National Fuel Reports Second Quarter Earnings

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WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 7, 2007--National Fuel Gas Company ("National Fuel" or the "Company") (NYSE:NFG) today announced results for the quarter and six months ended March 31, 2007.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Reported GAAP earnings per share for the quarter of $0.92 increased $0.01 per share from the prior year's second quarter. Earnings were higher in the Utility segment, the Energy Marketing segment and the Timber segment. Lower earnings in the Exploration and Production segment and the Pipeline and Storage segment offset those increases.

2. Quarterly operating results before items impacting comparability were $0.89 per share, an increase of $0.04 from the prior year's second quarter.

3. The Company is increasing and narrowing its GAAP guidance range for fiscal 2007 earnings. The revised earnings guidance range is now $2.25 to $2.40 per share.* It had previously been $2.15 to $2.35 per share.*

4. A conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 11:00 am Eastern Time.

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

Philip C. Ackerman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of National Fuel Gas Company stated: "We have just had another very solid quarter. In particular, extremes of weather with weekly temperatures ranging from 46% warmer than normal to 30% colder than normal emphasized the importance of storage capacity and the talents of our employees in meeting customer needs. An increase in gas production and an increase in realized oil prices were offset by a higher effective tax rate, but our Exploration and Production segment continues to make progress with increasing emphasis on Appalachia, the hiring of a new exploration and production manager and the possible sale of our Canadian operations."

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

National Fuel had consolidated earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, of $78.4 million, a decrease of $0.2 million from the prior year's second quarter of $78.6 million. Consolidated earnings per share of $0.92 increased $0.01 due to a lower number of weighted average shares outstanding compared to the prior year. The decrease in weighted average shares outstanding is a result of the Company's share repurchase program (note: all references to earnings per share are to diluted earnings per share and all amounts are stated in U.S. dollars).

Consolidated earnings for the six months ended March 31, 2007, of $133.0 million or $1.57 per share decreased $3.0 million or $0.01 per share from the prior year's earnings. The Company's consolidated earnings per share would have been $0.02 per share lower if not for the fact that the weighted average shares outstanding have decreased compared to the prior year, mostly due to the share repurchase program.

(in thousands except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007	2006	Six Months Ended March 31, 2007	2006
Reported GAAP earnings	$ 78,447	$ 78,594	$132,967	$136,013
Items impacting comparability:				
Resolution of purchased gas contingency(1)	(2,344)		(2,344)	
Discontinuance of hedge accounting(1)			(1,888)	
Income tax adjustment(1)		(5,080)		(5,080)
Out-of-period symmetrical				

sharing adjustment(1)				(2,551)
Operating results	$ 76,103	$ 73,514	$128,735	$128,382
Reported GAAP earnings per share	$ 0.92	$ 0.91	$ 1.57	$ 1.58
Items impacting comparability:				
Resolution of purchased gas contingency(1)	(0.03)		(0.03)	
Discontinuance of hedge accounting(1)			(0.02)	
Income tax adjustment(1)		(0.06)		(0.06)
Out-of-period symmetrical sharing adjustment(1)				(0.03)
Operating results	$ 0.89	$ 0.85	$ 1.52	$ 1.49

(1) See discussion of these items below.

As outlined in the table above, certain items included in GAAP earnings impacted the comparability of the Company's operating results when comparing the second quarter and six months ended March 31, 2007, to the comparable periods in fiscal 2006. Excluding these items, operating results for the current second quarter of $76.1 million or $0.89 per share increased $2.6 million or $0.04 per share. Excluding these items, operating results for the six months ended March 31, 2007, of $128.7 million or $1.52 per share increased $0.4 million or $0.03 per share. Items impacting comparability will be discussed in more detail within the discussion of segment earnings below.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS BY SEGMENT

(The following discussion of the earnings of each segment is summarized in a tabular form in this report. It may be helpful to refer to those tables while reviewing this discussion.)

Utility Segment

The Utility segment operations are carried out by National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation ("Distribution"), which sells or transports natural gas to customers located in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. The Utility segment's earnings of approximately $33.4 million or $0.39 per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, increased $4.8 million or $0.06 per share compared to the prior year's second quarter. In the New York division, earnings decreased $1.3 million mainly due to higher operating expenses. In the Pennsylvania division, operating results increased $6.1 million due to the impact of weather that was 16.5 percent colder than the prior year and the increase in base rates taking effect early in this quarter. On January 1, 2007, Distribution implemented the Settlement Agreement approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, which among other things provided for a $14.3 million (before tax) annual base rate increase. A lower effective tax rate also contributed to the increase in this segment's quarterly earnings.

The Utility segment's earnings of $50.6 million or $0.60 per share for the six months ended March 31, 2007, increased $0.2 million compared to the six months ended March 31, 2006. Earnings in Distribution's New York Division for the six months ended March 31, 2007, of $35.1 million decreased $5.6 million compared to the prior year. The comparability of the six month results is impacted by a $2.6 million positive out-of-period adjustment recorded in the first quarter of fiscal 2006 to correct Distribution's calculation of the symmetrical sharing component of New York's gas adjustment rate. Excluding this item, operating results decreased $3.1 million or $0.04 per share. This decrease is mainly due to higher bad debt and other operating expenses and higher property taxes.

For the six months ended March 31, 2007, earnings in Distribution's Pennsylvania Division of $15.5 million or $0.18 per share, increased $5.8 million, or $0.07 per share, compared to the prior year. Earnings increased primarily due to the impact of weather that was 5.8 percent colder than the prior year, the annual $14.3 million (before taxes) increase in base rates taking effect on January 1, 2007, and a lower effective tax rate. Partially offsetting the increase was higher intercompany interest expense.

Pipeline and Storage Segment

The Pipeline and Storage segment operations are carried out by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation ("Supply Corporation") and Empire State Pipeline ("Empire"). These companies provide natural gas transportation and storage services to affiliated and non-affiliated companies through an integrated system of pipelines and underground natural gas storage fields in western New York and western Pennsylvania.

The Pipeline and Storage segment's earnings of $13.9 million, or $0.16 per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, decreased $3.0 million, or $0.04 per share, when compared with the same period in the prior fiscal year. The decrease is primarily due to lower efficiency gas revenue resulting from lower retained volumes and lower natural gas prices compared to the prior year's quarter. The lower volumes of efficiency gas are part of a FERC approved settlement of a complaint filed by various parties against Supply Corporation under Sections 5(a) and 13 of the Natural Gas Act (the FERC settlement) effective December 1, 2006. The FERC settlement also lowered Supply Corporation's depreciation rates, which resulted in lower depreciation expense for the quarter. While the settlement increased Supply Corporation's expense for postretirement benefits, this increase was substantially offset by decreases in the depreciation expense and other operating expenses.

