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## **Nantucket Electric Company**

Financial Statements For the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010

## NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

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### Report of Independent Auditors

To the Stockholder and Board of Directors of Nantucket Electric Company:

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and related statements of income, of comprehensive income, of capitalization and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nantucket Electric Company (the "Company") at March 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Nantucket Electric Company engages in significant transactions with Massachusetts Electric Company.

June 24, 2011

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## NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY **BALANCE SHEETS**

(in thousands of dollars, except per share and

number of shares data)	March 31,			
		2011		2010
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	162	\$	74
Restricted cash		55		55
Intercompany moneypool		14,975		2,875
Accounts receivable		5,298		5,125
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(98)		(91)
Accounts receivable from affiliates, net		1,885		3,110
Unbilled revenues		926		874
Materials and supplies, at average cost		258		161
Prepaid and other current assets		14		5,558
Current deferred income tax assets		3,545		2,768
Total current assets		27,020		20,509
Property, plant, and equipment, net		71,143		71,696
Deferred charges				
Regulatory assets		6,858		7,357
Goodwill		15,706		15,706
Other deferred charges		1,911		2,077
Total deferred charges		24,475	-	25,140
Total assets	<b>\$</b>	122,638	\$	117,345

## NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY **BALANCE SHEETS**

(in thousands of dollars, except per share and

(in thousands of dollars, except per share and number of shares data)	March 31,		
	2011	2010	
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,054	
Current portion of long-term debt	250	230	
Taxes and interest accrued	241	81	
Customer deposits	75	53	
Regulatory liabilities	12,895	11,228	
Other current liabilities	506	371	
Total current liabilities	15,315	13,017	
Deferred credits and other liabilities			
Regulatory liabilities	2,070	2,048	
Deferred income tax liabilities	11,801	11,499	
Postretirement benefits and other reserves	4,065	3,166	
Other deferred liabilities	2,830	2,583	
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	20,766	19,296	
Capitalization			
Common stock (par value \$1 per share, issued			
1,200 shares and 1 share outstanding)	-	-	
Additional paid-in capital	22,475	22,475	
Retained earnings	11,583	9,802	
Accumulated other comprehensive losses	(76)	(24)	
Total stockholder's equity	33,982	32,253	
Long-term debt	52,575	52,779	
Total capitalization	86,557	85,032	
Total liabilities and capitalization	\$ 122,638	\$ 117,345	
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## NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands of dollars)		Years Ended March 31,			
		2011		2010	
Operating revenues	\$	24,349	\$	24,997	
Operating expenses					
Electricity purchased for resale		9,716		11,348	
Operations and maintenance		6,810		5,498	
Depreciation		3,124		3,647	
Other expenses		652		630	
Total operating expenses	20,302		21,12		
Operating income	4,047			3,874	
Other income and (deductions)					
Interest on long-term debt	(1,043)			(811)	
Other interest, including affiliate interest		(114)		(175)	
Other (deductions) income		(33)		124	
Total other deductions		(1,190)		(862)	
Income taxes					
Current	1,557		(3,326)		
Deferred	(481)		4,722		
Total income taxes		1,076		1,396	
Net income	<b>\$</b>	1,781	\$	1,616	

## NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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Materials and supplies (97)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses 285	(456	
Prepaid taxes and accruals 5,793	(3,357	
Accounts receivable from affiliates, net 1,225	(2,986	
Other, net 406	(453	
Net cash provided by operating activities 14,960	4,389	
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures (2,330)	(2,129	
Intercompany moneypool (12,100)	(1,700	
Other, including cost of removal (212)	(317	
Net cash used in investing activities (14,642)	(4,146	
Financing activities:		
Payments on long-term debt obligation (230)	(210	
Net cash used in financing activities (230)	(210	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 88	33	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year 74	41	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year \$ 162 \$	74	
Supplemental information:		
Interest paid \$ 512 \$	871	
Taxes refunded from Parent \$ (4,263) \$	0/1	
Capital-related accruals included in accounts payable \$ 9 \$	ç	

## NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in thousands of dollars) Years End			ded Marc	ed March 31,		
		2011		2010		
Net income	\$	1,781	\$	1,616		
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes:						
Unrealized gains on investments		23		67		
Change in pension and other postretirement obligations	(58)			765		
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income	(17)		(10)			
Change in other comprehensive (loss) income		(52)	<u> </u>	822		
Total comprehensive income		1,729		2,438		
Related tax (expense) benefit:						
Unrealized gains on investments	\$	(16)	\$	(45)		
Change in pension and other postretirement obligations		39		(510)		
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income		12		7		
Total tax benefit (expense)	\$	35	\$	(548)		

