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UNITED STATES  
 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
 THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018  
 OR  
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13  
 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number	Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization, Address of Principal Executive Offices, Telephone Number, and IRS Employer Identification No.	Commission File Number	Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization, Address of Principal Executive Offices, Telephone Number, and IRS Employer Identification No.
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Registrant	Title of Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Entergy Corporation	Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value – 189,580,512 shares outstanding at January 31, 2019	New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.
Entergy Arkansas, LLC	Mortgage Bonds, 4.90% Series due December 2052	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
	Mortgage Bonds, 4.75% Series due June 2063	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
	Mortgage Bonds, 4.875% Series due September 2066	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
Entergy Louisiana, LLC	Mortgage Bonds, 5.25% Series due July 2052	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
	Mortgage Bonds, 4.70% Series due June 2063	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
	Mortgage Bonds, 4.875% Series due September 2066	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
Entergy Mississippi, LLC	Mortgage Bonds, 4.90% Series due October 2066	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
Entergy New Orleans, LLC	Mortgage Bonds, 5.0% Series due December 2052	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
	Mortgage Bonds, 5.50% Series due April 2066	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
Entergy Texas, Inc.	Mortgage Bonds, 5.625% Series due June 2064	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Registrant	Title of Class
Entergy Texas, Inc.	Common Stock, no par value

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Indicate by check mark if the registrants are well-known seasoned issuers, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

	Yes	No
Entergy Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Arkansas, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Louisiana, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Mississippi, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy New Orleans, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Texas, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
System Energy Resources, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark if the registrants are not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

	Yes	No
Entergy Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Arkansas, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Louisiana, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Mississippi, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy New Orleans, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Entergy Texas, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
System Energy Resources, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrants' knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Indicate by check mark whether each registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

	Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	Non- accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company	Emerging growth company
Entergy Corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Entergy Arkansas, LLC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entergy Louisiana, LLC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entergy Mississippi, LLC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entergy New Orleans, LLC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entergy Texas, Inc.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
System Energy Resources, Inc.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrants have elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes  No

System Energy Resources, Inc. meets the requirements set forth in General Instruction I(1) of Form 10-K and is therefore filing this Form 10-K with reduced disclosure as allowed in General Instruction I(2). System Energy Resources, Inc. is reducing its disclosure by not including Part III, Items 10 through 13 in its Form 10-K.

The aggregate market value of Entergy Corporation Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value, held by non-affiliates as of the end of the second quarter of 2018 was \$14.6 billion based on the reported last sale price of \$80.79 per share for such stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 29, 2018. Entergy Corporation is the sole holder of the common stock of Entergy Texas, Inc. and System Energy Resources, Inc. Entergy Corporation is the direct and indirect holder of the common membership interests of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC, which is the sole holder of the common membership interests of Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, and Entergy New Orleans, LLC.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Proxy Statement of Entergy Corporation to be filed in connection with its Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held May 3, 2019, are incorporated by reference into Part III hereof.

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This combined Form 10-K is separately filed by Entergy Corporation and its six “Registrant Subsidiaries:” Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, Entergy New Orleans, LLC, Entergy Texas, Inc., and System Energy Resources, Inc. Information contained herein relating to any individual company is filed by such company on its own behalf. Each company makes representations only as to itself and makes no other representations whatsoever as to any other company.

The report should be read in its entirety as it pertains to each respective reporting company. No one section of the report deals with all aspects of the subject matter. Separate Item 6, 7, and 8 sections are provided for each reporting company, except for the Notes to the financial statements. The Notes to the financial statements for all of the reporting companies are combined. All Items other than 6, 7, and 8 are combined for the reporting companies.



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## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

In this combined report and from time to time, Entergy Corporation and the Registrant Subsidiaries each makes statements as a registrant concerning its expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, and future events or performance. Such statements are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “may,” “will,” “could,” “project,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “expect,” “estimate,” “potential,” “plan,” “predict,” “forecast,” and other similar words or expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the only means to identify these statements. Although each of these registrants believes that these forward-looking statements and the underlying assumptions are reasonable, it cannot provide assurance that they will prove correct. Any forward-looking statement is based on information current as of the date of this combined report and speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made. Except to the extent required by the federal securities laws, these registrants undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties. There are factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements, including (a) those factors discussed or incorporated by reference in Item 1A. Risk Factors, (b) those factors discussed or incorporated by reference in Management’s Financial Discussion and Analysis, and (c) the following factors (in addition to others described elsewhere in this combined report and in subsequent securities filings):

- resolution of pending and future rate cases, formula rate proceedings and related negotiations, including various performance-based rate discussions, Entergy’s utility supply plan, and recovery of fuel and purchased power costs; long-term risks and uncertainties associated with the termination of the System Agreement in 2016, including the potential absence of federal authority to resolve certain issues among the Utility operating companies and their retail regulators;
- regulatory and operating challenges and uncertainties and economic risks associated with the Utility operating companies’ participation in MISO, including the benefits of continued MISO participation, the effect of current or projected MISO market rules and market and system conditions in the MISO markets, the allocation of MISO system transmission upgrade costs, and the effect of planning decisions that MISO makes with respect to future transmission investments by the Utility operating companies;
- changes in utility regulation, including with respect to retail and wholesale competition, the ability to recover net utility assets and other potential stranded costs, and the application of more stringent transmission reliability requirements or market power criteria by the FERC or the U.S. Department of Justice;
- changes in the regulation or regulatory oversight of Entergy’s nuclear generating facilities and nuclear materials and fuel, including with respect to the planned, potential, or actual shutdown of nuclear generating facilities owned or operated by Entergy Wholesale Commodities, and the effects of new or existing safety or environmental concerns regarding nuclear power plants and nuclear fuel;
- resolution of pending or future applications, and related regulatory proceedings and litigation, for license modifications or other authorizations required of nuclear generating facilities and the effect of public and political opposition on these applications, regulatory proceedings, and litigation;
- the performance of and deliverability of power from Entergy’s generation resources, including the capacity factors at Entergy’s nuclear generating facilities;
- increases in costs and capital expenditures that could result from changing regulatory requirements, emerging operating and industry issues, and the commitment of substantial human and capital resources required for the safe and reliable operation and maintenance of Entergy’s nuclear generating facilities;
- Entergy’s ability to develop and execute on a point of view regarding future prices of electricity, natural gas, and other energy-related commodities;
- prices for power generated by Entergy’s merchant generating facilities and the ability to hedge, meet credit support requirements for hedges, sell power forward or otherwise reduce the market price risk associated with those facilities,

including the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants, especially in light of the planned shutdown or sale of each of these nuclear plants;  
• the prices and availability of fuel and power Entergy must purchase for its Utility customers, and Entergy's ability to meet credit support requirements for fuel and power supply contracts;

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volatility and changes in markets for electricity, natural gas, uranium, emissions allowances, and other energy-related commodities, and the effect of those changes on Entergy and its customers;

changes in law resulting from federal or state energy legislation or legislation subjecting energy derivatives used in hedging and risk management transactions to governmental regulation;

- changes in environmental laws and regulations, agency positions or associated litigation, including requirements for reduced emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, greenhouse gases, mercury, particulate matter and other regulated air emissions, heat and other regulated discharges to water, requirements for waste management and disposal and for the remediation of contaminated sites, wetlands protection and permitting, and changes in costs of compliance with environmental laws and regulations;

changes in laws and regulations, agency positions, or associated litigation related to protected species and associated critical habitat designations;

the effects of changes in federal, state, or local laws and regulations, and other governmental actions or policies, including changes in monetary, fiscal, tax, environmental, trade/tariff, or energy policies;

the effects of full or partial shutdowns of the federal government or delays in obtaining government or regulatory actions or decisions;

uncertainty regarding the establishment of interim or permanent sites for spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste storage and disposal and the level of spent fuel and nuclear waste disposal fees charged by the U.S. government or other providers related to such sites;

variations in weather and the occurrence of hurricanes and other storms and disasters, including uncertainties associated with efforts to remediate the effects of hurricanes, ice storms, or other weather events and the recovery of costs associated with restoration, including accessing funded storm reserves, federal and local cost recovery mechanisms, securitization, and insurance;

effects of climate change, including the potential for increases in extreme weather events and sea levels or coastal land and wetland loss;

changes in the quality and availability of water supplies and the related regulation of water use and diversion;