Earnings of $27.6 million, or $0.33 per share, for the six months ended March 31, 2007, decreased $5.1 million, or $0.05 per share, when compared with the six months ended March 31, 2006. The comparability of the results for the six months ended March 31, 2007, is impacted by a $1.9 million gain associated with the prepayment in the first quarter of 2007 of the project financing debt for the Empire State Pipeline. Upon the payment of that debt, the corresponding interest rate collar no longer qualified for hedge accounting, and gains and losses could no longer be deferred. Excluding that gain, operating results decreased $7.0 million for the six months ended March 31, 2007, mainly due to lower efficiency gas revenue resulting from both lower natural gas prices and lower retained volumes due to the FERC settlement discussed above. Higher throughput realized in the first quarter of the prior year caused by the hurricanes in the fall of 2005 did not recur this year. An increase in postretirement benefits expense, also due to the FERC settlement, and higher intercompany interest expense contributed to the decline in earnings. The decrease was partially offset by lower depreciation expense, resulting from the FERC settlement, and lower other operating expenses.

Exploration and Production Segment

The Exploration and Production segment operations are carried out by Seneca Resources Corporation ("Seneca"). Seneca explores for, develops and purchases natural gas and oil reserves in California, in the Appalachian region, in the Gulf Coast region of Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, and in the western provinces of Canada.

The Exploration and Production segment's earnings in the second quarter of fiscal 2007 decreased $6.0 million or $0.07 per share to $19.8 million or $0.23 per share, when compared with the same period in the prior fiscal year. The comparability of the quarterly results is impacted by a positive tax adjustment of $5.1 million recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2006. This benefit to earnings resulted from an adjustment to a deferred income tax balance. Under generally accepted accounting principles, a company may recognize the benefit of certain expected future income tax deductions as a deferred tax asset only if it anticipates sufficient future taxable income to utilize those deductions. As a result of changing circumstances, Seneca increased its forecast of future taxable income in the Canadian division and, consequently, recorded a deferred tax asset for certain costs related to capital expenditures that it now expects to deduct on future income tax returns. Excluding this item, operating results in the Exploration and Production segment decreased $1.0 million or $0.01 per share. The decrease was mainly due to a higher effective tax rate as a result of higher state income taxes. Partially offsetting this decrease was a 19.3 percent increase in oil prices realized after hedging that more than offset a drop in gas prices realized after hedging of 7.0 percent. For the quarter ended March 31, 2007, the weighted average oil price received by Seneca (after hedging) was $48.09/barrel ("Bbl"), an increase of $7.79/Bbl from the prior year's quarter. This increase in the weighted average oil price was mainly due to the expiration of older hedges. The weighted average natural gas price received by Seneca (after hedging) for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, was $6.87/thousand cubic feet ("Mcf"), a decrease of $0.52/Mcf from the prior year's quarter. Overall production for the quarter was 12.2 Bcfe, an increase of 0.1 Bcfe over the prior year's quarter. An increase in natural gas production more than offset a drop in crude oil production.

The Exploration and Production segment's earnings of $40.5 million, or $0.48 per share, for the six months ended March 31, 2007, decreased $2.8 million, or $0.02 per share, when compared with the six months ended March 31, 2006. The comparability of the six month results is impacted by a positive tax adjustment recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2006 as described above. Excluding this item, operating results for the six months ended March 31, 2007, in the Exploration and

Production segment increased $2.3 million, or $0.04 per share, from the prior year. This increase is mainly due to a nearly 1.0 Bcfe increase in production. A minor drop in oil production was more than offset by an increase in gas production while the drop in gas prices realized after hedging was more than offset by the increase in oil prices realized after hedging. For the six months ended March 31, 2007, the weighted average oil price received by Seneca (after hedging) was $45.90/Bbl, an increase of $9.20/Bbl from the prior year. This increase in the weighted average oil price was mainly due to the expiration of older hedges. The weighted average natural gas price received by Seneca (after hedging) was $6.90/Mcf, a decrease of $0.98/Mcf from the prior year. In addition a higher effective tax rate contributed to this decline.

Energy Marketing

National Fuel Resources, Inc. ("NFR") comprises the Company's Energy Marketing segment. NFR markets natural gas to industrial, commercial, public authority and residential customers in western and central New York and northwestern Pennsylvania, offering competitively priced energy and energy management services to its customers.

The Energy Marketing segment's earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, of $6.7 million or $0.08 per share increased $2.8 million or $0.04 per share compared to the second quarter of last year. The comparability of the quarterly results is impacted by a $2.3 million reversal of an accrual for purchased gas expense for which a contingency was resolved during the quarter. Excluding this item earnings for the quarter increased $0.5 million primarily due to a 15 percent increase in sales throughput during the quarter.

Earnings for the six months ended March 31, 2007, in the Energy Marketing segment of $7.2 million, or $0.08 per share, increased $2.3 million, or $0.02 per share. The comparability of the quarterly results is impacted by a $2.3 million reversal of an accrual for purchased gas expense noted above. Excluding this item earnings for the six months ended March 31, 2007, were flat compared to the prior year.

Timber Segment

The Timber segment operations are carried out by Highland Forest Resources, Inc. ("Highland") and Seneca's Northeast Division. This segment markets high quality hardwoods from its New York and Pennsylvania land holdings and owns two sawmill/dry kiln operations in northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Timber segment's earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, of $3.2 million or $0.04 per share increased $1.0 million or $0.01 per share from the prior year's second quarter. Favorable weather conditions facilitated the harvesting of both veneer and saw logs during the quarter. Although the overall volume of log and lumber sales was down, most of the current quarter's harvest was from low or no basis Company-owned property thus resulting in an increase in gross margins from the prior year's quarter.

Earnings for the six months ended March 31, 2007, of $3.4 million decreased $0.3 million from the prior year's earnings. The decrease is due to unfavorable weather conditions in the first quarter that hindered the harvesting of both veneer and saw logs. This resulted in lower sales of both logs and lumber for the six months ended March 31, 2007. Harvesting from Company-owned property resulted in improved margins in the second quarter and offset some of the decline in earnings experienced in the first quarter.

Corporate and All Other

Other direct, wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company include Horizon Energy Development, Inc., a corporation formerly engaged in the development of international power projects, Horizon LFG, Inc., a corporation engaged, through subsidiaries, in the purchase, processing, transportation and sale of landfill gas, and Horizon Power, Inc., a corporation that develops and owns independent electric generation facilities that are fueled by natural gas or landfill gas.

Earnings in the Corporate and All Other category for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, were $1.4 million, an increase of $0.3 million when compared to the prior year's second quarter earnings of $1.1 million. The increase is due to higher earnings in Horizon LFG, Inc. and higher intercompany interest income partially offset by higher operating costs and higher interest expense.

Earnings in the Corporate and All Other category for the six months ended March 31, 2007, were $3.6 million, an increase of $2.6 million when compared to the prior year's earnings. The increase is mainly due to higher earnings in Horizon LFG, Inc. and

higher intercompany interest income partially offset by higher operating costs and higher interest expense.