### STATEMENTS OF CAPITALIZATION

(in thousands of dollars, except per share and	l number of share	es data)	Ma	arch 31		
	2011	2010		2011	2010	
Stockholder's equity	Shares Issued and Outstanding			Amounts		
Common stock, \$1 par value	1	1	\$	-	\$ -	
Additional paid-in capital				22,475	22,475	
Retained earnings				11,583	9,802	
Accumulated other comprehensive losses				(76)	(24)	
Total stockholder's equity			\$	33,982	\$32,253	
Long-term debt	Interest Rate	Maturity Date		Amou	nts	
State authority financing bonds						
2016 Series 1996 MIFA Tax exempt	Variable	March 1, 2016	\$	1,525	\$ 1,755	
2004 \$10 Million MIFA Tax exempt	Variable	March 1, 2039		10,000	10,000	
2005 \$28 Million MIFA Tax exempt	Variable	December 1, 2040		28,000	28,000	
2007 \$13.3 Million 1996 MDFA Tax exempt	Variable	August 1, 2042		13,300	13,300	
Unamortized discounts				-	(46)	
Total long-term debt				52,825	53,009	
Long-term debt due within a year				250	230	
Total long-term debt, excluding current por	tion			52,575	52,779	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

86,557

\$85,032

**Total capitalization** 

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Nature of Operations

Nantucket Electric Company (the "Company", "we", "us" and "our") is an electric retail distribution company providing electric service to approximately 13,000 customers on the Island of Nantucket.

The Company 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 an indirectly-owned subsidiary of National Grid plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

The Company's accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), including the accounting principles for rate-regulated entities, and are in accordance with the accounting requirements and ratemaking practices of the applicable regulatory authorities.

The accounts of the Company are maintained in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed by the regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### C. Regulatory Accounting

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities ("DPU") provide the final determination of the rates the Company charges our customers. In certain cases, the actions of the FERC, or the DPU would result in an accounting treatment different from that used by non-regulated companies to determine the rates the Company charges our customers. In this case, the Company is required to defer the recognition of costs (a regulatory asset) or the recognition of obligations (a regulatory liability) if it is probable that, through the rate-making process, there will be a corresponding increase or decrease in future rates.

In the event the Company determines that its net regulatory assets are not probable of recovery, the Company would be required to record an after-tax, non-cash charge against income for any remaining regulatory assets and liabilities. The impact could be material to the Company's reported financial condition and results of operations.

### D. Revenue Recognition

Revenues are based on billing rates authorized by the DPU and the allowed distribution revenue as approved by the DPU in relation to the revenue decoupling mechanism ("RDM") in place. The RDM allows for annual adjustments to the Company's distribution rates as a result of incremental capital investment and the reconciliation between allowed revenue and billed revenue. Any difference between the allowed revenue and the billed revenue is recorded as a regulatory asset or liability. The Company follows the policy of accruing the estimated amount of base rate revenue for electricity delivered but not yet billed ("unbilled revenues"), to match costs and revenues more closely. The unbilled revenues at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 were approximately \$0.9 million. The Company defers for future recovery from or refunds to electric customers the difference between revenue and expenses from energy conservation programs, basic service, transmission service, contract termination charges ("CTC"), and other charges.

During the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, 70% and 69% of the Company's revenue from the delivery of electricity was derived from residential customers and 30% and 31% from commercial customers, respectively.

#### E. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at original cost. The cost of additions to property, plant and equipment and replacements of retirement units of property are capitalized. Costs include direct material, labor, overhead and the allowance for funds used during construction ("AFUDC"). Replacement of minor items of property, plant and equipment and the cost of current repairs and maintenance are charged to expense. Whenever property, plant and equipment is retired, its original cost, together with the cost of removal, less salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation.

#### F. Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchases price of a business combination over the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired, net of the fair value of liabilities assumed and the fair value of any non-controlling interest in the acquisition. The Company tests goodwill for impairment on an annual basis and, on an interim basis when certain events or circumstances exist.

The goodwill impairment analysis is comprised of two steps. In the first step, the Company compares the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value. The Company can consider both an income-based approach using projected discounted cash flows and a market-based approach using valuation multiples of comparable companies to determine fair value. The Company's estimate of fair value of each reporting unit is based on a number of subjective factors including: (i) the appropriate weighting of valuation approaches (income-based approach and market-based approach), (ii) estimates of the future revenue and cash flow, (iii) discount rate for estimated cash flows, (iv) selection of peer group companies for the market-based approach, (v) required levels of working capital, (vi) assumed terminal value, (vii) the time horizon of cash flow forecasts and (viii) control premium.

If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the unit, goodwill is not considered impaired and no further analysis is required to be performed. If the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value, then a second step is performed to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, then an impairment charge equal to the difference is recorded.

The Company utilizes a discounted cash flow approach incorporating its most recent business plan forecasts together with a projected terminal year calculation in the performance of the annual goodwill impairment test. Critical assumptions used in the Company's analysis include a discount rate of 5.9% and a terminal year growth rate of 2.4% based upon expected long-term average growth rates. Within its calculation of forecasted returns, the Company made certain assumptions with respect to the amount of pension and environmental costs to be recovered in future periods. Should the Company not continue to receive the same level of recovery in these areas, the result could be a reduction in fair value of the Company, which in turn could give rise to an impairment of goodwill. Our forecasts assume long-term recovery and rate of returns that are in line with historical levels within the utility industry. The resulting fair value of the annual analysis determined that no adjustment of the goodwill carrying value was required at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010

#### G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company classifies short-term investments that are highly liquid and have maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase as cash equivalents. These short-term investments are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

#### H. Restricted Cash

Restricted cash includes special deposits that the Company is required to have for property, health insurance and worker's compensation insurance.

