

News Release

Eversource Energy Reports First Quarter 2019 Results

(HARTFORD, Conn. and BOSTON, Mass. – May 1, 2019) Eversource Energy (NYSE: ES) today reported first quarter 2019 earnings of \$308.7 million, or \$0.97 per share, compared with earnings of \$269.5 million, or \$0.85 per share, in the first quarter of 2018.

Also today, the Eversource Energy Board of Trustees declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.535 per share, payable June 28, 2019 to shareholders of record as of May 23, 2019. Additionally, the company today reaffirmed its 2019 earnings per share (EPS) guidance of \$3.40 to \$3.50 and its projected 5 to 7 percent long-term EPS growth rate.

“Our Eversource team has gotten off to a tremendous start in 2019,” said Jim Judge, Eversource Energy chairman, president and chief executive officer. “We are delivering top-quartile reliability and safety performance, as well as financial results that are consistent with both our short-term and long-term projections. We are also executing on a nearly \$13 billion, five-year core business capital plan that will greatly help our region address its long-term infrastructure and clean energy needs.”

Electric Transmission

Eversource Energy’s transmission segment earned \$118.2 million in the first quarter of 2019, compared with earnings of \$107.4 million in the first quarter of 2018. Higher transmission earnings were primarily due to Eversource Energy’s additional investment in its electric transmission system.

Electric Distribution

Eversource Energy’s electric distribution segment earned \$120.1 million in the first quarter of 2019, compared with earnings of \$104.2 million in the first quarter of 2018. Improved results were due primarily to higher distribution revenues, partially offset by the absence of New Hampshire generation earnings in 2019 and higher depreciation expense.

Natural Gas Distribution

Eversource Energy’s natural gas distribution segment earned \$76.5 million in the first quarter of 2019, compared with earnings of \$57.8 million in the first quarter of 2018. Improved results were due primarily to the timing of distribution revenues under the recently approved decoupling mechanism for Eversource’s Connecticut natural gas business. Additionally, the natural gas segment benefited from capital tracking mechanisms on higher levels of investment. Those benefits were partially offset by higher operations and maintenance, property tax, and depreciation expense.

Water Distribution

Eversource Energy's water distribution segment earned \$0.9 million in the first quarter of 2019, compared with earnings of \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2018. The modest decline was due primarily to higher pension costs.

Parent and other companies

Parent and other companies had a net loss of \$7 million in the first quarter of 2019, compared with a net loss of \$1.4 million in the first quarter of 2018. Lower results were due primarily to higher interest expense on short-term and long-term debt.

The following table reconciles consolidated earnings per share for the first quarters of 2019 and 2018:

		First Quarter
2018	Reported EPS	\$0.85
	Higher transmission earnings in 2019	0.03
	Higher electric distribution revenues in 2019	0.04
	Higher natural gas revenues in 2019	0.05
	Lower non-tracked O&M in 2019	0.02
	Higher level of electric and natural gas distribution investment trackers in 2019	0.02
	Higher depreciation and property tax expense in 2019	(0.03)
	Higher interest expense in 2019	(0.02)
	Other	0.01
2019	Reported EPS	\$0.97

Financial results for the first quarters of 2019 and 2018 for Eversource Energy's business segments and parent and other companies are noted below:

Three months ended:

<i>(in millions, except EPS)</i>	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	Increase/ (Decrease)	2019 EPS¹
Electric Distribution	\$120.1	\$104.2	\$15.9	\$0.38
Electric Transmission	118.2	107.4	10.8	0.37
Natural Gas Distribution	76.5	57.8	18.7	0.24
Water Distribution	0.9	1.5	(0.6)	---
Parent and Other Companies	(7.0)	(1.4)	(5.6)	(0.02)
Reported Earnings	\$308.7	\$269.5	\$39.2	\$0.97

Retail sales data:

<i>(Three months ended)</i>	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	% Change
Electric Distribution			
Traditional	1,968	1,972	(0.2)%
Decoupled	11,183	11,249	(0.6)%
Total Electric Distribution	13,151	13,221	(0.5)%
Natural Gas Distribution (Decoupled) (mmcf)	45,376	43,179	5.1%

Eversource Energy has approximately 317 million common shares outstanding. It operates New England's largest energy delivery system and serves approximately 4 million electric, natural gas and water utility customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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Note: Eversource Energy will webcast a conference call with senior management on May 2, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern Time. The webcast and associated slides can be accessed through Eversource's website at www.eversource.com.

¹ All per-share amounts in this news release are reported on a diluted basis. The only common equity securities that are publicly traded are common shares of Eversource Energy. The earnings and EPS of each business do not represent a direct legal interest in the assets and liabilities allocated to such business, but rather represent a direct interest in Eversource Energy's assets and liabilities as a whole. EPS by business is a non-GAAP (not determined using generally accepted accounting principles) measure that is calculated by dividing the net income or loss attributable to common shareholders of each business by the weighted average diluted Eversource Energy common shares outstanding for the period. Management believes that this measurement is useful to investors to evaluate the actual and projected financial performance and contribution of Eversource Energy's businesses. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to Eversource Energy's consolidated net income attributable to common shareholders or EPS determined in accordance with GAAP as indicators of Eversource Energy's operating performance.