EARNINGS GUIDANCE

The Company is increasing, and narrowing, its guidance range for fiscal 2007 earnings. The revised earnings guidance range is now $2.25 to $2.40 per share.* It had previously been $2.15 to $2.35 per share.* The narrowing of the range is possible because the most sensitivity to earnings variance in the Utility segment typically occurs during the first two fiscal quarters, which are now completed. The increase in the upper end of the guidance range is made possible primarily due to the certainty of pricing on planned gas sales in the Pipeline and Storage segment, which are now hedged. This guidance is still based on the September 21, 2006, commodity pricing incorporated in the Company's original guidance. To the extent that actual pricing during the remainder of the fiscal year varies from those September 21, 2006, prices, the fiscal year earnings will be affected as detailed in the earnings sensitivity table on page 24 of this release.*

EARNINGS TELECONFERENCE

The Company will host a conference call on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 11 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) to discuss this announcement. There are two ways to access this call. For those with Internet access, visit National Fuel's Web site at nationalfuelgas.com and click on the "For Investors" link at the top of the homepage. For those without Internet access, access is also provided by dialing (toll-free) 1-800-798-2796, and using the passcode "74463473." For those unable to listen to the live conference call, a replay will be available approximately one hour after the conclusion of the call at the same Web site link and by phone at (toll free) 888-286-8010 using passcode "99121557." Both the webcast and telephonic replay will be available until the close of business on Tuesday, May 15, 2007.

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with $4.0 billion in assets comprised of the following five operating segments: Utility, Pipeline and Storage, Exploration and Production, Energy Marketing, and Timber. Additional information about National Fuel is available on its Internet Web site: nationalfuelgas.com or through its investor information service at 1-800-334-2188.

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inflation or interest; significant changes in the Company's relationship with its employees or contractors and the potential adverse effects if labor disputes, grievances or shortages were to occur; changes in accounting principles or the application of such principles to the Company; the cost and effects of legal and administrative claims against the Company; changes in actuarial assumptions and the return on assets with respect to the Company's retirement plan and post retirement benefit plans; increasing health care costs and the resulting effect on health insurance premiums and on the obligation to provide post retirement benefits; or increasing costs of insurance, changes in coverage and the ability to obtain insurance. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR GAAP EARNINGS
QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

(Thousands of Dollars)	Utility	Pipeline & Storage	E&P
Second quarter 2006 GAAP earnings	$28,654	$16,892	$25,845
Items impacting comparability:			
Income tax adjustment			(5,080)
Second quarter 2006 operating results	28,654	16,892	20,765
Drivers of operating results			
Colder weather in Pennsylvania	1,843		
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania	3,034		
Lower efficiency gas revenues		(3,170)	
Higher operating costs	(1,719)	(516)	
Lower depreciation / depletion		1,048	
Higher crude oil prices			4,380
Lower natural gas prices			(2,369)
Higher natural gas production			1,518
Lower crude oil production			(914)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate	1,301		(3,829)
Higher margins			
Higher interest income (expense)		(900)	
All other / rounding	331	582	250
Second quarter 2007 operating results	33,444	13,936	19,801
Items impacting comparability:			
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency			
Second quarter 2007 GAAP earnings	$33,444	$13,936	$19,801

(Thousands of Dollars)	Energy Marketing	Timber	Corporate / All Other	Consolidated
Second quarter 2006 GAAP earnings	$ 3,877	$2,242	$ 1,084	$ 78,594
Items impacting comparability:				
Income tax adjustment				(5,080)
Second quarter 2006 operating results	3,877	2,242	1,084	73,514

Drivers of operating results				
Colder weather in Pennsylvania				1,843
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania				3,034
Lower efficiency gas revenues				(3,170)
Higher operating costs			(542)	(2,777)
Lower depreciation / depletion		484		1,532
Higher crude oil prices				4,380
Lower natural gas prices				(2,369)
Higher natural gas production				1,518
Lower crude oil production				(914)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate				(2,528)
Higher margins	752	629	274	1,655
Higher interest income (expense)			1,038	138
All other / rounding	(267)	(155)	(494)	247
Second quarter 2007 operating results	4,362	3,200	1,360	76,103
Items impacting comparability:				
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency	2,344			2,344
Second quarter 2007 GAAP earnings	$ 6,706	$3,200	$ 1,360	$ 78,447

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR GAAP EARNINGS PER SHARE
QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	Utility	Pipeline & Storage	E&P
Second quarter 2006 GAAP earnings	$ 0.33	$ 0.20	$ 0.30
Items impacting comparability:			
Income tax adjustment			(0.06)
Second quarter 2006 operating results	0.33	0.20	0.24
Drivers of operating results			
Colder weather in Pennsylvania	0.02		
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania	0.04		
Lower efficiency gas revenues		(0.04)	
Higher operating costs	(0.02)	(0.01)	
Lower depreciation / depletion		0.01	
Higher crude oil prices			0.05
Lower natural gas prices			(0.03)

Higher natural gas production			0.02
Lower crude oil production			(0.01)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate		0.02	(0.04)
Higher margins			
Higher interest income (expense)		(0.01)	
All other / rounding	-	0.01	-
Second quarter 2007 operating results	0.39	0.16	0.23
Items impacting comparability:			
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency			
Second quarter 2007 GAAP earnings	$ 0.39	$ 0.16	$ 0.23

	Energy Marketing	Timber	Corporate / All Other	Consolidated
Second quarter 2006 GAAP earnings	$ 0.04	$0.03	$ 0.01	$ 0.91
Items impacting comparability:				
Income tax adjustment				(0.06)
Second quarter 2006 operating results	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.85
Drivers of operating results				
Colder weather in Pennsylvania				0.02
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania				0.04
Lower efficiency gas revenues				(0.04)
Higher operating costs			(0.01)	(0.04)
Lower depreciation / depletion		-		0.01
Higher crude oil prices				0.05
Lower natural gas prices				(0.03)
Higher natural gas production				0.02
Lower crude oil production				(0.01)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate				(0.02)
Higher margins	0.01	0.01	-	0.02
Higher interest income (expense)			0.01	-
All other / rounding	-	-	0.01	0.02
Second quarter 2007 operating results	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.89
Items impacting comparability:				
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency	0.03			0.03

Second quarter 2007 GAAP earnings	$ 0.08	$0.04	$ 0.02	$ 0.92

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR GAAP EARNINGS
SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