#### I. Income Taxes

Federal and state income taxes are recorded under the current accounting provisions for the accounting and reporting of income taxes. 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 reflect the tax effect of net operating losses, capital losses and general business credit carryforwards and the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial statement and income tax purposes, as determined under enacted tax laws and rates. 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. Additionally, the Company follows the current accounting guidance relating to uncertainty in income taxes which applies to all income tax positions reflected on the Company's balance sheets that have been included in previous tax returns or are expected to be included in future tax returns.

#### J. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

In spite of the addition of the pension tracker, comprehensive income (loss) is the change in the equity of a company, not including those changes that result from stockholder transactions. While the primary component of comprehensive income (loss) is reported net income or loss, the lesser components of comprehensive income (loss) are unrealized gains and losses associated with certain investments held as available for sale and changes in pension and other postretirement obligations.

#### K. Employee Benefits

The Company follows certain accounting guidance related to the accounting for defined benefit pension and postretirement plans which requires employers to fully recognize all postretirement plans' funded status on the balance sheet as a net liability or asset and required an offsetting adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity upon implementation or, in the case of regulated enterprise, to regulatory assets or liabilities. Consistent with past practice and as required by the guidance, the Company values its pension and other postretirement benefits other than pension ("PBOP") assets using the year-end market value of those assets. Benefit obligations are also measured at year-end.

#### L. Fair Value Measurements

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 into three levels as follows:

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

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

#### M. Materials and Supplies

Materials and supplies are stated primarily at the lower of cost or market value under the average cost method. The Company's policy is to write off obsolete materials and supplies.

#### N. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In the preceding twelve months, the Financial Accounting Standard Board ("FASB") has issued numerous updates to GAAP. The Company has evaluated various guidelines and has either deemed them as not applicable based on its nature of operations or has implemented the new standards. A discussion of the more significant and relevant updates is as follows:

#### Prospective Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2011, the FASB issued accounting guidance that eliminated the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. This update seeks to improve financial statement users' ability to understand the causes of an entity's change in financial position and results of operations. The Company is now required to consecutively present the statement of income and statement of comprehensive income and also present reclassification adjustments from other comprehensive income to net income on the face of the financial statements. This update does not change the items that are reported in other comprehensive income or any reclassification of items to net income. Additionally, the update does not change an entity's option to present components of other comprehensive income net of or before related tax effects. This guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years, and interim periods within that year, beginning after December 15, 2011, and it is to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect adoption of this guidance to have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2011, the FASB issued accounting guidance that substantially amended existing guidance with respect to the fair value measurement topic ("the Topic"). The guidance seeks to amend the Topic in order to achieve common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. Consequently, the guidance changes the wording used to describe many of the requirements in GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements as well as changing specific applications of the Topic. Some of the amendments clarify the FASB's intent about the application of existing fair value measurement requirements. Other amendments change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements including, but not limited to, fair value measurement of a portfolio of financial instruments, fair value measurement of premiums and discounts and additional disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The early adoption of this guidance is not permitted and can only be applied prospectively. The Company is currently determining the potential impact of the guidance on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In March 2011, the FASB issued updated guidance over the agreements between two entities to transfer financial assets. Prior to this update, an entity could recognize this transfer when it was deemed that the transferee had effective control over the transferred asset, specifically whether the entity has the ability to repurchase substantially the same asset based on the transferor's collateral. This accounting update evaluates the effectiveness of the entity's control by focusing on the transferor's contractual rights and obligations as opposed to the entity's ability to perform on those rights and obligations. This update also eliminates the requirement to demonstrate that the transferor possesses adequate collateral to fund substantially all the cost of purchasing replacement financial assets. This guidance is treated prospectively and effective for annual or interim reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011. The Company does not expect adoption of this guidance to have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2010, the FASB issued an accounting update to address inconsistencies in the application of accounting guidance related to reporting pro forma revenue and earnings of business combinations. This update is effective for entities who entered into an acquisition and whose acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010. This disclosure requires revenue and earnings of the combined entity to be disclosed as though the combination had occurred at the beginning of the prior reporting period. The supplemental disclosure related to this activity now is required to provide a description of the nature and amount of material, nonrecurring pro forma adjustments directly attributable to the business combination. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2010, the FASB issued an accounting update that modified the goodwill impairment procedures necessary for entities with zero or negative carrying value. The FASB created this guidance to require entities to complete Step 2 of the impairment test, which requires the entity to assess whether or not it was likely that impairment existed throughout the period. To do this, an entity should consider whether there were adverse qualitative factors throughout the period that would contribute to impairment. This update is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2010, the FASB issued updated guidance that provides for scope exceptions applicable to financial instrument contracts with embedded credit derivative features. This FASB guidance is effective for financial statements issued for interim periods beginning after June 15, 2010. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates new and existing transactions and agreements to determine whether they are derivatives, or have provisions that meet the characteristics of embedded derivatives. Those transactions designated for any of the elective accounting treatments for derivatives must meet specific, restrictive criteria, both at the time of designation and on an ongoing basis. None of the financial instrument contracts or credit agreements the Company has entered were identified and designated as meeting the criteria for derivative or embedded derivative treatment. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In February 2010, the FASB issued an amendment to certain recognition and disclosure requirements for events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The amendment applies to both issued financial statements and financial statements revised as a result of either a correction of an error or retrospective application of GAAP. The new provisions require non-public entities to disclose both the date that the financial statements were issued, or available to be issued, and the date the revised financial statements were issued or available to be issued. The amendment is effective for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2010. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In January 2010, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting guidance for fair value measurements that will provide for additional disclosures about (a) the different classes of assets and liabilities measured at fair value, (b) the valuation techniques and inputs used, (c) the activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, and (d) the transfers between Levels 1, 2, and 3. This FASB guidance is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows and appropriate disclosures are included in those accounts.

