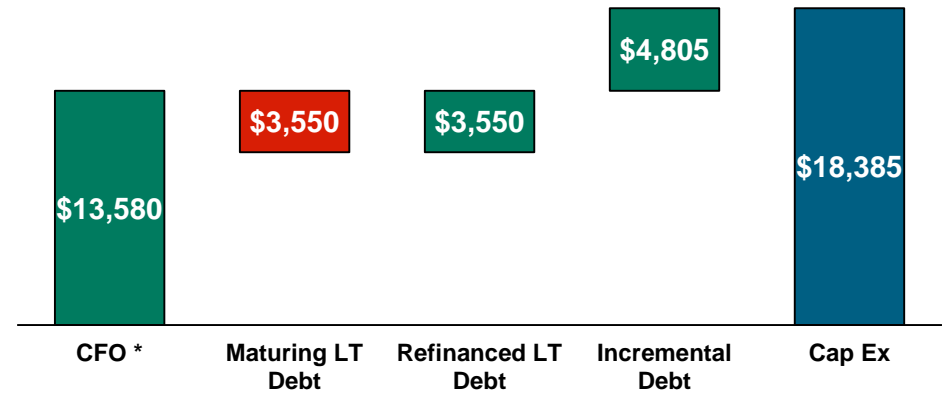
FFO/Debt



Debt/EBITDA



Financing Plans 2017-2021 – No Equity



* Cash from operations is net of dividend and pension funding; financing plans are subject to change

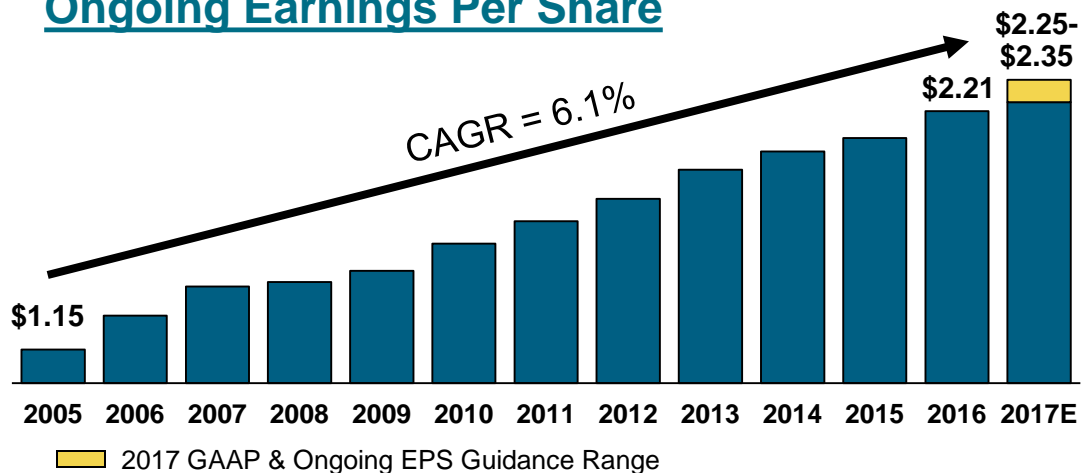
Credit metrics do not reflect rating agency adjustments

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Xcel Energy Unsecured	A3	BBB+	BBB+
NSPM Secured	Aa3	A	A+
NSPW Secured	Aa3	A	A+
PSCo Secured	A1	A	A+
SPS Secured	A2	A	A-

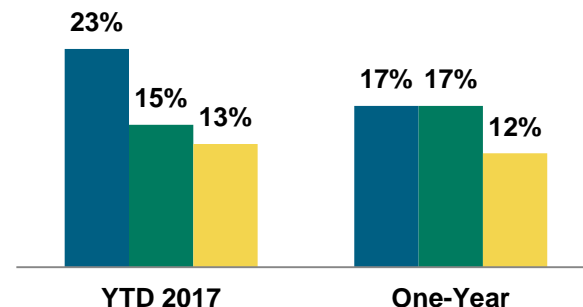
- Strong credit ratings and credit metrics
- No equity financing needs under current capital plan
- Manageable debt maturities

Proven Track Record

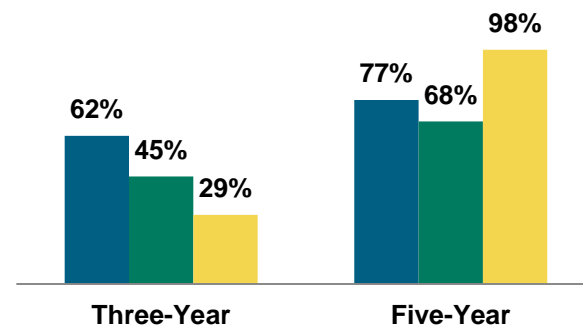
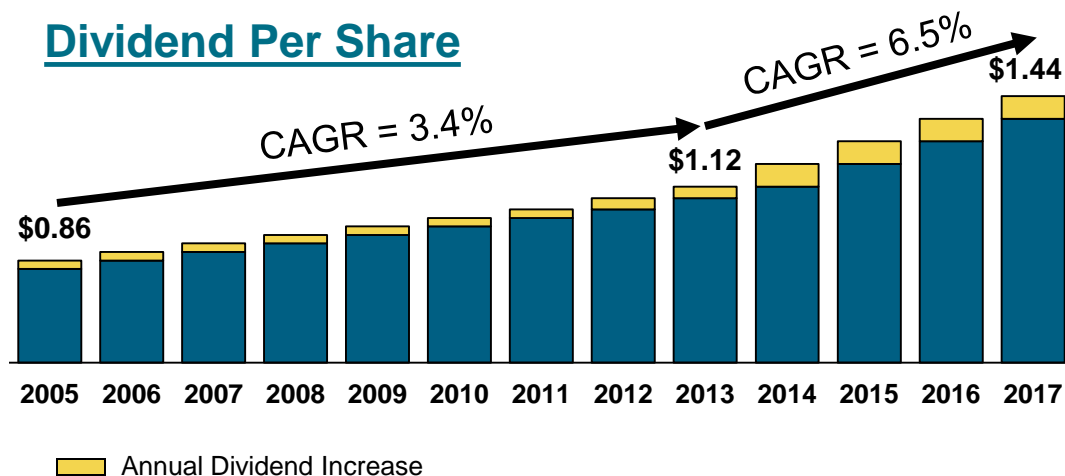
Ongoing Earnings Per Share