(Thousands of Dollars)	Utility	Pipeline & Storage	E&P
Six months ended March 31, 2006 GAAP earnings	$50,407	$ 32,742	$43,280
Items impacting comparability:			
Out-of-period adjustment to symmetrical sharing	(2,551)		
Income tax adjustment			(5,080)
Six months ended March 31, 2006 operating results	47,856	32,742	38,200
Drivers of operating results			
Colder weather in Pennsylvania	2,111		
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania	3,034		
Higher operating costs	(2,400)		
Higher property taxes	(554)		
Lower transportation and storage revenues		(1,025)	
Lower efficiency gas revenues		(5,823)	
Lower depreciation / depletion		977	
Higher crude oil prices			10,412
Lower natural gas prices			(8,784)
Higher natural gas production			6,397
Lower crude oil production			(1,137)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate	1,447		(4,090)
Higher (lower) margins			
Higher interest income (expense)	(677)	(2,030)	
All other / rounding	(199)	895	(475)
Six months ended March 31, 2007 operating results	50,618	25,736	40,523
Items impacting comparability:			
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency			
Discontinuance of hedge accounting		1,888	
Six months ended March 31, 2007 GAAP earnings	$50,618	$ 27,624	$40,523

(Thousands of Dollars)	Energy Marketing	Timber	Corporate / All Other	Consolidated
Six months ended March 31, 2006 GAAP earnings	$ 4,864	$ 3,706	$ 1,014	$ 136,013
Items impacting comparability:				

Out-of-period adjustment to symmetrical sharing				(2,551)
Income tax adjustment				(5,080)
Six months ended March 31, 2006 operating results	4,864	3,706	1,014	128,382
Drivers of operating results				
Colder weather in Pennsylvania				2,111
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania				3,034
Higher operating costs			(421)	(2,821)
Higher property taxes				(554)
Lower transportation and storage revenues				(1,025)
Lower efficiency gas revenues				(5,823)
Lower depreciation / depletion		902		1,879
Higher crude oil prices				10,412
Lower natural gas prices				(8,784)
Higher natural gas production				6,397
Lower crude oil production				(1,137)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate				(2,643)
Higher (lower) margins	303	(1,035)	727	(5)
Higher interest income (expense)			2,017	(690)
All other / rounding	(313)	(156)	250	2
Six months ended March 31, 2007 operating results	4,854	3,417	3,587	128,735
Items impacting comparability:				
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency	2,344			2,344
Discontinuance of hedge accounting				1,888
Six months ended March 31, 2007 GAAP earnings	$ 7,198	$ 3,417	$ 3,587	$ 132,967

NATIONAL FUEL GAS COMPANY
RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR GAAP EARNINGS PER SHARE
SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	Utility	Pipeline & Storage	E&P
Six months ended March 31, 2006 GAAP earnings	$ 0.58	$ 0.38	$ 0.50
Items impacting comparability:			
Out-of-period adjustment to symmetrical sharing	(0.03)		

Income tax adjustment			(0.06)
Six months ended March 31, 2006 operating results	0.55	0.38	0.44
Drivers of operating results			
Colder weather in Pennsylvania	0.02		
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania	0.04		
Higher operating costs	(0.03)		
Higher property taxes	(0.01)		
Lower transportation and storage revenues		(0.01)	
Lower efficiency gas revenues		(0.07)	
Lower depreciation / depletion		0.01	
Higher crude oil prices			0.12
Lower natural gas prices			(0.10)
Higher natural gas production			0.07
Lower crude oil production			(0.01)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate	0.02		(0.05)
Higher (lower) margins			
Higher interest income (expense)	(0.01)	(0.02)	
All other / rounding / impact of lower shares outstanding	0.02	0.02	0.01
Six months ended March 31, 2007 operating results	0.60	0.31	0.48
Items impacting comparability:			
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency			
Discontinuance of hedge accounting		0.02	
Six months ended March 31, 2007 GAAP earnings	$ 0.60	$ 0.33	$ 0.48

	Energy Marketing	Timber	Corporate / All Other	Consolidated
Six months ended March 31, 2006 GAAP earnings	$ 0.06	$ 0.04	$ 0.02	$ 1.58
Items impacting comparability:				
Out-of-period adjustment to symmetrical sharing				(0.03)
Income tax adjustment				(0.06)
Six months ended March 31, 2006 operating results	0.06	0.04	0.02	1.49
Drivers of operating results				
Colder weather in Pennsylvania				0.02
Base rate increase in Pennsylvania				0.04
Higher operating costs			-	(0.03)
Higher property taxes				(0.01)
Lower transportation and storage revenues				(0.01)

Lower efficiency gas revenues				(0.07)
Lower depreciation / depletion		0.01		0.02
Higher crude oil prices				0.12
Lower natural gas prices				(0.10)
Higher natural gas production				0.07
Lower crude oil production				(0.01)
Lower (higher) effective tax rate				(0.03)
Higher (lower) margins	-	(0.01)	0.01	-
Higher interest income (expense)			0.02	(0.01)
All other / rounding / impact of lower shares outstanding	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	0.03
Six months ended March 31, 2007 operating results	0.05	0.04	0.04	1.52
Items impacting comparability:				
Resolution of a purchased gas contingency	0.03			0.03
Discontinuance of hedge accounting				0.02
Six months ended March 31, 2007 GAAP earnings	$ 0.08	$ 0.04	$ 0.04	$ 1.57

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(Thousands of Dollars, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31, (Unaudited)		Six Months Ended March 31, (Unaudited)	
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS	2007	2006	2007	2006
Operating Revenues	$ 812,156	$ 890,981	$ 1,316,396	$ 1,601,737
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Gas	476,904	566,540	719,843	1,003,317
Operation and Maintenance	125,539	121,076	224,913	224,704
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	20,233	20,120	37,345	37,302
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	42,061	44,278	84,886	87,324
	664,737	752,014	1,066,987	1,352,647

Operating Income	147,419	138,967	249,409	249,090
Other Income (Expense):				
Income from Unconsolidated Subsidiaries	942	720	2,173	1,985
Interest Income	885	965	2,248	2,098
Other Income	2,526	248	3,241	989
Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt	(17,888)	(18,149)	(33,931)	(36,367)
Other Interest Expense	(1,516)	(1,465)	(3,366)	(3,240)
Income Before Income Taxes	132,368	121,286	219,774	214,555
Income Tax Expense	53,921	42,692	86,807	78,542
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$ 78,447	$ 78,594	$ 132,967	$ 136,013
Earnings Per Common Share:				
Basic	$ 0.95	$ 0.93	$ 1.61	$ 1.61
Diluted	$ 0.92	$ 0.91	$ 1.57	$ 1.58
Weighted Average Common Shares:				
Used in Basic Calculation	82,895,087	84,346,733	82,786,027	84,385,140
Used in Diluted Calculation	85,033,127	86,253,597	84,891,742	86,256,515

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	March 31, 2007	September 30, 2006
ASSETS		
Property, Plant and Equipment	$4,820,700	$4,703,040
Less - Accumulated Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	1,893,449	1,825,314
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	2,927,251	2,877,726
Current Assets:		
Cash and Temporary Cash Investments	121,809	69,611
Hedging Collateral Deposits	2,034	19,676
Receivables - Net	335,666	144,254
Unbilled Utility Revenue	58,850	25,538
Gas Stored Underground	17,021	59,461
Materials and Supplies - at average cost	31,853	36,693

