

# FINANCIAL REPORT

### 2017 FIRST QUARTER

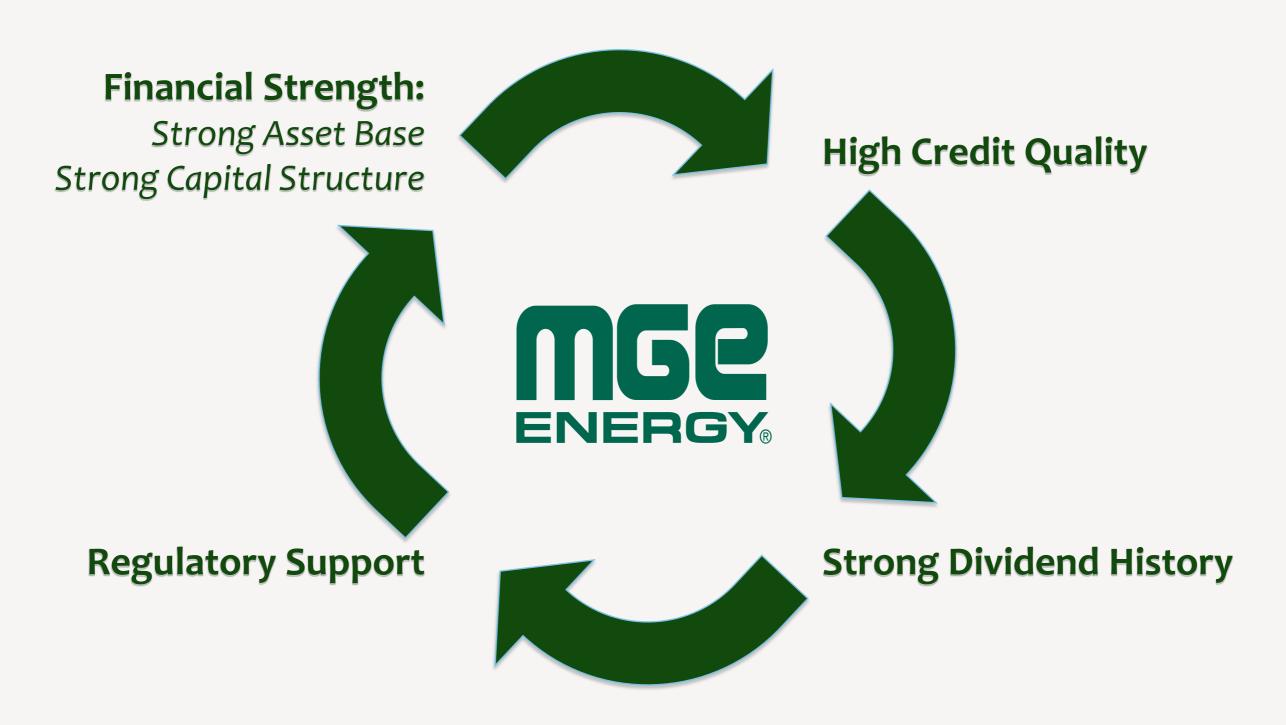
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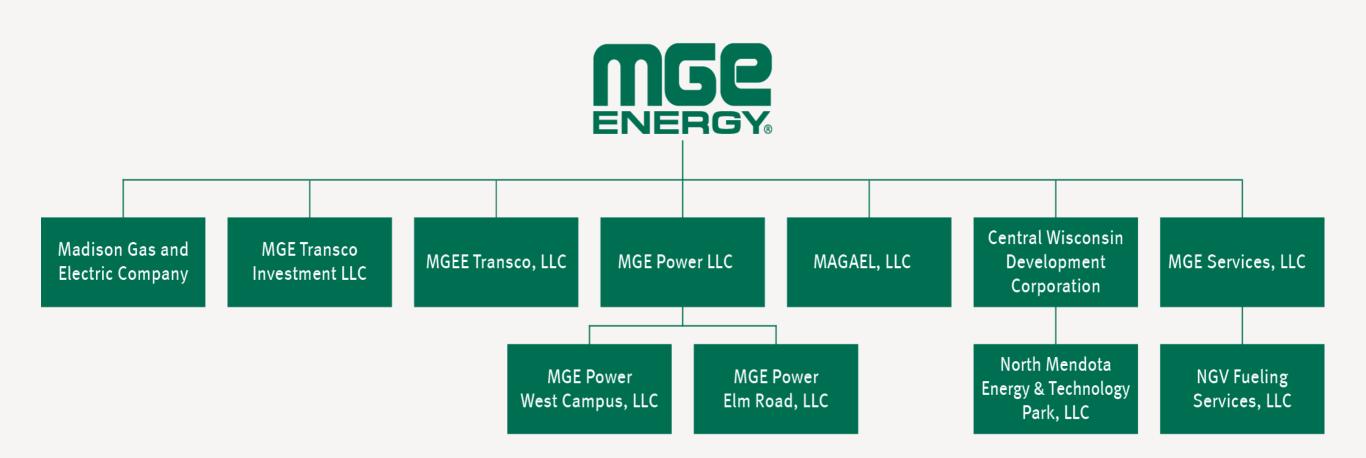
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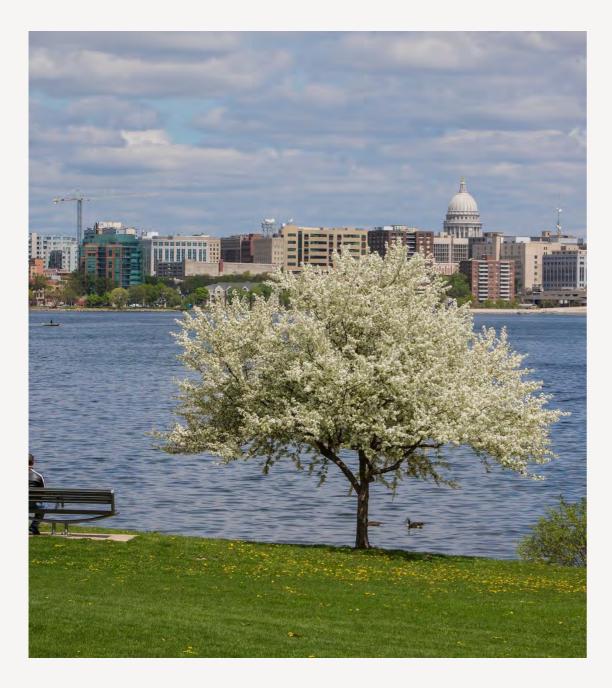
### HIGHLIGHTS



### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**



# **SERVICE TERRITORY**



#### **Economic Outlook:**

#### Madison

- 3<sup>rd</sup> best place to live *Livability*, 2016
- Top 20 for economic strength for last 10 years Policom, 2016
- Low unemployment: 3.3% Bureau of Labor statistics, February 2017

#### **Dane County**

- Population growth through 2035 expected to be the highest of any county in Wisconsin
- Low Unemployment (March 2017)
  2.5% (WI 3.7%; US 4.6%)

# ENERGY 2030 FRAMEWORK

### GOAL

- 25% Renewable by 2025
- 30% Renewable by 2030
- 40% Reduction in Carbon Dioxide Emissions by 2030



# **INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES** – MGE'S SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM

- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) approved MGE's application for a community solar pilot project in March 2016
- MGE's Shared Solar project is now generating electricity
  - 500-kilowatt (kW) solar array in Middleton expected to generate 650,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each year
  - The project is fully subscribed, interested customers invited to join the waiting list
- MGE has also partnered with the City on a 100-kW solar array on the roof of the Middleton Police department
  - Operation is underway
  - It will provide about 25% of electricity used by that building annually



## SARATOGA WIND FARM

- MGE filed its formal application with the PSCW in April 2017 to seek approval to construct, own and operate a wind farm
- Located in Saratoga, Iowa
- 66MW consisting of 33 turbines
- If approved, the project will become operational in 2018, with an estimated capital cost of \$107 million



### RIVERSIDE ENERGY & COLUMBIA COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS

#### **Riverside Energy Agreement**

- MGE reached an agreement with WPL for an option to acquire ownership interest in the Riverside Energy Center
  - MGE may acquire up to 50 megawatts of the 700 MW Riverside Energy Center modernization
  - Start of construction began in April 2017
  - Project completion expected by early 2020

