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#### **FORM 10-Q**

[X] Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended:

#### **September 30, 2014**

Commission	Name of Registrant, State of Incorporation, Address	IRS Employer
File No. 000-49965	of Principal Executive Offices, and Telephone No. MGE Energy, Inc.	<b>Identification No.</b> 39-2040501
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Yes [X] No []

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	Large Accelerated	Accelerated	Non-accelerated	<b>Smaller Reporting</b>
	Filer	Filer	Filer	Company
MGE Energy, Inc.	X			
Madison Gas and Electric				
Company			X	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act):

MGE Energy, Inc. and Madison Gas and Electric Company: Yes [] No [X]

#### Number of Shares Outstanding of Each Class of Common Stock as of October 31, 2014

MGE Energy, Inc. Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 34,668,370 shares outstanding.

Madison Gas and Electric Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 17,347,894 shares outstanding (all of which are

Company owned beneficially and of record by MGE Energy, Inc.).

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

#### **Filing Format**

This combined Form 10-Q is being filed separately by MGE Energy, Inc. (MGE Energy) and Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE). MGE is a wholly owned subsidiary of MGE Energy and represents a majority of its assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and operations. Thus, all information contained in this report relates to, and is filed by, MGE Energy. Information that is specifically identified in this report as relating solely to MGE Energy, such as its financial statements and information relating to its nonregulated business, does not relate to, and is not filed by, MGE. MGE makes no representation as to that information. The terms "we" and "our," as used in this report, refer to MGE Energy and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report, and other documents filed by MGE Energy and MGE with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from time to time, contain forward-looking statements that reflect management's current assumptions and estimates regarding future performance and economic conditions especially as they relate to economic conditions, future load growth, revenues, expenses, capital expenditures, financial resources, regulatory matters, and the scope and expense associated with future environmental regulation. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "could," "should," "intend," "will," and other similar words generally identify forward-looking statements. Both MGE Energy and MGE caution investors that these forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, expressed, or implied.

The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made by a registrant include (a) those factors discussed in the Registrants' 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K: Item 1A. Risk Factors, as updated by Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors in this Report, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, as updated by Part I, Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this report, and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 18, as updated by Part I, Item 1. Financial Statements Note 8 in this report, and (b) other factors discussed herein and in other filings made by that registrant with the SEC.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this report. MGE Energy and MGE undertake no obligation to release publicly any revision to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report.

#### **Stock Split**

On December 20, 2013, MGE Energy's Board of Directors declared a three-for-two stock split of MGE Energy's outstanding shares of common stock, effective in the form of a stock dividend. Shareholders of record at the close of business on January 24, 2014, received one additional share of MGE Energy common stock for every two shares of common stock owned on that date. The additional shares were distributed on February 7, 2014. All share and per share data provided in this report give effect to this stock split.

#### Where to Find More Information

The public may read and copy any reports or other information that MGE Energy and MGE file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. These documents also are available to the public from commercial document retrieval services, the website maintained by the SEC at <a href="sec.gov">sec.gov</a>, MGE Energy's website at <a href="mage.com">mgeenergy.com</a>, and MGE's website at <a href="mage.com">mge.com</a>. Copies may be obtained from our websites free of charge. Information contained on MGE Energy's and MGE's websites shall not be deemed incorporated into, or to be a part of, this report.

#### Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms Used in the Text and Notes of this Report

Abbreviations, acronyms, and definitions used in the text and notes of this report are defined below.

#### MGE Energy and Subsidiaries:

CWDC Central Wisconsin Development Corporation

MAGAEL, LLC

MGE Madison Gas and Electric Company

MGE Energy MGE Energy, Inc.
MGE Power MGE Power, LLC

MGE Power Elm Road MGE Power Elm Road, LLC
MGE Power West Campus MGE Power West Campus, LLC
MGE State Energy Services MGE State Energy Services, LLC
MGE Transco MGE Transco Investment, LLC
NGV Fueling Services NGV Fueling Services, LLC

#### Other Defined Terms:

AFUDC Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

ATC American Transmission Company LLC

Blount Station

CA Certificate of Authority

CAA Clean Air Act

CAIR Clean Air Interstate Rule
CAVR Clean Air Visibility Rule
CCC Closed Cycle Cooling
CCR Coal Combustion Residual

Codification Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards

Codification

Columbia Energy Center

Cooling degree days Measure of the extent to which the average daily temperature is above 65

degrees Fahrenheit, which is considered an indicator of possible increased

demand for energy to provide cooling

CSAPR Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

Dth Dekatherms, a quantity measure used in respect of natural gas

EGUs Electric Generating Units
Elm Road Units Elm Road Generating Station

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board

FTR Financial Transmission Rights

GHG Greenhouse Gas

Heating degree days (HDD)

Measure of the extent to which the average daily temperature is below 65 degrees Fahrenheit, which is considered an indicator of possible increased

demand for energy to provide heating

IRS Internal Revenue Service

kWh Kilowatt-hour, a measure of electric energy produced

MATS Mercury and Air Toxics Standards

MISO Midcontinent Independent System Operator (a regional transmission

organization)

MW Megawatt, a measure of electric energy generating capacity
MWh Megawatt-hour, a measure of electric energy produced

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NOL Net Operating Loss NOV Notice of Violation NOx Nitrogen Oxides

NSPS New Source Performance Standards

PGA Purchased Gas Adjustment clause, a regulatory mechanism used to

reconcile natural gas costs recovered in rates to actual costs

PJM Interconnection, LLC (a regional transmission organization)

PPA Purchased Power Agreement

PSCW Public Service Commission of Wisconsin PSD Prevention of Significant Deterioration

ROE Return on Equity

SCR Selective Catalytic Reduction

SEC Securities and Exchange Commission

SIP State Implementation Plan

SO2 Sulfur Dioxide the State State of Wisconsin

Stock Plan Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan of MGE Energy

UW University of Wisconsin at Madison

VIE Variable Interest Entity

WCCF West Campus Cogeneration Facility

WDNR Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WEPCO Wisconsin Electric Power Company
Working capital Current assets less current liabilities
WPL Wisconsin Power and Light Company
WPSC Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
XBRL eXtensible Business Reporting Language

**Item 1. Financial Statements.** 

MGE Energy, Inc.

## **Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per-share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014		2013		2014		2013
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>							
Regulated electric revenues	\$ 112,869	\$	119,836	\$	308,418	\$	310,176
Regulated gas revenues	21,404		18,864		163,335		121,373
Nonregulated revenues	862		1,399		2,392		4,075
Total Operating Revenues	135,135		140,099		474,145		435,624
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>							
Fuel for electric generation	9,838		13,950		35,836		34,520
Purchased power	21,303		21,981		58,779		61,237
Cost of gas sold	11,039		8,819		107,679		70,259
Other operations and							
maintenance	37,587		41,134		118,267		124,670
Depreciation and amortization	10,376		9,710		30,191		28,864
Other general taxes	4,872		4,605		14,861		14,049
Total Operating Expenses	95,015		100,199		365,613		333,599
Operating Income	40,120		39,900		108,532		102,025
Other income, net	2,636		3,750		10,736		9,770
Interest expense, net	(5,141)		(4,605)		(14,550)		(13,937)
Income before income taxes	37,615		39,045		104,718		97,858
Income tax provision	(14,286)		(14,692)		(39,585)		(37,030)
Net Income	\$ 23,329	\$	24,353	\$	65,133	\$	60,828
<b>Earnings Per Share of Common</b>							
Stock							
(basic and diluted)	\$ 0.67	\$	0.70	\$	1.88	\$	1.75
Dividends per share of common							
stock	\$ 0.283	\$	0.272	\$	0.826	\$	0.799
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding							
(basic and diluted)	34,668		34,668		34,668		34,668

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## MGE Energy, Inc.

## **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014		2013		2014		2013	
Net Income	\$	23,329	\$	24,353	\$	65,133	\$	60,828
Other comprehensive income, net of								
tax:								
Unrealized gain on								
available-for-sale								
securities, net of tax (\$63 and								
\$24, and \$38 and								
\$117, respectively)		95		36		56		176
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	\$	23,424	\$	24,389	\$	65,189	\$	61,004

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

MGE Energy, Inc.

## **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2014	ŕ	2013
Operating Activities:				
Net income	\$	65,133	\$	60,828
Items not affecting cash:				
Depreciation and amortization		30,191		28,864
Deferred income taxes		24,376		32,706
Provision for doubtful receivables		1,001		1,551
Employee benefit plan expenses		(814)		9,908
Equity earnings in ATC		(7,306)		(7,045)
Other items		(843)		250
Changes in working capital items:				
Decrease in current assets		13,318		15,053
Decrease in current liabilities		(7,515)		(5,496)
Dividend income from ATC		5,762		5,498
Cash contributions to pension and other				
postretirement plans		(2,449)		(33,919)
Debt make-whole premium		-		(6,757)
Other noncurrent items, net		118		7,159
Cash Provided by Operating Activities		120,972		108,600
Investing Activities:				
Capital expenditures		(66,138)		(92,092)
Capital contributions to investments		(1,830)		(1,305)
Other		(1,265)		(780)
Cash Used for Investing Activities		(69,233)		(94,177)
Financing Activities:				
Cash dividends paid on common stock		(28,634)		(27,685)
Repayment of long-term debt		(3,069)		(42,000)
Issuance of long-term debt		-		85,000
Other		(130)		(765)
Cash (Used for) Provided by Financing				
Activities		(31,833)		14,550
Change in cash and cash equivalents		19,906		28,973
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of				
period		68,813		46,357
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$	88,719	\$	75,330

## Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Significant noncash investing activities:

Accrued capital expenditures \$ 6,549 \$ 10,473

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## MGE Energy, Inc.

## **Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

ASSETS	September 30, 2014		I	December 31, 2013	
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	88,719	\$	68,813	
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$4,056 and		•		·	
\$4,219, respectively		35,251		44,890	
Other accounts receivable, less reserves of \$448 and		•		·	
\$750, respectively		5,365		5,352	
Unbilled revenues		19,929		31,982	
Materials and supplies, at average cost		17,524		16,662	
Fossil fuel		5,121		5,206	
Stored natural gas, at average cost		23,292		13,988	
Prepaid taxes		15,569		19,106	
Regulatory assets - current		4,985		6,377	
Other current assets		9,650		8,225	
Total Current Assets		225,405		220,601	
Regulatory assets		100,227		107,166	
Pension benefits		17,942		15,071	
Other deferred assets and other		7,029		8,046	
Property, Plant, and Equipment:		,,,,,		2,010	
Property, plant, and equipment, net		1,176,592		1,018,809	
Construction work in progress		21,331		141,415	
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment		1,197,923		1,160,224	
Investments		71,370		67,952	
Total Assets	\$	1,619,896	\$	1,579,060	
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION Current Liabilities:					
Long-term debt due within one year	\$	4,162	\$	4,102	
Accounts payable	Ψ	41,871	Ψ	43,684	
Accrued interest and taxes		4,041		5,661	
Accrued payroll related items		10,305		10,731	
Deferred income taxes		-		1,711	
Regulatory liabilities - current		8,822		13,538	
Derivative liabilities		7,131		7,750	
Other current liabilities		5,824		9,489	
Total Current Liabilities		82,156		96,666	
Other Credits:		02,130		70,000	
Deferred income taxes		313,101		284,791	
Investment tax credit - deferred		1,274		1,413	
Regulatory liabilities		21,970		19,792	

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Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	50,339	49,184
Derivative liabilities	47,820	57,930
Other deferred liabilities and other	52,947	52,360
Total Other Credits	487,451	465,470
Capitalization:		
Common shareholders' equity	653,985	617,510
Long-term debt	396,304	399,414
Total Capitalization	1,050,289	1,016,924
Commitments and contingencies (see Footnote 8)	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities and Capitalization</b>	\$ 1,619,896	\$ 1,579,060

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

MGE Energy, Inc.