In June 2009, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting and disclosure requirements for transfers and servicing of financial assets and extinguishment of liabilities. The objective of the amendment is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial statements about a transfer of financial assets; and effects of a transfer on its financial position, financial

performance and cash flows; and transferor's continuing involvement, if any, in transferred financial assets. The new provisions must be applied as of the beginning of each reporting entity's first annual reporting period beginning after November 15, 2009 and are to be applied to transfers occurring on or after the date of adoption. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2009, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting and disclosure requirements for the consolidation of variable interest entities. The objective of the amendment is to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with variable interest entities and to provide more relevant and reliable information to users of financial statements. The amendment requires an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest or interests give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity. The new requirements shall be effective as of the beginning of each reporting entity's first annual reporting period that begins after November 15, 2009. The Company evaluated its variable interests and investments, and the adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2009, the FASB issued accounting guidance establishing the general standards of accounting for the disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. In particular, this FASB guidance requires enhanced disclosures about (a) events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements in the period after the balance sheet date, (b) circumstances under which an entity should recognize such events, and (c) date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events, including the basis for that date, and whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or available to be issued. The FASB guidance is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The Company adopted this standard for the reporting period beginning April 1, 2010 and noted no impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows due to the adoption of this standard.

#### **Note 2. Rates and Regulatory**

The following table presents the Company's regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities at March 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Marc	ch 31,
(in thousands of dollars)	2011	2010
Current regulatory assets in accounts receivable:		_
Rate adjustment mechanisms	\$ 3,976	\$ 3,756
Current regulatory liabilities	(12,895)	(11,228)
Total current regulatory liabilities, net	(8,919)	(7,472)
Non-current regulatory assets:		
Long-term portion of standard offer under-recovery	1,962	2,238
Unamortized losses on reacquired debt	478	561
Second cable deferral	1,160	2,294
Pension expenses	3,258	2,264_
Total non-current regulatory assets	6,858	7,357
Non-current regulatory liabilities:		
Regulatory tax liability	(621)	(623)
Postretirement benefits	(31)	(48)
Cost of removal	(1,332)	(1,315)
Other	(86)	(62)
Total non-current regulatory liabilities	(2,070)	(2,048)
Total non-current regulatory assets, net	4,788	5,309
Net regulatory liabilities	\$ (4,131)	\$ (2,163)

The regulatory items above are not included in the utility rate base.

#### Rate Matters

Rates for services rendered by the Company are subject to approval by the DPU. In May 2009, the Company with its affiliate Massachusetts Electric Company ("Massachusetts Electric"), filed an application for an increase of \$111.3 million in electric base distribution rates. In April 2010, the DPU approved an overall increase in base distribution revenue of approximately \$43.9 million based upon a 10.35% rate of return on equity and a 43.15% equity ratio. Approximately \$6.0 million of the increase relates to storm costs associated with restoration of service following an ice storm in December 2008.

In addition, the DPU approved, with modification, the RDM proposed by the Company, as well as the reconciliation of commodity-related bad debt and working capital, and pension and PBOP costs to actual costs. In November 2010 and subsequently revised in February 2011, the Company and Massachusetts Electric filed an application of approval under its RDM for recovery of \$2.6 million. In March 2011, the DPU opened a proceeding, as requested by the Massachusetts Attorney General Office, for an independent audit related to this filing to recover the revenue requirement associated with the 2009 capital investments. The DPU has not yet established the full scope of this proceeding.

This rate order also allowed recovery of non-capitalized pension and PBOP costs to occur outside of base rates through a separate factor. As a result, the Company is authorized to recover all pension and PBOP expenses from its customers. The difference in the costs of the Company's pension and PBOP plans from the amounts billed through this separate factor is deferred to a regulatory asset to be recovered or refunded over the following three years. Consequently in 2010, the Company reclassified accumulated other comprehensive income of \$1.2 million and related accumulated deferred income taxes of \$0.8 million to regulatory assets of \$2.0 million.

#### Other Regulatory Matters

In the general rate case involving the Company's Massachusetts gas distribution affiliates, the DPU opened an investigation to address the allocation and assignment of costs to the gas affiliates by the National Grid service companies. In June 2011, the Attorney General's Office requested DPU to increase the scope of the audit to address the allocation and assignment of costs to the Company by the National Grid service companies and to review the National Grid's cost allocation practices. The Company has agreed to expand the scope of the audit to its Massachusetts electric distribution companies. As of the date of this report, DPU has not yet established the full scope of the audit.

