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KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid

Financial Statements
For the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of KeySpan Gas East Corporation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of KeySpan Gas East Corporation (the "Company"), which comprise the balance sheets as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of income, cash flows, capitalization, and changes in shareholders' equity for the years then ended.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of KeySpan Gas East Corporation at March 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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July 29, 2015

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Years Ended March 31,					
		2015	2014			2013
Operating revenues	\$	1,080,067	\$	1,080,682	\$	958,546
Operating expenses:						
Purchased gas		434,050		438,931		353,150
Operations and maintenance		289,648		320,562		271,962
Depreciation and amortization		67,765		60,580		57,371
Other taxes		141,269		134,695		132,258
Total operating expenses		932,732		954,768		814,741
Operating income		147,335		125,914		143,805
Other income and (deductions):						
Interest on long-term debt		(34,862)		(34,828)		(34,858)
Other interest, including affiliate interest		(22,353)		(13,736)		(10,369)
Other deductions, net		(5,779)		(4,466)		(17,882)
Total other deductions, net		(62,994)		(53,030)		(63,109)
Income before income taxes		84,341		72,884		80,696
Income tax expense		34,649		27,417		33,551
Net income	\$	49,692	\$	45,467	\$	47,145

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended March 31,			
	2015	2014		2013
Operating activities:				
Net income	\$ 49,692	\$ 45,467	\$	47,145
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				•
Depreciation and amortization	67,765	60,580		57,371
Regulatory amortizations	55,211	46,365		35,049
Provision for deferred income taxes	10,656	38,876		34,251
Bad debt expense	13,009	13,401		528
Allowance for equity funds used during construction				(1,046)
Net postretirement benefits expense (contributions)	7,606	(5,912)		(8,726)
Net environmental remediation payments	(14,404)	(38,333)		(35,532)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(14,404)	(30,333)		(33,332)
Accounts receivable and other receivable, net, and unbilled revenues	57,206	(58,327)		(134,962)
Inventory	(8,731)	16,483		35,486
Regulatory assets and liabilities, net	55,500	(25,682)		53,461
Derivative contracts	(3,164)	(2,955)		(13,532)
Prepaid and accrued taxes	• • • •			
	29,550	(9,213)		(3,443)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(171)	(47,732)		47,841
Other, net	9,958	8,384		1,404
Net cash provided by operating activities	329,683	41,402		115,295
Investing activities:				
Capital expenditures	(229,561)	(189,034)		(143,878)
Cost of removal	(8,357)	(17,133)		(17,555)
Insurance proceeds applied to capital expenditures	438	14,278		14,423
Net cash used in investing activities	(237,479)	(191,889)		(147,010)
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Financing activities:				
Common stock dividends to Parent	-	-		(250,000)
Affiliated money pool borrowing and receivables/payables, net	(97,700)	155,897		279,349
Other				16
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(97,700)	155,897		29,365
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,496)	5,410		(2,350)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	8,683	3,273		5,623
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Supplemental disclosures:				
Interest paid	\$ (44,015)	\$ (43,599)	\$	(37,321)
State income taxes paid	(8,160)	(8,493)		(2,005)
Taxes (paid to) refunded from Parent	(3,594)	7,454		21,221
Significant non-cash items:				
Capital-related accruals included in accounts payable	29,997	26,517		12,542
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KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31,				
		2015	2014		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,187	\$	8,683	
Accounts receivable		268,185		299,390	
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(19,205)		(19,656)	
Other receivable		-		38,995	
Accounts receivable from affiliates		25,816		28,690	
Unbilled revenues		78,610		79,076	
Inventory		35,977		27,246	
Regulatory assets		-		51,568	
Derivative contracts		14,677		11,156	
Current portion of deferred income tax assets, net		12,431		-	
Other		6,734		28,460	
Total current assets		426,412		553,608	
Property, plant and equipment, net		2,687,958		2,510,247	
Other non-current assets:					
Regulatory assets		552,376		527,145	
Goodwill		1,018,407		1,018,407	
Derivative contracts		21,661		11,199	
Other		4,162		4,032	
Total other non-current assets		1,596,606		1,560,783	
Total assets	\$	4,710,976	\$	4,624,638	

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31,			
		2015		2014
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	61,940	\$	41,062
Accounts payable to affiliates		9,964		86,112
Taxes accrued		29,892		19,044
Customer deposits		14,310		8,995
Interest accrued		16,723		19,885
Regulatory liabilities		61,644		37,106
Intercompany money pool		527,114		551,609
Derivative contracts		7,319		2,060
Current portion of deferred income tax liabilities, net		-		16,377
Other		15,498		11,094
Total current liabilities		744,404		793,344
Other non-current liabilities:				
Regulatory liabilities		322,862		298,266
Asset retirement obligations		13,836		14,078
Deferred income tax liabilities, net		666,229		643,594
Postretirement benefits		249,639		211,509
Environmental remediation costs		65,520		70,432
Derivative contracts		6,826		1,266
Other		26,964		27,145
Total other non-current liabilities		1,351,876		1,266,290
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)				
Capitalization:				
Shareholders' equity		2,014,696		1,965,004
Long-term debt		600,000		600,000
Total capitalization		2,614,696		2,565,004
Total liabilities and capitalization	\$	4,710,976	\$	4,624,638

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF CAPITALIZATION

			 March 31,			
			2015		2014	
Total shareholders' equity			\$ 2,014,696	\$	1,965,004	
Long-term debt: Unsecured notes:	Interest Rate	Maturity Date				
Senior Note	5.60%	November 29, 2016	100,000		100,000	
Senior Note	5.82%	April 1, 2041	 500,000		500,000	
Total long-term debt			600,000		600,000	
Total capitalization			\$ 2,614,696	\$	2,565,004	

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands of dollars)

					Additional			
	Comn	non	Pref	erred	Paid-in	F	Retained	
	Sto	ck	St	tock	Capital		Earnings	Total
Balance as of March 31, 2012	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 2,014,878	\$	107,498	\$ 2,122,376
Net income		-		-	-		47,145	47,145
Share based compensation		-		-	16		-	16
Common stock dividends to Parent				-	 (134,505)		(115,495)	 (250,000)
Balance as of March 31, 2013	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,880,389	\$	39,148	\$ 1,919,537
Net income				-	 		45,467	45,467
Balance as of March 31, 2014	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,880,389	\$	84,615	\$ 1,965,004
Net income							49,692	 49,692
Balance as of March 31, 2015	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,880,389	\$	134,307	\$ 2,014,696

The Company had 100 shares of common stock authorized, issued and outstanding, with a par value of \$0.01 per share and 1 share of preferred stock authorized, issued and outstanding, with a par value of \$1 per share at March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid ("the Company") distributes natural gas to approximately 499,000 retail customers and transports natural gas to approximately 68,000 customers in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in Long Island, New York and the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, New York.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of KeySpan Corporation ("KeySpan" or the "Parent"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Grid USA ("NGUSA"), a public utility holding company with regulated subsidiaries engaged in the generation of electricity and the transmission, distribution, and sale of both natural gas and electricity. NGUSA is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of National Grid North America Inc. ("NGNA") and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of National Grid plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales.

The accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), including the accounting principles for rate-regulated entities. The financial statements reflect the ratemaking practices of the applicable regulatory authorities.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events and transactions through July 29, 2015, the date of issuance of these financial statements, and concluded that there were no events or transactions that require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements as of and for the year ended March 31, 2015.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements that conform to U.S. GAAP, the Company must make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities included in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Regulatory Accounting

The New York Public Service Commission ("NYPSC") regulates the rates the Company charges its customers. In certain cases, the rate actions of the NYPSC can result in accounting that differs from non-regulated companies. In these cases, the Company defers costs (as regulatory assets) or recognizes obligations (as regulatory liabilities) if it is probable that such amounts will be recovered from, or refunded to, customers through future rates. Regulatory assets and liabilities are amortized to the statements of income consistent with the treatment of the related costs in the ratemaking process.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized for gas distribution services provided on a monthly billing cycle basis. The Company records unbilled revenues for the estimated amount of services rendered from the time meters were last read to the end of the accounting period.