#### **Columbia Collaboration Agreement**

- MGE and WPL have negotiated a second agreement under which MGE will reduce its obligation to pay certain expenditures (other than SCR-related expenditures) at Columbia in exchange for a proportional reduction in ownership
  - In January 2017, MGE reduced its ownership from 22% to 20.4% through the partial sale of plant assets to WPL
  - By June 2020, MGE's ownership in Columbia is forecasted to be approximately 19%

### ELECTRIC VEHICLE INITIATIVES

#### • Public Charging Network

• One of Midwest's largest networks, powered on 100% renewable energy produced by wind farms in Wisconsin and Iowa

#### Workplace Charging

 MGE works with local employers to help them implement workplace charging programs as they install charging stations for their employees

#### Home Charging

 Charge@Home pilot program enrolls participants in a study to learn more about charging sessions and how technology can best work for our customers

#### EV discounts

 Drive Electric, a partnership between MGE, Wisconsin Clean Cities and Nissan has helped sell electric vehicles in the greater Madison area by promoting deep discounts and tax incentives on the all-electric Nissan LEAF<sup>®</sup>



# IT INFRASTRUCTURE

MGE's Energy 2030 plan will create a more dynamic, integrated electric grid that supports and integrates new technology.

MGE will invest a significant amount of capital over the next 5 years in IT Infrastructure, to enhance the electric grid and provide customers with more information on their energy usage. Some of the larger IT Projects are:

- Customer information billing system (CIS)
- Installation of smart meters
- Geographic Information system (GIS)
- Advanced Meter Interface (AMI)
- System Security Improvements

### INVESTMENT FUNDAMENTALS

#### – GROWTH THROUGH UTILITY INVESTMENTS

\$140 Forecasted \$120 \$100 \$80 Est. \$60 Est. \$40 \$20 \$0 AVG 2016 2013 2014 2015 2017 2018-19 \* **Electric** Enviromental Non-utility Depreciation Gas

Segment Capital Expenditure versus Depreciation

Electric and Gas capex includes common, which has the IT infrastructure expenditures included \* Excludes the Saratoga Wind project from the forecasted capex, until it is approved by the PSCW