## **Consolidated Statements of Common Equity (unaudited)**

(In thousands, except per-share amounts)

	Comm	on Stock	A	Additional Paid-in	Retained	occumulated Other mprehensive	
	Shares	Value		Capital	Earnings	Income	Total
2013							
Beginning balance - December 31, 2012 Net income Other comprehensive	34,668	\$ 34,668	\$	316,268	\$ 228,399 60,828	\$ 94	\$ 579,429 60,828
income Common stock dividends declared						176	176
(\$ 0.799 per share) Ending balance -					(27,685)		(27,685)
September 30, 2013	34,668	\$ 34,668	\$	316,268	\$ 261,542	\$ 270	\$ 612,748
2014							
Beginning balance - December 31, 2013 Net income Other comprehensive	34,668	\$ 34,668	\$	316,268	\$ 266,197 65,133	\$ 377	\$ 617,510 65,133
income Common stock						56	56
dividends declared (\$0.826 per share) Cash in lieu of fractional shares related					(28,634)		(28,634)
to stock split Ending balance -					(80)		(80)
September 30, 2014	34,668	\$ 34,668	\$	316,268	\$ 302,616	\$ 433	\$ 653,985

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## **Madison Gas and Electric Company**

## **Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			0,
	2014		2013		2014		2013
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>							
Regulated electric revenues	\$ 112,875	\$	119,836	\$	308,435	\$	310,176
Regulated gas revenues	21,410		18,864		163,351		121,373
Nonregulated revenues	862		1,399		2,392		4,075
Total Operating Revenues	135,147		140,099		474,178		435,624
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>							
Fuel for electric generation	9,841		13,950		35,843		34,520
Purchased power	21,307		21,981		58,790		61,237
Cost of gas sold	11,045		8,819		107,695		70,259
Other operations and							
maintenance	37,309		40,990		117,593		124,133
Depreciation and amortization	10,364		9,710		30,156		28,864
Other general taxes	4,872		4,605		14,861		14,049
Income tax provision	13,338		13,798		36,180		34,237
Total Operating Expenses	108,076		113,853		401,118		367,299
Operating Income	27,071		26,246		73,060		68,325
Other Income and Deductions:							
AFUDC - equity funds	255		852		3,306		2,178
Equity in earnings in ATC	2,423		2,340		7,306		7,045
Income tax provision	(984)		(880)		(3,390)		(2,802)
Other income, net	(111)		407		(351)		118
Total Other Income and							
Deductions	1,583		2,719		6,871		6,539
Income before interest expense	28,654		28,965		79,931		74,864
Interest Expense:							
Interest on long-term debt	5,225		4,910		15,714		14,757
Other interest, net	44		5		52		(31)
AFUDC - borrowed funds	(84)		(281)		(1,090)		(718)
Net Interest Expense	5,185		4,634		14,676		14,008
Net Income	\$ 23,469	\$	24,331	\$	65,255	\$	60,856
Less: Net Income Attributable to							
Noncontrolling							
Interest, net of tax	(6,653)		(6,861)		(19,784)		(20,547)
Net Income Attributable to MGE	\$ 16,816	\$	17,470	\$	45,471	\$	40,309

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## **Madison Gas and Electric Company**

## **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Septembe	
		2014	2013	2014	2013
Net Income	\$	23,469\$	24,331\$	65,255\$	60,856
Other comprehensive income (los	s),				
net of tax:					
Unrealized gain (loss) on					
available-for-sale					
securities, net of tax ((\$29) and					
(\$33), and \$36 and					
(\$52), respectively)		43	49	(54)	77
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	\$	23,512\$	24,380\$	65,201\$	60,933
Less: Comprehensive Income					
Attributable to					
Noncontrolling Interest, net of					
tax		(6,653)	(6,861)	(19,784)	(20,547)
Comprehensive Income					
Attributable to MGE	\$	16,859\$	17,519\$	45,417\$	40,386

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## **Madison Gas and Electric Company**

## **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			d
		2014	ŕ	2013
Operating Activities:				
Net income	\$	65,255	\$	60,856
Items not affecting cash:				
Depreciation and amortization		30,156		28,864
Deferred income taxes		23,811		31,467
Provision for doubtful receivables		1,001		1,551
Employee benefit plan expenses		(814)		9,908
Equity earnings in ATC		(7,306)		(7,045)
Other items		(446)		652
Changes in working capital items:				
Decrease in current assets		13,258		14,599
Decrease in current liabilities		(5,457)		(4,911)
Dividend income from ATC		5,762		5,498
Cash contributions to pension and other				
postretirement plans		(2,449)		(33,919)
Debt make-whole premium		-		(6,757)
Other noncurrent items, net		(24)		7,063
Cash Provided by Operating Activities		122,747		107,826
<b>Investing Activities:</b>				
Capital expenditures		(66,138)		(92,092)
Capital contributions to investments		(1,420)		(1,065)
Other		(1,087)		(678)
Cash Used for Investing Activities		(68,645)		(93,835)
Financing Activities:				
Cash dividends paid to parent by MGE		(26,500)		-
Distributions to parent from noncontrolling				
interest		(17,778)		(21,148)
Equity contribution received by				
noncontrolling interest		1,420		1,065
Repayment of long-term debt		(3,069)		(42,000)
Issuance of long-term debt		-		85,000
Other		-		(668)
Cash (Used for) Provided by Financing				( - )
Activities		(45,927)		22,249
Change in cash and cash equivalents		8,175		36,240

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of		
period	14,808	6,350
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 22,983	\$ 42,590
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:  Significant noncash investing activities:  Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 6,549	\$ 10,473

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## **Madison Gas and Electric Company**

## **Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

ASSETS	September 30, 2014		Ι	December 31, 2013	
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	22,983	\$	14,808	
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$4,056 and		<b>,-</b>		,	
\$4,219, respectively		35,251		44,890	
Affiliate receivables		609		534	
Other accounts receivable, less reserves of \$448 and					
\$750, respectively		5,290		5,274	
Unbilled revenues		19,929		31,982	
Materials and supplies, at average cost		17,524		16,662	
Fossil fuel		5,121		5,206	
Stored natural gas, at average cost		23,292		13,988	
Prepaid taxes		20,390		23,934	
Regulatory assets - current		4,985		6,377	
Other current assets		9,546		8,197	
Total Current Assets		164,920		171,852	
Affiliate receivable long-term		5,428		5,825	
Regulatory assets		100,227		107,166	
Pension benefits		17,942		15,071	
Other deferred assets and other		4,987		6,138	
Property, Plant, and Equipment:					
Property, plant, and equipment, net		1,175,695		1,017,877	
Construction work in progress		21,331		141,415	
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment		1,197,026		1,159,292	
Investments		68,172		65,299	
Total Assets	\$	1,558,702	\$	1,530,643	
LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION					
Current Liabilities:					
Long-term debt due within one year	\$	4,162	\$	4,102	
Accounts payable		41,861		43,684	
Accrued interest and taxes		3,774		6,040	
Accrued payroll related items		10,305		10,731	
Deferred income taxes		1,143		2,723	
Regulatory liabilities - current		8,822		13,538	
Derivative liabilities		7,131		7,750	
Other current liabilities		5,495		6,446	
Total Current Liabilities		82,693		95,014	
Other Credits:					
Deferred income taxes		306,559		279,085	

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Investment tax credit - deferred	1,274	1,413
Regulatory liabilities	21,970	19,792
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefits	50,338	49,184
Derivative liabilities	47,820	57,930
Other deferred liabilities and other	52,947	52,357
Total Other Credits	480,908	459,761
Capitalization:		
Common shareholder's equity	476,408	457,491
Noncontrolling interest	122,389	118,963
Total Equity	598,797	576,454
Long-term debt	396,304	399,414
Total Capitalization	995,101	975,868
Commitments and contingencies (see Footnote 8)	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities and Capitalization</b>	\$ 1,558,702	\$ 1,530,643

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## **Madison Gas and Electric Company**

## **Consolidated Statements of Common Equity (unaudited)**

(In thousands)

	Common	Stock	Additional Paid-in	Accumulat Other Retained Comprehen		Non- Controlling	
	Shares	Value	Capital	Earnings	Income	Interest	Total
2013							
Beginning balance - Dec. 31, 2012 Net income	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	223,527\$ 40,309	4\$	117,470\$ 20,547	550,766 60,856
Other comprehensive income (loss) Equity contribution					77		77
received by noncontrolling interest Distributions to parent from						1,065	1,065
noncontrolling interest Ending balance -						(21,148)	(21,148)
September 30, 2013	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	263,836\$	81\$	117,934\$	591,616
2014							
Beginning balance - Dec. 31, 2013 Net income Other comprehensive	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	247,534\$ 45,471	192\$	118,963\$ 19,784	576,454 65,255
income (loss) Cash dividends paid to					(54)		(54)
parent by MGE Equity contribution				(26,500)			(26,500)
received by noncontrolling interest Distributions to parent						1,420	1,420
from noncontrolling interest						(17,778)	(17,778)
Ending balance - September 30, 2014	17,348\$	17,348\$	192,417\$	266,505\$	138\$	122,389\$	598,797

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the above unaudited consolidated financial statements.

MGE Energy, Inc., and Madison Gas and Electric Company

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)** 

**September 30, 2014** 

1.

Basis of Presentation - MGE Energy and MGE.

This report is a combined report of MGE Energy and MGE. References in this report to "MGE Energy" are to MGE Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries. References in this report to "MGE" are to Madison Gas and Electric Company.

MGE Power Elm Road and MGE Power West Campus own electric generating assets and lease those assets to MGE. Both entities are variable interest entities under applicable authoritative guidance. MGE is considered the primary beneficiary of these entities as a result of contractual agreements. As a result, MGE has consolidated MGE Power Elm Road and MGE Power West Campus. See Footnote 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2014, and for the three and nine months ended, are unaudited, but include all adjustments that MGE Energy and MGE management consider necessary for a fair statement of their respective financial statements. All adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature except as otherwise disclosed. The year-end consolidated balance sheet information was derived from the audited balance sheet appearing in MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These notes should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes on pages 57 through 100 of the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

On December 20, 2013, MGE Energy's Board of Directors declared a three-for-two stock split of MGE Energy's common stock in the form of a stock dividend. The additional shares were distributed February 7, 2014, to all shareholders of record as of January 24, 2014. All shares and per share data provided in this report give effect to this stock split.

2.

**Equity and Financing Arrangements.** 

a.
Common Stock - MGE Energy.
MGE Energy sells shares of its common stock through its Stock Plan. Those shares may be newly issued shares or shares that MGE Energy has purchased in the open market for resale to participants in the Stock Plan. All sales under the stock plan are covered by a shelf registration statement that MGE Energy filed with the SEC. For both the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, MGE Energy did not issue any new shares of common stock under the Stock Plan.
b.
Dilutive Shares Calculation - MGE Energy.
MGE Energy does not hold any dilutive securities.
3.
Investment in ATC - MGE Energy and MGE.
ATC owns and operates electric transmission facilities primarily in Wisconsin. MGE received an interest in ATC when it, like other Wisconsin electric utilities, contributed its electric transmission facilities to ATC as required by Wisconsin law. That interest is presently held by MGE Transco, which is jointly owned by MGE Energy and MGE.
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MGE Transco has accounted for its investment in ATC under the equity method of accounting. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, MGE Transco recorded the following:

	Nine Months Ended					
	September 30,					
(In thousands)	2014		2013			
Equity in earnings from investment in						
ATC	\$	7,306	\$	7,045		
Dividends received from ATC		5,762		5,498		
Capital contributions to ATC		1,420		1,065		

On October 31, 2014, MGE Transco made an additional \$0.4 million capital contribution to ATC.

MGE Transco's investment in ATC as of September 30, 2014, and December 31, 2013, was \$67.5 million and \$64.5 million, respectively.

At September 30, 2014, MGE is the majority owner, and MGE Energy, the holding company, is the minority owner of MGE Transco. MGE Energy's proportionate share of the equity and net income of MGE Transco is classified within the MGE financial statements as noncontrolling interest.