In January 2011, the DPU opened an investigation into the Company and Massachusetts Electric's preparation and response to a December 2010 winter storm. The DPU has the authority to issue fines not to exceed approximately \$0.3 million for each violation for each day that the violation persists. The maximum fine may not exceed \$20 million for any related series of violations. On June 7, 2011, the Company and the Attorney General's Office filed a proposed settlement with a total value of approximately \$1.0 million. The settlement requests DPU approval by August 1, 2011. The DPU has informed the Company and the AG that it will not rule on the settlement but will proceed with its initial investigation.

In November 2008, FERC commenced an audit of NGUSA, including its service companies and other affiliates in the National Grid holding company system. The audit evaluated our compliance with: 1) cross-subsidization restrictions on affiliate transactions; 2) accounting, recordkeeping and reporting requirements; 3) preservation of records requirements for holding companies and service companies; and 4) Uniform System of Accounts for centralized service companies. The final audit report from the FERC was received in February 2011. In April 2011, NGUSA replied to the FERC and outlined its plan to address the findings in the report, which we are currently in the process of implementing. None of the findings had a material impact on the financial statements of the Company.

In addition to the rates and tariffs put into effect following the rate case, the Company continues to be authorized to recover costs associated with the procurement of electricity for its customers, all transmission costs, and costs charged by the Company's affiliate New England Power ("NEP"), for stranded costs associated with NEP's former electric generation investments.

#### Green Communities Act

Pursuant to the Green Communities Act, in October 2009 the DPU approved the Company and Massachusetts Electric's proposal to construct, own, and operate approximately 5 megawatts ("MW") of solar generation on five separate properties owned by the Company and/or its affiliates in Dorchester, Everett, Haverhill, Revere, and a location on the Sutton/Northbridge border. The estimated total capital cost of the projects is approximately \$31 million. As each unit goes into service, the Company and Massachusetts Electric are allowed to recover the costs of each site with a return equal to the weighted average cost of capital approved by the DPU in the Company's most recent rate proceeding. The Company and Massachusetts Electric requested rate adjustments under this mechanism for the Sutton/Northbridge facility in August 2010 for recovery of approximately \$1.0 million, and for the Revere, Everett and Haverhill facilities in February 2011 for recovery of approximately \$2.5 million. In each instance, the DPU issued an order approving recovery subject to its ongoing review and further investigation and reconciliation of the Company's costs for the sites. The DPU has not yet issued a final order approving recovery for any of the sites. Construction of the Dorchester site is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

In May 2010, the Company and Massachusetts Electric announced that they entered into a 15-year PPA with Cape Wind Associates, LLC to purchase half of the energy, capacity and renewable energy credits generated by the proposed 468 MW offshore wind project at an adjusted price of 18.7 cents per kilowatt hour beginning in 2013 (escalated for inflation by 3.5% thereafter). In November 2010, the DPU approved the PPA including the Company's proposed cost recovery mechanism. The DPU's decision to approve the PPA has been appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts with oral arguments to be held in September 2011.

#### **Note 3. Employee Benefits**

#### Summary

The Company participates with certain other NGUSA subsidiaries in a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan and a PBOP plan (the "Plans").

The pension plan is a non-contributory, tax-qualified defined benefit plan which provides union employees with a retirement benefit and non-union employees hired before January 1, 2011 with a retirement benefit.

Supplemental nonqualified, non-contributory executive retirement programs provide additional defined pension benefits for certain executives.

PBOPs provide health care and life insurance coverage to eligible retired employees. Eligibility is based on certain age and length of service requirements and, in most cases, retirees must contribute to the cost of their coverage.

## Pension Benefits

The Company participates in the pension plans with certain other NGUSA subsidiaries. Pension plan assets are commingled and cannot be allocated to an individual company. Pension costs are allocated to the Company. At March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the pension plans of NGUSA have a net underfunded obligation of \$354.8 million and \$420.7 million, respectively. The Company's net periodic pension cost for the year ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 was approximately \$0.3 million.

#### **Defined Contribution Plan**

The Company has a defined contribution pension plan (employee savings fund plan) that covers substantially all employees. Employer matching contributions of approximately \$0.1 million was expensed for each of the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010.

#### Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension

The Company participates in the PBOP plans with certain other NGUSA subsidiaries. PBOP costs are allocated to the Company. The PBOP plans of NGUSA have a net underfunded obligation of \$401.6 million and \$477.3 million as of March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, respectively. The Company's net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 were \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

#### Health Care Reform Act

In March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 became law. These laws included provisions that resulted in the repeal, with effect from 2012, of the deduction for federal income tax purposes of the portion of the cost of an employer's retiree prescription drug coverage for which the employer received a benefit under the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. There is no consequential reduction in the deferred tax asset balance which results in a net charge to the income statement for the year ended March 31, 2010.

#### Workforce Reduction Program

In connection with National Grid plc's acquisition of KeySpan, National Grid plc and KeySpan offered 673 non-union employees a voluntary early retirement offer ("VERO") in an effort to reduce the workforce. Eligible employees must have been working in a targeted area as of April 13, 2007 and be at least 52 years of age with seven or more years of service as of September 30, 2007. For eligible employees who have elected to accept the VERO offer, National Grid plc and KeySpan had the right to retain that employee for up to three years before VERO payments are made. An employee who accepted the VERO offer but elects to terminate employment with National Grid plc or KeySpan prior to the three year period, without consent of National Grid plc or KeySpan, forfeits all rights to VERO payments. The VERO is completed and the Company has accrued \$0.2 million which has been deferred for recovery from electric sales customers as part of the synergy savings and cost to achieve calculations.