Total Shareholder Return



Dividend Per Share



■ Xcel Energy ■ EI Index ■ S&P 500 Index

Periods ended September 15, 2017 for YTD, and December 31, 2016 for all others

Appendix



Reconciliation: Ongoing EPS to GAAP EPS

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Ongoing EPS	\$1.15	\$1.30	\$1.43	\$1.45	\$1.50	\$1.62	\$1.72	\$1.82	\$1.95	\$2.03	\$2.09	\$2.21
PSRI-COLI	0.05	0.05	(0.08)	0.01	(0.01)	(0.01)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prescription Drug Tax Benefit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	-	-	-	-
SPS FERC Order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.04)	-	-	-
Loss on Monticello LCM/EPU Project	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	(0.16)	___-
Cont. Ops	1.20	1.35	1.35	1.46	1.49	1.61	1.72	1.85	1.91	2.03	1.94	2.21
Discont. Ops	0.03	0.01	___-	___-	(0.01)	0.01	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-	___-
GAAP EPS	\$1.23	\$1.36	\$1.35	\$1.46	\$1.48	\$1.62	\$1.72	\$1.85	\$1.91	\$2.03	\$1.94	\$2.21
<i>Amounts may not sum due to rounding</i>												

Xcel Energy's management believes that ongoing earnings reflects management's performance in operating the company and provides a meaningful representation of the performance of Xcel Energy's core business. In addition, Xcel Energy's management uses ongoing earnings internally for financial planning and analysis, for reporting of results to the Board of Directors and when communicating its earnings outlook to analysts and investors.

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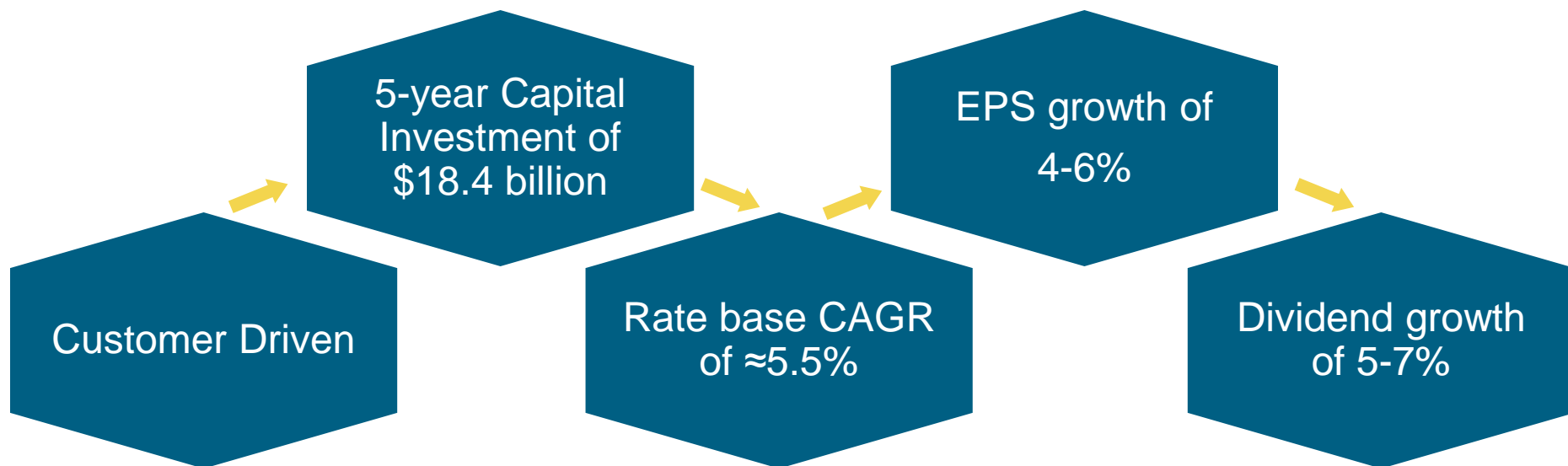
Delivering on Financial Objectives

EPS Guidance

2005	Achieved	✓
2006	Achieved	✓
2007	Exceeded	✓
2008	Achieved	✓
2009	Achieved	✓
2010	Achieved	✓
2011	Achieved	✓
2012	Achieved	✓
2013	Achieved	✓
2014	Achieved	✓
2015	Achieved	✓
2016	Achieved	✓
2017	On Track	✓