ATC's summarized financial data for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(In thousands)	2014		2013	2014		2013
Operating revenues \$	163,643	\$	160,480\$	486,970	\$	464,345
Operating expenses	(76,561)		(77,595)	(229,589)		(217,240)
Other income, net	693		917	1,403		585
Interest expense, net	(22,204)		(21,136)	(66,442)		(63,232)
Earnings before members' income taxes \$	65,571	\$	62,666\$	192,342	\$	184,458

4.

Columbia Environmental Project Construction - MGE Energy and MGE.

MGE and two other utilities jointly own Columbia, a coal-fired generating facility. WPL is the plant operator and permit holder, and owns 46.2% of Columbia. WPSC owns a 31.8% interest, and MGE owns a 22% interest, in Columbia. In early 2011, the PSCW issued a *Certificate and Order* authorizing the construction of scrubbers and baghouses and associated equipment on Columbia Units 1 and 2 to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> and mercury emissions. The modifications to Unit 2 were placed into service in April 2014, and the modifications to Unit 1 were placed into service in July 2014. The scrubbers and baghouses are expected to support compliance obligations for current and anticipated air quality regulations, including CAIR, CSAPR, MATS, and the Wisconsin Mercury Rule. As of September 30, 2014, \$138.6 million of the capitalized project was transferred from Construction work in progress to Property, plant, and equipment on MGE's balance sheet related to Units 1 and 2 being placed into service. This total amount consisted of \$128.8 million of capital expenditures and \$9.8 million of AFUDC. MGE's share of various contractual commitments entered for the project as of September 30, 2014, is \$5.5 million. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, MGE has recognized after tax \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, in AFUDC equity related to this project. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, MGE has recognized after tax \$3.0 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, in AFUDC equity related to this project.

MGE expects that the costs pertaining to this project will be fully recoverable through rates. For 2014, the PSCW authorized MGE 100% AFUDC on this project during construction. For 2013, the PSCW authorized MGE a 50% current return (included in customer rates) and the remaining 50% as AFUDC.

5.

#### Taxes - MGE Energy and MGE.

MGE Energy's effective income tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, were 38.0% and 37.8%, respectively, compared to 37.6% and 37.8% for the same periods in 2013. MGE's effective income tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, were 37.9% and 37.8%, respectively, compared to 37.6% and 37.8% for the same periods in 2013. The net increase in the three month effective tax rate is attributable to less AFUDC equity earned during the three month period in 2014 compared to 2013.

6.

#### Pension and Other Postretirement Plans - MGE Energy and MGE.

MGE maintains qualified and nonqualified pension plans, health care, and life insurance benefits. Additionally, MGE has defined contribution 401(k) benefit plans.

The following table presents the components of MGE Energy's and MGE's net periodic benefit costs recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. A portion of the net periodic benefit cost is capitalized within the consolidated balance sheets.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(In thousands)	2014		2013	2014		2013
<b>Pension Benefits</b>						
Components of net periodic (benefit)						
cost:						
Service cost	\$ 1,536	\$	1,924\$	4,609	\$	5,764
Interest cost	3,367		3,178	10,102		9,521
Expected return on assets	(5,467)		(4,764)	(16,402)		(14,273)
Amortization of:						
Prior service cost	51		79	152		237
Actuarial loss	180		2,011	539		6,023
Net periodic (benefit) cost	\$ (333)	\$	2,428\$	(1,000)	\$	7,272
Postretirement Benefits						
Components of net periodic (benefit)						
cost:						
Service cost	\$ 241	\$	594\$	722	\$	1,781
Interest cost	564		966	1,691		2,898
Expected return on assets	(478)		(542)	(1,432)		(1,626)
Amortization of:						
Transition obligation	1		-	2		2
Prior service (benefit) cost	(487)		28	(1,462)		83
Actuarial loss	28		310	86		930
Net periodic (benefit) cost	\$ (131)	\$	1,356\$	(393)	\$	4,068

7.

Share-Based Compensation - MGE Energy and MGE.

Under MGE Energy's Performance Unit Plan, eligible employees may receive performance units that entitle the holder to receive a cash payment equal to the value of a designated number of shares of MGE Energy's common stock, plus dividend equivalent payments thereon, at the end of the set performance period.

In addition to units granted in 2009 through 2013, on February 21, 2014, 21,991 units were granted based on the MGE Energy closing stock price as of that date. These units are subject to a five-year graded vesting schedule and reflect the three-for-two stock split declared December 20, 2013. On the grant date, MGE Energy and MGE measure the cost of the employee services received in exchange for a performance unit award based on the current market value of MGE Energy common stock. The fair value of the awards has been subsequently re-measured at September 30, 2014, as required by applicable accounting standards. Changes in fair value have been recognized as compensation cost. Since this amount is re-measured quarterly throughout the vesting period, the compensation cost is subject to variability.

For nonretirement eligible employees, stock based compensation costs are accrued and recognized using the graded vesting method. Compensation cost for retirement eligible employees or employees that will become retirement eligible during the vesting schedule are recognized on an abridged horizon.

In December 2013, a Director Incentive Plan was approved for the non-employee members of the Board of Directors. This plan is similar to MGE Energy's Performance Unit Plan for eligible employees described above. Under the plan, a non-employee director can receive performance units that entitle the holder to receive a cash payment equal to the value of a designated number of shares of MGE Energy's common stock, plus dividend payments, at the end of the set performance period. The units are subject to a three-year graded vesting schedule. In January 2014, unit awards of 4,683 (post-split) were granted to the non-employee Directors. For accounting purposes, the awards will be measured similarly to the employee unit awards.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, MGE recorded \$0.9 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, in compensation expense as a result of the plans. In January 2014, cash payments of \$1.2 million were distributed relating to awards that were granted in 2009. No forfeitures occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 or 2013. At September 30, 2014, \$3.7 million of outstanding awards are vested.

8.

Commitments and Contingencies - MGE Energy and MGE.

a.

#### **Environmental.**

MGE Energy and MGE are subject to frequently changing local, state, and federal regulations concerning air quality, water quality, land use, threatened and endangered species, hazardous materials handling, and solid waste disposal. These regulations affect the manner in which they conduct their operations, the costs of those operations, as well as capital and operating expenditures. Regulatory initiatives, proposed rules, and court challenges to adopted rules, have the potential to have a material effect on our capital expenditures and operating costs. These initiatives, proposed rules, and court challenges include:

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The President's announced plan and directive to the EPA to regulate carbon pollution, or greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, from new and existing electric power generation units, and the EPA's related proposed GHG New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) (see below for additional information on the NSPS rule).

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Rules to regulate  $NO_x$  and  $SO_2$  emissions, including the EPA's Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) (see below for recent developments with CSAPR). An environmental group has sought federal appellate court review of the EPA's Clean Air Visibility Rule (CAVR) to address regional haze. Both the pending challenges to CSAPR and the appellate court review of CAVR make the nature of compliance requirements uncertain.

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Rules to regulate mercury and similar emissions, including Wisconsin's adopted Mercury Rule and the EPA's adopted Mercury and Air Toxics Standards.

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The EPA's cooling water intake rules. The EPA issued a final rule for existing facilities in May 2014. The final rule is discussed below.

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The EPA's proposed water effluent limitations guidelines and standards for steam electric power plants, which focus on the reduction of metals and other pollutants in wastewater from new and existing power plants from coal-burning plants such as Columbia and the Elm Road Units.

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The EPA's ongoing review of several National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), including the potential lowering of the ozone NAAQS and its proposed requirements for air agencies to characterize sulfur dioxide air quality for purposes of implementing the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. This approach focuses on large sources of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and proposes area designations to be made in two rounds (2017 and 2020). The proposed rule gives states broad discretion in its implementation. The final rule is expected late in 2014. MGE will be reviewing the rule for potential impacts on its operations.

The matters in the bullet points above are discussed further in Footnote 18.d. of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, of MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to the developments noted above, the following discussion is an update to the current status of environmental matters set forth in that Footnote.

#### EPA's Final 316(b) Rule Governing Water Intake Systems at Electric Generating Facilities.

In August 2014, the EPA published its Phase II and III Rules pursuant to Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act, which governs cooling water intake structures located at large existing power plant and industrial facilities. The 316(b) Rule requires these facilities to implement methods for reducing fish impingement by their water intakes using one of seven options, including closed cycle cooling (CCC) systems.

Our WCCF facility already employs a CCC system as defined under the Rule. The Columbia plant may need to address multiple intake structures. Our Blount plant has conducted studies regarding options for compliance with this rule. The exact requirements at Blount and Columbia, however, will not be known until those sites' permits are modified to account for this rule. Nonetheless, MGE expects that the 316(b) Rule will not have material effects on its existing plants.

#### EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Upheld by the Supreme Court

On April 29, 2014, the US Supreme Court issued a decision reversing the D.C. Circuit Court's decision that had vacated CSAPR and remanding the matter back to the D.C. Circuit for further proceedings. At that time CSPAR remained subject to an order of the D.C. Circuit that stayed its implementation. On October 23, 2014, the D.C. Circuit lifted its stay of CSAPR and set a briefing schedule to resolve issues remaining in the lawsuit. The court also set the briefing schedule for ongoing litigation with oral arguments scheduled for March 2015. The State of Wisconsin has filed a motion with the D.C. Circuit Court reiterating its contention that Wisconsin be removed from CSAPR and may be a part of the court's briefing and oral argument schedule. With several issues undecided and court proceedings extending into 2015, there is remaining uncertainty as to whether MGE's facilities will be required to meet the CSAPR mandates and, if so, the deadline for achieving compliance. The Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) remains in effect for the time being. See MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10K for additional information on the legal proceedings associated with these environmental matters.

With CSAPR now reinstated, it will require (once implemented) that qualifying power plants meet  $SO_2$  and  $NO_x$  allocations or purchase them on the market. MGE has been monitoring our overall compliance options, particularly at our Columbia power plant as we awaited installation and testing of  $SO_2$  controls. With the 2014 installation of  $SO_2$  pollution controls at Columbia, we will likely meet or exceed the allocations for Columbia based on the CSAPR allocations in the current rule (see Footnote 4 for information regarding the Columbia environmental construction project and below in this Footnote for information regarding our consent decree). MGE expects that the costs pertaining to meeting CSAPR and the consent decree requirements will be fully recoverable through rates. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the D.C. Circuit Court remand proceedings and the implementation of the rule by the EPA and WDNR.

## EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Guidelines under the Clean Air Act 111(d) Rule

On June 2, 2014, the EPA released proposed guidelines for states to use in developing plans to control GHG emissions from existing fossil fuel fired electric generating units (EGUs). The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on June 17, 2014.

The EPA's proposal seeks to reduce GHG emissions from EGUs by a national average of 30% by 2030 as measured from a 2005 baseline. Each state is given its own emission reduction targets to meet this goal. These targets are expressed as a "rate-based" emission average to be achieved by the combined fleet of EGUs within the state. States would be expected to make "meaningful progress" towards these reductions by 2020 and to meet their respective targets by 2030.

The EPA's proposal establishes guidelines for states and encourages the use of four "building blocks" for achieving these reductions. These "building blocks" are: (1) increasing the efficiency of EGUs; (2) re-dispatching of gas-fired generation at the expense of coal; (3) expanding the use of low and no carbon power sources, such as wind, nuclear and solar; and (4) improving demand side energy efficiency to reduce electric use.

The EPA is taking comments on the proposed rule through December 1, 2014. The rule is expected to be finalized by June 2015. States will then have up to two years to prepare compliance plans. This rule could have significant impacts on EGUs. MGE is reviewing the proposal at this time.

#### Coal Combustion Residual Rule

The EPA's proposed Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Rule is anticipated to be finalized in December 2014. The final CCR Rule will regulate disposal and management of ash and other coal combustion byproducts as a waste under the EPA's solid waste rules.