Unrecovered Purchased Gas Costs	13,962	12,970
Prepaid Pension and Post-Retirement Benefit Costs	68,483	64,125
Other Current Assets	30,700	63,723
Deferred Income Taxes	23,951	23,402
Total Current Assets	704,329	519,453
Other Assets:		
Recoverable Future Taxes	79,177	79,511
Unamortized Debt Expense	14,482	15,492
Other Regulatory Assets	85,427	76,917
Deferred Charges	5,234	3,558
Other Investments	80,866	88,414
Investments in Unconsolidated Subsidiaries	15,850	11,590
Goodwill	5,476	5,476
Intangible Assets	30,423	31,498
Fair Value of Derivative Financial Instruments	1,866	11,305
Deferred Income Taxes	4,627	9,003
Other	6,010	4,388
Total Other Assets	329,438	337,152
Total Assets	$3,961,018	$3,734,331
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES		
Capitalization:		
Comprehensive Shareholders' Equity		
Common Stock, $1 Par Value Authorized - 200,000,000 Shares; Issued and Outstanding - 83,132,149 Shares and 83,402,670 Shares, Respectively	$83,132	$83,403
Paid in Capital	565,809	543,730
Earnings Reinvested in the Business	834,902	786,013
Total Common Shareholder Equity Before Items of Other Comprehensive Income	1,483,843	1,413,146
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	21,733	30,416
Total Comprehensive Shareholders' Equity	1,505,576	1,443,562
Long-Term Debt, Net of Current Portion	999,000	1,095,675
Total Capitalization	2,504,576	2,539,237
Current and Accrued Liabilities:		
Notes Payable to Banks and Commercial Paper	-	-
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	96,393	22,925
Accounts Payable	166,990	133,034
Amounts Payable to Customers	10,596	23,935
Dividends Payable	24,927	25,008
Interest Payable on Long-Term Debt	18,419	18,420
Other Accruals and Current Liabilities	176,307	27,040
Fair Value of Derivative Financial Instruments	32,122	39,983
Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	525,754	290,345
Deferred Credits:		
Deferred Income Taxes	556,115	544,502
Taxes Refundable to Customers	10,433	10,426

Unamortized Investment Tax Credit	5,743	6,094
Cost of Removal Regulatory Liability	87,986	85,076
Other Regulatory Liabilities	70,842	75,456
Post-Retirement Liabilities	26,953	32,918
Asset Retirement Obligations	79,609	77,392
Other Deferred Credits	93,007	72,885
Total Deferred Credits	930,688	904,749
Commitments and Contingencies	-	-
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	$3,961,018	$3,734,331

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	Six Months Ended March 31, 2007	2006
Operating Activities:		
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$132,967	$136,013
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	84,886	87,324
Deferred Income Taxes	21,803	(1,435)
Income from Unconsolidated Subsidiaries, Net of Cash Distributions	(960)	1,166
Excess Tax Benefits Associated with Stock-Based Compensation Awards	(13,689)	(6,515)
Other	3,818	(5,297)
Change in:		
Hedging Collateral Deposits	17,642	60,894
Receivables and Unbilled Utility Revenue	(225,511)	(249,466)
Gas Stored Underground and Materials and Supplies	47,243	33,486
Unrecovered Purchased Gas Costs	(992)	14,817
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	28,659	24,372
Accounts Payable	34,417	(9,951)
Amounts Payable to Customers	(13,339)	11,492
Other Accruals and Current Liabilities	163,928	139,020
Other Assets	(3,765)	(11,837)
Other Liabilities	(2,434)	19,107
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	$274,673	$243,190
Investing Activities:		
Capital Expenditures	($132,313)	($134,961)
Investment in Partnership	(3,300)	-
Net Proceeds from Sale of Oil and Gas Producing Properties	2,330	4
Other	(339)	(1,396)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	($133,622)	($136,353)

Financing Activities:		
Excess Tax Benefits Associated with Stock-Based Compensation Awards	$13,689	$6,515
Shares Repurchased under Repurchase Plan	(43,344)	(26,577)
Reduction of Long-Term Debt	(23,207)	(4,529)
Dividends Paid on Common Stock	(49,808)	(48,933)
Proceeds From Issuance of Common Stock	14,604	7,164
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	($88,066)	($66,360)
Effect of Exchange Rates on Cash	(787)	15
Net Increase in Cash and Temporary Cash Investments	$52,198	$40,492
Cash and Temporary Cash Investments at Beginning of Period	69,611	57,607
Cash and Temporary Cash Investments at March 31	$121,809	$98,099

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SEGMENT OPERATING RESULTS AND STATISTICS
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(Thousands of Dollars, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
UTILITY SEGMENT	2007	2006	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
Revenues from External Customers	$501,473	$536,235	$(34,762)	$790,256	$967,714	$(177,458)
Intersegment Revenues	5,941	5,681	260	9,970	9,803	167
Total Operating Revenues	507,414	541,916	(34,502)	800,226	977,517	(177,291)
Operating Expenses:						
Purchased Gas	352,864	394,803	(41,939)	539,225	715,360	(176,135)
Operation and Maintenance	67,448	65,496	1,952	118,215	117,209	1,006
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	14,107	14,259	(152)	25,298	25,773	(475)
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	10,321	10,027	294	20,100	20,004	96
	444,740	484,585	(39,845)	702,838	878,346	(175,508)

Operating Income	62,674	57,331	5,343	97,388	99,171	(1,783)
Other Income (Expense):						
Interest Income	177	179	(2)	462	380	82
Other Income	368	192	176	653	404	249
Other Interest Expense	(7,269)	(6,880)	(389)	(14,646)	(13,603)	(1,043)
Income Before Income Taxes	55,950	50,822	5,128	83,857	86,352	(2,495)
Income Tax Expense	22,506	22,168	338	33,239	35,945	(2,706)
Net Income	$ 33,444	$ 28,654	$ 4,790	$ 50,618	$ 50,407	$ 211
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.39	$ 0.33	$ 0.06	$ 0.60	$ 0.58	$ 0.02

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
PIPELINE AND STORAGE SEGMENT	2007	2006	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
Revenues from External Customers	$ 34,952	$ 39,346	$ (4,394)	$ 64,761	$ 74,085	$ (9,324)
Intersegment Revenues	20,884	19,711	1,173	41,252	41,006	246
Total Operating Revenues	55,836	59,057	(3,221)	106,013	115,091	(9,078)
Operating Expenses:						
Purchased Gas	2	78	(76)	(11)	62	(73)
Operation and Maintenance	17,744	16,949	795	32,647	32,265	382
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	4,335	4,010	325	8,613	7,966	647
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	7,563	9,176	(1,613)	16,855	18,359	(1,504)
	29,644	30,213	(569)	58,104	58,652	(548)
Operating Income	26,192	28,844	(2,652)	47,909	56,439	(8,530)
Other Income						