With respect to base distribution rates, the NYPSC has approved a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism ("RDM"), which applies only to the Company's firm residential heating sales and transportation customers. The RDM requires the Company to adjust its base rates annually to reflect the over or under recovery of the Company's targeted base distribution revenues from the prior year (May-April).

The Company's tariff includes a cost of gas adjustment factor which requires an annual reconciliation of recoverable gas costs and revenues. Any difference is deferred pending recovery from, or refund to, customers.

The gas distribution business is influenced by seasonal weather conditions, and, therefore, the Company's tariff contains a weather normalization adjustment that provides for recovery from, or refund to, firm customers of material shortfalls or excesses of firm delivery revenues (revenues less applicable gas costs and revenue taxes) during a heating season due to variations from normal weather.

Other Taxes

The Company collects taxes and fees from customers such as sales taxes, other taxes, surcharges, and fees that are levied by state or local governments on the sale or distribution of gas. The Company accounts for taxes that are imposed on customers (such as sales taxes) on a net basis (excluded from revenues), while taxes imposed on the Company, such as excise taxes, are recognized on a gross basis. Excise taxes collected and paid for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$13.1 million, \$12 million, and \$13.8 million, respectively.

The state of New York imposes on corporations a franchise tax that is computed as the higher of a tax based on income or a tax based on capital. To the extent the Company's state tax based on capital is in excess of the state tax based on income, the Company reports such excess in other taxes and taxes accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

Income Taxes

Federal and state income taxes have been computed utilizing the asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the tax consequences of temporary differences by applying enacted statutory tax rates applicable to future years to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of existing assets and liabilities. Deferred income taxes also reflect the tax effect of net operating losses, capital losses and general business credit carryforwards.

The effects of tax positions are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not that the position taken, or expected to be taken, in a tax return will be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities based on the technical merits of the position. The financial effect of changes in tax laws or rates is accounted for in the period of enactment. Deferred investment tax credits are amortized over the useful life of the underlying property.

NGNA files consolidated federal tax returns including all of the activities of its subsidiaries. Each subsidiary company determines its current and deferred taxes based on the separate return method. The Company settles its current tax liability or benefit each year with NGNA pursuant to a tax sharing arrangement between NGNA and its subsidiaries. Tax benefits attributable to the tax attributes of other group companies and allocated by NGNA are treated as capital contributions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company recognizes an allowance for doubtful accounts to record accounts receivable at estimated net realizable value. The allowance is determined based on a variety of factors including, for each type of receivable, applying an estimated reserve percentage to each aging category, taking into account historical collection and write-off experience and management's assessment of collectability from individual customers as appropriate. The collectability of receivables is continuously assessed and, if circumstances change, the allowance is adjusted accordingly. Receivable balances are written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts when the accounts are disconnected and/or terminated and the balances are deemed to be uncollectible.

Inventory

Inventory is comprised of materials and supplies as well as gas in storage. Materials and supplies are stated at the lower of weighted average cost or market and are expensed or capitalized as used. The Company's policy is to write-off obsolete inventory; there were no material write-offs of obsolete inventory for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, or 2013.

Gas in storage is stated at weighted average cost and the related cost is recognized when delivered to customers. Existing rate orders allow the Company to pass directly through to customers the cost of gas purchased, along with any applicable authorized delivery surcharge adjustments. Gas costs passed through to customers are subject to regulatory approvals and are reported periodically to the NYPSC.

The Company had materials and supplies of \$4.5 million and \$4.5 million and gas in storage of \$31.5 million and \$22.7 million at March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Derivative Contracts

The Company uses derivative contracts to manage commodity price risk. All derivative contracts are recorded in the accompanying balance sheets at their fair value. All commodity costs, including the impact of derivative contracts, are passed on to customers through the Company's gas cost adjustment mechanism. Therefore, gains or losses on the settlement of these contracts are initially deferred and then refunded to, or collected from, customers consistent with regulatory requirements.

The Company's accounting policy is to not offset fair value amounts recognized for derivative contracts and related cash collateral receivable or payable with the same counterparty under a master netting agreement, and to record and present the fair value of the derivative contract on a gross basis, with related cash collateral recorded within restricted cash and special deposits in the accompanying balance sheets. There was no related cash collateral as of March 31, 2015 or 2014.

Fair Value Measurements

The Company measures derivatives at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The following is the fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that a company has the ability to access as of the reporting date;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are directly observable for the asset or liability or indirectly observable through corroboration with observable market data; and
- Level 3: unobservable inputs, such as internally-developed forward curves and pricing models for the asset or liability due to little or no market activity for the asset or liability with low correlation to observable market inputs.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at original cost. The cost of repairs and maintenance is charged to expense and the cost of renewals and betterments that extend the useful life of property, plant and equipment is capitalized. The capitalized cost of additions to property, plant and equipment includes costs such as direct material, labor and benefits, and an allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC").

Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful life of the asset using the composite straight-line method. Depreciation studies are conducted periodically to update the composite rates and are approved by the NYPSC. The average composite

rates for each of the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were 2.2%, 2%, and 2.9% respectively. The average service life for each of the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was 35 years.

Depreciation expense includes a component for estimated future cost of removal, which is recovered through rates charged to customers. Any difference in cumulative costs recovered and costs incurred is recognized as a regulatory liability. When property, plant and equipment is retired, the original cost, less salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation, and the related cost of removal is removed from the associated regulatory liability. The Company had cumulative costs recovered in excess of costs incurred of \$48.2 million and \$49.1 million at March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Company records AFUDC, which represents the debt and equity costs of financing the construction of new property, plant and equipment. AFUDC equity is reported in the statements of income as non-cash income in other deductions, net, and AFUDC debt is reported as a non-cash offset to other interest, including affiliate interest. After construction is completed, the Company is permitted to recover these costs through their inclusion in rate base and corresponding depreciation expense. The Company recorded AFUDC related to equity of zero, zero, and \$1 million and AFUDC related to debt of zero, \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were 0.3%, 0.7% and 5.7%, respectively.

Goodwill

The Company tests goodwill for impairment annually on January 1, and when events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the Company below its carrying amount. Goodwill is tested for impairment using a two-step approach. The first step compares the estimated fair value of the Company with its carrying value, including goodwill. If the estimated fair value exceeds the carrying value, then goodwill is considered not impaired. If the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value, then a second step is performed to determine the implied fair value of goodwill. If the carrying value of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, then an impairment charge equal to the difference is recorded.

The fair value of the Company was calculated in the annual goodwill impairment test for the year ended March 31, 2015 utilizing both income and market approaches.

- To estimate fair value utilizing the income approach, the Company used a discounted cash flow methodology incorporating its most recent business plan forecasts together with a projected terminal year calculation. Key assumptions used in the income approach were: (a) expected cash flows for the period from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020; (b) a discount rate of 5.2%, which was based on the Company's best estimate of its after-tax weighted-average cost of capital; and (c) a terminal growth rate of 2.25%, based on the Company's expected long-term average growth rate in line with estimated long-term U.S. economic inflation.
- To estimate fair value utilizing the market approach, the Company followed a market comparable methodology. Specifically, the Company applied a valuation multiple of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), derived from data of publicly-traded benchmark companies, to business operating data. Benchmark companies were selected based on comparability of the underlying business and economics. Key assumptions used in the market approach included the selection of appropriate benchmark companies and the selection of an EBITDA multiple of 11, which the Company believes is appropriate based on comparison of its business with the benchmark companies.

The Company determined the fair value of the business using 50% weighting for each valuation methodology, as it believes that each methodology provides equally valuable information. Based on the resulting fair value from the annual analyses, the Company determined that no adjustment of the goodwill carrying value was required at March 31, 2015 or 2014.

Prior to 2015, the Company utilized an annual impairment assessment date of January 31. Management has determined that the use of January 1 as its annual impairment assessment date is preferable to January 31 because it facilitates a more timely evaluation in advance of the Company's fiscal year end of March 31. The movement of the date has not resulted in a substantive change in the timing of recording any potential impairment.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations are recognized for legal obligations associated with the retirement of property, plant and equipment, primarily associated with the Company's gas distribution facilities. Asset retirement obligations are recorded at fair value in the period in which the obligation is incurred, if the fair value can be reasonably estimated. In the period in which new asset retirement obligations, or changes to the timing or amount of existing retirement obligations are recorded, the associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. In each subsequent period the asset retirement obligation is accreted to its present value.