#### Note 4. Debt

#### Short-term Debt

The Company has regulatory approval from the FERC to issue up to \$15 million of short-term debt. The Company had no short-term debt outstanding to third-parties at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, respectively.

#### Long-term Debt

At March 31, 2011, the Company had approximately \$52.8 million of tax exempt Electric Revenue Bonds in commercial paper mode with variable maturity dates ranging from 2016 through 2042 and variable interest rates ranged from 0.70% to 1.00% during the year ended March 31, 2011. The bonds were issued by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency in connection with the Company's financing of its first and second underground and submarine cable projects. Sinking fund payments of \$0.2 million was made during the year ended March 31, 2011.

Massachusetts Electric unconditionally guarantees the full and prompt payment of the principal, premium, if any, and interest on certain tax exempt bonds issued by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency in connection

with the Company's financing of its first and second underground and submarine cable projects. Massachusetts Electric would be required to make any principal, interest or premium payments if the Company failed to pay.

At March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the Company had a Standby Bond Purchase Agreement with banks totaling \$58 million, which was available to provide liquidity support for the bonds. The current agreement with banks that provide the Company's standby bond purchase facility expires on November 30, 2011. There were no borrowings under this facility at March 31, 2011.

The aggregate maturities of long-term debt for the five years subsequent to March 31, 2011 as follows:

Year	Amount
2012	\$ 250
2013	275
2014	305
2015	330
2016	365
Thereafter	51,300
Total	\$ 52,825

#### Note 5. Property, Plant and Equipment

At March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, property, plant and equipment at cost and accumulated depreciation are as follows:

(in thousands of dollars)	 March 31,		
	2011		2010
Plant and machinery	\$ 101,153	\$	99,359
Land and buildings	4,382		4,360
Assets in construction	 328_		57
Total	 105,863		103,776
Accumulated depreciation	 (34,720)		(32,080)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 71,143	\$	71,696

#### **AFUDC**

The Company capitalizes AFUDC as part of construction costs. AFUDC represents an allowance for the cost of funds used to finance construction and includes debt and an equity component. AFUDC is capitalized in "property, plant and equipment" with offsetting credits to "other interest, including affiliate interest" for the debt component and "other (deductions) income" for the equity component. This method is in accordance with an established rate-making practice under which the Company is permitted to earn a return on, and the recovery of, prudently incurred capital costs through its ultimate inclusion in rate base and in the provision for depreciation. The composite AFUDC rate was 3.2% and 2.5% for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 was \$0.06 million and nil, respectively

#### Depreciation

Depreciation expense is determined using the straight-line method. The depreciation rates are based on periodic studies of the estimated useful lives of the assets and the estimated cost to remove them, net of salvage value. The Company performs depreciation studies to determine service lives of classes of property and adjusts the depreciation rates when necessary.

The provisions for depreciation, as a percentage of weighted average depreciable property, and the weighted average service life, in years, for each asset category for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 are presented in the table below:

	20	)11	20	010
	Provision	Service Life	Provision	Service Life
Electric	3.0%	33	3.6%	28

The increase in remaining service life was a result of the new tracking mechanism that was implemented as part of the rate case filed on May 19, 2009.

#### **Note 6. Income Taxes**

Following is a summary of the components of federal and state income tax expense (benefit):

	Years Ended March 31,					
(in thousands of dollars)	2	2010				
Components of federal and state income taxes:						
Current tax expense (benefit):						
Federal	\$	1,248	\$	(3,454)		
State		309		128		
Total current tax expense (benefit)		1,557		(3,326)		
Deferred tax expense (benefit):						
Federal		(354)		3,847		
State		(124)		879		
Total deferred tax (benefit) expense		(478)		4,726		
Investment tax credits (1)		(3)		(4)		
Total income tax expense	\$	1,076	\$	1,396		

<sup>(1)</sup> Investment tax credits ("ITC") are being deferred and amortized over the depreciable life of the property giving rise to the credits.

Income tax expense for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 varied from the amount computed by applying the statutory rate to income before income taxes. A reconciliation of expected federal income tax expense, using the federal statutory rate of 35%, to the Company's actual income tax expense for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 is presented in the following table:

	Years Ended March 31,					
(in thousands of dollars)	2	2010				
Computed tax	\$	999	\$	1,054		
Increase (reduction) including those attributable to						
flow-through of certain tax adjustments:						
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit		120		653		
Intercompany tax allocation		(35)		(123)		
Investment tax credit		(3)		(4)		
Medicare subsidy, included Patient Pretection						
& Affordable Care Act, net effect		-		80		
Other items, net		(5)		(264)		
Total	-	77		342		
Federal and state income taxes	\$	1,076	\$	1,396		

Significant components of the Company's net deferred tax assets and liabilities at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 are presented in the following table:

	March 31,			
(in thousands of dollars)	2011	2010		
Regulatory liabilities - other	\$ 2,321	\$ 1,199		
Pension, other post employment benefits ("OPEB") and other employee benefits	1,949	1,445		
Other items	529	356		
Total deferred tax assets <sup>(1)</sup>	4,799	3,000		
Property related differences	(11,702)	(10,703)		
Regulatory assets - pension and OPEB	(1,307)	(862)		
Other items	(43)	(160)		
Total deferred tax liabilities	(13,052)	(11,725)		
Net accumulated deferred income tax liability	(8,253)	(8,725)		
Investment tax credit	(3)	(6)		
Net accumulated deferred income tax liability and investment tax credit	(8,256)	(8,731)		
Current portion of deferred tax asset	3,545	2,768		
Non-current portion of deferred income tax liability and investment tax credit	\$ (11,801)	\$ (11,499)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup>There were no valuation allowances for deferred tax assets at March 31, 2011 or March 31, 2010.

The Company is a member of the National Grid Holdings Inc. ("NGHI") and subsidiaries consolidated federal income tax return. The Company has joint and several liabilities for any potential assessments against the consolidated group.

The Company adopted current accounting provisions which clarify the accounting and disclosure of uncertain taxes position in the financial statements. This guidance provides that the financial effects of a tax position shall initially be recognized when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination, assuming the position will be audited and the taxing authority has full knowledge of all relevant information.

As of March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the Company's unrecognized tax benefits totaled \$2.7 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, none of which would affect the effective tax rate, if recognized. The unrecognized tax benefits are included in "other deferred liabilities" on the balance sheets.

The following table reconciles the changes to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010:

Reconciliation of unrecognized tax benefits	Years Ended March 31,				
(in thousands of dollars)	2011			2010	
Beginning balance	\$	2,569	\$	_	
Gross increases related to prior year		27		-	
Gross increases related to current year		62		2,569	
Ending balance	\$	2,658	\$	2,569	

As of March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the Company has accrued for interest related to unrecognized tax benefits of \$0.05 million and nil, respectively. During the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the Company recorded interest expense of \$0.05 million and nil, respectively. The Company recognizes accrued interest related to unrecognized tax positions in interest expense or interest income or interest income and related penalties, if applicable, in operating expenses. No penalties were recognized during the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010.

Federal income tax returns have been examined and all issues have been agreed between the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and the NGHI consolidated filing group through March 31, 2004. During the year ended March 31, 2011, the NGHI consolidated group settled all agreed IRS audit adjustment related to the years ended March 31, 2005 through March 31, 2007.

The Company is in the process of appealing certain disputed issues with the IRS Office of Appeals relating to its tax returns to March 31, 2005 to March 31, 2007, The Company does not anticipate a change in its unrecognized tax positions in the next 12 months as a result of filing the appeals. However, the Company's tax sharing agreement may result in a change to allocated tax as a result of current and future audits or appeals. The years ended March 31, 2008 to March 31, 2011 are remain subject to examination by the IRS.

For the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the Company is a member of the NGUSA service company Massachusetts unitary group. The tax returns for these years remain subject to examination by the State of Massachusetts. Prior to filing as a member of this unitary group, the Company filed on a separate basis. The separate tax returns for the years ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009 are remain subject to examination by the State of Massachusetts.

#### **Note 7. Fair Value Measurements**

Available for sale securities are primarily in equities and are investments based on quoted market prices and municipal and corporate bonds based on quoted prices of similar traded assets in open markets.

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on the Company's balance sheet on a recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy as of March 31, 2011:

(in thousands of dollars)								
Available for sale securities	Le	vel 1	Le	vel 2	Le	vel 3	7	Γotal
Assets	\$	269	\$	355	\$	-	\$	624
Total net assets	\$	269	\$	355	\$	-	\$	624

Long-term debt is based on quoted market prices where available or calculated prices based on the remaining cash flows of the underlying bond discounted at the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The Company's balance sheets reflect the long-term debt at carrying value. The fair value of this debt at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 was \$53.5 million and \$53.1 million, respectively.

**Note 8. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)** 

	Unrealized Gain	Total Accumulated		
	on Available for	Postretirement	Other Comprehensive	
(in thousands of dollars)	Sale Securities	liability	Loss	
March 31, 2009 balance, net of tax	\$ (38)	\$ (1,489)	\$ (1,527)	
Other comprehensive income (losses):				
Unrealized gains on securities	67	-	67	
Change in pension and postretirement benefits	-	765	765	
Reclassification adjustment for losses				
included in net income	(10)	-	(10)	
Subtotal	57	765	822	
Adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income:	-	681	681	
March 31, 2010 balance, net of tax	19	(43)	(24)	
Other comprehensive income (losses):				
Unrealized gains on securities	23	-	23	
Change in pension and postretirement benefits	-	(58)	(58)	
Reclassification adjustment for losses				
included in net income	(17)	-	(17)	
Subtotal	6	(58)	(52)	
March 31, 2011 balance, net of tax	\$ 25	\$ (101)	\$ (76)	

The adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income is the result of the new tracking mechanism that was implemented as part of the rate case filed on May 19, 2009. The Company has non-qualified pension that is not part of the pension mechanism.

#### Note 9. Commitments and Contingencies

#### Legal Matters

The Company is subject to various legal proceedings arising out of the ordinary course of its business. Except as described below, the Company does not consider any of such proceedings to be material to its business or likely to result in a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows.