Entergy's ability to manage its capital projects and operation and maintenance costs;

Entergy's ability to purchase and sell assets at attractive prices and on other attractive terms;

the economic climate, and particularly economic conditions in Entergy's Utility service area and the northern United States and events and circumstances that could influence economic conditions in those areas, including power prices, and the risk that anticipated load growth may not materialize;

federal income tax reform, including the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and its intended and unintended consequences on financial results and future cash flows;

the effects of Entergy's strategies to reduce tax payments, especially in light of federal income tax reform;

changes in the financial markets and regulatory requirements for the issuance of securities, particularly as they affect access to capital and Entergy's ability to refinance existing securities, execute share repurchase programs, and fund investments and acquisitions;

actions of rating agencies, including changes in the ratings of debt and preferred stock, changes in general corporate ratings, and changes in the rating agencies' ratings criteria;

changes in inflation and interest rates;

the effect of litigation and government investigations or proceedings;

changes in technology, including (i) Entergy's ability to implement new or emerging technologies, (ii) the impact of changes relating to new, developing, or alternative sources of generation such as distributed energy and energy storage, renewable energy, energy efficiency, demand side management and other measures that reduce load, and (iii) competition from other companies offering products and services to Entergy's customers based on new or emerging technologies or alternative sources of generation;

the effects, including increased security costs, of threatened or actual terrorism, cyber-attacks or data security breaches, natural or man-made electromagnetic pulses that affect transmission or generation infrastructure, accidents,



and war or a catastrophic event such as a nuclear accident or a natural gas pipeline explosion;  
• Entergy's ability to attract and retain talented management, directors, and employees with specialized skills;  
• changes in accounting standards and corporate governance;  
• declines in the market prices of marketable securities and resulting funding requirements and the effects on benefits costs for Entergy's defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans;

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future wage and employee benefit costs, including changes in discount rates and returns on benefit plan assets; changes in decommissioning trust fund values or earnings or in the timing of, requirements for, or cost to decommission Entergy's nuclear plant sites and the implementation of decommissioning of such sites following shutdown;

the decision to cease merchant power generation at all Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants by mid-2022, including the implementation of the planned shutdowns of Pilgrim, Indian Point 2, Indian Point 3, and Palisades;

the effectiveness of Entergy's risk management policies and procedures and the ability and willingness of its counterparties to satisfy their financial and performance commitments;

factors that could lead to impairment of long-lived assets; and

the ability to successfully complete strategic transactions Entergy may undertake, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, or restructurings, regulatory or other limitations imposed as a result of any such strategic transaction, and the success of the business following any such strategic transaction.

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## DEFINITIONS

Certain abbreviations or acronyms used in the text and notes are defined below:

Abbreviation or Acronym	Term
AFUDC	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
ANO 1 and 2	Units 1 and 2 of Arkansas Nuclear One (nuclear), owned by Entergy Arkansas
APSC	Arkansas Public Service Commission
ASU	Accounting Standards Update issued by the FASB
Board	Board of Directors of Entergy Corporation
Cajun	Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
capacity factor	Actual plant output divided by maximum potential plant output for the period
City Council	Council of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana
D.C. Circuit	U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
DOE	United States Department of Energy
Entergy	Entergy Corporation and its direct and indirect subsidiaries
Entergy Corporation	Entergy Corporation, a Delaware corporation
Entergy Gulf States, Inc.	Predecessor company for financial reporting purposes to Entergy Gulf States Louisiana that included the assets and business operations of both Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Texas Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company formally created as part of the jurisdictional separation of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and the successor company to Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for financial reporting purposes. The term is also used to refer to the Louisiana jurisdictional business of Entergy Gulf States, Inc., as the context requires. Effective October 1, 2015, the business of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana was combined with Entergy Louisiana. Entergy Louisiana, LLC, a Texas limited liability company formally created as part of the combination of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and the company formerly known as Entergy Louisiana, LLC (Old Entergy Louisiana) into a single public utility company and the successor to Old Entergy Louisiana for financial reporting purposes.
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	
Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Louisiana, LLC (Old Entergy Louisiana) into a single public utility company and the successor to Old Entergy Louisiana for financial reporting purposes.
Entergy Texas	Entergy Texas, Inc., a Texas corporation formally created as part of the jurisdictional separation of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. The term is also used to refer to the Texas jurisdictional business of Entergy Gulf States, Inc., as the context requires.
Entergy Wholesale Commodities	Entergy's non-utility business segment primarily comprised of the ownership, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear power plants, the ownership of interests in non-nuclear power plants, and the sale of the electric power produced by its operating power plants to wholesale customers
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ERCOT	Electric Reliability Council of Texas
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FitzPatrick	James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (nuclear), previously owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment, which was sold in March 2017
Grand Gulf GWh	Unit No. 1 of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (nuclear), 90% owned or leased by System Energy Gigawatt-hour(s), which equals one million kilowatt-hours
Independence	Independence Steam Electric Station (coal), owned 16% by Entergy Arkansas, 25% by Entergy Mississippi, and 7% by Entergy Power, LLC



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Abbreviation or Acronym	Term
Indian Point 2	Unit 2 of Indian Point Energy Center (nuclear), owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment
Indian Point 3	Unit 3 of Indian Point Energy Center (nuclear), owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISO	Independent System Operator
kV	Kilovolt
kW	Kilowatt, which equals one thousand watts
kWh	Kilowatt-hour(s)
LDEQ	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
LPSC	Louisiana Public Service Commission
Mcf	1,000 cubic feet of gas
MISO	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., a regional transmission organization
MMBtu	One million British Thermal Units
MPSC	Mississippi Public Service Commission
MW	Megawatt(s), which equals one thousand kilowatts
MWh	Megawatt-hour(s)
Nelson Unit 6	Unit No. 6 (coal) of the Nelson Steam Electric Generating Station, 70% of which is co-owned by Entergy Louisiana (57.5%) and Entergy Texas (42.5%) and 10.9% of which is owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment
Net debt to net capital ratio	Gross debt less cash and cash equivalents divided by total capitalization less cash and cash equivalents
Net MW in operation	Installed capacity owned and operated
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NYPA	New York Power Authority
Palisades	Palisades Nuclear Plant (nuclear), owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment
Parent & Other	The portions of Entergy not included in the Utility or Entergy Wholesale Commodities segments, primarily consisting of the activities of the parent company, Entergy Corporation
Pilgrim	Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (nuclear), owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment
PPA	Purchased power agreement or power purchase agreement
PRP	Potentially responsible party (a person or entity that may be responsible for remediation of environmental contamination)
PUCT	Public Utility Commission of Texas
Registrant Subsidiaries	Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, Entergy New Orleans, LLC, Entergy Texas, Inc., and System Energy Resources, Inc.
River Bend	River Bend Station (nuclear), owned by Entergy Louisiana
RTO	Regional transmission organization
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission

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Abbreviation or Acronym	Term
System Agreement	Agreement, effective January 1, 1983, as modified, among the Utility operating companies relating to the sharing of generating capacity and other power resources. The agreement terminated effective August 2016.
System Energy	System Energy Resources, Inc.
TWh	Terawatt-hour(s), which equals one billion kilowatt-hours
Unit Power Sales Agreement	Agreement, dated as of June 10, 1982, as amended and approved by the FERC, among Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and System Energy, relating to the sale of capacity and energy from System Energy's share of Grand Gulf
Utility	Entergy's business segment that generates, transmits, distributes, and sells electric power, with a small amount of natural gas distribution
Utility operating companies	Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas
Vermont Yankee	Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (nuclear), owned by an Entergy subsidiary in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment, which ceased power production in December 2014 and was sold in January 2019
Waterford 3	Unit No. 3 (nuclear) of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, owned by Entergy Louisiana
weather-adjusted usage	Electric usage excluding the effects of deviations from normal weather
White Bluff	White Bluff Steam Electric Generating Station, 57% owned by Entergy Arkansas

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ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

MANAGEMENT’S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Entergy operates primarily through two business segments: Utility and Entergy Wholesale Commodities.