The following table represents the changes in the Company's asset retirement obligations:

	Years Ended March 31,					
		2015		2014		
	(in thousands of dollars)					
Balance as of the beginning of the year	\$	14,078	\$	13,281		
Accretion expense		845		797		
Revaluations to present values of estimated cash flows		(1,087)		_		
Balance as of the end of the year	\$	13,836	\$	14,078		

At March 31, 2015, the Company carried out a revaluation study that resulted in a downward revaluation in estimated costs related to the asset retirement obligations. These decreases were due to changes in remediation cost and enhanced asset replacement programs.

Accretion expense is deferred as part of the Company's asset retirement obligation regulatory asset as management believes it is probable that such amounts will be collected in future rates.

Employee Benefits

The Company participates with other KeySpan subsidiaries in defined benefit pension plans and postretirement benefit other than pension ("PBOP") plans for its employees, administered by the Parent. The Company recognizes its portion of the pension and PBOP plans' funded status in the accompanying balance sheets as a net liability or asset. The cost of providing these plans is recovered through rates; therefore, the net funded status is offset by a regulatory asset or liability. The pension and PBOP plans' assets are commingled and cannot be allocated to an individual company. The Company measures and records its pension and PBOP funded status at the year-end date. Pension and PBOP plan assets are measured at fair value, using the year-end market value of those assets.

New and Recent Accounting Guidance - Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted

Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern, Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

In August 2014, the FASB issued amendments on reporting about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern in ASU No. 2014-15, "Presentation of Financial Statements – Going Concern (Subtopic 205 - 40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern." The amendments provide guidance about management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt surrounding an entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If

management concludes that substantial doubt exists, the amendments also require additional disclosures relating to management's evaluation and conclusion. The amendments are effective for the annual reporting period ending after December 15, 2016 and interim periods thereafter. The application of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board jointly issued a new revenue recognition standard ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." The objective of the new guidance is to provide a single comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers to improve comparability. The standard contains principles that an entity will apply to determine the measurement of revenue and timing of when it is recognized. The underlying principle is that an entity will recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive. The new guidance must be adopted using either a full retrospective approach or a modified retrospective approach. For non-public entities, the new guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted for periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the new guidance on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Financial Statement Revision

During 2015, management determined that certain accounting transactions were not properly recorded in the Company's previously issued financial statements. The Company corrected the accounting by revising the prior period financial statements, the impacts of which are described below. The Company concluded that the revisions were not material to any prior periods.

During its review of the Company's accounting for its RDM, management determined it had incorrectly applied its methodology related to the unbilled component of revenue. A cumulative adjustment of \$8.2 million (net of income taxes) was recorded in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014, of which \$5.8 million was recorded as a decrease to opening retained earnings (as of March 31, 2012) and \$2.4 million was recorded as a decrease to net income within operating revenues for the year ended March 31, 2014.

Further, management determined it had not recognized a regulatory liability for carrying charges related to under-funded pension and PBOP balances. A cumulative adjustment of \$6.2 million (net of income taxes) was recorded in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014, of which \$1.8 million was recorded as a decrease to opening retained earnings (as of March 31, 2012) and \$2.5 million and \$1.9 million were recorded as a decrease to net income within other interest, including affiliate interest for the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In addition, the Company has corrected various account balances that were improperly recorded. A cumulative adjustment of \$0.7 (net of income taxes) was recorded in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014, of which \$0.2 million was recorded as a decrease to opening retained earnings (as of March 31, 2012) and \$0.7 million and \$0.2 million were recorded as an increase to net income for the years ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The following table shows the amounts previously reported as revised:

	As	Previously				
	Re	eported ⁽¹⁾	Adj	ustments		As Revised
			(in thous	ands of dollars)		
Statement of Income		arch 2014				1arch 2014
Operating revenues	\$	1,083,399	\$	(2,717)	\$	1,080,682
Operating income		128,631		(2 <i>,</i> 717)		125,914
Total other deductions, net		(48 <i>,</i> 674)		(4,356)		(53,030)
Income before income taxes		79,957		(7,073)		72,884
Income tax expense		30,139		(2,722)		27,417
Net income		49,818		(4,351)		45,467
Statement of Income	М	arch 2013			N	1arch 2013
Operating revenues	\$	958,118	\$	428	\$	958,546
Operating income		143,377		428		143,805
Other deductions, net		(59,933)		(3,176)		(63,109)
Income before income taxes		83,444		(2,748)		80,696
Income tax expense		34,694		(1,143)		33,551
Net income		48,750		(1,605)		47,145
Statement of Cash Flows	М	arch 2014			N	1arch 2014
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	41,573	\$	(171)	\$	41,402
Net cash used in investing activities		(192,060)		171		(191,889)
	Λς	Previously				
		eported ⁽¹⁾	۸ -۱:		,	No Double and
	R	eportea		<u>ustments</u>		As Revised
Balance Sheet	B.4	arch 2014	(in thous	ands of dollars)	B.	10rch 2014
Property, plant, and equipment, net			\$	(362)	\$	larch 2014
Total current liabilities	Ş	2,510,609	Ş	` '	Ş	2,510,247
Total other non-current liabilities		798,253		(4,909) 18 500		793,344
Total other non-current habilities		1,247,790		18,500		1,266,290
Retained Earnings						
March 31, 2014		98,568		(13,953)		84,615
March 31, 2013		48,750		(9,602)		39,148
March 31, 2012		115,495		(7,997)		107,498
Shareholders' Equity						
March 31, 2014		1,978,957		(13,953)		1,965,004
March 31, 2013		1,929,139		(9,602)		1,919,537
March 31, 2012		2,130,373		(7,997)		2,122,376

⁽¹⁾ During 2015, the Company changed its accounting policy for classification of regulatory accounts. The change in policy resulted in a reclassification of balances reported at March 31, 2014.

3. REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Company records regulatory assets and liabilities that result from the ratemaking process. The following table presents the regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities recorded in the accompanying balance sheets.

		March 31,			
	_	2015		2014	
	_	(in thousand	s of doll	ars)	
Regulatory assets					
Current:					
Gas costs adjustn	nent :	\$ -	\$	51,465	
Other Total	_	<u>-</u>		103	
Non-current:	_	-		51,568	
Environmental res	sponse costs	269,590		286,068	
Postretirement be		148,485		124,267	
Property taxes		53,350		36,704	
Rate mitigation		28,662		26,635	
Temperature cont	rol/interruptible sharing	33,623		21,962	
Other	<u>_</u>	18,666		31,509	
Total	<u> </u>	552,376		527,145	
Regulatory liabilities					
Current:					
Derivative contra	cts	22,193		19,029	
Energy efficiency		5,368		2,022	
Revenue decoupli	ng mechanism	25,241		16,055	
Temporary state a	ssessment	4,501		-	
Other		4,341		-	
Total	_	61,644		37,106	
Non-current:	_				
Capital tracker		26,204		36,504	
Carrying charges		65,788		59,038	
Cost of removal		48,152		49,095	
Delivery rate adju	stment	82,870		82 <i>,</i> 870	
Environmental res		46,520		12,808	
Temporary state a		-		18,218	
Other		53,328		39,733	
Total	_	322,862		298,266	
Net regulatory a	ssets	\$ 167,870	\$	243,341	
	<u>-</u>	. ===,	<u> </u>	,	

Capital tracker: During the primary term of the rate plan (2008–2012), which remains in effect until modified by the NYPSC, the Company had a capital tracker mechanism that reconciled the Company's capital expenditures to the amounts permitted in rates. The mechanism provided for a two way (upward and downward) tracker for City and State Construction ("CSC") related expenditures and a one way (downward only) tracker for all other capital expenditures. The Company records a carrying charge for CSC expenditures above the CSC rate and the full revenue requirement equivalent of amounts below the rate allowance for CSC expenditures as well as all other capital expenditures.