#### Columbia

Based upon current available information, compliance with various environmental requirements and initiatives is expected to result in significant additional operating and capital expenditures at Columbia as noted below.

## Columbia Environmental Project

See Footnote 4 for information regarding the Columbia environmental construction project.

#### Columbia Clean Air Act Litigation

In December 2009, the EPA sent a notice of violation (NOV) to MGE and the other co-owners of Columbia. The NOV alleged that WPL, as owner-operator, and the other co-owners failed to comply with appropriate pre-construction review and permitting requirements and, as a result, violated the PSD program requirements, the Title V operating permit requirements of the CAA and the Wisconsin State Implementation Plan (SIP). In April 2013, the EPA filed a lawsuit against the co-owners of Columbia asserting similar allegations. In September 2010 and April 2013, Sierra Club filed lawsuits against WPL alleging violations of the CAA at Columbia and other WPL-operated Wisconsin facilities.

In April 2013, WPL, as owner-operator, along with the other owners of Columbia, entered into a consent decree with the EPA and the Sierra Club to resolve these claims, while admitting no liability. In June 2013, the consent decree was approved and entered by the Court. The consent decree requires installation of the following emission controls at Columbia: SO<sub>2</sub> scrubbers and baghouses at Columbia Units 1 and 2 by December 31, 2014, which have now been installed, and an SCR system at Columbia Unit 2 by December 31, 2018. In addition, the consent decree establishes emission rate limits for SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and particulate matter for Columbia Units 1 and 2. The consent decree also includes annual plant-wide emission caps for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> for Columbia. MGE also paid approximately \$0.2 million as its share of a civil penalty and will complete approximately \$0.6 million in environmental mitigation projects. MGE intends to seek recovery in rates of the costs associated with its compliance with the terms of the final consent decree and currently expects to recover any material compliance costs.

b.

#### **Chattel Paper Agreement and Other Guarantees.**

MGE makes available to qualifying customers a financing program for the purchase and installation of energy-related equipment that will provide more efficient use of utility service at the customer's property. MGE is party to a chattel paper purchase agreement with a financial institution under which it can sell or finance an undivided interest with recourse, in up to \$10.0 million of the financing program receivables, until July 31, 2015. At September 30, 2014, MGE had sold a \$4.1 million interest in these receivables. MGE retains the servicing responsibility for these receivables. As of September 30, 2014, the servicing asset recognized by MGE is \$0.2 million.

MGE accounts for servicing rights under the amortization method. Initial determination of the servicing asset fair value is based on the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The discount rate is based on the PSCW authorized weighted cost of capital.

MGE would be required to perform under its guarantee if a customer defaulted on its loan. The energy-related equipment installed at the customer sites is used to secure the customer loans. The loan balances outstanding at September 30, 2014, approximate the fair value of the energy-related equipment acting as collateral. The length of the MGE guarantee to the financial institution varies from one to ten years depending on the term of the underlying customer loan. Principal payments for the remainder of 2014 and the next four years on the loans are:

(In thousands)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Chattel Paner	\$ 108 \$	921 \$	841 \$	438 \$	374

c.

## Legal Matters.

MGE is involved in various legal matters that are being defended and handled in the normal course of business. MGE maintains accruals for such costs that are probable of being incurred and subject to reasonable estimation. The accrued amount for these matters is not material to the financial statements.

#### d.

#### **Purchase Contracts.**

MGE Energy and MGE have entered into various commodity supply, transportation, and storage contracts to meet their obligations to deliver electricity and natural gas to customers. As of September 30, 2014, the future commitments related to these purchase contracts were as follows:

(In thousands)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Coal <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 11,950\$	18,439\$	10,765 \$	5,073 \$	2,710
Natural gas					
Transportation & storage <sup>(b)</sup>	5,234	18,073	9,937	272	191
Supply <sup>(c)</sup>	16,951	16,070	-	-	-
Purchase power <sup>(d)</sup>	12,665	48,964	49,633	50,132	51,153
Other	16,102	-	-	-	-
	\$ 62,902\$	101,546\$	70,335\$	55,477\$	54,054

(a)

Total coal commitments for the Columbia and Elm Road Units, including transportation. Fuel procurements for MGE's jointly owned Columbia and Elm Road Units are handled by WPL and WEPCO, respectively, who are the operators of those facilities. If any minimum purchase obligations must be paid under these contracts, management believes these obligations would be considered costs of service and recoverable in rates.

(b)

MGE's natural gas transportation and storage contracts require fixed monthly payments for firm supply pipeline transportation and storage capacity. The pricing components of the fixed monthly payments for the transportation and storage contracts are established by FERC but may be subject to change.

(c)

These commitments include market-based pricing. Management expects to recover these costs in future customer rates.

(d)

MGE has several purchase power agreements to help meet future electric supply requirements. Management expects to recover these costs in future customer rates.

e.

Elm Road - MGE Energy and MGE.

The warranty periods for both of the Elm Road Units have expired. During 2013, WEPCO and Bechtel (the construction contractor for the Elm Road Units) were working through the outstanding warranty claims. The warranty claim for the costs incurred to repair steam turbine corrosion damage identified on both units was resolved through a binding arbitration in June 2013. Final acceptance of the Elm Road Units occurred in June 2013 after all requirements stated in the contract with Bechtel were satisfied. In April 2014, an additional warranty claim was resolved that did not have a material impact on our financial statements. The parties continue to work through one potential remaining warranty claim.

9.

Derivative and Hedging Instruments - MGE Energy and MGE.

a.

Purpose.

As part of its regular operations, MGE enters into contracts, including options, swaps, futures, forwards, and other contractual commitments, to manage its exposure to commodity prices and gas revenues. To the extent that these contracts are derivatives, MGE assesses whether or not the normal purchases or normal sales exclusion applies. For contracts to which this exclusion cannot be applied, MGE Energy and MGE recognize such derivatives in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value. The majority of MGE's derivative activities are conducted in accordance with its electric and gas risk management program, which is approved by the PSCW and limits the volume MGE can hedge with specific risk management strategies. The maximum length of time over which cash flows related to energy commodities can be hedged is four years. If the derivative qualifies for regulatory deferral, the derivatives are marked to fair value and are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability. The deferred gain or loss is recognized in earnings in the delivery month applicable to the instrument. Gains and losses related to hedges qualifying for regulatory treatment are recoverable in gas rates through the PGA or in electric rates as a component of the fuel rules mechanism.

b.

**Notional Amounts.** 

The gross notional volume of open derivatives is as follows:

Commodity derivative contracts Commodity derivative contracts FTRs September 30, 2014 447,570 MWh 6,555,000 Dth 3,104 MW

December 31, 2013 458,660 MWh 3,750,000 Dth 1,984 MW

c.

#### **Financial Statement Presentation.**

MGE purchases and sells exchange-traded and over-the-counter options, swaps, and future contracts. These arrangements are primarily entered into to help stabilize the price risk associated with gas or power purchases. These transactions are employed by both MGE's gas and electric segments. Additionally, as a result of the firm transmission agreements that MGE holds on electricity transmission paths in the MISO market, MGE holds FTRs. An FTR is a financial instrument that entitles the holder to a stream of revenues or charges based on the differences in hourly day-ahead energy prices between two points on the transmission grid. The fair values of these instruments are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset/liability depending on whether they are in a net loss/gain position. Depending on the nature of the instrument, the gain or loss associated with these transactions will be reflected as cost of gas sold, fuel for electric generation, or purchased power expense in the delivery month applicable to the instrument. At September 30, 2014, and December 31, 2013, the fair value of exchange traded derivatives and FTRs exceeded their cost basis by \$2.3 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

MGE is a party to a ten-year purchased power agreement that provides MGE with firm capacity and energy during a base term from June 1, 2012, through May 31, 2022. The agreement also allows MGE an option to extend the contract after the base term. The agreement is accounted for as a derivative contract and is recognized at its fair value on the consolidated balance sheet. However, the derivative qualifies for regulatory deferral and is recognized with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability depending on whether the fair value is in a loss or gain position. The fair value of the contract at September 30, 2014, and December 31, 2013, reflects a loss position of \$54.9 million and \$65.7 million, respectively. The actual fuel cost will be recognized in purchased power expense in the month of purchase and collected in rates.

The following table summarizes the fair value of the derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheet. All derivative instruments in this table are presented on a gross basis and are calculated prior to the netting of instruments with the same counterparty under a master netting agreement as well as the netting of collateral. For financial statement purposes, MGE Energy and MGE have netted instruments with the same counterparty under a master netting agreement as well as the netting of collateral. At September 30, 2014, MGE Energy and MGE had the right to reclaim collateral (a receivable) of \$0.6 million.

	Asset Derivatives			Liability Derivatives			
	Balance Sheet						
(In thousands)	Location	Fair	Value	<b>Balance Sheet Location</b>		Fair Value	
<b>September 30, 2014</b>							
Commodity derivative				Derivative liability			
contracts	Other current assets	\$	1,507	(current)	\$	532	
Commodity derivative	Other deferred			Derivative liability			
contracts	charges		48	(long-term)		4	
				Derivative liability			
FTRs	Other current assets		1,237	(current)		-	
				Derivative liability			
Ten-year PPA	N/A		N/A	(current)		7,120	
				Derivative liability			
Ten-year PPA	N/A		N/A	(long-term)		47,820	
<b>December 31, 2013</b>							
Commodity derivative				Derivative liability			
contracts	Other current assets	\$	1,356	(current)	\$	51	
Commodity derivative	Other deferred	·	,	Derivative liability	·		
contracts	charges		167	(long-term)		48	
				Derivative liability			
FTRs	Other current assets		363	(current)		_	
				Derivative liability			
Ten-year PPA	N/A		N/A	(current)		7,750	
•				Derivative liability		•	
Ten-year PPA	N/A		N/A	(long-term)		57,930	

The following tables show the effect of netting arrangements for recognized derivative assets and liabilities that are subject to a master netting arrangement or similar arrangement on the balance sheet.

Offsetting of Derivative A	ssets								
(In thousands) September 30, 2014	Gross amounts		ai Oi	Gross mounts ffset in nce sheet	post de	ollateral ed against crivative ositions	pre	Net amount presented in balance sheet	
Commodity derivative	4			( <b>70.5</b> )			Φ.	1.020	
contracts	\$	1,555	\$	(525)	\$	-	\$	1,030	
FTRs		1,237		-		-		1,237	
December 31, 2013 Commodity derivative									
contracts	\$	1,523	\$	(99)	\$	(175)	\$	1,249	
FTRs		363		-		-		363	
Offsetting of Derivative L	iabilities								
			Gross amounts offset in balance sheet		Collateral posted against derivative positions		Net amount presented in balance sheet		
(In thousands) September 30, 2014	a	Gross mounts	0	ffset in	de	erivative	pre	sented in	
,	a \$		0	ffset in	de	erivative	pre	sented in	
September 30, 2014 Commodity derivative contracts Ten-year PPA  December 31, 2013 Commodity derivative	\$	536 54,940	bala \$	ffset in ince sheet (525)	de P	erivative	pre bala \$	sented in ance sheet	
September 30, 2014 Commodity derivative contracts Ten-year PPA  December 31, 2013		mounts 536	o: bala	ffset in ince sheet	de p	erivative	pre bala	sented in ance sheet	

The following tables summarize the unrealized and realized gains (losses) related to the derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated income statement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

	2014					2013		
	Current and	Current and			Current and			
	long-term			long-term				
	regulatory		Other current		regulatory		Other cu	rrent
(In thousands)	asset		assets	3	asset		asset	S
<b>Three Months Ended September 30:</b>								
Balance at July 1,	\$ 48,853		\$	676	\$ 66,649	)	\$	658

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Change in unrealized loss	5,329	-	2,330	-
Realized gain (loss) reclassified to a				
deferred				
account	(314)	314	(275)	275
Realized gain (loss) reclassified to				
income				
statement	(1,184)	(249)	(621)	(111)
Balance at September 30,	\$ 52,684	\$ 741 \$	68,083	\$ 822
Nine Months Ended September 30:				
Balance at January 1,	\$ 63,893	\$ 411 \$	72,329	\$ 574
Change in unrealized gain	(18,090)	-	(1,330)	-
Realized gain (loss) reclassified to a				
deferred				
account	1,120	(1,120)	(953)	953
Realized gain (loss) reclassified to				
income				
statement	5,761	1,450	(1,963)	(705)
Balance at September 30,	\$ 52,684	\$ 741 \$	68,083	\$ 822

		Realized losses (gains)									
		20	)14		2013						
	I	Fuel for			F	Fuel for	for				
	(	electric			e	electric					
	ge	neration/			gei	neration/					
	pι	urchased	C	ost of gas	pu	purchased		Cost of gas			
(In thousands)	•	power		sold	1	power		sold			
<b>Three Months Ended</b>		•			•	•					
September 30:											
Commodity derivative											
contracts	\$	480	\$	(18)	\$	(7)	\$	_			
FTRs		(97)		-		(387)		_			
Ten-year PPA		1,068		-		1,126		-			
Nine Months Ended											
September 30:											
Commodity derivative											
contracts	\$	(5,376)	\$	(1,367)	\$	(523)	\$	608			
FTRs	Ψ	(929)	Ψ	-	Ψ	(896)	Ψ	-			
Ten-year PPA		461		_		3,479		_			
•						,					

MGE's commodity derivative contracts, FTRs, and ten-year PPA are subject to regulatory deferral. These derivatives are marked to fair value and are offset with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability. Realized gains and losses are deferred on the consolidated balance sheet and are recognized in earnings in the delivery month applicable to the instrument. As a result of the above described treatment, there are no unrealized gains or losses that flow through earnings.