The Utility business segment includes the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric power in portions of Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana, including the City of New Orleans; and operation of a small natural gas distribution business.

The Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment includes the ownership, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear power plants located in the northern United States and the sale of the electric power produced by its operating plants to wholesale customers. Entergy Wholesale Commodities also provides services to other nuclear power plant owners and owns interests in non-nuclear power plants that sell the electric power produced by those plants to wholesale customers. See “Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business” below for discussion of the operation and planned shutdown or sale of each of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants.

Following are the percentages of Entergy’s consolidated revenues generated by its operating segments and the percentage of total assets held by them. Net income or loss generated by the operating segments is discussed in the sections that follow.

Segment	% of Revenue		% of Total Assets	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Utility	87	85	83	93
Entergy Wholesale Commodities	13	15	17	11
Parent & Other	—	—	—	(4)

See Note 13 to the financial statements for further financial information regarding Entergy’s business segments.



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## Results of Operations

## 2018 Compared to 2017

Following are income statement variances for Utility, Entergy Wholesale Commodities, Parent & Other, and Entergy comparing 2018 to 2017 showing how much the line item increased or (decreased) in comparison to the prior period.

	Utility	Entergy Wholesale Commodities	Parent & Other (a)	Entergy
	(In Thousands)			
2017 Consolidated Net Income (Loss)	\$773,148	(\$172,335 )	(\$175,460)	\$425,353
Net revenue (operating revenue less fuel expense, purchased power, and other regulatory charges/credits)	(692,557 )	(192,471 )	(4 )	(885,032 )
Other operation and maintenance	85,239	(55,736 )	10,200	39,703
Asset write-offs, impairments, and related charges	—	(6,051 )	—	(6,051 )
Taxes other than income taxes	25,578	(1,446 )	264	24,396
Depreciation and amortization	23,141	(43,273 )	(404 )	(20,536 )
Other income	22,024	(221,550 )	(6,621 )	(206,147 )
Interest expense	5,618	9,980	29,407	45,005
Other expenses	(4,858 )	(26,644 )	—	(31,502 )
Income taxes	(1,527,164 )	(122,545 )	70,313	(1,579,396)
2018 Consolidated Net Income (Loss)	\$1,495,061	(\$340,641 )	(\$291,865)	\$862,555

(a) Parent & Other includes eliminations, which are primarily intersegment activity.

Refer to "SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA - FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON OF ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES" which accompanies Entergy Corporation's financial statements in this report for further information with respect to operating statistics.

Results of operations for 2018 include: 1) \$532 million (\$421 million net-of-tax) of impairment charges due to costs being charged directly to expense as incurred as a result of the impaired value of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants' long-lived assets due to the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet; 2) a \$170 million reduction of income tax expense and a regulatory liability of \$40 million (\$30 million net-of-tax) as a result of customer credits recognized by Utility, as a result of internal restructuring; 3) a \$107 million reduction of income tax expense, recognized by Entergy Wholesale Commodities, as a result of a restructuring of the investment holdings in one of its nuclear plant decommissioning trust funds; 4) a \$52 million income tax benefit, recognized by Entergy Louisiana, as a result of the settlement of the 2012-2013 IRS audit, associated with the Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita contingent sharing obligation associated with the Louisiana Act 55 financing; and 5) a \$23 million reduction of income tax expense, recognized by Entergy Wholesale Commodities, as a result of a state income tax audit. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" below for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet and see Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the impairment and related charges. See Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements for further discussion of the internal restructuring and customer credits. See Note 3 to the financial statements for further discussion of the IRS audit

settlement, the state income tax audit, and restructuring of the decommissioning trust fund investment holdings.

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Results of operations for 2017 include: 1) \$538 million (\$350 million net-of-tax) of impairment charges due to costs being charged to expense as incurred as a result of the impaired value of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants' long-lived assets due to the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet; 2) a reduction in net income of \$181 million, including a \$34 million net-of-tax reduction of regulatory liabilities, at Utility and \$397 million at Entergy Wholesale Commodities and an increase in net income of \$52 million at Parent and Other as a result of Entergy's re-measurement of its deferred tax assets and liabilities not subject to the ratemaking process due to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, which lowered the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%; and 3) a reduction in income tax expense, net of unrecognized tax benefits, of \$373 million as a result of a change in the tax classification of legal entities that own Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" below for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet and see Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the impairment and related charges. See Note 3 to the financial statements for further discussion of the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the change in the tax classification.

## Net Revenue

## Utility

Following is an analysis of the change in net revenue comparing 2018 to 2017.

	Amount (In Millions)
2017 net revenue	\$6,318
Return of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to customers	(770 )
Grand Gulf recovery	(74 )
Regulatory credit in 2017 resulting from reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate	(56 )
Formula rate plan regulatory provisions	(44 )
Entergy Arkansas internal restructuring customer credits	(40 )
Retail electric price	4
Net wholesale revenue	57
Volume/weather	210
Other	20
2018 net revenue	\$5,625

The return of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to customers resulted from activity in 2018 at the Utility operating companies and System Energy in response to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. There is no effect on net income as the reductions in net revenue were offset by reductions in income tax expense. See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

The Grand Gulf recovery variance is primarily due to a reduction in depreciation expense recognized in third quarter 2018 upon FERC approval of the settlement in the Unit Power Sales Agreement proceeding, a reduction in income tax expense associated with the reduction in the federal income tax rate in 2018, and a reduction in recoverable decommissioning costs primarily attributable to changes in decommissioning trust fund activity. The reductions were partially offset by increases in other capacity costs. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a discussion of the Unit



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Power Sales Agreement settlement. See Note 3 to the financial statements for a discussion of the effects of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act.

The regulatory credit in 2017 resulting from reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate variance is due to the reduction of the Vidalia purchased power agreement regulatory liability by \$30.5 million and the reduction in 2017 of the Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation regulatory liabilities by \$25 million, in each case, as a result of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, which lowered the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%. The effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are discussed further in Note 3 to the financial statements. See Note 8 to the financial statements for further discussion of the Vidalia purchased power agreement.

The formula rate plan regulatory provisions variance is due to provisions, recorded in the fourth quarter 2018 at Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi, for estimated reductions in future revenue expected to be reflected in upcoming formula rate plan filings based on actual results for 2018. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a discussion of the regulatory provisions related to these formula rate plan filings.

The Entergy Arkansas internal restructuring customer credits variance is due to a regulatory liability recorded by Entergy in December 2018 as a result of the internal restructuring of Entergy Arkansas. Pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the APSC, Entergy Arkansas will credit retail customers \$39.6 million over six years, beginning in 2019. See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of the internal restructuring and customer credits.