Cost of removal: Represents cumulative amounts collected, but not yet spent, to dispose of property, plant and equipment. This liability is discharged as removal costs are incurred.

Delivery rate adjustment: The NYPSC authorized a surcharge for recovery of regulatory assets ("Delivery Rate Surcharge") of \$10 million beginning January 1, 2009, which increased incrementally by \$10 million and aggregating to approximately \$100 million over the term of the rate agreement. In its order issued and effective November 28, 2012, the NYPSC authorized a Site Investigation and Remediation ("SIR") Surcharge in the amount of \$40 million which superseded the Delivery Rate Surcharge effective January 1, 2013. These SIR recoveries will be used to amortize existing SIR deferral balances.

Derivative contracts: The Company evaluates open derivative contracts for regulatory deferral by determining if they are probable of recovery from, or refund to, customers through future rates. Derivative contracts that qualify for regulatory deferral are recorded at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded as regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities in the period in which the change occurs.

Energy efficiency: Represents the difference between revenue billed to customers through the Company's energy efficiency charge and the costs of its energy efficiency programs as approved by the NYPSC.

Environmental response costs: The regulatory asset represents deferred costs associated with the estimated costs to investigate and perform certain remediation activities at former manufactured gas plant ("MGP") sites and related facilities. The Company believes future costs, beyond the expiration of current rate plans, will continue to be recovered through rates. The regulatory liability represents the excess of amounts received in rates over the Company's actual SIR costs.

Gas costs adjustment: The Company is subject to rate adjustment mechanisms for commodity costs, whereby an asset or liability is recognized resulting from differences between actual revenues and the underlying cost being recovered or differences between actual revenues and targeted amounts as approved by the NYPSC. These amounts will be refunded to, or recovered from, customers over the next year.

Postretirement benefits: Represents the excess costs of the Company's pension and PBOP plans over amounts received in rates that are deferred to a regulatory asset to be recovered in future periods and the non-cash accrual of net actuarial gains and losses. Also included within this amount are certain pension deferral amounts from prior to the acquisition of KeySpan by NGUSA, which are being recovered in rates over a ten year period ending August 2017.

Property taxes: Represents 90% of actual property and special franchise tax expenses above or below the rate allowance for future collection from, or payment to, the Company's customers.

Rate mitigation: The existing rate agreement provides for the establishment of a regulatory liability to be amortized through revenues for the deferral of amortization adjustments. The NYPSC recognized a negotiated five year revenue increase settlement, aggregating \$625.7 million. As part of the NGUSA and KeySpan merger ("Grid merger") settlement these revenues were eliminated with rate mitigators. Of these mitigators, the NYPSC deferred recovery of certain deferred costs, reflected net synergy savings of the Grid merger, and modified the overall allowed rate of return. The rate mitgator will be amortized at a rate of \$2 million per year.

Revenue decoupling mechanism: As approved by the NYPSC, the Company has a RDM which applies only to the Company's firm residential heating sales and transportation customers. The RDM allows for annual adjustment to the Company's delivery rates as a result of the reconciliation between allowed revenue per customer and actual revenue per customer. Any difference between the allowed revenue per customer and the actual revenue per customer is recorded as a regulatory asset or regulatory liability.

Temperature control/interruptible ("TC/IT") sharing: Under the existing rate agreement, the revenue requirement reflects certain levels of imputed TC/IT margins. Differences between the actual margins and imputed margins are shared 90% by ratepayers and 10% by shareholders. This regulatory asset represents the ratepayer share of the differences.

Temporary state assessment: In June 2009, the NYPSC authorized utilities, including the Company, to recover the costs required for payment of the Temporary State Energy & Utility Service Conservation Assessment ("Temporary State Assessment"), including carrying charges. The Temporary State Assessment is subject to reconciliation over a five year period which began July 1, 2009. On June 18, 2014, the NYPSC issued an order authorizing certain utilities, including the Company, to recover the Temporary State Assessment subject to reconciliation, including carrying charges, from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. As of March 31, 2015, the Company over-collected on these costs. The Company is required to net any deferred over-collected amounts against the amount to be collected during fiscal years 2014 and 2015 as well as the first payment relating to fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

The Company records carrying charges on all regulatory balances (with the exception of derivative contracts, cost of removal, environmental response costs, and regulatory deferred tax balances), for which cash expenditures have been made and are subject to recovery, or for which cash has been collected and is subject to refund. Carrying charges are not recorded on items for which expenditures have not yet been made.

4. RATE MATTERS

General Rate Case

The Company has been subject to a rate plan with a primary term of five years (2008-2012), which remains in effect until modified by the NYPSC. Under this rate plan, base delivery rates include an allowed return on equity of 9.8% with a 45% equity ratio in the capital structure.

Capital Investment

On June 13, 2014, the Company filed a petition with the NYPSC to implement a three year capital investment program that would allow the Company to invest more than \$700 million in gas infrastructure projects designed to enhance the safety and reliability of its gas systems and promote gas growth, while maintaining base delivery rates.

On December 15, 2014, the Company received an order which authorizes it to replace leak prone pipe up to its forecasted budget of \$211.7 million for calendars years 2015 and 2016. The Company is allowed to establish a 21-month surcharge mechanism beginning April 2, 2015 through December 31, 2016, which will be capped at \$10 million and \$13.4 million, respectively, to address the Company's capital needs for replacement of leak prone pipe, while minimizing future customer bill impacts. The Company was authorized to spend up to its forecasted budget of \$202.7 million for calendar years 2015 and 2016 for its Neighborhood Expansion and other related programs. The Company is directed to establish a new deferral mechanism that allows it to defer the pre-tax revenue requirements associated with its capital spending program up to a maximum capital expenditure of \$202.7 million made in calendar years 2015 and 2016. The Company's existing city/state deferral mechanism was eliminated as of January 1, 2015 and the non-growth deferral mechanism is continued. The order also included additional obligations and filing requirements.

Management Audit

In February 2011, the NYPSC selected Overland Consulting Inc., ("Overland") to perform a management audit of NGUSA's affiliate cost allocations, policies and procedures. The Company disputed certain of Overland's final audit conclusions and the NYPSC ordered that further proceedings be conducted to address what, if any, ratemaking adjustments were necessary. On September 5, 2014 the NYPSC approved a settlement that resolves all outstanding issues relating to the audit and establishes an \$11.4 million regulatory liability.

Gas Management Audit

In February 2013, the NYPSC initiated a comprehensive management and operational audit of NGUSA's New York gas businesses, including the Company, pursuant to the Public Service Law requirement that major electric and gas utilities undergo an audit every five years. The audit commenced in August 2013 and the NYPSC issued an audit findings report in October 2014. The audit findings found that the Company's operations performed well in providing reliable gas service, and strength in operations, network planning, project management, work management, load forecasting, supply procurement and customer systems support. Also included were 31 recommendations for improvement, including: reconstituting the boards of directors of NGUSA and the gas companies in New York to include more objective oversight; establishing stronger reporting authority between the New York jurisdictional president and operational organizations; preparing a true strategic plan for NGUSA's New York operations to serve as a road map for investments, programs and operations to build upon the state energy plan and energy initiatives; developing a five-year, integrated, system-wide plan that includes all gas reliability work, mandated replacements, growth projects and system planning work; enhancing internal service level agreements to promote accountability for performance and costs; and undertaking a full accounting of all costs associated with NGUSA's SAP enterprise wide system. In November 2014, NGUSA's New York gas businesses filed joint audit implementation plans addressing each of the audit recommendations. On May 14, 2015, the NYPSC issued an order accepting without modifications the joint implementation plans and directing NGUSA's New York gas businesses to execute the plans.

Operations Audit

In August 2013, the NYPSC initiated an operational audit to review the accuracy of the customer service, electric reliability, and gas safety data reported by the investor owned utilities operating in New York, including the Company. On December 19, 2013, the NYPSC selected Overland to conduct the audit, which commenced in February 2014. At the time of the issuance of these financial statements, the Company has not received the final audit findings and cannot predict the outcome of this audit.