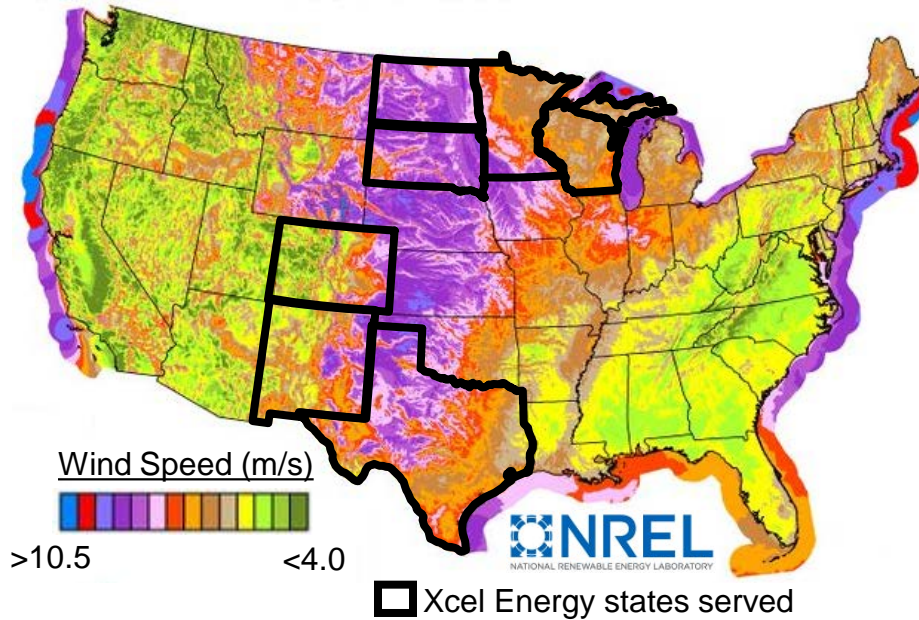
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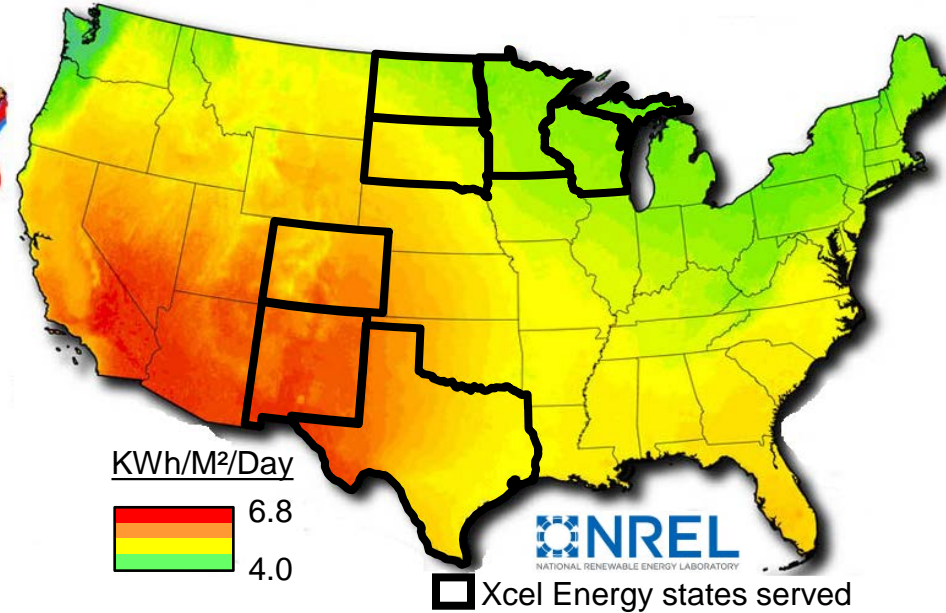
Advantaged Geography

Wind Resource – Annual Average Wind Speed
(at 100 meters)



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Solar Resource – Photovoltaic



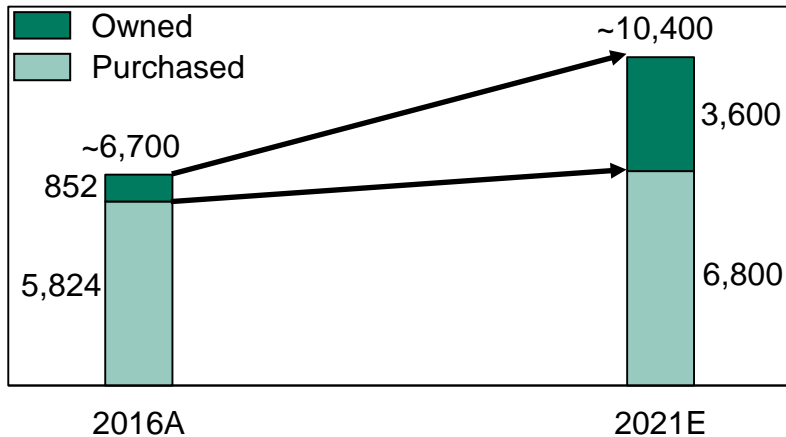
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Wind	Capacity Factor
NSPM	~50%
PSCo	~45%
SPS	~50%

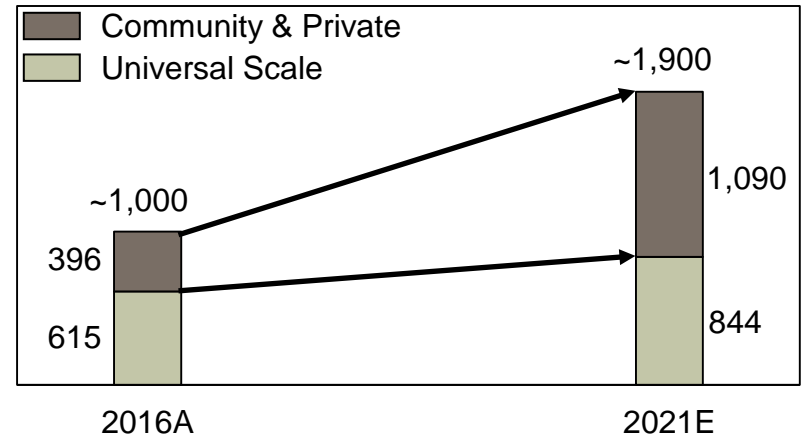
Large-scale Solar	Capacity Factor
NSPM	~22%
PSCo	~30%
SPS	~34%