(Expense):						
Interest Income	39	144	(105)	123	196	(73)
Other Income	80	60	20	264	268	(4)
Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt	(10)	(274)	264	1,829	(592)	2,421
Other Interest Expense	(2,741)	(1,093)	(1,648)	(5,028)	(2,389)	(2,639)
Income Before Income Taxes	23,560	27,681	(4,121)	45,097	53,922	(8,825)
Income Tax Expense	9,624	10,789	(1,165)	17,473	21,180	(3,707)
Net Income	$ 13,936	$ 16,892	$ (2,956)	$ 27,624	$ 32,742	$ (5,118)
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.16	$ 0.20	$ (0.04)	$ 0.33	$ 0.38	$ (0.05)

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(Thousands of Dollars, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31,		
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SEGMENT	2007	2006	Variance
Operating Revenues	$ 92,610	$ 88,719	$ 3,891
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased Gas	-	4	(4)
Operation and Maintenance:			
General and Administrative Expense	5,949	6,381	(432)
Lease Operating Expense	14,945	13,155	1,790
All Other Operation and Maintenance Expense	2,070	2,021	49
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes (Lease Operating Expense)	1,241	1,528	(287)
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	22,914	23,118	(204)
	47,119	46,207	912
Operating Income	45,491	42,512	2,979
Other Income (Expense):			
Interest Income	2,644	1,940	704
Other Interest Expense	(12,949)	(12,521)	(428)
Income Before Income Taxes	35,186	31,931	3,255
Income Tax Expense	15,385	6,086	9,299

Net Income	$ 19,801	$ 25,845	$ (6,044)
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.23	$ 0.30	$ (0.07)

ENERGY MARKETING SEGMENT	Three Months Ended March 31, 2007	2006	Variance
Operating Revenues	$163,338	$206,061	$(42,723)
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased Gas	151,027	198,562	(47,535)
Operation and Maintenance	1,218	1,259	(41)
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	24	(249)	273
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	7	16	(9)
	152,276	199,588	(47,312)
Operating Income	11,062	6,473	4,589
Other Income (Expense):			
Interest Income	78	43	35
Other Income	181	121	60
Other Interest Expense	(125)	(129)	4
Income Before Income Taxes	11,196	6,508	4,688
Income Tax Expense	4,490	2,631	1,859
Net Income	$ 6,706	$ 3,877	$ 2,829
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.08	$ 0.04	$ 0.04

(Thousands of Dollars, except per share amounts) EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SEGMENT	Six Months Ended March 31, 2007	2006	Variance
Operating Revenues	$181,318	$170,806	$ 10,512
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased Gas	-	98	(98)
Operation and Maintenance:			
General and Administrative Expense	11,520	12,682	(1,162)
Lease Operating Expense	28,401	26,694	1,707
All Other Operation and Maintenance Expense	4,711	3,992	719
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes (Lease Operating Expense)	2,391	2,736	(345)
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	44,922	44,658	264

	91,945	90,860	1,085
Operating Income	89,373	79,946	9,427
Other Income (Expense):			
Interest Income	5,188	3,781	1,407
Other Interest Expense	(25,897)	(24,950)	(947)
Income Before Income Taxes	68,664	58,777	9,887
Income Tax Expense	28,141	15,497	12,644
Net Income	$ 40,523	$ 43,280	$ (2,757)
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.48	$ 0.50	$ (0.02)

	Six Months Ended March 31,		
ENERGY MARKETING SEGMENT	2007	2006	Variance
Operating Revenues	$246,656	$351,620	$(104,964)
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased Gas	232,282	341,391	(109,109)
Operation and Maintenance	2,512	2,489	23
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	35	(240)	275
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	14	37	(23)
	234,843	343,677	(108,834)
Operating Income	11,813	7,943	3,870
Other Income (Expense):			
Interest Income	140	169	(29)
Other Income	317	219	98
Other Interest Expense	(252)	(191)	(61)
Income Before Income Taxes	12,018	8,140	3,878
Income Tax Expense	4,820	3,276	1,544
Net Income	$ 7,198	$ 4,864	$ 2,334
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.08	$ 0.06	$ 0.02

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(Thousands of Dollars, except per	Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended

share amounts)	March 31,			March 31,		
TIMBER SEGMENT	2007	2006	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
Revenues from External Customers	$18,184	$19,157	$ (973)	$29,947	$36,066	$(6,119)
Intersegment Revenues	-	(23)	23	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenues	18,184	19,134	(950)	29,947	36,066	(6,119)
Operating Expenses:						
Operation and Maintenance	10,969	12,746	(1,777)	20,111	24,430	(4,319)
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	426	478	(52)	819	859	(40)
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	883	1,627	(744)	2,251	3,638	(1,387)
	12,278	14,851	(2,573)	23,181	28,927	(5,746)
Operating Income	5,906	4,283	1,623	6,766	7,139	(373)
Other Income (Expense):						
Interest Income	296	164	132	612	301	311
Other Income	-	35	(35)	21	52	(31)
Other Interest Expense	(791)	(758)	(33)	(1,594)	(1,521)	(73)
Income Before Income Taxes	5,411	3,724	1,687	5,805	5,971	(166)
Income Tax Expense	2,211	1,482	729	2,388	2,265	123
Net Income	$ 3,200	$ 2,242	$ 958	$ 3,417	$ 3,706	$ (289)
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.04	$ 0.03	$ 0.01	$ 0.04	$ 0.04	$ -

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
ALL OTHER	2007	2006	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
Revenues from External Customers	$ 1,403	$ 1,075	$ 328	$ 3,079	$ 1,058	$ 2,021
Intersegment Revenues	2,090	2,057	33	4,287	6,584	(2,297)
Total Operating Revenues	3,493	3,132	361	7,366	7,642	(276)
Operating Expenses:						
Purchased Gas	1,822	1,866	(44)	3,650	4,972	(1,322)
Operation and						

Maintenance	950	922	28	1,755	1,795	(40)
Property, Franchise and Other Taxes	28	23	5	48	42	6
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	197	197	-	393	397	(4)
	2,997	3,008	(11)	5,846	7,206	(1,360)
Operating Income	496	124	372	1,520	436	1,084
Other Income (Expense):						
Income from Unconsolidated Subsidiaries	942	720	222	2,173	1,985	188
Interest Income	4	7	(3)	7	13	(6)
Other Income	12	14	(2)	25	16	9
Other Interest Expense	(667)	(616)	(51)	(1,337)	(1,206)	(131)
Income Before Income Taxes	787	249	538	2,388	1,244	1,144
Income Tax Expense	320	203	117	935	628	307
Net Income	$ 467	$ 46	$ 421	$ 1,453	$ 616	$ 837
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.01	$ -	$ 0.01	$ 0.02	$ 0.01	$ 0.01