Operations Staffing Audit

In January 2014, the NYPSC initiated an operational audit to review internal staffing levels and use of contractors for the core utility functions of the investor owned utilities operating in New York, including the Company. On June 26, 2014, the NYPSC selected The Liberty Consulting Group to conduct the audit. At the time of the issuance of these financial statements, the Company cannot predict the outcome of this operational audit.

5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The following table summarizes property, plant and equipment at cost along with accumulated depreciation and amortization:

	March 31,					
	2015		2014			
	(in thousan	ds of a	dollars)			
Plant and machinery	\$ 3,209,813	\$	3,000,836			
Land and buildings	54,672		53,896			
Assets held for future use	-		94			
Assets in construction	87,113		79,072			
Software and other intangibles	51,959		52,792			
Total property, plant and equipment	3,403,557		3,186,690			
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (715,599)		(676,443)			
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 2,687,958	<u> </u>	2,510,247			

6. DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS

The Company utilizes derivative contracts, such as gas swap contracts, gas option contracts and gas purchase contracts, to manage commodity price risk associated with its natural gas purchases. The Company's risk management strategy is to reduce fluctuations in firm gas sales prices to its customers.

The Company's financial exposures are monitored and managed as an integral part of the Company's overall financial risk management policy. The Company engages in risk management activities, only in commodities and financial markets where it has an exposure, and only in terms and volumes consistent with its core business.

Volumes

Volumes of outstanding commodity derivative contracts measured in dekatherms ("dths") are as follows:

	March	31,			
	2015	2014			
	(in thousands)				
Gas swap contracts	5,782	1,320			
Gas option contracts	700	7,190			
Gas purchase contracts	26,887	37,743			
Total	33,369	46,253			

Amounts Recognized in the Accompanying Balance Sheets

	 Asset D	erivativ	es	_	 Liability D	erivative	es
	Mar	ch 31,			 Marc	h 31,	
	2015		2014		2015		2014
	(in thousands of dollars)			(in thousand	s of dolla	rs)	
Current assets:				Current liabilities:			
Rate recoverable contracts:				Rate recoverable contracts:			
Gas swap contracts	\$ 87	\$	497	Gas swap contracts	\$ 4,130	\$	27
Gas option contracts	-		726	Gas option contracts	62		180
Gas purchase contracts	14,590		9,933	Gas purchase contracts	 3,127		1,853
	 14,677		11,156	-	7,319		2,060
Other non-current assets:				Other non-current liabilities:			
Rate recoverable contracts:				Rate recoverable contracts:			
Gas purchase contracts	21,661		11,199	Gas purchase contracts	6,826		1,266
	21,661		11,199		6,826		1,266
Total	\$ 36,338	\$	22,355	Total	\$ 14,145	\$	3,326

The changes in fair value of the Company's rate recoverable contracts are offset by changes in regulatory assets and liabilities. As a result, the changes in fair value of those contracts had no impact in the accompanying statements of income. The Company had no derivative contracts not subject to rate recovery as of March 31, 2015 and 2014.

Credit and Collateral

The Company is exposed to credit risk related to transactions entered into for commodity price risk management. Credit risk represents the risk of loss due to counterparty non-performance. Credit risk is managed by assessing each counterparty's credit profile and negotiating appropriate levels of collateral and credit support.

The credit policy for commodity transactions is managed and monitored by NGUSA's Executive Energy Risk Management Committee ("EERC"), which is responsible for approving risk management policies and objectives for risk assessment, control and valuation, and the monitoring and reporting of risk exposures. NGUSA's Energy Procurement Risk Management Committee ("EPRMC") is responsible for approving transaction strategies, annual supply plans, and counterparty credit approval, as well as all valuation and control procedures. The EERC is chaired by the Global Tax and Treasury Director and reports to the Finance Committee. The EPRMC is chaired by the Vice President of U.S. Treasury and reports to the EERC.

The EPRMC monitors counterparty credit exposure and appropriate measures are taken to bring such exposures below the limits, including, without limitation, netting agreements, and limitations on the type and tenor of trades. The Company enters into enabling agreements that allow for payment netting with its counterparties, which reduce its exposure to counterparty risk by providing for the offset of amounts payable to the counterparty against amounts receivable from the counterparty. In instances where a counterparty's credit quality has declined, or credit exposure exceeds certain levels, the Company may limit its credit exposure by restricting new transactions with the counterparty, requiring additional collateral or credit support, and negotiating the early termination of certain agreements. Similarly, the Company may be required to post collateral to its counterparties.

The Company's credit exposure for all derivative contracts, applicable payables and receivables, and instruments that are subject to master netting agreements, was a liability of \$22.2 million and \$19 million as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The aggregate fair value of the Company's derivative contracts with credit-risk-related contingent features that are in a liability position at March 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$4.3 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. The Company had no collateral posted for these instruments at March 31, 2015 or 2014. If the Company's credit rating were to be downgraded by one or two levels, it would not be required to post any additional collateral. If the Company's credit rating were to be downgraded by three levels, it would be required to post \$4.5 million and \$1.9 million additional collateral to its counterparties at March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Offsetting Information for Derivatives Subject to Master Netting Arrangements

March 31, 2015 Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets

(in thousands of dollars)

ASSETS: Derivative contracts	of r	s amounts ecognized assets A	Gross a offset Balance E	in the Sheets	of prese Bala	amounts assets nted in the nce Sheets C=A+B	Finand instrum Da		Cas collat recei <i>Db</i>	teral ved		let ount C-D
Gas swap contracts	\$	87	\$	-	\$	87	\$	-	\$	-	\$	87
Gas purchase contracts		36,251		-		36,251		-			36	5,251
Total	\$	36,338	\$		\$	36,338	\$		\$		\$ 36	5,338
	Gros	s amounts	Gross a			amounts abilities			Cas			let
		ecognized abilities	offset Balance	in the Sheets	•	nted in the nce Sheets	Finand instrum		collat pai			ount
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Derivative contracts Gas swap contracts Gas option contracts	lia	(4,130) (62)	Balance E	e Sheets	Bala	(4,130) (62)	instrum Da		pai <i>Db</i>	id	amo E=0 \$ (4	ount C-D 4,130) (62)
Derivative contracts Gas swap contracts	lia	(4,130)	Balance E	e Sheets	Bala	nce Sheets C=A+B (4,130)	instrum Da		pai <i>Db</i>	id	amo E=0 \$ (4	ount C-D 4,130)

March 31, 2014 Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Balance Sheets

ASSETS:	of re	amounts ecognized assets A	offse Baland	amounts It in the See Sheets B	of prese Balai	amounts assets nted in the nce Sheets C=A+B	Financial instruments <i>Da</i>	colla	ash ateral eived ab	Net amount <i>E=C-D</i>
Derivative contracts Gas swap contracts	\$	497	\$	_	\$	497	\$.	- \$	_	\$ 497
Gas option contracts	•	726	•	-	·	726			-	726
Gas purchase contracts		21,132			-	21,132				21,132
Total	\$	22,355	\$		\$	22,355	\$ -	\$		\$ 22,355
	of re	amounts ecognized bilities	offse	amounts It in the See Sheets	of li prese	amounts abilities nted in the nce Sheets	Financial instruments	colla	ish ateral aid	Net amount
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Derivative contracts										
Gas swap contracts	\$	(27)	\$	-	\$	(27)	\$ -	- \$	-	\$ (27)
Gas option contracts		(180)		-		(180)	•	-	-	(180)
Gas purchase contracts		(3,119)				(3,119)				(3,119)
Total	\$	(3,326)	\$		\$	(3,326)	\$ -	<u>\$</u>		\$ (3,326)

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following tables present assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value in the accompanying balance sheets on a recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy as of March 31, 2015 and 2014:

				March :	31, 201	5		
	Lev	/el 1	L	evel 2		Level 3		Total
				(in thousan	ds of dol	lars)		
Assets:								
Derivative contracts								
Gas swap contracts	\$	-	\$	87	\$	-	\$	87
Gas purchase contracts				-		36,251		36,251
Total				87		36,251		36,338
Liabilities:								
Derivative contracts								
Gas swap contracts		-		4,130		-		4,130
Gas option contracts		-		-		62		62
Gas purchase contracts		-		16		9,937		9,953
Total	-	-		4,146		9,999		14,145
Net assets	\$	-	\$	(4,059)	\$	26,252	\$	22,193
						_		
		-1.4		March				Total
	Lev	/el 1		evel 2 (in thousand		Level 3	-	Total
Assets:				(,	,		
Derivative contracts								
Gas swap contracts	\$	-	\$	497	\$	-	\$	497
Gas option contracts		-		-		726		726
Gas purchase contracts		-		1,205		19,927		21,132
Total		-		1,702		20,653		22,355
Liabilities:								
Derivative contracts								
Gas swap contracts		-		27		-		27
Gas option contracts		-		-		180		180
Gas purchase contracts		-		273		2,846		3,119
Total		-		300		3,026		3,326
Net assets	\$	-	\$	1,402	\$	17,627	\$	19,029

Derivative Contracts: The Company's Level 2 fair value derivative contracts primarily consist of over-the-counter ("OTC") gas swap contracts and gas purchase contracts with pricing inputs obtained from the New York Mercantile Exchange and the Intercontinental Exchange ("ICE"), except in cases where the ICE publishes seasonal averages or where there were no transactions within the last seven days. The Company may utilize discounting based on quoted interest rate curves, including consideration of non-performance risk, and may include a liquidity reserve calculated based on bid/ask spread for the Company's Level 2 derivative contracts. Substantially all of these price curves are observable in the marketplace throughout at least 95% of the remaining contractual quantity, or they could be constructed from market observable curves with correlation coefficients of 95% or higher.

The Company's Level 3 fair value derivative contracts primarily consist of OTC gas option contracts and gas purchase contracts, which are valued based on internally-developed models. Industry-standard valuation techniques, such as the Black-Scholes pricing model, Monte Carlo simulation, and Financial Engineering Associates libraries are used for valuing such instruments. A derivative is designated Level 3 when it is valued based on a forward curve that is internally developed, extrapolated or derived from market observable curves with correlation coefficients less than 95%, where optionality is present, or if non-economic assumptions are made. The internally developed forward curves have a high level of correlation with Platts Mark-to-Market curves and are reviewed by the middle office. The Company considers non-performance risk and liquidity risk in the valuation of derivative contracts categorized in Level 2 and Level 3.

Changes in Level 3 Derivative Contracts

	Years Ended	l March	31,
	2015	2014	
	(in thousand	lars)	
Balance as of the beginning of the year	\$ 17,627	\$	14,314
Total gains or losses included in regulatory assets and liabilities	11,250		9,330
Settlements	(2,625)		(6,017)
Balance as of the end of the year	\$ 26,252	\$	17,627

A transfer into Level 3 represents existing assets or liabilities that were previously categorized at a higher level for which the inputs became unobservable during the year. A transfer out of Level 3 represents assets and liabilities that were previously classified as Level 3 for which the inputs became observable based on the criteria discussed previously for classification in Level 2. These transfers, which are recognized at the end of each period, result from changes in the observability of forward curves from the beginning to the end of each reporting period. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, and no transfers into or out of Level 3, during the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014 or 2013.

Quantitative Information About Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following tables provide information about the Company's Level 3 valuations:

Commodity	Level 3 Position	Fair V	alue as	of March 3	1. 20	15	Valuation Technique(s)	Significant Unobservable Input	Range
		<u>Assets</u>		abilities)	, -	<u>Total</u>			
		(in thou	sands of dolla	rs)				
	Purchase						Discounted		\$0.959 -
Gas	contracts Cross	\$ 31,361	\$	(9,937)	\$	21,424	Cash Flow	Forward Curve (A)	\$3.087/dth
	commodity						Discounted		\$17.47 -
Gas	contracts	4,890		-		4,890	Cash Flow	Forward Curve	\$378.51/dth
	Option						Discounted		
Gas	contracts	 -		(62)		(62)	Cash Flow	Implied Volatility	34% - 41%
	Total	\$ 36,251	\$	(9,999)	\$	26,252			

(A) Includes deals with valuation assumptions on gas supply.

	Level 3						Valuation	Significant	
Commodity	Position	Fair Va	alue as	of March 3	1, 20	14	Technique(s)	Unobservable Input	Range
		<u>Assets</u>	<u>(Li</u>	abilities)		<u>Total</u>			
		(in thou	sands of dolla	rs)				
	Purchase						Discounted		\$2.709 -
Gas	contracts	\$ 16,880	\$	(2,846)	\$	14,034	Cash Flow	Forward Curve (A)	\$14.056/dth
	Cross								
	commodity						Discounted		\$43.19 -
Gas	contracts	3,047		-		3,047	Cash Flow	Forward Curve	\$84.28/dth
	Option						Discounted		
Gas	contracts	 726		(180)		546	Cash Flow	Implied Volatility	29% - 31%
	Total	\$ 20,653	\$	(3,026)	\$	17,627			

(A) Includes deals with valuation assumptions on gas supply.

The significant unobservable inputs listed above would have a direct impact on the fair values of the Level 3 instruments if they were adjusted. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's gas purchase and gas option derivatives are forward commodity prices, both gas and electric, implied volatility and valuation assumptions pertaining to peaking gas deals based on forward gas curves. A relative change in commodity price at various locations underlying the open positions can result in significantly different fair value estimates.

Other Fair Value Measurements

The Company's balance sheets reflect long-term debt at amortized cost. The fair value of the Company's long-term debt was based on quoted market prices when available, or estimated using quoted market prices for similar debt. The fair value of this debt at March 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$771.2 million and \$696.9 million, respectively.

All other financial instruments in the accompanying balance sheets such as accounts receivable, accounts payable, and the intercompany money pool are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Company participates with certain other KeySpan subsidiaries in qualified and non-qualified non-contributory defined benefit plans (the "Pension Plans") and a PBOP plan (together with the Pension Plans (the "Plans")), covering substantially all employees.

The Pension Plans provide union employees, as well as all non-union employees hired before January 1, 2011, with a retirement benefit. Supplemental non-qualified, non-contributory executive retirement programs provide additional defined pension benefits for certain executives. The PBOP plan provides health care and life insurance coverage to eligible retired employees. Eligibility is based on age and length of service requirements and, in most cases, retirees must contribute to the cost of their coverage.

During the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Company made contributions of approximately \$23 million, \$27 million, and \$29.1 million, respectively, to the Plans.

The Plans' assets are commingled and cannot be specifically allocated to an individual company. The Plans' costs are first directly charged to the Company based on the Company's employees that participate in the Plans. Costs associated with affiliated service companies' employees are then allocated as part of the labor burden for work performed on the Company's behalf. In addition, certain changes in the funded status of the Plans are also allocated based on the employees associated with the Company through an intercompany payable account and are presented as postretirement benefits in

the accompanying balance sheets. Pension and PBOP expenses are included in operations and maintenance expense in the accompanying statements of income.

KeySpan's unfunded obligations at March 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	March 31,					
		2015	2014			
		(in thousand				
Pension	\$	1,005,558	\$	704,169		
PBOP		985,669		916,706		
	\$	1,991,227	\$	1,620,875		

The Company's net pension and PBOP expenses directly charged and allocated from affiliated service companies, net of capital, for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 are as follows:

	Years Ended March 31,							
	2	015		2014		2013		
		(1	in thous	ands of dollars	5)			
Pension	\$	11,466	\$	11,465	\$	11,284		
PBOP		13,863		13,863		13,877		
	\$	25,329	\$	25,328	\$	25,161		

Defined Contribution Plan

NGUSA has a defined contribution pension plan that covers substantially all employees, The Company recognized an expense in the accompanying statements of income of \$0.3 million for matching contributions, for each of the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

Other Benefits

At March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had accrued workers compensation, auto, and general insurance claims which have been incurred but not yet reported of \$9.4 million and \$11.3 million, respectively.