Transitioning the Fleet

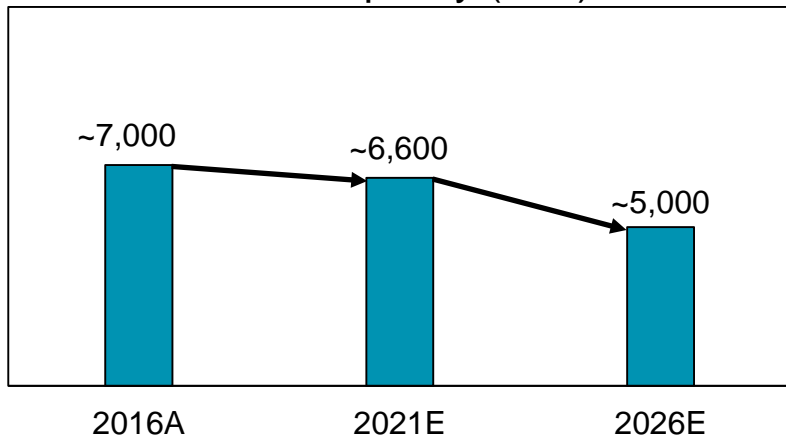
Wind Capacity (MW)



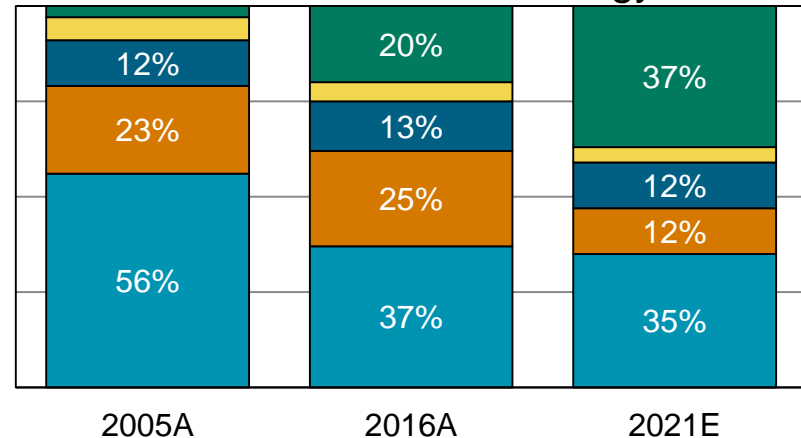
Solar Capacity (MW)*



Coal Capacity (MW)



Fuel Mix Based on Energy



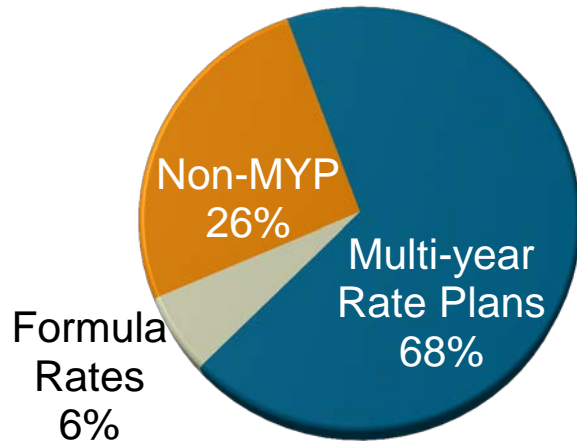
■ Renewables
 ■ Other
 ■ Nuclear
 ■ Natural Gas
 ■ Coal

Estimates do not include the proposed Colorado Energy Plan. Figures include both owned and purchased resources.

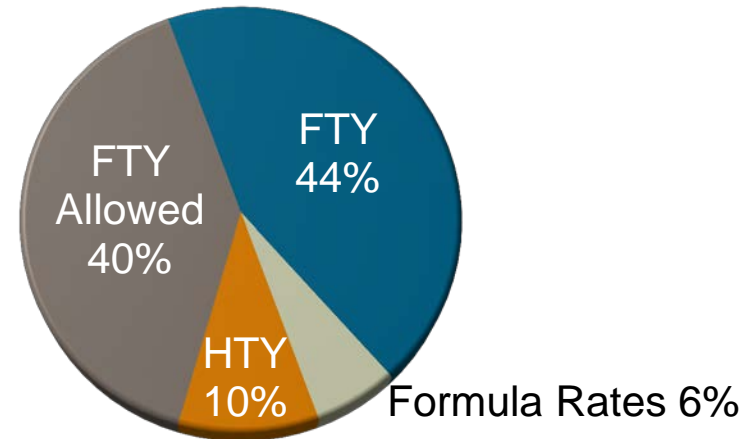
* Xcel Energy currently does not own any solar, but will seek ownership of solar projects in the future