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strategic development projects and opportunities; actions or inaction of local, state and federal regulatory, public policy and taxing bodies; substandard performance of third-party suppliers and service providers; fluctuations in weather patterns, including extreme weather due to climate change; changes in business conditions, which could include disruptive technology related to our current or future business model; increased conservation measures of customers and development of alternative energy sources; contamination of, or disruption in, our water supplies; changes in economic conditions, including impact on interest rates, tax policies, and customer demand and payment ability; changes in levels or timing of capital expenditures; disruptions in the capital markets or other events that make our access to necessary capital more difficult or costly; changes in laws, regulations or regulatory policy, including compliance with environmental laws and regulations; changes in accounting standards and financial reporting regulations; actions of rating agencies; and other presently unknown or unforeseen factors.

Other risk factors are detailed in Eversource Energy's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and updated as necessary, and are available on Eversource Energy's website at www.eversource.com and on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. All such factors are difficult to predict and contain uncertainties that may materially affect Eversource Energy's actual results, many of which are beyond our control. You should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements; each speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, except as required by federal securities laws, and Eversource Energy undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	As of March 31, 2019	As of December 31, 2018
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 35,145	\$ 108,068
Receivables, Net	1,140,348	994,055
Unbilled Revenues	159,288	176,285
Fuel, Materials, Supplies and Inventory	277,104	238,042
Regulatory Assets	507,255	514,779
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	181,724	260,995
Total Current Assets	2,300,864	2,292,224
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	26,032,781	25,610,428
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	4,589,427	4,631,137
Goodwill	4,427,266	4,427,266
Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates	711,476	464,286
Marketable Securities	415,405	417,508
Other Long-Term Assets	463,788	398,407
Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets	10,607,362	10,338,604
Total Assets	\$ 38,941,007	\$ 38,241,256
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable	\$ 1,477,830	\$ 910,000
Long-Term Debt – Current Portion	805,519	837,319
Rate Reduction Bonds – Current Portion	43,210	52,332
Accounts Payable	1,006,774	1,119,995
Regulatory Liabilities	385,442	370,230
Other Current Liabilities	840,587	823,006
Total Current Liabilities	4,559,362	4,112,882
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	3,543,052	3,506,030
Regulatory Liabilities	3,627,389	3,609,475
Derivative Liabilities	372,957	379,562
Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP	939,786	962,510
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,259,400	1,196,336
Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	9,742,584	9,653,913
Long-Term Debt	12,284,330	12,248,743
Rate Reduction Bonds	561,727	583,331
Noncontrolling Interest – Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries	155,570	155,570
Common Shareholders' Equity:		
Common Shares	1,669,392	1,669,392
Capital Surplus, Paid In	6,242,089	6,241,222
Retained Earnings	4,092,895	3,953,974
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(57,804)	(60,000)
Treasury Stock	(309,138)	(317,771)
Common Shareholders' Equity	11,637,434	11,486,817
Total Liabilities and Capitalization	\$ 38,941,007	\$ 38,241,256

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EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2019	2018
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,415,792	\$ 2,287,962
Operating Expenses:		
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	974,882	946,747
Operations and Maintenance	335,597	332,549
Depreciation	214,948	204,266
Amortization	70,961	45,194
Energy Efficiency Programs	140,116	134,241
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	184,588	182,433
Total Operating Expenses	1,921,092	1,845,430
Operating Income	494,700	442,532
Interest Expense	131,734	121,129
Other Income, Net	30,985	33,789
Income Before Income Tax Expense	393,951	355,192
Income Tax Expense	83,393	83,766
Net Income	310,558	271,426
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	1,880	1,880
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 308,678	\$ 269,546
Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.85
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:		
Basic	317,624,593	317,397,052
Diluted	318,316,082	317,992,999

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2019	2018
Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$ 310,558	\$ 271,426
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	214,948	204,266
Deferred Income Taxes	18,085	88,481
Uncollectible Expense	18,565	19,613
Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense/(Income), Net	8,428	(1,965)
Pension and PBOP Contributions	(4,700)	(171,244)
Regulatory (Under)/Over Recoveries, Net	(19,232)	70,457
Amortization	70,961	45,194
Other	(37,310)	(74,582)
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net	(155,823)	(156,888)
Fuel, Materials, Supplies and Inventory	(39,063)	(26,956)
Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net	126,381	(5,061)
Accounts Payable	(69,832)	(61,571)
Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net	(70,242)	(23,456)
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities	<u>371,724</u>	<u>177,714</u>
Investing Activities:		
Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment	(618,418)	(607,334)
Proceeds from Sales of Marketable Securities	234,497	145,438
Purchases of Marketable Securities	(237,794)	(143,264)
Proceeds from the Sale of PSNH Generation Assets	—	130,641
Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates	(249,138)	(7,340)
Other Investing Activities	4,893	2,140
Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities	<u>(865,960)</u>	<u>(479,719)</u>
Financing Activities:		
Cash Dividends on Common Shares	(169,757)	(160,027)
Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock	(1,880)	(1,880)
Issuance of Treasury Shares	26,109	—
Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	829,430	(240,005)
Repayment of Rate Reduction Bonds	(30,727)	—
Issuance of Long-Term Debt	—	1,150,000
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	(250,215)	(150,218)
Other Financing Activities	(9,676)	(19,140)
Net Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities	<u>393,284</u>	<u>578,730</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Restricted Cash	(100,952)	276,725
Cash and Restricted Cash - Beginning of Period	209,324	85,890
Cash and Restricted Cash - End of Period	<u>\$ 108,372</u>	<u>\$ 362,615</u>

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