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SEGMENT OPERATING RESULTS AND STATISTICS
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(Thousands of Dollars, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
CORPORATE	2007	2006	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
Revenues from External Customers	$ 196	$ 388	$ (192)	$ 379	$ 388	$ (9)
Intersegment Revenues	912	782	130	1,764	1,475	289
Total Operating Revenues	1,108	1,170	(62)	2,143	1,863	280
Operating Expenses:						
Operation and Maintenance	5,262	1,582	3,680	7,011	3,450	3,561
Property, Franchise and						

Other Taxes	72	71	1	141	166	(25)
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	176	117	59	351	231	120
	5,510	1,770	3,740	7,503	3,847	3,656
Operating Loss	(4,402)	(600)	(3,802)	(5,360)	(1,984)	(3,376)
Other Income (Expense):						
Interest Income	22,138	19,979	2,159	44,067	39,703	4,364
Other Income	1,885	(174)	2,059	1,961	30	1,931
Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt	(17,878)	(17,875)	(3)	(35,760)	(35,775)	15
Other Interest Expense	(1,465)	(959)	(506)	(2,963)	(1,825)	(1,138)
Income Before Income Taxes	278	371	(93)	1,945	149	1,796
Income Tax Benefit	(615)	(667)	52	(189)	(249)	60
Net Income	$ 893	$ 1,038	$ (145)	$ 2,134	$ 398	$ 1,736
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ 0.01	$ 0.01	$ -	$ 0.02	$ 0.01	$ 0.01

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
INTERSEGMENT ELIMINATIONS	2007	2006	Variance	2007	2006	Variance
Intersegment Revenues	$(29,827)	$(28,208)	$(1,619)	$(57,273)	$(58,868)	$ 1,595
Operating Expenses:						
Purchased Gas	(28,811)	(28,773)	(38)	(55,303)	(58,566)	3,263
Operation and Maintenance	(1,016)	565	(1,581)	(1,970)	(302)	(1,668)
	(29,827)	(28,208)	(1,619)	(57,273)	(58,868)	1,595
Operating Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income (Expense):						
Interest Income	(24,491)	(21,491)	(3,000)	(48,351)	(42,445)	(5,906)
Other Interest Expense	24,491	21,491	3,000	48,351	42,445	5,906

Net Income	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Net Income Per Share (Diluted)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)
(Thousands of Dollars)

	Three Months Ended March 31, (Unaudited)		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Capital Expenditures:			
Utility	$ 12,679	$ 13,006	$ (327)
Pipeline and Storage	5,201	4,165	1,036
Exploration and Production	49,277	45,401	3,876
Energy Marketing	8	1	7
Timber	401	257	144
Total Reportable Segments	67,566	62,830	4,736
All Other	55	56	(1)
Corporate	(610)	1,707	(2,317)
Total Consolidated	$ 67,011	$ 64,593	$ 2,418

	Six Months Ended March 31, (Unaudited)		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Capital Expenditures:			
Utility	$ 25,558	$ 25,360	$ 198
Pipeline and Storage	10,153	10,328	(175)
Exploration and Production	95,866	96,324	(458)
Energy Marketing	17	6	11
Timber	1,207	752	455
Total Reportable Segments	132,801	132,770	31
All Other	84	56	28
Corporate	(572)	2,135	(2,707)
Total Consolidated	$132,313	$134,961	$ (2,648)

DEGREE DAYS

Three Months Ended March 31	Normal	2007	2006	Percent Colder (Warmer) Than: Normal	Last Year
Buffalo, NY	3,327	3,327	2,875	-	15.7
Erie, PA	3,142	3,152	2,705	0.3	16.5
Six Months Ended March 31					
Buffalo, NY	5,587	5,274	5,085	(5.6)	3.7
Erie, PA	5,223	5,030	4,753	(3.7)	5.8

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EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INFORMATION

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Six Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Gas Production /Prices:						
Production (MMcf)						
Gulf Coast	2,893	2,752	141	5,616	4,419	1,197
West Coast	920	933	(13)	1,865	1,951	(86)
Appalachia	1,339	1,246	93	2,732	2,499	233
Canada	1,856	1,761	95	3,577	3,672	(95)
	7,008	6,692	316	13,790	12,541	1,249
Average Prices (Per Mcf)						
Gulf Coast	$ 6.42	$ 8.47	$ (2.05)	$ 6.48	$ 9.33	$ (2.85)
West Coast	6.95	8.02	(1.07)	6.51	9.62	(3.11)
Appalachia	7.39	10.03	(2.64)	7.30	11.83	(4.53)
Canada	5.87	7.21	(1.34)	6.12	9.06	(2.94)
Weighted Average	6.53	8.37	(1.84)	6.56	9.79	(3.23)
Weighted Average after Hedging	6.87	7.39	(0.52)	6.90	7.88	(0.98)
Oil Production /Prices:						
Production (Thousands of Barrels)						
Gulf Coast	174	181	(7)	376	288	88
West Coast	599	639	(40)	1,190	1,324	(134)
Appalachia	31	12	19	58	22	36
Canada	61	68	(7)	117	155	(38)

	865	900	(35)	1,741	1,789	(48)
Average Prices (Per Barrel)						
Gulf Coast	$57.21	$58.69	$ (1.48)	$56.84	$58.39	$ (1.55)
West Coast	49.99	53.65	(3.66)	50.55	52.46	(1.91)
Appalachia	57.88	60.28	(2.40)	58.76	60.84	(2.08)
Canada	49.98	48.63	1.35	46.45	45.57	0.88
Weighted Average	51.73	54.37	(2.64)	51.91	52.92	(1.01)
Weighted Average after Hedging	48.09	40.30	7.79	45.90	36.70	9.20
Total Production (Mmcfe)	12,198	12,092	106	24,236	23,275	961
Selected Operating Performance Statistics:						
General & Administrative Expense per Mcfe (1)	$ 0.49	$ 0.53	$ (0.04)	$ 0.48	$ 0.54	$ (0.06)
Lease Operating Expense per Mcfe (1)	$ 1.33	$ 1.21	$ 0.12	$ 1.27	$ 1.26	$ 0.01
Depreciation, Depletion & Amortization per Mcfe (1)	$ 1.88	$ 1.91	$ (0.03)	$ 1.85	$ 1.92	$ (0.07)

(1) Refer to page 17 for the General and Administrative Expense, Lease Operating Expense and Depreciation, Depletion, and Amortization Expense for the Exploration and Production segment.