The ten-year PPA has a provision that may require MGE to post collateral if MGE's debt rating falls below investment grade (i.e., below BBB-). The amount of collateral that it may be required to post varies from \$20.0 million to \$40.0 million, depending on MGE's nominated capacity amount. As of September 30, 2014, no collateral has been posted. Certain counterparties extend MGE a credit limit. If MGE exceeds these limits, the counterparties may require collateral to be posted. As of September 30, 2014, certain counterparties were in a net liability of less than \$0.1 million. As of December 31, 2013, no counterparties were in a net liability position.

Nonperformance of counterparties to the non-exchange traded derivatives could expose MGE to credit loss. However, MGE enters into transactions only with companies that meet or exceed strict credit guidelines, and it monitors these counterparties on an ongoing basis to mitigate nonperformance risk in its portfolio. As of September 30, 2014, no counterparties have defaulted.

Rate Matters - MGE Energy and MGE.	Rate Matters - MGE Energy and MG	GE.
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a.

## Rate Proceedings.

On April 17, 2014, MGE filed an application with the PSCW requesting a 2.8% increase to electric rates and a 2.3% decrease to gas rates for 2015. MGE has requested escrow accounting treatment for transmission related costs starting in 2015. This treatment will allow MGE to reflect any differential between costs reflected in rates and actual costs incurred in its next rate case filing. The proposed electric rate increases cover costs associated with the construction of emission-reduction equipment at Columbia and improvements and reliability of the state's electric transmission system.

During the rate case proceeding, certain updates have been made to reflect changing conditions from the initial filing. Those updates include increased costs for fuel and purchased power costs primarily related to coal delivery costs, lower transmission costs due to favorable FERC decisions on cost allocations for system reliability payments, and increased costs to reflect current market conditions for pension and post-retirement benefit costs. Incorporating the revisions would adjust the electric rate increase from 2.8% to 4.3% and adjust the gas rate decrease from 2.3% to 1.4%. A PSCW decision is expected by the end of 2014.

On July 26, 2013, the PSCW authorized MGE to freeze electric and natural gas rates at 2013 levels for 2014. The order includes authorizing 100% AFUDC on the Columbia scrubber construction project and deferral of increased costs related to ATC and MISO Schedule 26 fees. As part of the rate freeze plan authorized by the PSCW, effective January 1, 2014, approximately \$6.2 million associated with a 2012 fuel rule surplus credit will not be required to be refunded to customers and will be amortized in 2014. The fuel credit will accrue interest at MGE's weighted cost of capital. The authorized return on equity remained unchanged at 10.3%.

On December 14, 2012, the PSCW authorized MGE to increase 2013 rates for retail electric customers by 3.8% or \$14.9 million and to increase gas rates by 1.0% or \$1.6 million. The change in retail electric rates was driven by costs for new environmental equipment at Columbia, final construction costs for the Elm Road Units, transmission reliability enhancements, and purchased power costs. The authorized return on common stock equity remained unchanged at 10.3%.

b.

Fuel Rules.

Fuel rules require the PSCW and Wisconsin utilities to defer electric fuel-related costs that fall outside a symmetrical cost tolerance band around the amount approved for a utility in its most recent base rate proceedings. Any over/under recovery of the actual costs is determined on an annual basis and will be adjusted in future billings to electric retail customers. The fuel rules bandwidth is currently set at plus or minus 2%. Under fuel rules, MGE would defer costs, less any excess revenues, if its actual electric fuel costs exceeded 102% of the electric fuel costs allowed in its latest rate order. Excess revenues are defined as revenues in the year in question that provide MGE with a greater return on common equity than authorized by the PSCW in MGE's latest rate order. Conversely, MGE is required to defer the benefit of lower costs if actual electric fuel costs were less than 98% of the electric fuel costs allowed in that order.

As of September 30, 2014, MGE did not defer any 2014 electric fuel-related savings/costs that are outside the range authorized by the PSCW. As part of the rate freeze plan authorized by the PSCW for 2014, \$4.7 million of the approximately \$6.2 million associated with the 2012 fuel rule surplus credit was amortized against purchased power expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The 2013 fuel rule surplus credit of \$6.7 million was returned to customers in October 2014.

11.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments - MGE Energy and MGE.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or would be paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The standard clarifies that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability including assumptions about risk. The standard also establishes a three level fair value hierarchy based upon the observability of the assumptions used and requires the use of observable market data when available. The levels are:

Level 1 - Pricing inputs are quoted prices within active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
Level 2 - Pricing inputs are quoted prices within active markets for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations that are correlated with or otherwise verifiable by observable market data.
Level 3 - Pricing inputs are unobservable and reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.
a.
Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities Recorded at the Carrying Amount.
At September 30, 2014, and December 31, 2013, the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair market value due to the short maturity of those investments and obligations. The estimated fair market value of MGE Energy's and MGE's long-term debt is based on quoted market prices for similar financial instruments at September 30, 2014, and December 31, 2013. Since long-term debt is not traded in an active market, it is classified as Level 2. The estimated fair market value of MGE Energy's and MGE's financial instruments are as follows:
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		September	December 31, 2013					
(In thousands) MGE Energy	Carrying Amount			Fair Value		Carrying Amount	, ,	
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	88,719	\$	88,719	\$	68,813	\$	68,813
Liabilities:								
Long-term debt*		400,724		443,203		403,793		432,010
MGE								
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	22,983	\$	22,983	\$	14,808	\$	14,808
Liabilities:								
Long-term debt*		400,724		443,203		403,793		432,010

<sup>\*</sup>Includes long-term debt due within one year.

b.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements.

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for MGE Energy and MGE.

(In thousands) MGE Energy	Total	Fair Value as of Se Level 1		•	eptember 30, 2014 Level 2		Level 3	
Assets:								
Derivatives, net	\$ 2,267	\$	417	\$	-	\$	1,850	
Exchange-traded investments	886		886		-		-	
Total Assets	\$ 3,153	\$	1,303	\$	-	\$	1,850	
Liabilities:								
Derivatives, net	\$ 54,951	\$	-	\$	-	\$	54,951	
Deferred compensation	2,705		-		2,705		-	
Total Liabilities	\$ 57,656	\$	-	\$	2,705	\$	54,951	
MGE								
Assets:								
Derivatives, net	\$ 2,267	\$	417	\$	-	\$	1,850	
Exchange-traded investments	341		341		-		-	
Total Assets	\$ 2,608	\$	758	\$	-	\$	1,850	
Liabilities:								

Derivatives, net	\$ 54,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,951
Deferred compensation	2,705	-	2,705	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 57,656	\$ -	\$ 2,705	\$ 54,951

		ber 31, 2013						
(In thousands)		Total	I	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	
MGE Energy								
Assets:								
Derivatives, net <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	1,787	\$	735	\$	-	\$ 1,052	
Exchange-traded investments		792		792		-	-	
Total Assets	\$	2,579	\$	1,527	\$	-	\$ 1,052	
Liabilities:								
Derivatives, net	\$	65,680	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 65,680	
Deferred compensation		2,364		-		2,364	-	
Total Liabilities	\$	68,044	\$	-	\$	2,364	\$ 65,680	
MGE								
Assets:								
Derivatives, net <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	1,787	\$	735	\$	-	\$ 1,052	
Exchange-traded investments		431		431		-	-	
Total Assets	\$	2,218	\$	1,166	\$	-	\$ 1,052	
Liabilities:								
Derivatives, net	\$	65,680	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 65,680	
Deferred compensation		2,364		-		2,364	-	
Total Liabilities	\$	68,044	\$	-	\$	2,364	\$ 65,680	

<sup>(</sup>a) These amounts are shown gross and exclude \$0.2 million of collateral that was posted against derivative positions with counterparties as of December 31, 2013.

No transfers were made in or out of Level 1 or Level 2 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Investments include exchange-traded investment securities valued using quoted prices on active exchanges and are therefore classified as Level 1.

Derivatives include exchange-traded derivative contracts, over-the-counter transactions, a ten-year purchased power agreement, and FTRs. Most exchange-traded derivative contracts are valued based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and are therefore classified as Level 1. A small number of exchange-traded derivative contracts are valued using quoted market pricing in markets with insufficient volumes and are therefore classified as Level 3. Transactions done with an over-the-counter party are on inactive markets and are therefore considered unobservable and classified as Level 3. These transactions are valued based on quoted prices from markets with similar exchange traded transactions. FTRs are priced based upon monthly auction results for identical or similar instruments in a closed market with limited data available and are therefore classified as Level 3.

The ten-year purchased power agreement (see Footnote 9) was valued using an internally-developed pricing model and therefore is classified as Level 3. The model projects future market energy prices and compares those prices to the projected power costs to be incurred under the contract. Inputs to the model require significant management judgment and estimation. Future energy prices are based on a forward power pricing curve using exchange-traded contracts in the electric futures market, where such exchange-traded contracts exist, and upon calculations based on forward gas prices, where such exchange-traded contracts do not exist. A basis adjustment is applied to the market energy price to reflect the price differential between the market price delivery point and the counterparty delivery point. The historical relationship between the delivery points is reviewed and a discount (below 100%) or premium (above 100%) is derived. This comparison is done for both peak times when demand is high and off peak times when demand is low. If the basis adjustment is lowered, the fair value measurement will decrease and if the basis adjustment is increased, the fair value measurement will increase.

The projected power costs anticipated to be incurred under the purchased power agreement are determined using many factors, including historical generating costs, future prices, and expected fuel mix of the counterparty. An increase in the projected fuel costs would result in a decrease in the fair value measurement of the purchased power agreement. A significant input that MGE estimates is the counterparty's fuel mix in determining the projected power cost. MGE also considers the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability. This consideration includes assumptions about market risk such as liquidity, volatility, and contract duration. The fair value model uses a discount rate that incorporates discounting, credit, and model risks.

This model is prepared by members of MGE's Energy Accounting group. It is reviewed on a quarterly basis by management in Energy Supply and Finance to review the assumptions, inputs, and fair value measurements.

The following table presents the significant unobservable inputs used in the pricing model.