Improving the Regulatory Framework

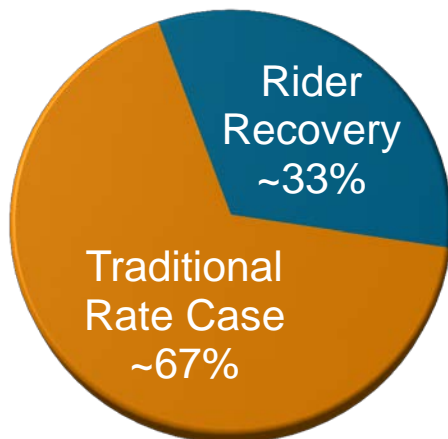
Rate Base Covered by MYP



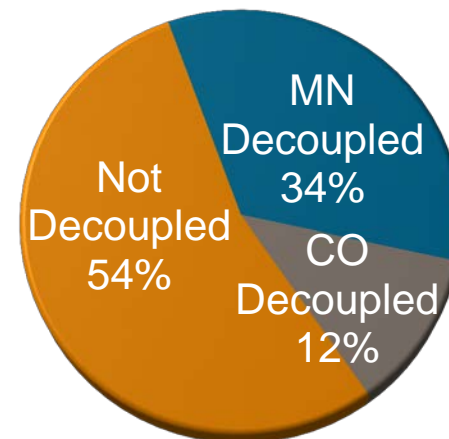
Rate Base Recovered Under Forward Test Year (FTY)



Cap Ex Eligible for Recovery by Rider

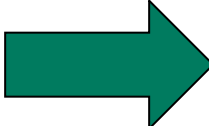
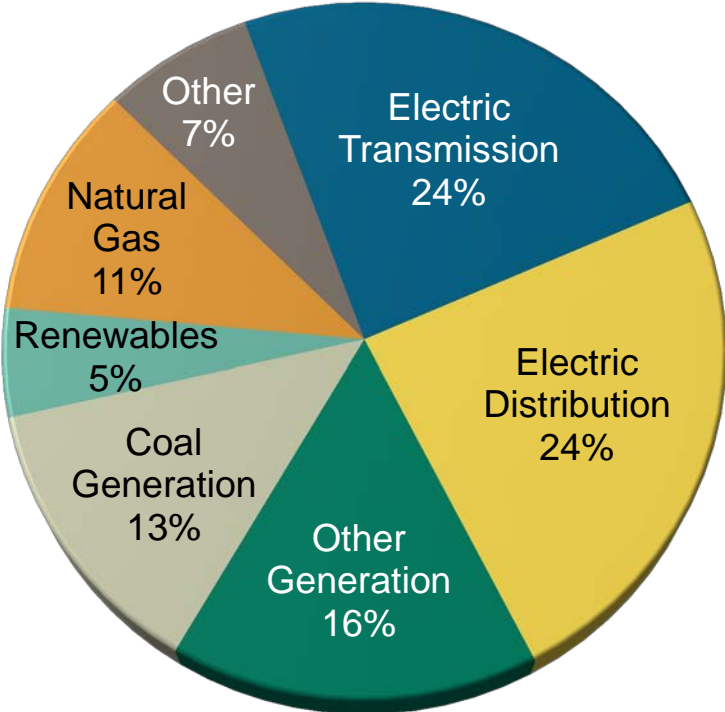


Retail Electric Sales Covered by Decoupling

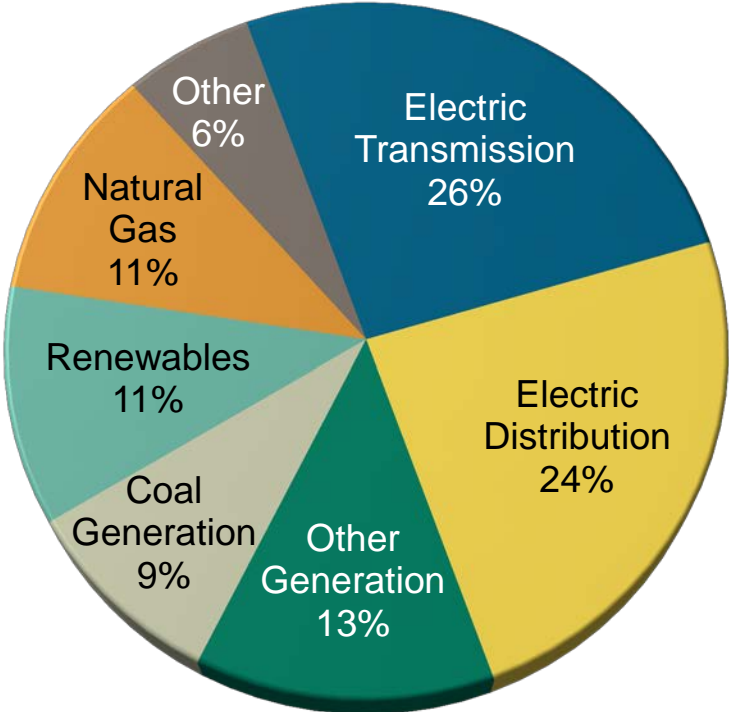


Changing Composition of Rate Base

2016 Actual Rate Base
\$24.0 billion



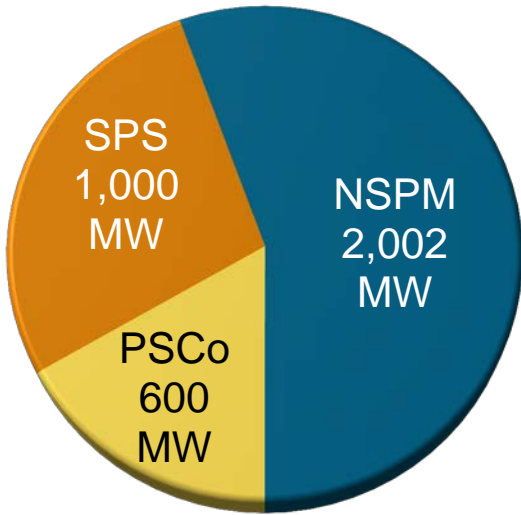
2021 Projected Rate Base
\$31.3 billion



Steel for Fuel

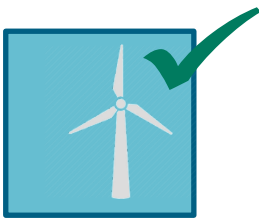
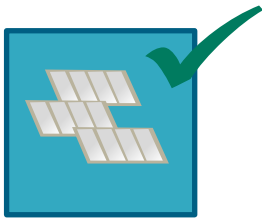
Cost effective renewables: Emission reductions with significant customer savings