# TRANSMISSION INVESTMENTS

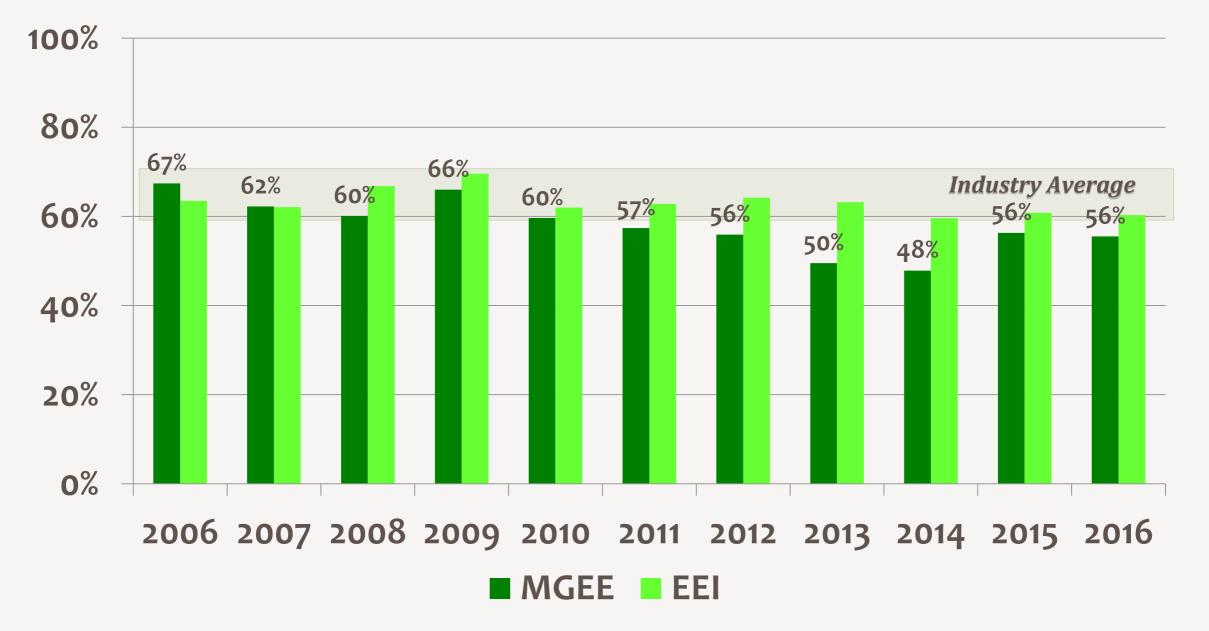




- Approximately **8.0**% of MGE Energy's earnings come from its **\$77 million** transmission investment in ATC
- ATC forecasted CapEx of **\$3.6 to \$4.4 billion** over the next 10 years, this excludes potential transmission investments outside its traditional footprint
- ATC average rate base at year end 2016:
  \$3.3 billion
- Alaskan municipal transmission
  opportunity

### **DIVIDEND PAYOUTS**

#### MGEE VERSUS INDUSTRY RANGE (EEI) DIVIDEND PAYOUT RATIOS



### INVESTMENT FUNDAMENTALS - DIVIDEND GOVERNANCE

### • Dividend Growth has been approximately 4%

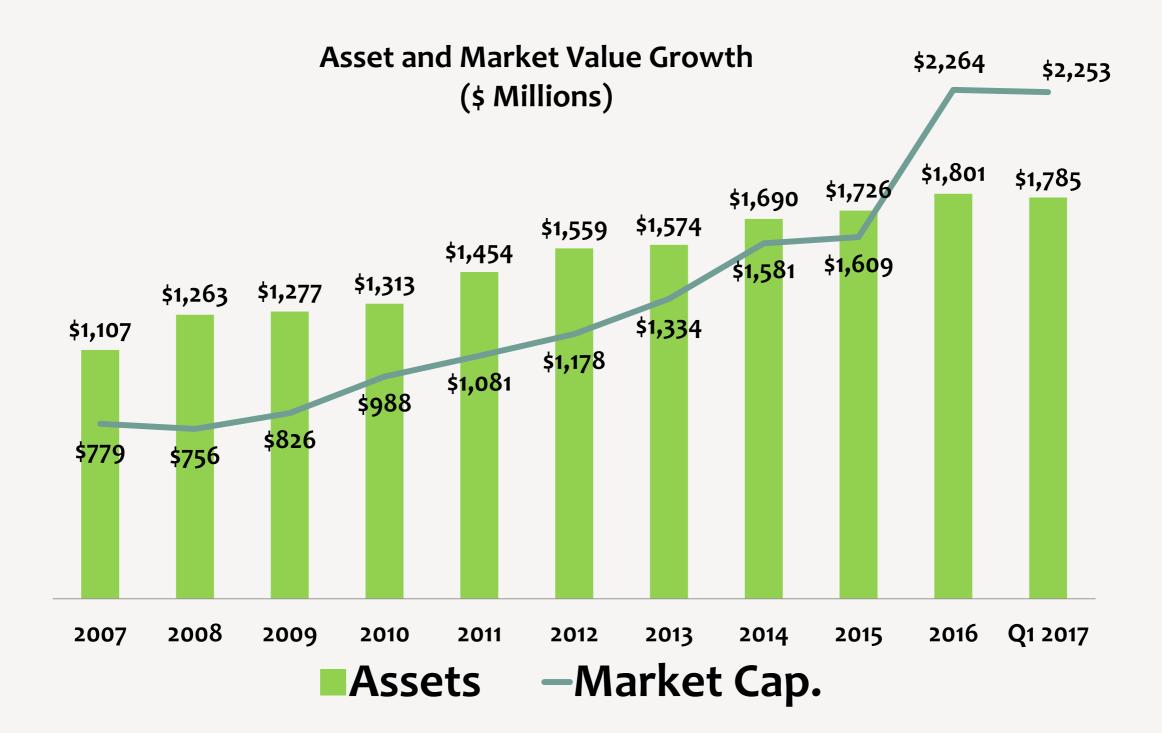
- Recent dividend payout ratio has been around 50-60%
- No dividend payout range targeted
- Flexibility with dividend