9. CAPITALIZATION

Debt Maturities

The aggregate maturities of long-term debt for the years subsequent to March 31, 2015 are as follows:

(in thousands of dollars)	
Years Ending March 31,	
2016	\$ -
2017	100,000
2018	-
2019	-
2020	-
Thereafter	500,000
Total	\$ 600,000

Dividend Restrictions

Pursuant to the NYPSC's orders, the ability of the Company to pay dividends to KeySpan is conditioned upon maintenance of a utility capital structure with debt not exceeding 58% of total utility capitalization. At March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company was in compliance with the utility capital structure required by the NYPSC. In accordance with the NYPSC order approving the acquisition of KeySpan, the Company is permitted to declare dividends to the extent of retained earnings accumulated since the date of acquisition plus unappropriated retained earnings, unappropriated undistributed earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income existing immediately prior to the date of acquisition. At the date of acquisition, the balance of retained earnings of the Company existing immediately prior of \$478.6 million was reclassified into additional paid-in capital.

Preferred Stock

In connection with the acquisition of KeySpan by NGUSA, the Company became subject to a requirement to issue a class of preferred stock, having one share (the "Golden Share"), subordinate to any existing preferred stock. The holder of the Golden Share would have voting rights that limit the Company's right to commence any voluntary bankruptcy, liquidation, receivership or similar proceeding without the consent of the holder of the Golden Share. The NYPSC subsequently authorized the issuance of the Golden Share to a trustee, GSS Holdings, Inc. ("GSS"), who will hold the Golden Share subject to a Services and Indemnity Agreement requiring GSS to vote the Golden Share in the best interests of New York State. On July 8, 2011, the Company issued the Golden Share with a par value of \$1.

10.INCOME TAXES

Components of Income Tax Expense

		Years	Ended March	31,					
	2015		2014		2013				
(in thousands of dollars)									
\$	23,659	\$	(11,684)	\$	(4,312)				
	334		225		3,612				
	23,993		(11,459)		(700)				
	3,290		35,278		29,396				
	7,366		3,598		4,855				
	10,656		38,876		34,251				
\$	34,649	\$	27,417	\$	33,551				
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Statutory Rate Reconciliation

The Company's effective tax rates for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 are 41.1%, 37.6%, and 41.6%, respectively. The following table presents a reconciliation of income tax expense at the federal statutory tax rate of 35% to the actual tax expense:

		Ended Marcl	arch 31,			
		2015		2014		2013
		(in thous	ands of dollar	s)	
Computed tax	\$	29,520	\$	25,509	\$	28,244
Change in computed taxes resulting from:						
State income tax, net of federal benefit		5,004		2,484		5,504
Other items, net		125		(576)		(197)
Total		5,129		1,908		5,307
Federal and state income taxes	\$	34,649	\$	27,417	\$	33,551

The Company is included in the NGNA and subsidiaries consolidated federal income tax return. The Company has joint and several liability for any potential assessments against the consolidated group.

In September 2013, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued final tangible property regulations which provide guidance for the application of Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") §162(a) and IRC §263(a) to amounts paid to acquire, produce, or improve tangible property. In August 2014, the U.S. Department of the Treasury also finalized the depreciable property disposition regulations. Both sets of regulations become effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, which, for the Company, is the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015. The Company intends to adopt these regulations with its fiscal year 2015 federal tax return and has estimated a favorable §481(a) adjustment of \$2.9 million related to dispositions of depreciable property.

On March 31, 2014, New York's legislature enacted, as part of the 2014-15 budget package, legislation which included significant tax changes. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, the New York corporate franchise rate is reduced from 7.1% to 6.5%. Additionally, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, New York State will generally require combined reporting if the taxpayer is engaged in a unitary business and a 50% common ownership test is met. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority surcharge rate increased from 17% to 25.6% of the New York rate for taxable years beginning after 2014 and before 2016. For subsequent years, the rate is to be adjusted by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. As of March 31, 2014, the Company remeasured its New York State deferred tax assets and liabilities based upon the enacted law that will apply when the corresponding state temporary differences are expected to be realized or settled. Specifically, to reflect the decrease in tax rate, the Company decreased its New York State deferred tax liability by \$6.2 million with an offset to regulatory liabilities. During the year ended March 31, 2015, the Company updated the impact of the tax rate change and increased its New York State deferred tax liability by \$0.1 million with an offset to regulatory liabilities.

Deferred Tax Components

	March 31,					
		2015	2014			
	(in thousands of dollars)					
Deferred tax assets:						
Environmental remediation costs	\$	28,348	\$	30,509		
Future federal benefit on state taxes		36,002		36,343		
Net operating losses		32,743		22,866		
Postretirement benefits and other employee benefits		130,385		93,787		
Regulatory liabilities - other		115,627		93,744		
Other items		21,275		21,564		
Total deferred tax assets ⁽¹⁾		364,380		298,813		
Deferred tax liabilities:						
Property related differences		779,761		707,771		
Regulatory assets - environmental response costs		114,297		123,644		
Regulatory assets - other		100,923		100,125		
Other items		23,197		27,244		
Total deferred tax liabilities		1,018,178		958,784		
Net deferred income tax liabilities		653,798		659,971		
Current portion of deferred income tax (assets) liabilities, net		(12,431)		16,377		
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	\$	666,229	\$	643,594		

 $^{^{(1)}}$ There were no valuation allowances for deferred tax assets at March 31, 2015 or 2014.

The following table presents the amounts and expiration dates of operating losses as of March 31, 2015:

Expiration of net operating losses:	Federal			
	(in thousands of dollars)			
3/31/2029	\$	43,551		
3/31/2030		8,523		
3/31/2032		24,583		
3/31/2033		14,757		
3/31/2034		78,503		
Expiration of state and city net operating losses:		NYS		
	(in thousands of dollars)			
3/31/2035	\$ 178,670			

Unrecognized Tax Benefits

As of March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company's unrecognized tax benefits totaled \$60.2 million and \$64.5 million, respectively, of which \$0.7 million would affect the effective tax rate, if recognized. The unrecognized tax benefits are included in other non-current liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets.

The following table presents changes to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits:

	Years Ended March 31,							
	2015		2014			2013		
Balance as of the beginning of the year			(in thousands of dollars)					
		64,525	\$	102,918	\$	92,618		
Gross increases - tax positions in prior periods		-		9,937		2,364		
Gross decreases - tax positions in prior periods		(12,079)		(13,491)		(421)		
Gross increases - current period tax positions		7,774		9,271		10,769		
Gross decreases - current period tax positions		(12)		(12)		(407)		
Settlements with tax authorities		-		(44,098)		(2,005)		
Balance as of the end of the year	\$	60,208	\$	64,525	\$	102,918		

As of March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company has accrued for interest related to unrecognized tax benefits of \$1 million and \$4.5 million, respectively. During the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, the Company recorded an increase in interest expense of \$4.2 million, a reduction to interest expense of \$0.6 million, and an increase in interest expense of \$4.7 million, respectively. The Company recognizes interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in other interest, including affiliate interest and related penalties, if applicable, in other deductions, net, in the accompanying statements of income. No tax penalties were recognized during the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, or 2013.

It is reasonably possible that other events will occur during the next twelve months that would cause the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to increase or decrease. However, the Company does not believe any such increases or decreases would be material to its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

During the year ended March 31, 2014, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") concluded its examination of the NGNA consolidated filing group's corporate income tax returns, which includes corporate income tax returns of KeySpan Corporation and subsidiaries for the short period ended August 24, 2007, and of NGNA and subsidiaries for the periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2009. These examinations were completed on March 27, 2014 and March 31, 2014, respectively, with an agreement on the majority of income tax issues for the years referenced above, as well as an acknowledgment that certain discrete items remain disputed. NGNA is in the process of appealing these disputed issues with the IRS Office of Appeals. The Company does not anticipate a change in its unrecognized tax positions in the next twelve months as a result of the appeals. However, pursuant to the Company's tax sharing agreement, the audit or appeals may result in a change to allocated tax. The tax returns for the years ended March 31, 2010 through March 31, 2015 remain subject to examination by the IRS.

The State of New York is in the process of examining the Company's New York State income tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2003 through March 31, 2008. The tax returns for the years ended March 31, 2009 through March 31, 2015 remain subject to examination by the State of New York.