	Mode	l Input
	September 30,	December 31,
Significant Unobservable Inputs	2014	2013
Basis adjustment:		
On peak	97.5%	94.2%
Off peak	94.4%	92.6%
Counterparty fuel mix:		
Internal generation	50% - 70%	50% - 70%
Purchased power	50% - 30%	50% - 30%

The deferred compensation plan allows participants to defer certain cash compensation into a notional investment account. These amounts are included within other deferred liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets of MGE Energy and MGE. The notional investments earn interest based upon the semiannual rate of U.S. Treasury Bills having a 26 week maturity increased by 1% compounded monthly with a minimum annual rate of 7%, compounded monthly. The notional investments are based upon observable market data, however, since the deferred compensation obligations themselves are not exchanged in an active market, they are classified as Level 2.

The following table summarizes the changes in Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for both MGE Energy and MGE.

	Three Mo Septer		Months Ended eptember 30,		
(In thousands)	2014	2013	2014		2013
Beginning balance	\$ (49,349)	\$ (66,856)\$	(64,628)	\$	(72,346)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses):					
Included in regulatory liabilities (assets)	(3,752)	(1,472)	11,528		4,018
Included in other comprehensive income	-	-	-		-
Included in earnings	(1,419)	(174)	5,837		(2,034)
Included in current assets	_	(38)	(89)		(94)
Purchases	6,371	6,052	19,900		17,709
Sales	-	-	(60)		(2)
Issuances	-	-	_		_
Settlements	(4,952)	(5,840)	(25,589)		(15,579)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	_	-	_		_

Balance as of September 30,	\$	(53,101)	\$ (68,328)\$	(53,101)	\$ (68,328)
Total gains (losses) included in earnings attributed	1				
to					
the change in unrealized gains (losses) related to					
assets and liabilities held at September 30,(b)	\$	-	\$ - \$	-	\$ -

The following table presents total realized and unrealized gains (losses) included in income for Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for both MGE Energy and MGE (*b*).

		Three Mo Septer	onths End nber 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
(In thousands)	2014 2013		2014		2013					
Purchased Power Expense	\$	(1,411)	\$	(174) \$	5,845	\$	(2,034)			
Cost of Gas Sold Expense		(8)		-	(8)		-			
Total	\$	(1,419)	\$	(174)\$	5,837	\$	(2,034)			

(b)

MGE's exchange-traded derivative contracts, over-the-counter party transactions, ten-year purchased power agreement, and FTRs are subject to regulatory deferral. These derivatives are therefore marked to fair value and are offset in the financial statements with a corresponding regulatory asset or liability.

12.

New Accounting Pronouncements - MGE Energy and MGE.

a.

Obligations Resulting from Joint and Several Liability Arrangements for Which the Total Amount of the Obligation is Fixed at the Reporting Date.

In February 2013, the FASB issued authoritative guidance within the Codification's Balance Sheet topic that provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which the total amount of the obligation is fixed at the reporting date. This authoritative guidance became effective January 1, 2014. The authoritative guidance did not have a financial or disclosure impact.

b.

Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit.

In July 2013, the FASB issued authoritative guidance within the Codification's Income Statement topic that provides guidance on the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The authoritative guidance was issued to eliminate diversity in practice by providing guidance on the presentation of unrecognized tax benefits. This authoritative guidance became effective January 1, 2014. The authoritative guidance will not have a financial statement or disclosure impact, unless MGE Energy or its subsidiaries are in a net operating loss position. MGE Energy or its subsidiaries are currently not in a net operating loss position.

c.

**Revenue from Contracts with Customers.** 

In May 2014, the FASB issued authoritative guidance within the Codification's Revenue Recognition topic that provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of revenue from contracts with customers. This authoritative guidance will become effective January 1, 2017. MGE Energy and MGE are currently assessing the impact this pronouncement will have on their financial statements.

d.

## Transfers and Servicing Assets.

In June 2014, the FASB issued authoritative guidance within the Codification's Transfers and Servicing topic that provides guidance on the accounting and disclosures for repurchase-to-maturity transactions, securities lending transactions, and repurchase financings. This authoritative guidance will become effective January 1, 2015. The authoritative guidance will change the accounting for the Chattel Paper program. Prior to adoption of the standard, Chattel Paper was treated as an off-balance sheet arrangement. Upon adoption, assets and liabilities will increase approximately \$4.0 million and additional disclosures will be required. The cumulative impact of this guidance on our financial statements is not expected to be material.

13.

**Segment Information - MGE Energy and MGE.** 

MGE Energy operates in the following business segments: electric utility, gas utility, nonregulated energy, transmission investment, and all other. See MGE Energy's and MGE's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional discussion of each of these segments.

The following tables show segment information for MGE Energy's operations for the indicated periods:

(In thousands)  MGE Energy  Three Months Ended Sep	pte	Electric <i>mber 30</i> ,	Gas	Non- Regulated Energy	Transmission Investment	All Others	Consolidation/ Elimination Entries	Consolidated Total
2014							_	
Operating revenues	\$	112,869\$	21,404\$	8628	-\$	- 5	-	\$ 135,135
Interdepartmental revenues		156	1,614	10,674	_	_	(12,444)	_
Total operating		130	1,014	10,074	_	_	(12,777)	_
revenues		113,025	23,018	11,536	_	_	(12,444)	135,135
Depreciation and		-,	- /	,			( , ,	,
amortization		(6,931)	(1,575)	(1,858)	-	(12)	-	(10,376)
Other operating								
expenses		(74,573)	(22,199)	(35)	-	(276)	12,444	(84,639)
Operating income						( <b>-</b> 0.0)		
(loss)		31,521	(756)	9,643	- 422	(288)	-	40,120
Other income, net		136	8	-	2,423	69	-	2,636
Interest (expense) income, net		(2,832)	(808)	(1,545)		44		(5.141)
Income (loss) before		(2,032)	(808)	(1,343)	-	44	-	(5,141)
taxes		28,825	(1,556)	8,098	2,423	(175)	_	37,615
Income tax		20,023	(1,550)	0,070	2,123	(173)		37,013
(provision) benefit		(10,758)	651	(3,251)	(963)	35	-	(14,286)
Net income (loss)	\$	18,067\$	(905)\$				-	\$ 23,329
Three Months Ended Sep	pte	mber 30,						
2013								
Operating revenues Interdepartmental	\$	119,836\$	18,864\$	1,3995	-\$	- 5	-	\$ 140,099
revenues		172	2,757	10,660	-	-	(13,589)	-
Total operating								
revenues		120,008	21,621	12,059	-	-	(13,589)	140,099
Depreciation and		(6.405)	(1.407)	(1.700)				(0.710)
amortization Other energing		(6,425)	(1,497)	(1,788)	-	-	-	(9,710)
Other operating expenses		(82,414)	(21,485)	(33)	(1)	(145)	13,589	(90,489)
Operating income		(02,414)	(21,403)	(33)	(1)	(143)	13,369	(90,409)
(loss)		31,169	(1,361)	10,238	(1)	(145)	_	39,900
Other income, net		1,166	92	-	2,340	152	_	3,750
Interest (expense)		-,			_,			2,.23
income, net		(2,309)	(729)	(1,596)	-	29	-	(4,605)
Income (loss) before								
taxes		30,026	(1,998)	8,642	2,339	36	-	39,045
Income tax								
(provision) benefit		(11,021)	751	(3,469)	(939)	(14)	-	(14,692)
Net income (loss)	\$	19,005\$	(1,247)\$	5,1735	5 1,400\$	225	-	\$ 24,353

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Nine Months Ended Sept. 2014	ember 30,						
Operating revenues \$	308,418\$	163,335\$	2,392\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	474,145
Interdepartmental	401	7,130	32,017			(39,548)	
revenues Total operating	401	7,130	32,017	-	-	(39,346)	-
revenues	308,819	170,465	34,409	-	_	(39,548)	474,145
Depreciation and							
amortization	(19,909)	(4,700)	(5,547)	-	(35)	-	(30,191)
Other operating	(220, 200)	(1.4.4.007)	(105)		(670)	20.540	(225, 422)
expenses Operating income	(229,286)	(144,907)	(105)	-	(672)	39,548	(335,422)
(loss)	59,624	20,858	28,757	_	(707)	_	108,532
Other (deductions)	55,021	20,030	20,737		(101)		100,552
income, net	2,999	(44)	-	7,306	475	-	10,736
Interest (expense)							
income, net	(7,571)	(2,429)	(4,676)	-	126	-	(14,550)
Income (loss) before	55.052	10.205	24.001	7.206	(106)		104710
taxes Income tax	55,052	18,385	24,081	7,306	(106)	-	104,718
provision	(19,602)	(7,378)	(9,665)	(2,924)	(16)	_	(39,585)
Net income (loss) \$	35,450\$	11,007\$	14,416\$	4,382\$	(122)\$	-\$	65,133
Nine Months Ended Sept	ombor 30						
2013	ember 50,						
Operating revenues \$	310,176\$	121,373\$	4,075\$	-\$	-\$	-\$	435,624
Interdepartmental							
revenues	410	10,449	31,924	-	-	(42,783)	-
Total operating	210.506	121.022	27.000			(40.500)	105.601
revenues  Depresiation and	310,586	131,822	35,999	-	-	(42,783)	435,624
Depreciation and amortization	(19,139)	(4,357)	(5,368)	_	_	_	(28,864)
Other operating	(17,137)	(4,557)	(3,300)				(20,004)
expenses	(235,390)	(111,494)	(96)	(1)	(537)	42,783	(304,735)
Operating income							
(loss)	56,057	15,971	30,535	(1)	(537)	-	102,025
	•	•					
Other income, net	2,226	69	-	7,045	430	-	9,770
Interest (expense)	2,226		- (4 014)	7,045		-	
Interest (expense) income, net	•	69 (2,166)	(4,814)	7,045	430 71	-	9,770 (13,937)
Interest (expense) income, net Income (loss) before	2,226 (7,028)	(2,166)		-	71	-	(13,937)
Interest (expense) income, net	2,226		(4,814) 25,721	7,045		-	
Interest (expense) income, net Income (loss) before taxes	2,226 (7,028)	(2,166)		-	71	- - - -\$	(13,937)

The following tables show segment information for MGE's operations for the indicated periods:

(In thousands)  MGE Three Months Ended	Electric	Gas	N	Nonregulated Energy	,	Transmission Investment	(	Consolidation/ Elimination Entries	(	Consolidated Total
September 30, 2014 Operating revenues	\$ 112,875	\$ 21,410	\$	862	\$	-	\$	-	\$	135,147
Interdepartmental revenues Total operating	150	1,608		10,674		-		(12,432)		-
Total operating revenues Depreciation and	113,025	23,018		11,536		-		(12,432)		135,147
amortization Other operating	(6,931)	(1,575)		(1,858)		-		-		(10,364)
expenses* Operating income	(85,314)	(21,544)		(3,286)		-		12,432		(97,712)
(loss)* Other income, net*	20,780 119	(101) 4		6,392		1,460		-		27,071 1,583
Interest expense, net	(2,832)	(808)		(1,545)		-		-		(5,185)
Net income (loss) Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling	18,067	(905)		4,847		1,460		-		23,469
interest, net of tax Net income (loss)	-	-		-		-		(6,653)		(6,653)
attributable to MGE	\$ 18,067	\$ (905)	\$	4,847	\$	1,460	\$	(6,653)	\$	16,816
Three Months Ended September 30, 2013										
Operating revenues Interdepartmental	\$ 119,836	\$ 18,864	\$	1,399	\$	-	\$	-	\$	140,099
revenues Total operating	172	2,757		10,660		-		(13,589)		-
revenues Depreciation and	120,008	21,621		12,059		-		(13,589)		140,099
amortization Other operating	(6,425)	(1,497)		(1,788)		-		-		(9,710)
expenses* Operating income	(93,481)	(20,748)		(3,502)		(1)		13,589		(104,143)
(loss)*	20,102	(624)		6,769		(1)		-		26,246
Other income, net*	1,212	106		-		1,401		-		2,719
Interest expense, net	(2,309)	(729)		(1,596)		-		-		(4,634)
Net income (loss) Less: Net income attributable to	19,005	(1,247)		5,173		1,400		-		24,331
noncontrolling										
interest, net of tax	\$ 19,005	\$ (1,247)	\$	5,173	\$	1,400	\$	(6,861) (6,861)	\$	(6,861) 17,470