### Dividend Considerations

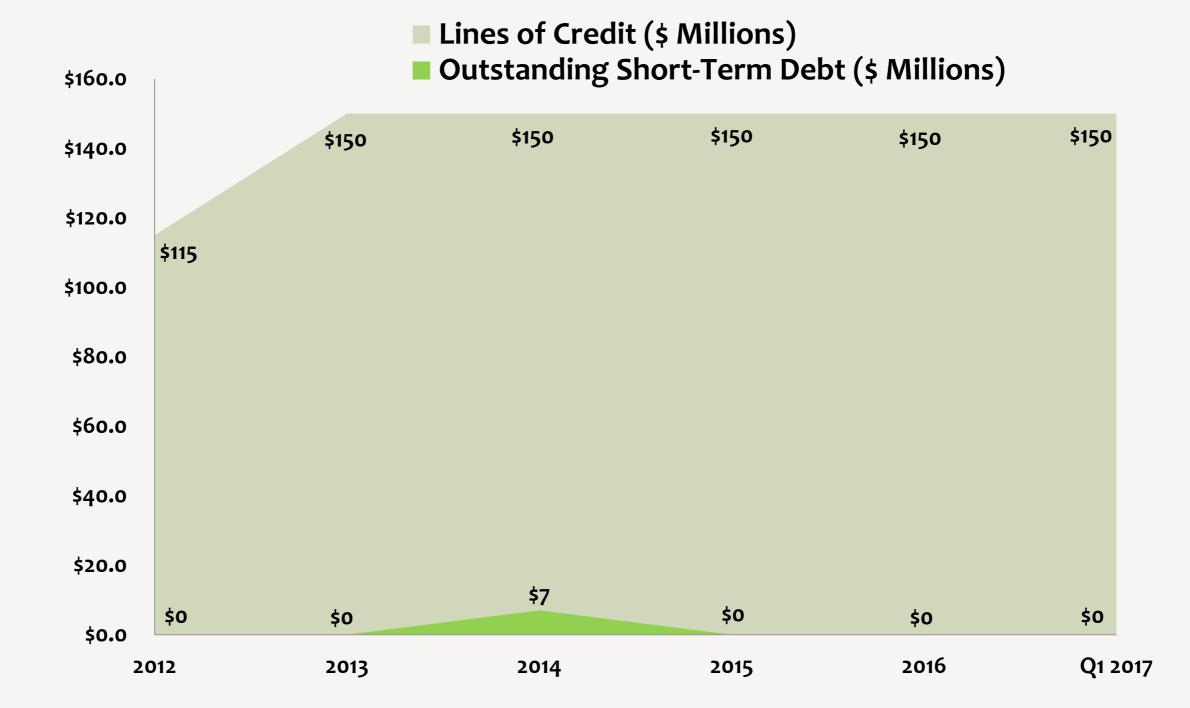
- Capital investment growth opportunities
- Balance sheet and credit ratings
- Projected cash generation and requirements
- Dividend payout ratio / yield consistent with industry and peers