The retail electric price variance is primarily due to:

- an increase in formula rate plan rates effective with the first billing cycle of January 2018 at Entergy Arkansas, as approved by the APSC;
- an increase in energy efficiency revenues primarily due to an increase in the Entergy Arkansas energy efficiency rider and a new Entergy Louisiana energy efficiency rider effective January 2018;
- a base rate increase effective October 2018 at Entergy Texas, as approved by the PUCT;
- an increase in formula rate plan revenues at Entergy Louisiana, implemented with the first billing cycle of September 2018; and
- higher storm damage rider revenues at Entergy Mississippi.

The increases were substantially offset by regulatory charges recorded in 2018 to reflect the effects of regulatory agreements to return the benefits of the lower income tax rate in 2018 to Louisiana, New Orleans, and Texas customers.

See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of the regulatory proceedings discussed above.

The net wholesale revenue variance is primarily because of the regulatory lag experienced by certain Utility operating companies as a result of the change in the federal income tax rate in 2018 and its effect on wholesale rates. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

The volume/weather variance is primarily due to an increase of 4,804 GWh, or 4%, in billed electricity usage, including the effect of more favorable weather on residential and commercial sales and an increase in industrial usage. The increase in industrial usage is primarily driven by small industrials sales, as well as continued growth from new customers and expansion projects, partially offset by decreased demand from existing customers.



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## Entergy Wholesale Commodities

Following is an analysis of the change in net revenue comparing 2018 to 2017.

	Amount (In Millions)
2017 net revenue	\$1,469
FitzPatrick reimbursement agreement (98 )	(98 )
Nuclear realized price changes	(42 )
Nuclear volume	(23 )
Other	(29 )
2018 net revenue	\$1,277

As shown in the table above, net revenue for Entergy Wholesale Commodities decreased by \$192 million in 2018 primarily due to:

a decrease resulting from the reimbursement agreement with Exelon pursuant to which Exelon reimbursed Entergy in the first quarter 2017 for specified out-of-pocket costs associated with preparing for the refueling and operation of FitzPatrick that otherwise would have been avoided had Entergy shut down FitzPatrick in January 2017. Revenues received from Exelon under the reimbursement agreement were offset by other operation and maintenance expenses and taxes other than income taxes and had no effect on net income. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick and the reimbursement agreement with Exelon;

• lower realized wholesale energy prices, partially offset by higher capacity prices; and

• lower volume in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear fleet primarily due to more non-refueling outage days in 2018 compared to 2017.

Following are key performance measures for Entergy Wholesale Commodities for 2018 and 2017.

	2018	2017
Owned capacity (MW)	3,962	3,962
GWh billed	29,875	30,501

## Entergy Wholesale Commodities Nuclear Fleet

Capacity factor	84%	83%
GWh billed	27,617	28,178
Average energy price (\$/MWh)	\$37.34	\$41.60
Average capacity price (\$/kW-month)	\$6.80	\$6.16
Refueling outage days:		
FitzPatrick	—	42
Indian Point 2	33	—
Indian Point 3	—	66
Pilgrim	—	43
Palisades	61	27

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Other Income Statement Items

Utility

Other operation and maintenance expenses increased from \$2,416 million for 2017 to \$2,501 million for 2018 primarily due to:

- an increase of \$33 million in energy efficiency expenses due to the timing of recovery from customers;
- an increase of \$23 million in fossil-fueled generation expenses primarily due to an overall higher scope of work performed in 2018 as compared to the prior year and higher long-term service agreement costs;
- an increase of \$15 million in transmission expenses primarily due to higher labor and contract costs to support industrial customers;
- an increase of \$14 million in information technology costs primarily due to higher software maintenance costs and higher labor costs, including contract labor;
- an increase of \$14 million in loss provisions, including an increase in asbestos loss provisions;
- an increase of \$6 million in storm damage provisions, primarily at Entergy Mississippi. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of storm cost recovery;
- a \$6 million write-off of capitalized skylining tree hazard costs as a result of the settlement of the Entergy Texas rate case proceeding. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of the rate case proceeding; and
- a \$6 million loss in 2018 on the sale of fuel oil inventory per an agreement approved by the MPSC in June 2018 resulting from the stipulation related to the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. There is no effect on net income as the loss on the sale of fuel oil inventory is offset by a reduction in income tax expense. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of the agreement.

The increase was partially offset by higher nuclear insurance refunds of \$15 million and a \$15 million gain on disposal from the sale of Entergy Louisiana's Willow Glen Power Station. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of Willow Glen.

Taxes other than income taxes increased primarily due to increases in ad valorem taxes and payroll taxes. Ad valorem taxes increased primarily due to higher assessments and lower capitalized taxes.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased primarily due to additions to plant in service, partially offset by updated depreciation rates used in calculating Grand Gulf plant depreciation and amortization expenses under the Unit Power Sales Agreement as part of a settlement approved by the FERC in August 2018. See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of the Unit Power Sales Agreement.

Other income increased primarily due to an increase in the allowance for equity funds used during construction due to higher construction work in progress in 2018, which included the St. Charles Power Station and Lake Charles Power Station projects. The increase was partially offset by changes in decommissioning trust fund activity, including portfolio rebalancing of certain of the decommissioning trust funds in 2018 and 2017.

Entergy Wholesale Commodities

Other operation and maintenance expenses decreased from \$864 million for 2017 to \$808 million for 2018 primarily due to the absence of other operation and maintenance expenses from the FitzPatrick plant. The decrease was partially offset by an increase of \$26 million in severance and retention costs as a result of management's strategy to reduce the



size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet and a gain on the sale of assets resulting from the sale in March 2017 of the 838 MW FitzPatrick plant to Exelon. Entergy sold the FitzPatrick plant for approximately \$110 million, which included a \$10 million non-refundable signing fee paid in August 2016, in addition to the assumption by Exelon of certain liabilities related to the FitzPatrick plant, resulting in a pre-tax gain of \$16 million on the sale. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale

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Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business” below for a discussion of management’s strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities’ merchant fleet. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick.

The asset write-offs, impairments, and related charges variance is primarily due to impairment charges of \$532 million (\$421 million net-of-tax) in 2018 compared to impairment charges of \$538 million (\$350 million net-of-tax) in 2017. The impairment charges are primarily related to nuclear fuel spending, nuclear refueling outage spending, expenditures for capital assets, and asset retirement obligation revisions. These costs were charged to expense as incurred as a result of the impaired fair value of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants’ long-lived assets due to the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management’s strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities’ merchant fleet. See “MANAGEMENT’S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business” below for a discussion of management’s strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities’ merchant fleet. See Note 9 to the financial statements for a discussion of asset retirement obligations. See Note 14 to the financial statements for a discussion of impairment of long-lived assets.

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased primarily due to the decision in the third quarter 2017 to continue operating Palisades until May 31, 2022. See “MANAGEMENT’S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business” below for a discussion of the planned shutdown of Palisades.

Other income decreased primarily due to losses on decommissioning trust fund investments, including unrealized losses on equity investments, which, prior to 2018, were recorded to other comprehensive income. See Note 16 to the financial statements for discussion of the implementation of ASU No. 2016-01 “Financial Instruments (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities effective January 1, 2018.

Other expenses decreased primarily due to a reduction in deferred refueling outage amortization costs related to the impairments of the Indian Point 2, Palisades, and Indian Point 3 plants and related assets and the absence of decommissioning expense from the FitzPatrick plant after it was sold to Exelon in March 2017. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick and impairments and related charges.

Parent and Other

Interest expense increased primarily due to an increase in commercial paper outstanding, combined with higher variable interest rates on commercial paper in 2018. See Note 4 to the financial statements for discussion of Entergy’s commercial paper program.

Income Taxes

See Note 3 to the financial statements for a reconciliation of the federal statutory rates of 21% for 2018 and 35% for 2017 and 2016 to the effective income tax rates, and for additional discussion regarding income taxes.