Net income (loss) attributable to MGE

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014						
Operating revenues Interdepartmental	\$ 308,435	\$ 163,351	\$ 2,392	2 \$ -	\$ -	\$ 474,178
revenues	384	7,114	32,01	7 -	(39,515)	-
Total operating revenues	308,819	170,465	34,409	-	(39,515)	474,178
Depreciation and amortization	(19,909)	(4,700)	(5,547	) -	-	(30,156)
Other operating expenses*	(248,525)	(152,182)	(9,770	) -	39,515	(370,962)
Operating income* Other (deductions)	40,385	13,583	19,092		-	73,060
income, net*	2,636	(147)	(A 6= 6	- 4,382	-	6,871
Interest expense, net Net income	(7,571) 35,450	(2,429) 11,007	(4,676 14,410	,	-	(14,676) 65,255
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling		,	,	, , , , ,		,
interest, net of tax	-	-			(19,784)	(19,784)
Net income attributable to MGE	\$ 35,450	\$ 11,007	\$ 14,410	5 \$ 4,382	\$ (19,784)	\$ 45,471
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013						
Operating revenues Interdepartmental	\$ 310,176	\$ 121,373	\$ 4,075	5 \$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,624
revenues Total operating	410	10,449	31,924	-	(42,783)	-
revenues	310,586	131,822	35,999	-	(42,783)	435,624
Depreciation and amortization	(19,139)	(4,357)	(5,368	-	-	(28,864)
Other operating expenses*	(253,566)	(117,346)	(10,305	) (1)	42,783	(338,435)
Operating income (loss)*	37,881	10,119	20,320	5 (1)	-	68,325
Other income, net*	2,254	77	,	- 4,208	-	6,539
Interest expense, net	(7,028)	(2,166)	(4,814		-	(14,008)
Net income Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling	33,107	8,030	15,512	2 4,207	-	60,856
interest, net of tax Net income	-	-			(20,547)	(20,547)
attributable to MGE	\$ 33,107	\$ 8,030	\$ 15,512	2 \$ 4,207	\$ (20,547)	\$ 40,309

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts are shown net of the related tax expense, consistent with the presentation on the consolidated MGE Income Statement.

The following table shows segment information for MGE Energy's and MGE's assets and capital expenditures:

(In thousands)		Utility			Cor	nsolidated	Consolidation/	
MGE Energy Assets:	Electric			regulated Tran Energy Inv	estment	All Others	Elimination Entries	Total
September 30, 2014 S December 31,	\$ 914,839\$	263,688\$	30,962 \$	307,599\$	67,476\$	443,898\$	(408,566)	\$ 1,619,896
2013 Capital Expenditures: Nine Months	899,257	265,694	19,853	288,116	64,504	431,436	(389,800)	1,579,060
Ended September 30, 2014 Year ended	\$ 50,033\$	14,599\$	- \$	1,506\$	-\$	-\$	-	\$ 66,138
Dec. 31, 2013	100,146	15,554	-	3,347	-	-	-	119,047
		Utility			(	Consolidat	ed	
(In thousands)  MGE Assets:	Electric	Gas	Assets not Allocated	Nonregulated Energy	Transm Invest		Elimination Entries	Total
September 30, 2014	\$ 917,503	\$ \$ 262,237	\$ 30,778	\$ 286,600	\$ 6	57,476 \$	(5,892)	\$ 1,558,702
December 31, 2013 Capital Expenditures: Nine Months Ended	899,257	265,694	19,853	288,066		54,504	(6,731)	1,530,643
September 30, 2014	\$ 50,033	3 \$ 14,599	\$ -	\$ 1,506	\$	- \$	-	\$ 66,138
Year ended Dec 31, 2013	100,146	5 15,554	_	3,347		_	_	119,047

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

General
MGE Energy is an investor-owned public utility holding company operating through subsidiaries in five business segments:
Regulated electric utility operations, conducted through MGE,
Regulated gas utility operations, conducted through MGE,
Nonregulated energy operations, conducted through MGE Power and its subsidiaries,
Transmission investments, representing our equity investment in ATC, and
All other, which includes corporate operations and services.
Our principal subsidiary is MGE, which generates and distributes electric energy, distributes natural gas, and represents a majority portion of our assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. MGE generates and distributes electricity to approximately 141,000 customers in Dane County, Wisconsin, including the city of Madison, and purchases and distributes natural gas to approximately 147,000 customers in the Wisconsin counties of Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Iowa, Juneau, Monroe, and Vernon.

Our nonregulated energy operations own interests in electric generating capacity that is leased to MGE. The ownership/leasing structure was adopted under applicable state regulatory guidelines for MGE's participation in these generation facilities, consisting principally of a stable return on the equity investment in the new generation facilities over the term of the related leases. The nonregulated energy operations include an ownership interest in two coal-fired generating units in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and a partial ownership of a cogeneration project on the UW-Madison campus. A third party operates the units in Oak Creek, and MGE operates the cogeneration project. Due to the nature of MGE's participation in these facilities, the results of our nonregulated operations are also consolidated into MGE's consolidated financial position and results of operations under applicable accounting standards.

#### Executive Overview

Our primary focus today and for the foreseeable future is our core utility customers at MGE as well as creating long-term value for our shareholders. MGE continues to face the challenge of providing its customers with reliable power at competitive prices. MGE meets this challenge by investing in more efficient generation projects, including renewable energy sources. MGE will continue to focus on growing earnings while controlling operating and fuel costs. MGE maintains safe and efficient operations in addition to providing customer value. We believe it is critical to maintain a strong credit standing consistent with financial strength in MGE as well as the parent company in order to accomplish these goals.

We earn our revenue and generate cash from operations by providing electric and natural gas utility services, including electric power generation and electric power and gas distribution. The earnings and cash flows from the utility business are sensitive to various external factors, including:
Weather, and its impact on customer sales of electricity and gas,
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Economic conditions, including current business activity and employment and their impact on customer demand,
Regulation and regulatory issues, and their impact on the timing and recovery of costs,
Energy commodity prices,
Equity price risk pertaining to pension related assets,
Credit market conditions, including interest rates and our debt credit rating,
Environmental laws and regulations, including adopted and pending environmental rule changes.

and other factors listed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in this report.

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, MGE Energy's earnings were \$23.3 million or \$0.67 per share compared to \$24.4 million or \$0.70 per share for the same period in the prior year. MGE's earnings for the three months ended September 30, 2014, were \$16.8 million compared to \$17.5 million for the same period in the prior year.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, MGE Energy's earnings were \$65.1 million or \$1.88 per share compared to \$60.8 million or \$1.75 per share for the same period in the prior year. MGE's earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, were \$45.5 million compared to \$40.3 million for the same period in the prior year.

MGE Energy's income was derived from our business segments as follows:

	Three Mo	onths Er	nded	Nine Mo	nths En	ded
(In thousands)	Septer	nber 30	,	Septer	nber 30	,
Business Segment:	2014		2013	2014		2013
Electric Utility	\$ 18,067	\$	19,005\$	35,450	\$	33,107
Gas Utility	(905)		(1,247)	11,007		8,030
Nonregulated Energy	4,847		5,173	14,416		15,512
<b>Transmission Investments</b>	1,460		1,400	4,382		4,207
All Other	(140)		22	(122)		(28)
Net Income	\$ 23,329	\$	24,353\$	65,133	\$	60,828

Our net income during the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year primarily reflects the effects of the following factors:

Electric net income decreased due to a 4.4% decrease in electric retail sales reflecting lower customer demand. Cooling degree days (a measure for determining the impact of weather during the cooling season) decreased by 25.1% compared to the prior year. In addition, AFUDC equity decreased \$0.7 million (after tax) related to the Columbia environmental project compared to the same period in the prior year. The Columbia units were placed into service in April 2014 and July 2014. The decrease in electric retail sales was partially offset by savings from operating and maintenance expenditures.

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Lower non-regulated revenues in 2014 due to the approved recovery, as part of the WEPCO 2013 Wisconsin rate case, of certain one-time force majeure costs associated with the Elm Road Units including a one-time cumulative adjustment for prior periods all recognized in 2013.

Our net income during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, primarily reflects the effects of the following factors:

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Electric net income increased due to a \$1.1 million (after tax) increase in AFUDC equity related to the Columbia environmental project compared to the same period in the prior year. In addition, operating and maintenance expenditures decreased compared to the prior period.

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Gas net income increased due to a 14.6% increase in gas retail sales reflecting higher customer demand due to a colder winter. The average temperatures in January and February were 11.5 degrees and 12.5 degrees, respectively, compared to 21.8 degrees and 21.3 degrees in the prior year. Heating degree days (a measure for determining the impact of weather during the heating season) increased by 9.2% compared to the prior year. In addition, operating and maintenance expenditures decreased over the prior year.

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Lower non-regulated revenues in 2014 due to the approved recovery, as part of the WEPCO 2013 Wisconsin rate case, of certain one-time force majeure costs associated with the Elm Road Units including a one-time cumulative adjustment for prior periods all recognized in 2013.

During the first nine months of 2014, the following events occurred:

Columbia Environmental Project: In early 2011, the PSCW authorized the construction of air emission reduction systems and associated equipment on Columbia Units 1 and 2. These systems and equipment for Unit 2 and Unit 1 were placed into service in April 2014 and July 2014, respectively. As of September 30, 2014, \$128.8 million of the capitalized project (excluding carrying costs) was transferred from Construction work in progress to Property, plant, and equipment on MGE's balance sheet related to Unit 1 and Unit 2 being placed into service. MGE has accumulated \$7.9 million of capital expenditures and recognized \$3.0 million (after tax) in AFUDC equity related to this project for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

In the near term, several items may affect us, including:

2015 Rate Filing: On April 17, 2014, MGE filed an application with the PSCW requesting a 2.8% increase to electric rates and a 2.3% decrease to gas rates for 2015. MGE has requested escrow accounting treatment for transmission related costs starting in 2015. This treatment will allow MGE to reflect any differential between the costs reflected in rates and actual costs incurred in its next rate case filing. The proposed electric rate increases cover costs associated with the construction of emission-reduction equipment at Columbia and improvements and reliability of the state's electric transmission system.

During the rate case proceeding, certain updates have been made to reflect changing conditions from the initial filing. Those updates include increased costs for fuel and purchased power costs primarily related to coal delivery costs, lower transmission costs due to favorable FERC decisions on cost allocations for system reliability payments, and increased costs to reflect current market conditions for pension and post-retirement benefit costs. Incorporating the revisions would adjust the electric rate increase from 2.8% to 4.3% and adjust the gas rate decrease from 2.3% to 1.4%. A PSCW decision is expected by the end of 2014.

Environmental Initiatives: There are proposed legislation, rules, and initiatives involving matters related to air emissions, water effluent, hazardous materials, and greenhouse gases, all of which affect generation plant capital expenditures and operating costs as well as future operational planning. Such legislation and rulemaking could significantly affect the costs of owning and operating fossil-fueled generating plants, such as Columbia and Elm Road, from which we derive approximately 44% of our electric generating capacity. We would expect to seek and receive recovery of any such costs in rates; however, it is difficult to estimate the amount of such costs due to the uncertainty as to the timing and form of the legislation and rules, and the scope and time of the recovery of costs in rates. In addition, the Columbia owners, including MGE, resolved claims surrounding the alleged failure, among other things, to obtain necessary air permits and implement necessary emission controls associated with past activities at Columbia, which will require the installation of additional emission controls at Columbia. See Columbia discussion in Footnote 8.a. in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Costs: Costs for pension and other postretirement benefits are affected by actual investment returns on the assets held for those benefits and by the discount rate, which is sensitive to interest rates, used to calculate those benefits. Interest rates have declined since the end of 2013 that could cause discount rates used to value the pension and postretirement benefit obligations to decline. A new set of mortality tables, which are used to develop actuarial estimates, was finalized by the Society of Actuaries in October 2014. The changes in the value of the plan assets, the discount rate, and the mortality tables are not expected to have an impact on the income statement for 2014. However, these changes may increase benefit costs in future years. MGE expects any changes in the cost for employee benefit plans will be factored into future rate actions.