### • Dividend decisions made by Board of Directors

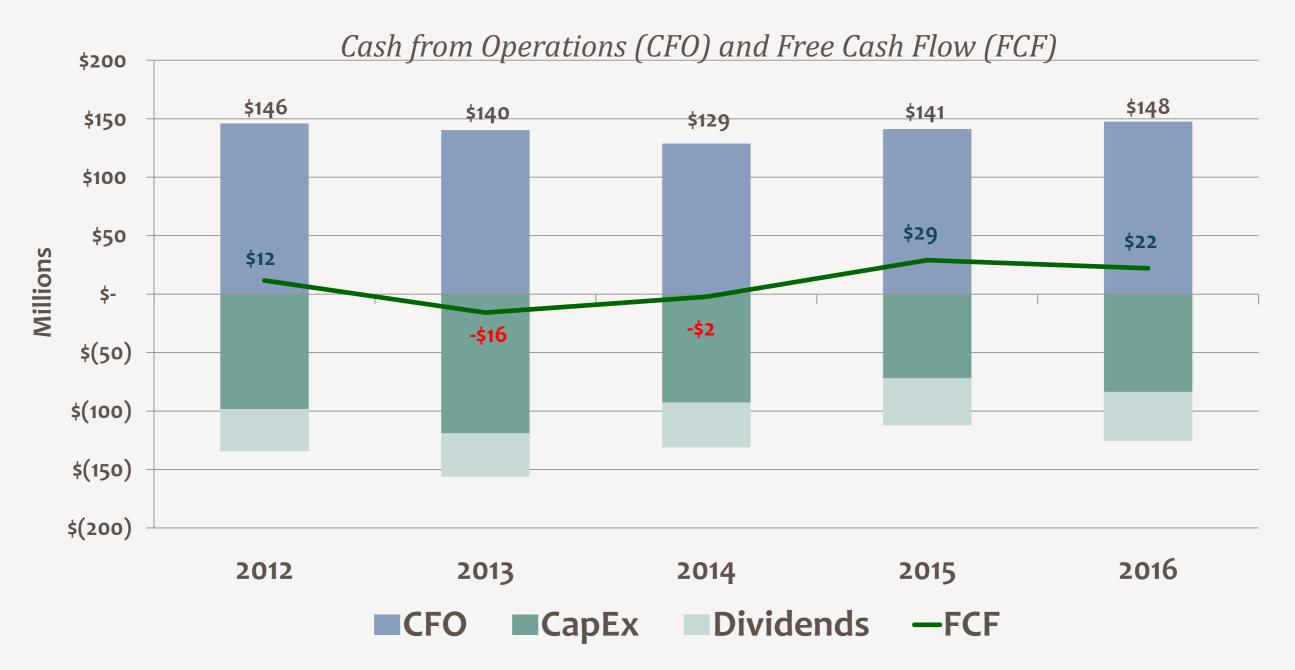
### **STRONG ASSET BASE**



## **STRONG LIQUIDITY**



# STRONG CASH FLOWS

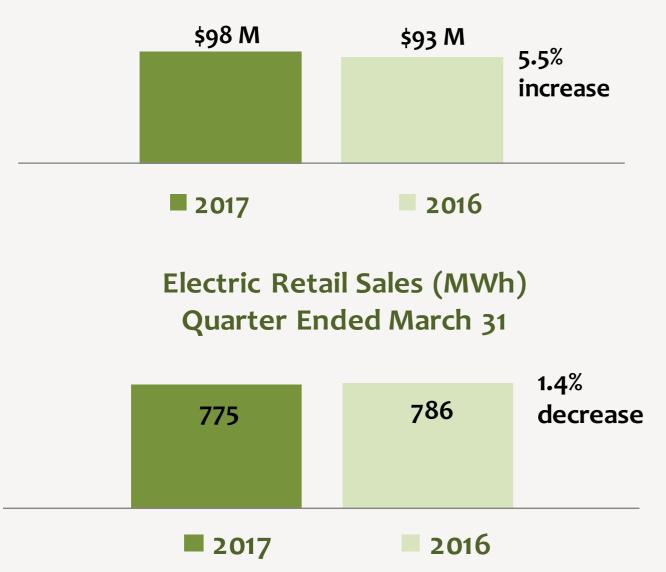


### EARNINGS PER SHARE SEGMENTS THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

\$0.04 \$0.56 \$0.14 \$0.04 \$0.49 (\$0.01) \$0.14 \$0.39 (\$0.01) \$0.32 2017 2016 Fixed Return Fixed Return Transmission Utility Other MGEE Utility MGEE Other

### FINANCIAL STRENGTH





Electric retail sales volumes decreased due to lower customer demand

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#### Gas Utility Revenue Quarter Ended March 31

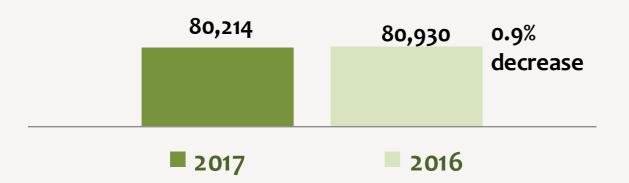


### Actual Heating Degree Days Quarter Ended March 31

(10.7% below normal and decreased 3.9% from 2016)



#### Gas Retail Deliveries Quarter Ended March 31



**2017 2016 Normal** 

# STRONG CREDIT RATING

#### **Highest Rated Investor-Owned Electric and Gas Utility**

### S&P (Utility Ratings)

- Corporate credit AA-
- Business risk Excellent
- Commercial paper A-1+
- Outlook Stable
- Effective management of regulatory risk
- Strong regulatory environment
- Focus on regulated vertically integrated electric and natural gas distribution operations
- Conservative financial policies that ensure strong credit quality