Owned Wind Capacity by Company by 2020



Project	Capacity	State	Estimated Completion	Regulatory Status
Rush Creek	600 MW	CO	2018	Approved
Freeborn	200 MW	MN	2020	Approved
Blazing Star 1	200 MW	MN	2019	Approved
Blazing Star 2	200 MW	MN	2020	Approved
Lake Benton	100 MW	MN	2019	Approved
Foxtail	150 MW	ND	2019	Approved
Crowned Ridge	300 MW	SD	2019	Approved
Hale	478 MW	TX	2019	Pending
Sagamore	<u>522 MW</u>	NM	2020	Pending
Total New Ownership	2,750 MW	Potential Cap Ex ~\$4.2 billion		
Existing Ownership	<u>852 MW</u>	NSP	In service	
Grand Total	3,602 MW	By 2020		

Colorado Energy Plan



- In July 2017, the governor of Colorado issued an executive order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- In August 2017, PSCo filed a stipulation, proposing:
 - Early retirement of 660 MW of coal generation:
 - Comanche 1 (325 MW) by 2022
 - Comanche 2 (335 MW) by 2025
 - Up to 1,000 MW of wind
 - Up to 700 MW of solar
 - Up to 700 MW of natural gas and/or storage;
 - Targeted ownership: 50% of renewable and 75% of natural gas and/or storage
 - No increase in customer bill
 - CPUC decision on stipulation expected year-end 2017
 - RFP issued in August 2017
 - PSCo expected to file portfolio recommendation 2018 Q1
 - A Commission decision is anticipated in summer 2018

Capital Expenditures by Function

\$ Millions

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Electric Distribution	\$760	\$865	\$950	\$905	\$955	\$4,435
Electric Generation	\$670	\$685	\$655	\$405	\$485	\$2,900
Renewables	\$610	\$1,055	\$1,065	\$775	\$0	\$3,505
Electric Transmission	\$795	\$840	\$750	\$690	\$805	\$3,880
Natural Gas	\$400	\$415	\$420	\$420	\$415	\$2,070
Other	\$420	\$340	\$265	\$280	\$290	\$1,595
Total	\$3,655	\$4,200	\$4,105	\$3,475	\$2,950	\$18,385

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\$ Millions

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
NSPM	\$1,195	\$1,170	\$1,515	\$1,405	\$1,220	\$6,505
PSCO	\$1,590	\$1,670	\$1,190	\$1,030	\$980	\$6,460
SPS	\$610	\$570	\$490	\$400	\$450	\$2,520
NSPW	\$250	\$280	\$250	\$280	\$300	\$1,360
Other	\$10	\$510	\$660	\$360	\$0	\$1,540
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Regulatory vs. Authorized ROE – 2016

OpCo	Jurisdiction	Rate Base (\$ millions)	Authorized ROE	W/A Earned ROE	Regulatory Plan
NSPM	MN Electric	\$8,251	9.20%	9.35%	2016-2019 MYP
	MN Natural Gas	506	10.09	8.12	
	ND Electric	540	10.00	9.60	2013-2017 MYP
	ND Natural Gas	53	10.75	6.00	
	SD Electric	590	Blackbox	8.91	2015-2017 MYP
PSCo	CO Electric	6,927	9.83	9.22	2015-2017 MYP
	CO Natural Gas	1,920	9.50	7.34	2018-2020 MYP Filed
	PSCo Wholesale	532	*	*	
SPS	TX Electric	1,763	9.70	7.44**	2017 Rate Case Filed
	NM Electric	786	9.96	6.34**	Rate Filing Pending
	SPS Wholesale	868	***	***	
NSPW	WI Electric	1,118	10.00	9.27	2017 Rate Case Filed
	WI Natural Gas	108	10.00	5.62	2017 Rate Case Filed
	MI Elec. & Nat. Gas	31	10.10(e); 10.20(g)	7.07	

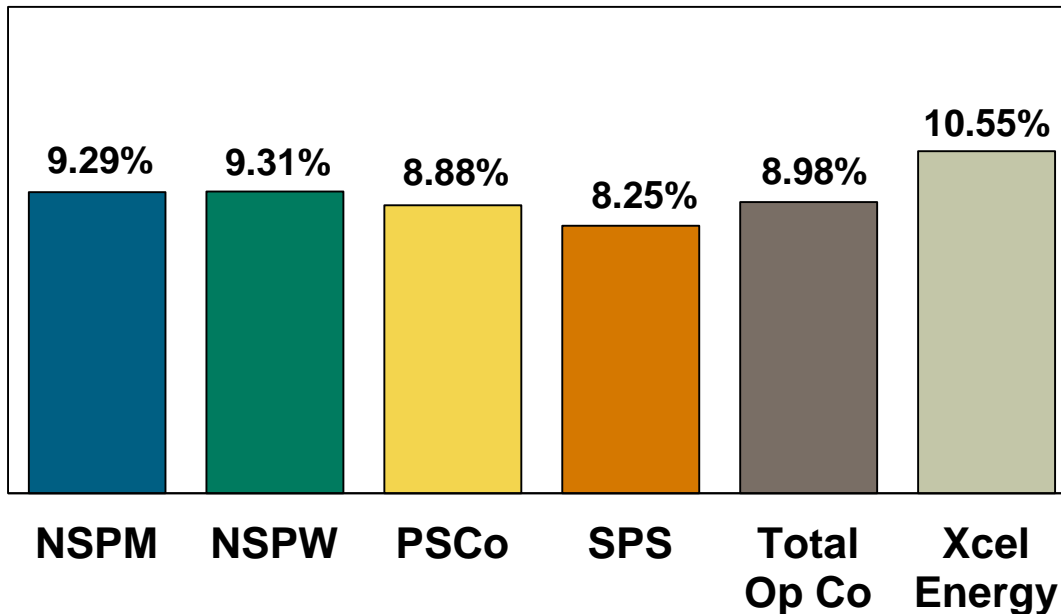
* The authorized ROE for PSCo transmission & production formula = 9.72%.