The effective income tax rate for 2018 was 595%. The difference in the effective income tax rate versus the statutory rate of 21% for 2018 was primarily due to amortization of excess accumulated deferred income taxes, the tax effects of a restructuring within the Utility, and a restructuring of the investment holdings in one of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities’ nuclear plant decommissioning trusts for which additional tax basis is now recoverable. See Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements for a discussion of the effects and regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs

Act. See Note 3 to the financial statements for a discussion of the restructuring.

The effective income tax rate for 2017 was 56.1%. The difference in the effective income tax rate versus the statutory rate of 35% for 2017 was primarily due to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed by President

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Trump in December 2017, which changed the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective in 2018, partially offset by a change in the tax classification of legal entities that own Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants, which resulted in both permanent and temporary differences under the income tax accounting standards. See Note 3 to the financial statements for further discussion of the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the change in tax classification.

## 2017 Compared to 2016

Following are income statement variances for Utility, Entergy Wholesale Commodities, Parent & Other, and Entergy comparing 2017 to 2016 showing how much the line item increased or (decreased) in comparison to the prior period.

	Utility	Entergy Wholesale Commodities	Parent & Other (a)	Entergy
	(In Thousands)			
2016 Consolidated Net Income (Loss)	\$1,151,133	(\$1,493,124 )	(\$222,512)	(\$564,503)
Net revenue (operating revenue less fuel expense, purchased power, and other regulatory charges/credits)	138,617	(73,433 )	(16 )	65,168
Other operation and maintenance	103,302	(26,954 )	4,869	81,217
Asset write-offs, impairments, and related charges	—	(2,297,265 )	—	(2,297,265)
Taxes other than income taxes	38,897	(14,657 )	814	25,054
Depreciation and amortization	49,491	(6,731 )	31	42,791
Other income	59,930	108,128	1,962	170,020
Interest expense	(10,245 )	856	5,362	(4,027 )
Other expenses	24,859	12,874	—	37,733
Income taxes	370,228	1,045,783	(56,182 )	1,359,829
2017 Consolidated Net Income (Loss)	\$773,148	(\$172,335 )	(\$175,460)	\$425,353

(a) Parent & Other includes eliminations, which are primarily intersegment activity.

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Results of operations for 2017 include: 1) \$538 million (\$350 million net-of-tax) of impairment charges due to costs being charged to expense as incurred as a result of the impaired value of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants' long-lived assets due to the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet; 2) a reduction in net income of \$181 million, including a \$34 million net-of-tax reduction of regulatory liabilities, at Utility and \$397 million at Entergy Wholesale Commodities and an increase in net income of \$52 million at Parent and Other as a result of Entergy's re-measurement of its deferred tax assets and liabilities not subject to the ratemaking process due to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, which lowered the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%; and 3) a reduction in income tax expense, net of unrecognized tax benefits, of \$373 million as a result of a change in the tax classification of legal entities that own Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" below for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the

Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet and see Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the

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impairment and related charges. See Note 3 to the financial statements for further discussion of the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the change in the tax classification.

Results of operations for 2016 include: 1) \$2,836 million (\$1,829 million net-of-tax) of impairment and related charges primarily to write down the carrying values of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' Palisades, Indian Point 2, and Indian Point 3 plants and related assets to their fair values; 2) a reduction of income tax expense, net of unrecognized tax benefits, of \$238 million as a result of a change in the tax classification of a legal entity that owned one of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants, income tax benefits as a result of the settlement of the 2010-2011 IRS audit, including a \$75 million tax benefit recognized by Entergy Louisiana related to the treatment of the Vidalia purchased power agreement, and a \$54 million net benefit recognized by Entergy Louisiana related to the treatment of proceeds received in 2010 for the financing of Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike storm costs pursuant to Louisiana Act 55; and 3) a reduction in expenses of \$100 million (\$64 million net-of-tax) due to the effects of recording in 2016 the final court decisions in several lawsuits against the DOE related to spent nuclear fuel storage costs. See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the impairment and related charges, see Note 3 to the financial statements for additional discussion of the income tax items, and see Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation.

## Net Revenue

### Utility

Following is an analysis of the change in net revenue comparing 2017 to 2016.

	Amount (In Millions)
2016 net revenue	\$6,179
Retail electric price	91
Regulatory credit resulting from reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate	56
Grand Gulf recovery	27
Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation	17
Volume/weather	(61 )
Other	9
2017 net revenue	\$6,318

The retail electric price variance is primarily due to:

- the implementation of formula rate plan rates effective with the first billing cycle of January 2017 at Entergy Arkansas and an increase in base rates effective February 24, 2016, each as approved by the APSC. A significant portion of the base rate increase was related to the purchase of Power Block 2 of the Union Power Station in March 2016;

- a provision recorded in 2016 related to the settlement of the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator prudence review proceeding;

- the implementation of the transmission cost recovery factor rider at Entergy Texas, effective September 2016, and an increase in the transmission cost recovery factor rider rate, effective March 2017, as approved by the PUCT; and

an increase in rates at Entergy Mississippi, as approved by the MPSC, effective with the first billing cycle of July 2016.

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See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of the rate proceedings and the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator prudence review proceeding. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the Union Power Station purchase.

The regulatory credit resulting from reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate variance is due to the reduction of the Vidalia purchased power agreement regulatory liability by \$30.5 million and the reduction of the Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation regulatory liabilities by \$25 million as a result of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, which lowered the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%. The effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are discussed further in Note 3 to the financial statements.

The Grand Gulf recovery variance is primarily due to increased recovery of higher operating costs.

The Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation variance results from a regulatory charge in 2016 for tax savings to be shared with customers per an agreement approved by the LPSC. The tax savings resulted from the 2010-2011 IRS audit settlement on the treatment of the Louisiana Act 55 financing of storm costs for Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike. See Note 3 to the financial statements for additional discussion of the settlement and benefit sharing.

The volume/weather variance is primarily due to the effect of less favorable weather on residential and commercial sales, partially offset by an increase in industrial usage. The increase in industrial usage is primarily due to new customers in the primary metals industry and expansion projects and an increase in demand for existing customers in the chlor-alkali industry.

#### Entergy Wholesale Commodities

Following is an analysis of the change in net revenue comparing 2017 to 2016.

	Amount (In Millions)
2016 net revenue	\$1,542
FitzPatrick sale	(158 )
Nuclear volume	(89 )
FitzPatrick reimbursement agreement	57
Nuclear fuel expenses	108
Other	9
2017 net revenue	\$1,469

As shown in the table above, net revenue for Entergy Wholesale Commodities decreased by approximately \$73 million in 2017 primarily due to the absence of net revenue from the FitzPatrick plant after it was sold to Exelon in March 2017 and lower volume in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear fleet resulting from more outage days in 2017 as compared to 2016. The decrease was partially offset by an increase resulting from the reimbursement agreement with Exelon pursuant to which Exelon reimbursed Entergy for specified out-of-pocket costs associated with preparing for the refueling and operation of FitzPatrick that otherwise would have been avoided had Entergy shut down FitzPatrick in January 2017 and a decrease in nuclear fuel expenses primarily related to the impairments of the Indian Point 2, Indian Point 3, and Palisades plants and related assets. Revenues received from Exelon in 2017 under the reimbursement agreement are offset by other operation and maintenance expenses and taxes other than income



taxes and had no effect on net income. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick, the reimbursement agreement with Exelon, and the impairments and related charges.

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Following are key performance measures for Entergy Wholesale Commodities for 2017 and 2016.