Source: S&P, October 2016

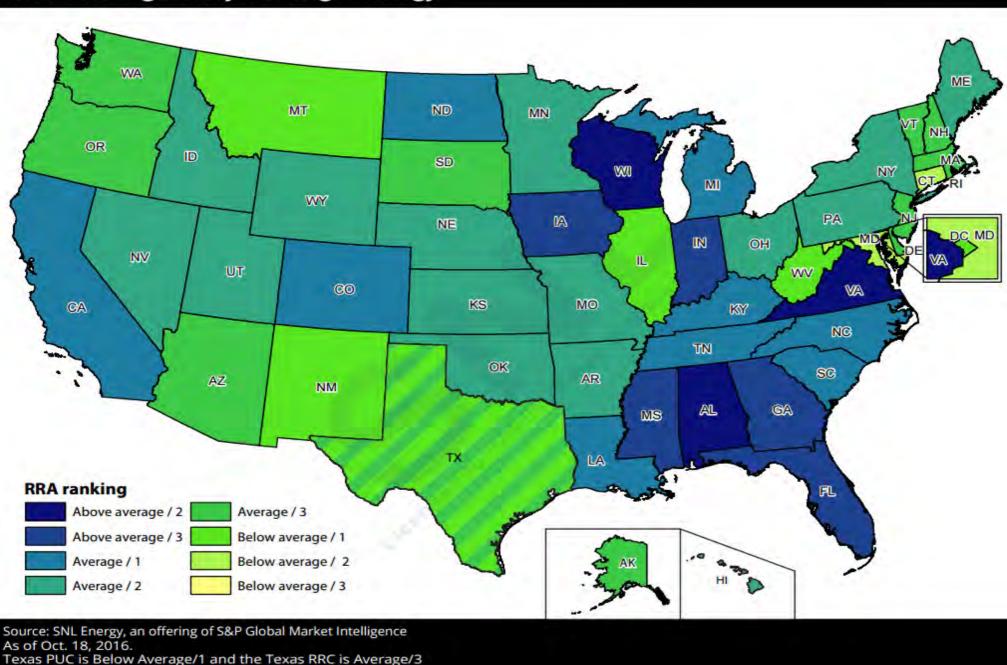
### Moody's (Utility Ratings)

- Secured Aa2
- Unsecured A1
- Commercial paper P-1
- Outlook Stable
- Rating reflects supportive regulatory environment that provides revenue and cash flow
- Stable and healthy credit metrics
- Stable rating outlook assumes future prudently incurred investments will be recovered
- Funding will replicate authorized capital structure

Source: Moody's, February 2017

### SUPPORTIVE REGULATION

#### RRA state regulatory rankings--energy



Wisconsin's regulatory ranking is Regulatory Research Association's (RRA's) highest

# RATE PROCEEDINGS

- In December 2016, the PSCW authorized MGE, effective January 1, 2017, to decrease 2017 rates for retail electric customers by 0.8% or \$3.3 million and to increase rates for retail gas customers by 1.9% or \$3.1 million
  - The decrease in retail electric rates is attributable to declining fuel and purchased power costs
  - The increase in retail gas rates covers costs associated with MGE's natural gas system infrastructure improvements
- In July 2016, the PSCW issued a final order stating that MGE shall refund \$15.7 million of additional fuel savings realized during 2015 and 2016 to its retail electric customers over a one-month period
  - The fuel credit established a mechanism to return fuel savings to electric customers as a bill credit
  - In September 2016, MGE returned \$15.5 million to customers through bill credits
- The PSCW extended MGE's current transmission cost accounting through 2018, and allowed cost differentials in the next rate case

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD



A DNR Program for Superior Environmental Performance

- 1<sup>st</sup> utility in Wisconsin to participate in the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) highest level (Tier 2), Green Tier environmental leadership program
- 5<sup>th</sup> company in Wisconsin to achieve Tier 2 status
- Voluntarily committed to continuously improve environmental performance by developing management strategies and adopting new technologies and practices

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