#### **Environmental Matters**

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

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has named the Company as a potentially responsible party for remediation of a site at which hazardous waste is alleged to have been disposed. The Company believes that obligations imposed on it because of environmental laws will not have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

#### **Note 10. Related Party Transactions**

### Moneypool

The Company participates with NGUSA and certain affiliates in a system moneypool. The moneypool is administered by the NGUSA service company as the agent for the participants. Short-term borrowing needs are met first by available funds of the moneypool participants. Borrowings from the moneypool bear interest at the higher of (i) the monthly average of the rate for high-grade, 30-day commercial paper sold through dealers by

major corporations as published in the Wall Street Journal, or (ii) the monthly average of the rate then available to moneypool depositors from an eligible investment in readily marketable money market funds or the existing short-term investment accounts maintained by moneypool depositors or the NGUSA service company during the period in question. In the event neither rate is one that is permissible for a transaction because of constraints imposed by the state regulatory commission having jurisdiction over a utility participating in the transaction, the rate is adjusted to a permissible rate as determined under the requirements of the state regulatory commission. Companies that invest in the moneypool share the interest earned on a basis proportionate to their average monthly investment in the moneypool. Funds may be withdrawn from or repaid to the moneypool at any time without prior notice. The average interest rate for the moneypool was 0.27% for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010. The Company had a short-term moneypool investment of \$15.0 million and \$2.9 million at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, respectively.

#### Advances to/from Affiliates

Additionally, the Company engages in various transactions with NGUSA and its affiliates. Certain activities and costs, such as executive and administrative, financial (including accounting, auditing, risk management, tax and treasure/finance), human resources, information technology, legal and strategic planning are shared between the companies and allocated to each company appropriately. In addition, the Company has a tax sharing agreement with NGHI, a NGUSA affiliate, in filing consolidated tax returns. The Company's share of the tax liability is allocated resulting in a payment to or refund from NGHI. At March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, the Company had net accounts receivable from affiliates of \$1.9 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, for those services.

#### 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 typically allocated using cost/causation principles linked to the relationship of that type of service, such as meters, square footage, number of employees, etc. Lastly, all other costs are allocated based on a general allocator. These costs include operating and capital expenditures of \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2011, and \$1.2 million and \$0.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2010, respectively.

#### **Holding Company Charges**

NGUSA received charges from National Grid Commercial Holdings Limited (an affiliated company in the UK) for certain corporate and administrative services provided by the corporate functions of National Grid plc to its US subsidiaries. These charges, which are recorded on the books of NGUSA, have not been reflected on these financial statements. Were these amounts allocated to this subsidiary, the estimated effect on net income would be \$50 thousand and \$55 thousand before taxes, and \$32 thousand and \$36 thousand after taxes, for the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, respectively.

#### Related Party Reimbursement

In accordance with the Credit and Operating Support Agreement dated March 26, 1996 between the Company and an NGUSA affiliate, Massachusetts Electric, will reimburse the Company an amount equal to the difference between the Company's actual net income for the year and the net income necessary for the Company to earn a return on equity ("ROE") equivalent to Massachusetts Electric's DPU approved weighted average allowed ROE for the year, currently 10.35%. If the Company's actual ROE for the year exceeds the Company's allowed ROE, the Company reimburses to Massachusetts Electric the excess amount of the earnings. This reimbursement shall constitute an additional increase/decrease of revenue to the Company and an increase/decrease of expense to Massachusetts Electric. For the years ended March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010, Massachusetts Electric reimbursed the Company approximately \$3.7 million and \$3.3 million, respectively.

#### Organization Restructuring

On January 31, 2011, National Grid plc announced substantial changes to the organization, including new global, US and UK operating models, and changes to the leadership team. The announced structure seeks to create a leaner, more-efficient business backed by streamlined operations that will help meet, more efficiently, the needs of regulators, customers and shareholders. The implementation of the new U.S. business structure commences on April 4, 2011 and targets annualized savings of \$200 million by March 2012 primarily through the reduction of up to 1,200 positions. As of March 31, 2011, NGUSA had recorded approximately \$66.8 million reserve for one-time employment termination benefits related to severance, payroll taxes, healthcare continuation, outplacement services as well as consulting fees related to the restructuring program. These charges have been recorded by NGUSA and none have been allocated to the Company as at March 31, 2011. Subsequently in June 2011, we offered a voluntary severance plan to certain individuals which is expected to cost up to an additional \$20 million across all entities affiliated with NGUSA.

#### Note 11. Restrictions on Payment of Dividends

Pursuant to the provisions of the long-term note agreement, payment of dividends on common stock would not be permitted if, after giving effect to such payment of dividends, common equity becomes less than 30% of total capitalization. At March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 common equity was 39% and 38%, respectively, of total capitalization. Under these provisions, none of the Company's retained earnings at March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 were restricted as to common dividends.

#### Note 12. Subsequent Events

In accordance with current authoritative accounting guidance, the Company has evaluated for disclosure subsequent events that have occurred up through June 24, 2011, the date of issuance of these financial statements. As of June 24, 2011, there were no subsequent events which required recognition or disclosure.