	2017	2016
Owned capacity (MW) (a)	3,962	4,800
GWh billed	30,501	35,881

## Entergy Wholesale Commodities Nuclear Fleet

Capacity factor	83%	87%
GWh billed	28,178	33,551
Average energy price (\$/MWh)	\$41.60	\$41.33
Average capacity price (\$/kW-month)	\$6.16	\$4.64
Refueling outage days:		
FitzPatrick	42	—
Indian Point 2	—	102
Indian Point 3	66	—
Pilgrim	43	—
Palisades	27	—

(a) The reduction in owned capacity is due to Entergy's sale of the 838 MW FitzPatrick plant to Exelon in March 2017. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick.

## Other Income Statement Items

## Utility

Other operation and maintenance expenses increased from \$2,313 million for 2016 to \$2,416 million for 2017 primarily due to:

- an increase of \$46 million in nuclear generation expenses primarily due to higher nuclear labor costs, including contract labor, to position the nuclear fleet to meet its operational goals, including additional training and initiatives to support management's operational goals at Grand Gulf, partially offset by a decrease in regulatory compliance costs. The decrease in regulatory compliance costs is primarily related to additional NRC inspection activities in 2016 as a result of the NRC's March 2015 decision to move ANO into the "multiple/repetitive degraded cornerstone column" of the NRC's reactor oversight process action matrix. See Note 8 to the financial statements for a discussion of the ANO stator incident and subsequent NRC reviews;
- an increase of \$24 million in compensation and benefits costs primarily due to higher incentive-based compensation accruals in 2017 as compared to the prior year;
- an increase of \$20 million in transmission and distribution expenses due to higher vegetation maintenance costs; the effects of recording in 2016 final court decisions in several lawsuits against the DOE related to spent nuclear fuel storage costs. The damages awarded included the reimbursement of approximately \$19 million of spent nuclear fuel storage costs previously recorded as other operation and maintenance expense. See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation; and
- the deferral in the first quarter 2016 of \$7.7 million of previously-incurred costs related to ANO post-Fukushima compliance and \$9.9 million of previously-incurred costs related to ANO flood barrier compliance, as approved by the APSC in February 2016 as part of the Entergy Arkansas 2015 rate case settlement. These costs are being amortized over a ten-year period beginning March 2016. See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of the rate case settlement.



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The increase was partially offset by a decrease of \$23 million in fossil-fueled generation expenses primarily due to lower long-term service agreement costs.

Taxes other than income taxes increased primarily due to increases in ad valorem taxes, local franchise taxes, state franchise taxes, and employment taxes. Ad valorem taxes increased primarily due to higher assessments, including the assessment of ad valorem taxes on the Union Power Station beginning in 2017. Local franchise taxes increased primarily due to higher revenues in 2017 as compared to the prior year. State franchise taxes increased primarily due to a change in the Louisiana franchise tax law which became effective for 2017.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased primarily due to additions to plant in service, including the Union Power Station purchased in March 2016. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the Union Power Station purchase.

Other income increased primarily due to higher realized gains in 2017 as compared to the prior year on the decommissioning trust fund investments, including portfolio rebalancing in 2017, and an increase in the allowance for equity funds used during construction due to higher construction work in progress in 2017, including the St. Charles Power Station project.

Other expenses increased primarily due to increases in deferred refueling outage amortization costs primarily associated with the most recent ANO plant outages compared to previous outages.

Entergy Wholesale Commodities

Other operation and maintenance expenses decreased from \$890 million for 2016 to \$864 million for 2017 primarily due to the absence of other operation and maintenance expenses from the FitzPatrick plant and a gain on the sale of assets resulting from the sale in March 2017 of the 838 MW FitzPatrick plant to Exelon. Entergy sold the FitzPatrick plant for approximately \$110 million, which included a \$10 million non-refundable signing fee paid in August 2016, in addition to the assumption by Exelon of certain liabilities related to the FitzPatrick plant, resulting in a pre-tax gain of \$16 million on the sale. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick. The decrease was partially offset by:

FitzPatrick's nuclear refueling outage expenses and expenditures for capital assets being classified as other operation and maintenance expenses as a result of the sale and reimbursement agreements Entergy entered into with Exelon. These costs would have not been incurred absent the sale agreement with Exelon because Entergy planned to shut the plant down in January 2017. The expenses are offset by revenue realized pursuant to the reimbursement agreement and had no effect on net income. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale and reimbursement agreements;

the effect of recording in 2016 final court decisions in litigation against the DOE for the reimbursement of spent nuclear fuel storage costs, which reduced other operation and maintenance expenses in 2016 by \$60 million. See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation; and

an increase of \$37 million in severance and retention costs in 2017 as compared to the prior year due to management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" below for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet.

The asset write-offs, impairments, and related charges variance is primarily due to \$538 million (\$350 million net-of-tax) of impairment charges in 2017 compared to \$2,836 million (\$1,829 million net-of-tax) of impairment and related charges in 2016. The impairment charges in 2017 are due to nuclear fuel spending, nuclear refueling outage spending, and expenditures for capital assets being charged to expense as incurred as a result of the impaired value of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants' long-lived assets due to the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale

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Commodities' merchant fleet. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" below for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet. The impairment and related charges in 2016 were primarily to write down the carrying values of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' Palisades, Indian Point 2, and Indian Point 3 plants and related assets to their fair values. See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the impairments and related charges.

Taxes other than income taxes decreased primarily due to the absence of ad valorem taxes from the FitzPatrick plant after it was sold to Exelon in March 2017. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick.

Other income increased primarily due to higher realized gains in 2017 as compared to the prior year on the decommissioning trust fund investments, including the result of portfolio rebalancing in 2017, and the increase in value realized upon the receipt from NYPA of the decommissioning trust funds for the Indian Point 3 and FitzPatrick plants in January 2017. See Note 9 to the financial statements for discussion of the trust transfer agreement with NYPA.

Other expenses increased primarily due to increases in decommissioning expenses primarily as a result of a trust transfer agreement Entergy entered into with NYPA in August 2016, which closed in January 2017, to transfer the decommissioning trusts and decommissioning liabilities for the Indian Point 3 and FitzPatrick plants to Entergy and revisions to the estimated decommissioning cost liabilities for the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' Indian Point 2 and Palisades plants as a result of revised decommissioning cost studies in the fourth quarter 2016. The increase was partially offset by a reduction in deferred refueling outage amortization costs related to the impairments of the Indian Point 2, Indian Point 3, and Palisades plants and related assets. See Note 9 to the financial statements for discussion of the trust transfer agreement with NYPA and the revised decommissioning cost studies. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the impairments and related charges.

Income Taxes

See Note 3 to the financial statements for a reconciliation of the federal statutory rate of 35% for 2017 and 2016 to the effective income tax rates, and for additional discussion regarding income taxes.

The effective income tax rate for 2017 was 56.1%. The difference in the effective income tax rate versus the statutory rate of 35% for 2017 was primarily due to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed by President Trump in December 2017, which changed the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective in 2018, partially offset by a change in the tax classification of legal entities that own Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants, which resulted in both permanent and temporary differences under the income tax accounting standards. See Note 3 to the financial statements for further discussion of the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the change in tax classification.

The effective income tax rate for 2016 was 59.1%. The difference in the effective income tax rate versus the statutory rate of 35% for 2016 was primarily due to a change in the tax classification of a legal entity that owned one of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants and the reversal of a portion of the provision for uncertain tax positions as a result of the settlement of the 2010-2011 IRS audit, partially offset by state income taxes and certain book and tax differences related to utility plant items. See Note 3 to the financial statements for additional discussion of the change in the tax classification and the tax settlement.