** Actual ROE, not weather-normalized.

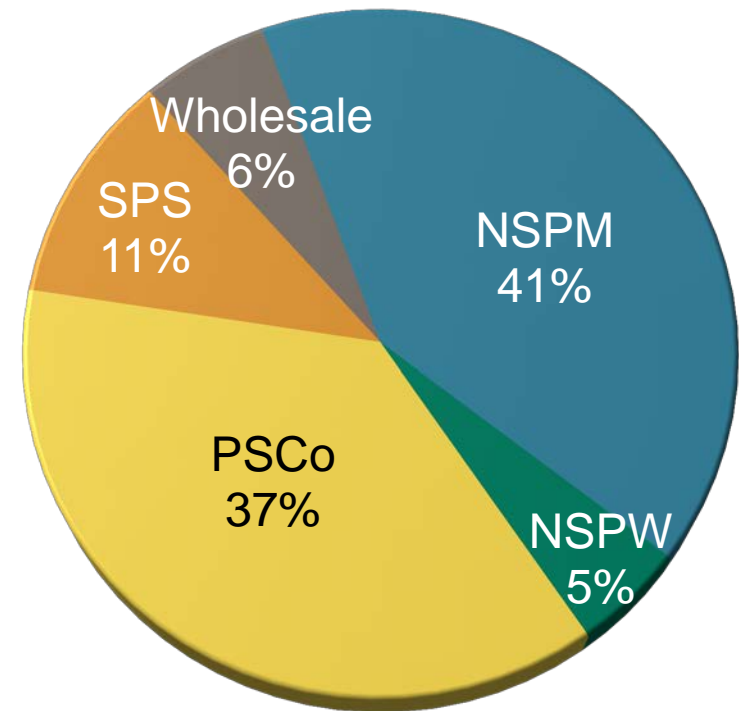
*** The transmission ROE = 10.50% and production formula ROE = 10.00%.

ROE Results – GAAP & Ongoing Earnings

GAAP & Ongoing ROE
Twelve Months Ended 6/30/2017



2016 Rate Base
\$24.0 billion



Improving the Regulatory Framework

	NSPM	NSPW	PSCo	SPS
Multi-year rate plans	✓		✓	
Forward test year	✓ MN & ND	✓	Allowed	✓ NM
Interim rates	✓		Allowed	
Fuel recovery mechanism	✓	✓	✓	✓
Capacity recovery mechanism			✓	
Renewable rider	✓ MN & ND		✓	
Transmission rider	✓		✓	✓ TX
Distribution recovery mechanism	✓ MN		Proposed	✓ TX
Decoupling	✓ MN		✓	
Pension deferral mechanism	✓ MN		✓	✓
Property tax deferral / true-up	✓ MN		✓	

Colorado Multi-Year Natural Gas Rate Case

(\$ Millions)	2018	2019	2020	Total
New Revenue Request	\$63.2	\$32.9	\$42.9	\$139.0
PSIA revenue conversion to base rates	<u>0</u>	<u>93.9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>93.9</u>
Total	\$63.2	\$126.8	\$42.9	\$232.9
Projected YE Rate Base (\$ Billions)	\$1.5	\$2.3	\$2.4	

- PSCo filed a Colorado natural gas multi-year rate case in June 2017
 - Requested a natural gas rate increase of \$139 million over 3 years
 - Requested an ROE of 10.0% and equity ratio of 55.25%
 - Based on forward test years
 - Transfer of \$94 million of PSIA rider to base rates will not impact customer bills
 - Rate base in 2019 reflects the roll-in of capital associated with the PSIA rider
- Intervenor testimony – October 6, 2017
- PSCo rebuttal testimony – November 3, 2017
- Intervenor surrebuttal testimony – November 15, 2017
- Hearings – December 11-19, 2017
- Interim rates effective January 2018
- Commission decision and final rates expected to be effective by February 2018

Wisconsin Rate Case

- NSPW filed a Wisconsin electric & natural gas rate case in May 2017
 - Requested electric rate increase of \$24.7 million (3.6%)
 - Requested nat. gas rate increase of \$12.0 million (10.1%)
 - ROE of 10.0% and equity ratio of 52.53%
 - Rate base of ~\$1.2 billion (electric) and \$138 million (nat. gas)
 - Based on 2018 forward test year
- PSCW Staff recommended rate increases of \$10.9 million (electric) and \$9.9 million (natural gas), based on an ROE of 9.8% and equity ratio of 51.45%
- Commission decision anticipated in the fourth quarter of 2017
- New rates expected to be effective January 2018

Texas Electric Rate Case

- SPS filed a Texas electric rate case in August 2017
 - Requested a net electric rate increase of \$66.4 million (7.1%)
 - ROE of 10.25% and equity ratio of 53.97%
 - Electric rate base of ~\$1.9 billion
 - Based on a historic 12-month ended June 30, 2017 test year
- Procedural schedule:
 - Intervenor testimony – February 22, 2018
 - Staff testimony – March 1, 2018
 - SPS rebuttal testimony – March 23, 2018
 - Hearings – April 10-20, 2018
 - Commission decision – June 2018
 - New rates expected to be effective retroactive to January 2018