Coal Supplies: Coal supplies at our principal coal-fired generating plants have been affected since the beginning of 2014 by railroad transportation constraints affecting the availability and scheduling of coal transport trains. Reduced on-site supplies could impact the generation available from these units and increase the use of relatively more expensive forms of internal generation or market purchases of external generation from third parties. See Risk Factors in Part II, Item 1A of this report for additional information.

ATC Return on Equity: Several parties have filed a complaint with FERC seeking to reduce the base return on equity (ROE) of MISO and numerous other MISO transmission owners, including ATC, "due to changes in the capital markets." The complaint alleges that the MISO ROE should not exceed 9.15%, the equity components of hypothetical capital structures should be restricted to 50%, and the relevant incentive ROE adders should be discontinued. MISO's base ROE is 12.38% and ATC's base ROE is 12.2%. We derived approximately 7% of our net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, from our investment in ATC.

General Economic Conditions: Economic conditions both inside and outside our service area are expected to continue to affect the level of demand for our utility services and may affect the collection of our accounts receivable and the creditworthiness of counterparties with whom we do business. We have in place lines of credit aggregating \$150 million for MGE Energy (including MGE) and \$100 million for MGE to address our liquidity needs. As of September 30, 2014, there were no borrowings outstanding under our lines of credit.

The following discussion is based on the business segments as discussed in Footnote 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

## **Electric Utility Operations - MGE Energy and MGE**

## Electric sales and revenues

The following table compares MGE's electric revenues and electric kWh sales by customer class for each of the periods indicated:

		I	Revenues			Sales (kWh)	
(In thousands, except	Three Months Ended September 30,			Three Months Ended September 30,			
cooling degree days)	2014		2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change
Residential	\$ 37,455	\$	40,578	(7.7)%	217,677	238,046	(8.6)%
Commercial	60,127		62,582	(3.9)%	488,310	502,924	(2.9)%
Industrial	5,513		5,612	(1.8)%	65,145	66,366	(1.8)%
Other-retail/municipal	10,958		11,952	(8.3)%	118,311	123,221	(4.0)%
Total retail	114,053		120,724	(5.5)%	889,443	930,557	(4.4)%
Sales to the market	179		465	(61.5)%	508	8,038	(93.7)%
Adjustments to revenues	(1,363)		(1,353)	(0.7)%	-	-	- %
Total	\$ 112,869	\$	119,836	(5.8)%	889,951	938,595	(5.2)%
Cooling degree days							
(normal 477)					387	517	(25.1)%

Electric operating revenues decreased \$7.0 million or 5.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in 2013, due to the following:

(In millions)	
Volume	\$ (5.3)
Other	(1.4)
Sales to the market	(0.3)
Total	\$ (7.0)

In July 2013, the PSCW authorized MGE to freeze 2014 rates at 2013 levels for retail electric customers.

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Volume. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, there was a 4.4% decrease in total retail sales volume.
compared to the same period in the prior year driven by cooler than normal weather.

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*Other*. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, other items affecting electric operating revenues decreased \$1.4 million primarily attributable to a decrease in demand charges and lower monthly on-peak sales.

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Sales to the market. Sales to the market represent wholesale sales made to third parties who are not ultimate users of the electricity. These sales may include spot market transactions on the markets operated by MISO and PJM. These sales may also include bilateral sales to other utilities or power marketers. Generating units are dispatched by MISO based on cost considerations as well as reliability of the system. Sales to the market typically occur when MGE has more generation and purchases online than are needed for its own system demand. The excess electricity is then sold to others in the market. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, market volumes decreased compared to the same period in the prior year, reflecting decreased opportunities for sales; however, market settlement resulted in higher revenue per kWh for the three months ended September 30, 2014, reflecting higher market prices.

## Electric fuel and purchased power

Electric fuel and purchased power costs reflect a decrease in internal generation volumes offset by an increase in the volume of purchased power when compared to the prior period. Adjustments related to the regulatory recovery for fuel costs, known as fuel rules, moderated the effects of that increased volume. These items are explained below.

#### Fuel for electric generation

The expense for fuel for internal electric generation decreased \$4.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year, due to the following:

(In millions)	
Decrease in volume	\$ (4.9)
Increase in per-unit cost	0.8
Total	\$ (4.1)

This decrease in expense reflects a 34.9% decrease in internal generated volume delivered to the system primarily as a result of reduced generation at Columbia to reduce coal use in order to maintain inventory levels, partially offset by an 8.2% increase in per-unit cost of internal electric generation.

#### Purchased power

Purchased power expense decreased \$0.7 million during the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year, due to the following:

(In millions)	
Increase in volume	\$ 10.0
Decrease in per-unit cost	(5.1)
Fuel Rules Adjustments	
Decrease in recorded fuel rule surplus	
credit	(4.0)
Amortization of 2012 fuel rule surplus	
credits	(1.6)
Total	\$ (0.7)

The decrease in expense reflects an 18.2% decrease in the per-unit cost of purchased power and a 55.5% increase in the volume of power purchased from third parties primarily as a result of the reduced generation at Columbia.

Under fuel rules, MGE is required to defer electric fuel-related costs that fall outside a 2% cost tolerance band around the amount used in the most recent rate proceeding. Any fuel rules adjustments are reflected in purchased power expense. Cost savings that may be returned to customers are recorded as an increase to purchased power expense, and higher costs that MGE is entitled to recover, after adjustment for excess revenues, are recorded as a reduction to purchased power expense. Any over/under recovery of the deferred costs is determined on an annual basis and adjusted in future billings to customers. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, MGE amortized \$1.6 million of the 2012 fuel rule surplus credits. No fuel-related cost savings were deferred during the current period, as compared to \$4.0 million of cost savings (surplus credit) in the prior period.

## Electric operating and maintenance expenses

Electric operating and maintenance expenses decreased \$3.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in 2013. The following changes contributed to the net change:

(In millions)	
Decreased administrative and general costs	\$ (1.5)
Decreased transmission costs	(0.8)
Decreased customer accounts costs	(0.3)
Decreased production expenses	(0.3)
Decreased distribution expenses	(0.2)
Total	\$ (3.1)

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, decreased administrative and general costs are primarily due to decreased pension and other postretirement benefit costs.

## **Gas Utility Operations - MGE Energy and MGE**

#### Gas deliveries and revenues

The following table compares MGE's gas revenues and gas therms delivered by customer class during each of the periods indicated:

			F	Revenues		T	herms Delivered	d
(In thousands, except HDD	)	Three M	Three Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended September 30,			
and average rate per therm	ı							
of retail customer)		2014		2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change
Residential	\$	9,507	\$	8,794	8.1 %	6,105	5,676	7.6 %
Commercial/Industrial		11,188		9,343	19.7 %	18,714	17,789	5.2 %
Total retail		20,695		18,137	14.1 %	24,819	23,465	5.8 %
Gas transportation		608		593	2.5 %	7,127	6,937	2.7 %
Other revenues		101		134	(24.6)%	-	-	- %
Total	\$	21,404	\$	18,864	13.5 %	31,946	30,402	5.1 %
Heating degree days								
(normal 172)						165	157	5.1 %
Average rate per therm of								
retail customer	\$	0.834	\$	0.773	7.9 %			

Gas revenues increased \$2.5 million or 13.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in 2013. These changes are related to the following factors:

(In millions)	
Rate/PGA changes	\$ 1.5
Volume	1.0
Total	\$ 2.5

*Rate/PGA changes*. The average retail rate per therm for the three months ended September 30, 2014, increased 7.9% compared to the same period in 2013, reflecting higher natural gas commodity costs. MGE recovers the cost of natural gas in its gas segment through the purchased gas adjustment clause (PGA). Under the PGA, MGE is able to pass through to its gas customers the cost of gas.

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*Volume*. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, retail gas deliveries increased 5.8% compared to the same period in 2013, as a result of colder weather compared to warmer weather in the prior year.

## Cost of gas sold

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, cost of gas sold increased by \$2.2 million, compared to the same period in the prior year. The cost per therm of natural gas increased 17.8%, which resulted in \$1.7 million of increased expense. The volume of gas purchased increased 6.2%, which resulted in \$0.5 million of increased expense.

#### Gas operating and maintenance expenses

Gas operating and maintenance expenses decreased by \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the same period in 2013. The following changes contributed to the net change:

(In millions)	
Decreased administrative and general costs	\$ (0.7)
Decreased production expenses	(0.1)
Decreased customer service costs	(0.1)
Increased distribution expenses	0.3
Total	\$ (0.6)

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, decreased administrative and general costs are primarily due to decreased pension and other postretirement benefit costs.

## Nonregulated Energy Operations - MGE Energy and MGE

For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, net income at the nonregulated energy operations segment was \$4.8 million and \$5.2 million, respectively. The nonregulated energy operations are conducted through MGE Energy's subsidiaries: MGE Power Elm Road and MGE Power West Campus, which have been formed to own and lease electric generating capacity to assist MGE.

Results reflect the recovery of force majeure costs associated with the construction of the Elm Road Units. In December 2012, as part of WEPCO's (the operator and primary owner of the Elm Road Units) 2013 Wisconsin rate case, the PSCW determined that 100% of the construction costs for the Elm Road Units were prudently incurred, and approved the recovery in rates of more than 99.5% of the force majeure costs. The recovery of the force majeure costs began in 2013, including a one-time cumulative adjustment pertaining to affected periods prior to the PSCW order. The portion pertaining to prior periods was fully reflected in 2013 results.

#### **Transmission Investment Operations - MGE Energy and MGE**

#### Transmission investment other income

For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, other income at the transmission investment segment was \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. The transmission investment segment holds our interest in ATC, and its income reflects our equity in the earnings of ATC. See Footnote 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information concerning ATC and summarized financial information regarding ATC.

#### Consolidated Income Taxes - MGE Energy and MGE

MGE Energy's effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, was 38.0% and 37.6%, respectively. MGE's effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, was 37.9% and 37.6%, respectively. The net increase is attributable to less AFUDC equity earned during the three month period in 2014 compared to 2013.

#### Noncontrolling Interest, Net of Tax - MGE

The noncontrolling interest, net of tax, reflects the accounting required for MGE Energy's interest in MGE Power Elm Road (the Elm Road Units) and MGE Power West Campus (WCCF). MGE Energy owns 100% of MGE Power Elm Road and MGE Power West Campus; however, due to the contractual agreements for these projects with MGE, the entities are considered VIEs and their results are consolidated with those of MGE, the primary beneficiary of the VIEs. Also included in noncontrolling interest, net of tax, is MGE Energy's interest in MGE Transco, which holds our investment in ATC. The following table shows MGE Energy's noncontrolling interest, net of tax, reflected on MGE's consolidated statement of income:

	Three N	Months E	nded
	Sept	tember 30	),
(In millions)	2014		2013
MGE Power Elm Road	\$ 4.1	\$	4.3
MGE Power West Campus	1.9		1.9
MGE Transco	0.7		0.6

Nine Mo	nths Ende	d September	<i>30</i> , <i>2</i>	2014 and	2013
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**Electric Utility Operations - MGE Energy and MGE** 

## Electric sales and revenues

The following table compares MGE's electric revenues and electric kWh sales by customer class for each of the periods indicated:

(In thousands, except cooling degree days)

Revenues
Nine Months Ended September 30,

Sales (kWh) Nine Months Ended September 30,