The following table indicates the earliest tax year subject to examination for each major jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction	Tax Year
Federal	August 24, 2007*
New York	December 31, 2003

^{*}The KeySpan consolidated filing group for the tax year ended August 24, 2007 and the NGNA consolidated filing group for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2008 and 2009, are in the process of appealing certain disputed issues with the IRS Office of Appeals.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The normal ongoing operations and historic activities of the Company are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. Under federal and state Superfund laws, potential liability for the historic contamination of property may be imposed on responsible parties jointly and severally, without regard to fault, even if the activities were lawful when they occurred.

The Company has identified numerous MGP sites and related facilities, which were owned or operated by the Company or its predecessors. These former sites, some of which are no longer owned by the Company, have been identified to the NYPSC and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") for inclusion on appropriate site inventories. Administrative Orders on Consent ("ACO") or Voluntary Cleanup Agreements have been executed with the DEC to address the investigation and remediation activities associated with certain sites. Expenditures incurred for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$14.4 million, \$38.3 million, and \$35.5 million, respectively.

Upon the acquisition of KeySpan by NGUSA, the Company recognized its environmental liabilities at fair value. The fair values included discounting of the reserve, which is being accreted over the period for which remediation is expected to occur. Following the acquisition, these environmental liabilities are recognized in accordance with the current accounting guidance for environmental obligations.

The Company estimated the remaining costs of environmental remediation activities were \$65.5 million and \$70.4 million at March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Company's environmental obligation is discounted at a rate of 6.5%; the undiscounted amount of environmental liabilities at March 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$82.7 million and \$87.8 million, respectively. These costs are expected to be incurred over approximately 40 years, and the discounted amounts have been recorded as reserves in the accompanying balance sheets. However, remediation costs for each site may be materially higher than estimated, depending on changing technologies and regulatory standards, selected end use for each site, and actual environmental conditions encountered. The Company has recovered amounts from certain insurers, and, where appropriate, the Company may seek recovery from other insurers and from other potentially responsible parties, but it is uncertain whether, and to what extent, such efforts will be successful.

By rate orders, the NYPSC has provided for the recovery of SIR costs. Accordingly, as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company has recorded net environmental regulatory assets of \$223.1 million and \$272.3 million, respectively.

The Company believes that its ongoing operations, and its approach to addressing conditions at historic sites, are in substantial compliance with all applicable environmental laws, and that the obligations imposed on it because of the environmental laws will not have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position since, as noted above, environmental expenditures incurred by the Company are recoverable from customers.

12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Purchase Commitments

The Company has long-term commitments with a variety of suppliers and pipelines to purchase gas supply, gas storage capability, and transportation of gas on interstate gas pipelines. The Company is liable for these payments regardless of the level of services required from third-parties.

The Company's commitments under these long-term contracts for the years subsequent to March 31, 2015 are summarized in the table below:

(in thousands of dollars)	of dollars)					
Years Ending March 31,		Gas		Gas Expend		enditures
2016	\$	284,796	\$	4,854		
2017		271,006		-		
2018		243,666		-		
2019		183,258		-		
2020		140,086		-		
Thereafter		670,039		-		
Total	\$	1,792,851	\$	4,854		

Legal Matters

Several lawsuits have been filed that allege damages resulting from contamination associated with the historic operations of a former MGP located in Bay Shore. The Company has been conducting a remediation at Bay Shore pursuant to an ACO with the New York State DEC. The Company intends to contest each of the lawsuits vigorously.

The Company continues to pursue a number of refund claims with respect to garbage and other taxes levied on the Company by local authorities on Long Island, most significantly Nassau County.

In addition to the matters described above, the Company is subject to various legal proceedings arising out of the ordinary course of its business. The Company does not consider any of such proceedings to be material, individually or in the aggregate, to its business or likely to result in a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

SuperStorm Sandy

In October 2012, SuperStorm Sandy hit the northeastern U.S. affecting energy supply to customers in the Company's service territory. Total costs associated with gas customer service restoration from this storm (including capital expenditures) through March 31, 2014 were approximately \$135 million.

The Company had recorded an "other receivable" in the accompanying balance sheets in the amount of \$39 million as of March 31, 2014, relating to claims filed against its property damage insurance policy, net of insurance deductibles, allowances, and advance payments received. In December 2014, NGUSA reached a final settlement with its insurers, of which the Company's allocated portion was \$102.1 million (inclusive of advance payments of \$54.2 million), and received final payment for the remaining amounts due. This resulted in the Company recognizing a gain of \$8.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2015, recorded as a reduction to operations and maintenance expense in the accompanying statements of income.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Accounts Receivable from and Accounts Payable to Affiliates

NGUSA and its affiliates provide various services to the Company, including executive and administrative, customer services, financial (including accounting, auditing, risk management, tax, and treasury/finance), human resources, information technology, legal and strategic planning, that are charged between the companies and charged to each company.

The Company records short-term receivables from, and payables to, certain of its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. The amounts receivable from, and payable to, its affiliates do not bear interest and are settled through the intercompany money pool. A summary of net outstanding accounts receivable from affiliates and accounts payable to affiliates is as follows:

	Accounts Receivable from Affiliates				Accounts Payable to Affiliates			
	March 31, 2015 2014			March 31, 2015 2014				
	(in thousands of dollars)			(in thousands of dollars)				
Brooklyn Union Gas Company	\$	6,005	\$	_	\$	_	\$	10,034
KeySpan Corporation		18,130		27,279		-		-
NG Electric Services, LLC		-		-		3,847		3,652
NGUSA Service Company		-		-		5,036		69,594
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation		469		-		-		1,085
Other		1,212		1,411		1,081		1,747
Total	\$	25,816	\$	28,690	\$	9,964	\$	86,112

Intercompany Money Pool

The settlement of the Company's various transactions with NGUSA and certain affiliates generally occurs via the intercompany money pool in which it participates. The Company is a participant in the Regulated Money Pool and can both borrow and invest funds. Borrowings from the Regulated Money Pool bear interest in accordance with the terms of the Regulated Money Pool Agreement. As the Company fully participates in the Regulated Money Pool rather than settling intercompany charges with cash, all changes in the intercompany money pool balance and accounts receivable from affiliates and accounts payable to affiliates balances are reflected as investing or financing activities in the accompanying statements of cash flows. In addition, for the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, it is assumed all amounts settled through intercompany money pool are constructive cash receipts and payments, and therefore are presented as such.

The Regulated Money Pool is funded by operating funds from participants. Collectively, NGUSA and KeySpan, have the ability to borrow up to \$3 billion from National Grid plc for working capital needs including funding of the intercompany money pools, if necessary. The Company had short-term intercompany money pool borrowings of \$527.1 million and \$551.6 million at March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The average interest rates for the intercompany money pool were 0.3%, 0.7% and 1.5% for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Service Company Charges

The affiliated service companies of NGUSA provide certain services to the Company at their cost. The service company costs are generally allocated to associated companies through a tiered approach. First and foremost, costs are directly charged to the benefited company whenever practicable. Secondly, in cases where direct charging cannot be readily determined, costs are allocated using cost/causation principles linked to the relationship of that type of service, such as number of employees, number of customers/meters, capital expenditures, value of property owned, total transmission and distribution expenditures. Lastly, when a specific cost/causation principle is not determinable, costs are allocated based on a general allocator determined using a 3-point formula based on net margin, net property, plant and equipment, and operations and maintenance expense.

Net charges from the service companies of NGUSA to the Company for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$255.7 million, \$253.4 million and \$123.6 million, respectively.

Holding Company Charges

NGUSA received charges from National Grid Commercial Holdings Limited (an affiliated company in the U.K.) for certain corporate and administrative services provided by the corporate functions of National Grid plc to its U.S. subsidiaries. These charges, which are recorded on the books of NGUSA, have not been reflected in these financial statements. The estimated effect on net income would be \$3.6 million, \$4.2 million, and \$3 million before taxes and \$2.2 million, \$2.8 million, and \$2 million after taxes, for the years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, if these amounts were allocated to the Company.