Minnesota Recovery Mechanisms

- Forward test year with interim rates
- Transmission rider
- Renewable energy rider
- Gas infrastructure rider
- Environmental improvement rider
- DSM incentive mechanism
- Fuel clause adjustment
- Electric decoupling/sale true-up for all classes (2016-2019)
- Multi-year rate plan legislation passed in 2015
 - Allows for multi-year plans for up to five years
 - Recovery of capital investments
 - Recovery of O&M expenses
 - Recovery of early plant closure costs
 - Recovery of grid modernization through transmission rider
 - Interim rates for the first two years of a multi-year rate plan



North Dakota & South Dakota Recovery Mechanisms

- Forward test year with interim rates (ND)
- Historic test year (SD)
- Environmental rider (ND & SD)
- Transmission rider (ND & SD)
- Renewable energy rider (ND)
- Infrastructure rider for capital projects (SD)
- Fuel clause adjustment (ND & SD)



NSP-Wisconsin Recovery Mechanisms

- Forward test year (WI and MI)
- Biennial rate case (WI)
- Annual electric fuel plan with reconciliation (WI)
- Purchased gas adjustment (WI)
- Gas cost recovery mechanism (MI)
- Power supply cost recovery (MI)



Colorado Recovery Mechanisms

- Ability to file multi-year requests
- Ability to file either historic or forward test years
- Purchased capacity cost adjustment
- Clean Air Clean Jobs Act rider (forward looking)
- Transmission rider (forward looking)
- Natural gas pipeline integrity rider
- Renewable energy rider
- DSM incentive mechanism
- Energy cost adjustment
- Natural gas cost adjustment



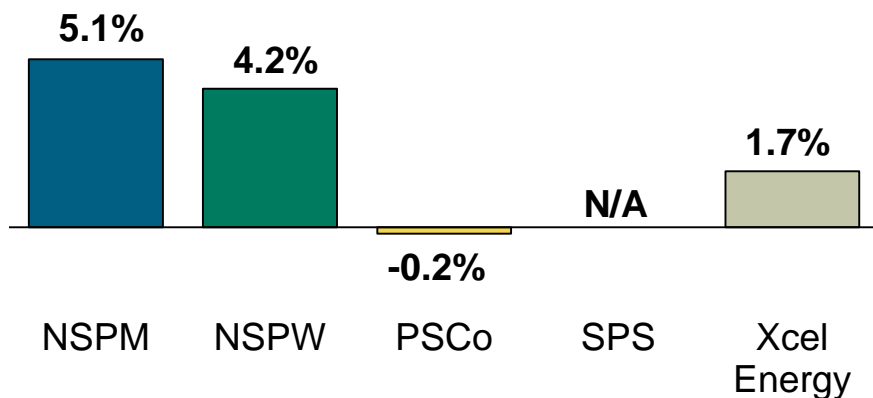
SPS Recovery Mechanisms

- Historic test year (TX)
- Ability to file forward test year (NM)
- DSM incentive mechanism (NM)
- Fuel clause adjustment (TX/NM)
- Purchase Capacity Cost Recovery Factor (TX)
- Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TX)
- Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (TX)
- Texas legislation passed which will reduce regulatory lag

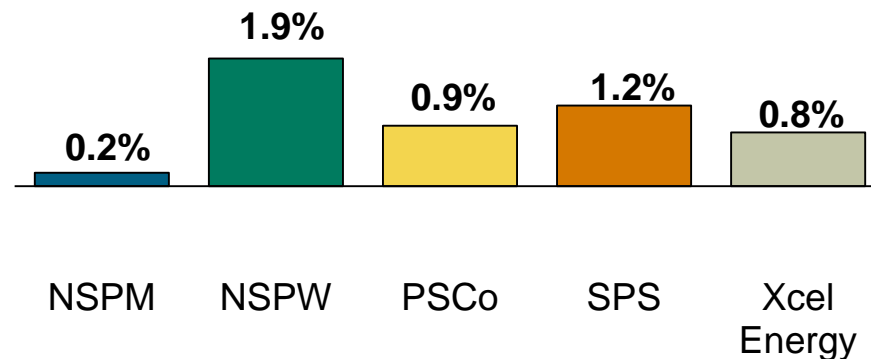


Economic, Sales, and Customer Data

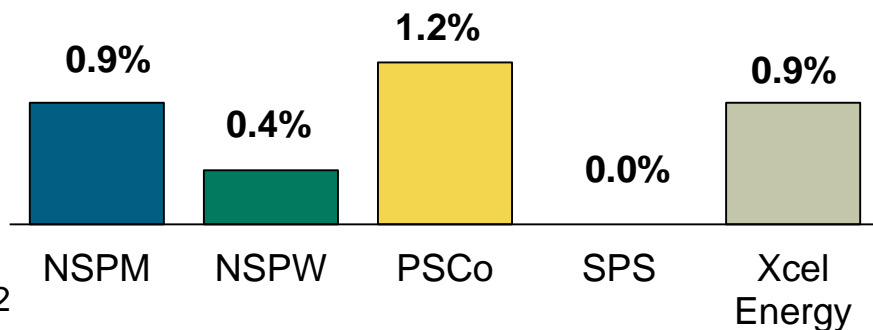
2017 YTD W/A Nat. Gas Sales Growth
(adjusted for leap day)



2017 YTD W/A Electric Sales Growth
(adjusted for leap day)



2017 Q2 YoY Electric Customer Growth



June Unemployment