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EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Hedging Summary for Fiscal 2007

SWAPS	Volume	Average Hedge Price
Oil	0.4 MMBBL	$37.86 / BBL
Gas	6.3 BCF	$7.38 / MCF

No-cost Collars	Volume	Floor Price	Ceiling Price
Oil	0.1 MMBBL	$70.00 / BBL	$77.00 / BBL
Gas	2.5 BCF	$7.42 / MCF	$16.42 / MCF

Hedging Summary for Fiscal 2008

SWAPS	Volume	Average Hedge Price
Oil	0.6 MMBBL	$52.45 / BBL
Gas	7.9 BCF	$8.38 / MCF

No-cost Collars	Volume	Floor Price	Ceiling Price
Gas	1.4 BCF	$8.83 / MCF	$16.45 / MCF

Hedging Summary for Fiscal 2009

SWAPS	Volume	Average Hedge Price
Oil	0.2 MMBBL	$54.70 / BBL

Gross Wells in Process of Drilling

Six Months Ended March 31, 2007

	Gulf	West	East	Total U.S.	Canada	Total Company
Wells in Process - Beginning Period						
Exploratory	4.00	1.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	20.00
Developmental	1.00	5.00	44.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Wells Commenced						
Exploratory	4.00	0.00	9.00	13.00	6.00	19.00
Developmental	0.00	36.00	46.00	82.00	3.00	85.00
Wells Completed						
Exploratory	1.00	1.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00
Developmental	0.00	36.00	67.00	103.00	2.00	105.00
Wells Plugged & Abandoned						
Exploratory	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
Developmental	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
Wells in Process - End of Period						
Exploratory	4.00	0.00	17.00	21.00	7.00	28.00
Developmental	1.00	5.00	22.00	28.00	1.00	29.00

Net Wells in Process of Drilling

Six Months Ended March 31, 2007

	Gulf	West	East	Total U.S.	Canada	Total Company
Wells in Process - Beginning Period						
Exploratory	2.02	0.50	10.00	12.52	2.13	14.65
Developmental	0.67	5.00	44.00	49.67	0.00	49.67
Wells Commenced						
Exploratory	1.90	0.00	8.10	10.00	3.95	13.95
Developmental	0.00	36.00	44.00	80.00	1.80	81.80
Wells Completed						
Exploratory	0.35	0.50	1.60	2.45	2.75	5.20
Developmental	0.00	36.00	65.00	101.00	0.80	101.80
Wells Plugged & Abandoned						
Exploratory	1.42	0.00	0.00	1.42	0.00	1.42
Developmental	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
Wells in Process - End of Period						
Exploratory	2.15	0.00	16.50	18.65	3.33	21.98
Developmental	0.67	5.00	22.00	27.67	1.00	28.67

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Utility Throughput - (millions of cubic feet - MMcf)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Retail Sales:			
Residential Sales	29,372	26,807	2,565
Commercial Sales	5,428	5,038	390
Industrial Sales	323	459	(136)
	35,123	32,304	2,819
Transportation	24,723	22,119	2,604
	59,846	54,423	5,423

Pipeline & Storage Throughput - (MMcf)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Firm Transportation - Affiliated	51,016	43,637	7,379
Firm Transportation - Non-Affiliated	69,615	71,191	(1,576)
Interruptible Transportation	932	1,831	(899)
	121,563	116,659	4,904

Energy Marketing Volumes

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Natural Gas (MMcf)	19,935	17,332	2,603

Timber Board Feet (Thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Log Sales	3,025	3,282	(257)
Green Lumber Sales	2,380	2,982	(602)
Kiln Dry Lumber Sales	3,794	4,512	(718)
	9,199	10,776	(1,577)

Utility Throughput - (millions of cubic feet - MMcf)

	Six Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Retail Sales:			
Residential Sales	46,050	46,331	(281)
Commercial Sales	8,296	8,481	(185)
Industrial Sales	514	786	(272)
	54,860	55,598	(738)
Transportation	40,576	36,461	4,115
	95,436	92,059	3,377

Pipeline & Storage Throughput - (MMcf)

	Six Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Firm Transportation - Affiliated	80,746	76,862	3,884
Firm Transportation - Non-Affiliated	114,312	140,788	(26,476)
Interruptible Transportation	1,927	5,554	(3,627)
	196,985	223,204	(26,219)

Energy Marketing Volumes

	Six Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Natural Gas (MMcf)	31,049	27,306	3,743

Timber Board Feet (Thousands)

	Six Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	2006	Increase (Decrease)
Log Sales	4,734	5,774	(1,040)
Green Lumber Sales	3,910	4,956	(1,046)
Kiln Dry Lumber Sales	6,952	8,998	(2,046)
	15,596	19,728	(4,132)

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FISCAL 2007 EARNINGS GUIDANCE AND SENSITIVITIES

Fiscal 2007 (Diluted earnings per share guidance*)

	Range

Consolidated Earnings	$2.25 - $2.40

Earnings per share sensitivity to changes from NYMEX prices used in guidance* +

$1 change per MMBtu gas		$5 change per Bbl oil	
Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
+ $0.06	- $0.05	+ $0.05	- $0.05

NYMEX Settlement Prices at September 21, 2006

	Natural Gas ($ per MMBtu)	Oil ($ per Bbl)
Apr-07	$7.166	$65.18
May-07	$7.126	$65.61
Jun-07	$7.221	$65.96
Jul-07	$7.311	$66.25
Aug-07	$7.391	$66.49
Sep-07	$7.476	$66.67
Average	$7.282	$66.03

* Please refer to forward looking statement footnote at page 8 of this document.

+ This sensitivity table is current as of May 1, 2007 and only considers revenue from the Exploration and Production segment's crude oil and natural gas sales. The sensitivities will become obsolete with the passage of time, changes in Seneca's production forecast, changes in basis differential, as additional hedging contracts are entered into, and with the settling of NYMEX hedge contracts at their maturity.

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Quarter Ended March 31 (unaudited)	2007	2006
Operating Revenues	$ 812,156,000	$ 890,981,000
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$ 78,447,000	$ 78,594,000
Earnings Per Common Share:		
Basic	$ 0.95	$ 0.93
Diluted	$ 0.92	$ 0.91
Weighted Average Common Shares:		
Used in Basic Calculation	82,895,087	84,346,733

Used in Diluted Calculation	85,033,127	86,253,597

Six Months Ended March 31 (unaudited)

Operating Revenues	$1,316,396,000	$1,601,737,000
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$ 132,967,000	$ 136,013,000
Earnings Per Common Share:		
Basic	$ 1.61	$ 1.61
Diluted	$ 1.57	$ 1.58
Weighted Average Common Shares:		
Used in Basic Calculation	82,786,027	84,385,140
Used in Diluted Calculation	84,891,742	86,256,515

Twelve Months Ended March 31 (unaudited)

Operating Revenues	$2,026,317,000	$2,289,160,000
Income from Continuing Operations	$ 135,045,000	$ 180,717,000
Income from Discontinued Operations, Net of Tax	-	23,663,000
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$ 135,045,000	$ 204,380,000
Earnings Per Common Share:		
Basic:		
Income from Continuing Operations	$ 1.62	$ 2.15
Income from Discontinued Operations	-	0.28
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$ 1.62	$ 2.43
Diluted:		
Income from Continuing Operations	$ 1.58	$ 2.11
Income from Discontinued Operations	-	0.27
Net Income Available for Common Stock	$ 1.58	$ 2.38
Weighted Average Common Shares:		
Used in Basic Calculation	83,232,743	84,116,896
Used in Diluted Calculation	85,352,796	85,810,270

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