Income Tax Legislation

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Act). As a result of the Act, Entergy and the Registrant Subsidiaries re-measured their deferred tax assets and liabilities in December 2017 to reflect the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% that was effective January 1, 2018. Note 3 to the financial statements contains additional discussion of the effect of the Act on 2017 and 2018 results of

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operations and financial position, the provisions of the Act, and the uncertainties associated with accounting for the Act, and Note 2 to the financial statements discusses the regulatory proceedings that have considered the effects of the Act.

Entergy's operating cash flows have been and will be reduced in the near-term by the Act, most significantly over the time that the Registrant Subsidiaries will return unprotected excess deferred income taxes to customers. Rate base is expected to increase over time as a consequence of the Act as the excess deferred income taxes are returned to customers. Entergy is financing its incremental cash requirements as a consequence of the Act through a combination of Registrant Subsidiary debt and Entergy Corporation debt and equity. In June 2018, Entergy Corporation marketed an equity offering of 15.3 million shares of common stock. In lieu of issuing equity at the time of the offering, Entergy entered into forward sale agreements with several counterparties. In December 2018, Entergy physically settled a portion of its obligations under the forward sale agreements by delivering 6.8 million shares of its common stock in exchange for cash proceeds of approximately \$500 million. Entergy is required to settle its remaining obligations under the forward sale agreements with respect to the remaining 8.5 million shares of common stock on or prior to June 7, 2019.

#### Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business

Entergy Wholesale Commodities includes the ownership of the following nuclear reactors as of December 31, 2018:

	Location	Market	Capacity	Status
Vermont Yankee	Vernon, VT	ISO-NE	605 MW	Plant sold on January 11, 2019
Pilgrim	Plymouth, MA	ISO-NE	688 MW	Planned shutdown in 2019
Indian Point 2	Buchanan, NY	NYISO	1,028 MW	Planned shutdown in 2020
Indian Point 3	Buchanan, NY	NYISO	1,041 MW	Planned shutdown in 2021
Palisades	Coevert, MI	MISO	811 MW	Planned shutdown in 2022

As discussed below, Entergy sold its FitzPatrick nuclear power plant to Exelon in March 2017 and the Vermont Yankee plant to NorthStar in January 2019. The Pilgrim and Palisades plants are under contract to be sold, subject to certain conditions, after they are shut down. Entergy also sold the Rhode Island State Energy Center, a natural gas-fired combined cycle generating plant, in December 2015.

These plant sales and contracts to sell are the result of a strategy that Entergy has undertaken to manage and reduce the risk of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business, which includes taking actions to reduce the size of the merchant fleet. Management evaluated the challenges for each of the plants based on a variety of factors such as their market for both energy and capacity, their size, their contracted positions, and the amount of investment required to continue to operate and maintain the safety and integrity of the plants, including the estimated asset retirement costs. Management continues to look for ways to mitigate the operational and decommissioning risks associated with the merchant power business. Changes to current assumptions regarding the operating life of a plant, the decommissioning timeline and process, or the length of time that Entergy will continue to own a plant could result in revisions to the asset retirement obligations and affect compliance with certain NRC minimum financial assurance requirements for meeting obligations to decommission the plants. Increases in the asset retirement obligations are likely to result in an increase in operating expense in the period of a revision. The possibility that a plant may have an operating life shorter than previously assumed could result in the need for additional contributions to decommissioning trust funds, or the posting of parent guarantees, letters of credit, or other surety mechanisms.



Entergy Wholesale Commodities also includes the ownership of two non-operating nuclear facilities, Big Rock Point in Michigan and Indian Point 1 in New York that were acquired when Entergy purchased the Palisades and Indian Point 2 nuclear plants, respectively. These facilities are in various stages of the decommissioning process, and Big Rock Point is also under contract to be sold with the Palisades plant. In addition, Entergy Wholesale Commodities

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provides operations and management services, including decommissioning services, to nuclear power plants owned by other utilities in the United States. A relatively minor portion of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business is the ownership of interests in non-nuclear power plants that sell the electric power produced by those plants to wholesale customers.

Shutdown and Sale of Vermont Yankee

On December 29, 2014, the Vermont Yankee plant ceased power production and entered its decommissioning phase.

In November 2016, Entergy entered into an agreement to sell 100% of the membership interests in Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC to a subsidiary of NorthStar. Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee was the owner of the Vermont Yankee plant. The sale of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee to NorthStar included the transfer of the nuclear decommissioning trust fund and the asset retirement obligation for the spent fuel management and decommissioning of the plant.

In March 2018, Entergy and NorthStar entered into a settlement agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding with State of Vermont agencies and other interested parties that set forth the terms on which the agencies and parties supported the Vermont Public Utility Commission's approval of the transaction. The agreements provided additional financial assurance for decommissioning, spent fuel management and site restoration, and detailed the site restoration standards. In October 2018 the NRC issued an order approving the application to transfer Vermont Yankee's license to NorthStar for decommissioning. In December 2018 the Vermont Public Utility Commission issued an order approving the transaction consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding's terms. On January 11, 2019, Entergy and NorthStar closed the transaction.

Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee had an outstanding credit facility that was used to pay for dry fuel storage costs. This credit facility was guaranteed by Entergy Corporation. A subsidiary of Entergy assumed the obligations under the credit facility. At the closing of the sale transaction, NorthStar caused Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, renamed NorthStar Vermont Yankee, to issue a \$139 million promissory note to the Entergy subsidiary that assumed the credit facility obligations. The amount of the note includes the balance outstanding on the credit facility, as well as borrowing fees and costs incurred by Entergy in connection with the credit facility.

With the receipt of the NRC and Vermont Public Utility Commission approvals and the resolution among the parties of the significant conditions of the sale, Entergy concluded that as of December 31, 2018 Vermont Yankee was in held for sale status. Entergy accordingly evaluated Vermont Yankee's asset retirement obligation in light of the terms of the sale transaction and evaluated the remaining values of the Vermont Yankee assets. These evaluations resulted in an increase in the asset retirement obligation and \$173 million of related asset impairment and other charges in the fourth quarter 2018. See Note 9 to the financial statements herein for additional discussion of the asset retirement obligation. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the closing of the Vermont Yankee transaction.

Sale of Top Deer Investment

In November 2016, Entergy sold its 50% membership interest in Top Deer Wind Ventures, LLC, a wind-powered electric generation joint venture owned by Entergy in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities segment and accounted for as an equity method investment. Entergy sold its 50% membership interest in Top Deer for approximately \$0.5 million and realized a pre-tax loss of \$0.2 million on the sale.

Sale of FitzPatrick

In October 2015, Entergy determined that it would close the FitzPatrick plant. The original expectation was to shut down the FitzPatrick plant at the end of its fuel cycle in January 2017.

In August 2016, Entergy entered into a trust transfer agreement with NYPA to transfer the decommissioning trust funds and decommissioning liabilities for the Indian Point 3 and FitzPatrick plants to Entergy. When Entergy

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purchased Indian Point 3 and FitzPatrick in 2000 from NYPA, NYPA retained the decommissioning trust funds and the decommissioning liabilities. NYPA and Entergy subsidiaries executed decommissioning agreements, which specified their decommissioning obligations. NYPA had the right to require the Entergy subsidiaries to assume each of the decommissioning liabilities provided that it assigned the corresponding decommissioning trust, up to a specified level, to the Entergy subsidiaries. Under the original agreements, if the decommissioning liabilities were retained by NYPA, the Entergy subsidiaries would perform the decommissioning of the plants at a price equal to the lesser of a pre-specified level or the amount in the decommissioning trust funds. At the time of the acquisition of the plants Entergy recorded a contract asset that represented an estimate of the present value of the difference between the stipulated contract amount for decommissioning the plants less the decommissioning costs estimated in independent decommissioning cost studies. The asset was increased by monthly accretion based on the applicable discount rate necessary to ultimately provide for the estimated future value of the decommissioning contract. The monthly accretion was recorded as interest income. As a result of the agreement with NYPA, in the third quarter 2016, Entergy removed the contract asset from its balance sheet, and recorded receivables for the beneficial interests in the decommissioning trust funds and asset retirement obligations for the decommissioning liabilities. The decommissioning trust funds for the Indian Point 3 and FitzPatrick plants were transferred to Entergy by NYPA in January 2017.

In August 2016, Entergy entered into an agreement to sell the FitzPatrick plant to Exelon. NRC approval of the sale was received in March 2017. The transaction closed in March 2017 for a purchase price of \$110 million, which included a \$10 million non-refundable signing fee paid in August 2016, in addition to the assumption by Exelon of certain liabilities related to the FitzPatrick plant, resulting in a pre-tax gain on the sale of \$16 million. At the transaction close, Exelon paid an additional \$8 million for the proration of certain expenses prepaid by Entergy. See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick. As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, as a result of the sale of FitzPatrick, Entergy re-determined the plant's tax basis, resulting in a \$44 million income tax benefit in the first quarter 2017.

Planned Shutdown of Pilgrim

In October 2015, Entergy determined that it would close the Pilgrim plant. The decision came after management's extensive analysis of the economics and operating life of the plant following the NRC's decision in September 2015 to place the plant in its "multiple/repetitive degraded cornerstone column" (Column 4) of its Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix. In January 2019 the NRC found that the Pilgrim plant had completed the corrective actions required to address the concerns that led to the plant's placement in Column 4 and had demonstrated sustained improvement. The Pilgrim plant is expected to cease operations on May 31, 2019, at the end of its current fuel cycle. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the impairment charges associated with the decision to cease operations earlier than expected and see Note 8 for further discussion on the placement of Pilgrim in Column 4.

Planned Shutdown of Indian Point 2 and Indian Point 3

In April 2007, Entergy submitted to the NRC a joint application to renew the operating licenses for Indian Point 2 and Indian Point 3 for an additional 20 years. In January 2017, Entergy reached a settlement with New York State, several State agencies, and Riverkeeper, Inc., under which Indian Point 2 and Indian Point 3 will cease commercial operation by April 30, 2020 and April 30, 2021, respectively, subject to certain conditions, including New York State's withdrawal of opposition to Indian Point's license renewals and issuance of contested permits and similar authorizations. Operations may be extended up to four additional years for each unit by mutual agreement of Entergy and New York State based on an exigent reliability need for Indian Point generation. In September 2018 the NRC issued renewed operating licenses for Indian Point 2 through April 2024 and for Indian Point 3 through April 2025.

Other provisions of the settlement include termination of all then-existing investigations of Indian Point by the parties to the agreement, which include the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of State, the New York State Department of Public Service, the New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Attorney General. The settlement recognizes the right of New York State agencies

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to pursue new investigations and enforcement actions with respect to new circumstances or existing conditions that become materially exacerbated.

Another provision of the settlement obligates Entergy to establish a \$15 million fund for environmental projects and community support. Apportionment and allocation of funds to beneficiaries are to be determined by mutual agreement of New York State and Entergy. The settlement recognizes New York State's right to perform an annual inspection of Indian Point, with scope and timing to be determined by mutual agreement.

See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of the impairment charges associated with management's decision to shut down the Indian Point plants.

Planned Shutdown of Palisades

Most of the Palisades output is sold under a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Consumers Energy, entered into when the plant was acquired in 2007, that is scheduled to expire in 2022. The PPA prices currently exceed market prices and escalate each year, up to \$61.50/MWh in 2022. In December 2016, Entergy reached an agreement with Consumers Energy to amend the existing PPA to terminate early, on May 31, 2018. Pursuant to the agreement to amend the PPA, Consumers Energy would pay Entergy \$172 million for the early termination of the PPA. The PPA amendment agreement was subject to regulatory approvals, including approval by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Separately, Entergy intended to shut down the Palisades nuclear power plant permanently on October 1, 2018, after refueling in the spring of 2017 and operating through the end of that fuel cycle.

In September 2017 the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an order conditionally approving the PPA amendment transaction, but only granting Consumers Energy recovery of \$136.6 million of the \$172 million requested early termination payment. As a result, Entergy and Consumers Energy agreed to terminate the PPA amendment agreement. Entergy will continue to operate Palisades under the current PPA with Consumers Energy, instead of shutting down in the fall of 2018 as previously planned. Entergy intends to shut down the Palisades nuclear power plant permanently on May 31, 2022. As a result of the increase in the expected operating life of the plant, the expected probability-weighted undiscounted net cash flows as of September 30, 2017 exceeded the carrying value of the plant and related assets. Accordingly, nuclear fuel spending, nuclear refueling outage spending, and expenditures for capital assets incurred at Palisades after September 30, 2017 are no longer charged to expense as incurred, but recorded as assets and depreciated or amortized, subject to the typical periodic impairment reviews prescribed in the accounting rules. See Note 9 to the financial statements for discussion of the associated asset retirement obligation revision. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the updated calculation of the PPA liability amortization and discussion of the impairment charges associated with the decision to cease operations at Palisades.

Planned Sales of Pilgrim and Palisades

On July 30, 2018, Entergy entered into purchase and sale agreements with Holtec International to sell to a Holtec subsidiary (i) 100% of the equity interests in Entergy Nuclear Generation Company, the owner of Pilgrim, and (ii) 100% of the equity interests in Entergy Nuclear Palisades, LLC, the owner of Palisades and the Big Rock Point Site. The sales of Entergy Nuclear Generation Company and Entergy Nuclear Palisades will include the transfer of each entity's nuclear decommissioning trust and obligation for spent fuel management and plant decommissioning. At the closing of each sale transaction, the Holtec subsidiary will pay \$1,000 each (subject to adjustment for net liabilities and other amounts) for the equity interests in Entergy Nuclear Generation Company and Entergy Nuclear Palisades.

The Pilgrim transaction is subject to certain closing conditions, including: the permanent shutdown of Pilgrim and the transfer of all nuclear fuel from the reactor vessel to the spent nuclear fuel pool; NRC approval for the transfer of the operating and the independent spent fuel storage installation licenses; FERC approval for the change in control of the switchyard; receipt of a favorable private letter ruling from the IRS; the market value of the nuclear decommissioning trust for Pilgrim, less the hypothetical income tax on the aggregate unrealized gain of such fund

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assets at closing, equaling or exceeding a specified minimum amount; and, the Palisades purchase and sale agreement having not been terminated due to a breach by Holtec or its subsidiary.

The Palisades transaction is subject to certain closing conditions, including: the permanent shutdown of Palisades and the transfer of all nuclear fuel from the reactor vessel to the spent nuclear fuel pool; NRC regulatory approval for the transfer of the Palisades and Big Rock Point operating and independent spent fuel storage installation licenses; receipt of a favorable private letter ruling from the IRS; the market value of the nuclear decommissioning trust for Palisades, less the hypothetical income tax on the aggregate unrealized gain of such fund assets at closing, equaling or exceeding a specified minimum amount; and, the Pilgrim transaction having closed.

Subject to the above conditions, the Pilgrim transaction is expected to close by the end of 2019 and the Palisades transaction is expected to close by the end of 2022. The Pilgrim transaction is expected currently to result in an approximate \$120 million loss and the Palisades transaction is expected currently to result in an approximate \$80 million gain based on the difference between Entergy's net investment in each subsidiary and the sale price plus any agreed adjustments. The primary variables in the ultimate loss or gain that Entergy will incur are the values of the nuclear decommissioning trusts and the asset retirement obligations at closing, financial results from plant operations until the closing, and the level of any deferred tax balances at closing.

Costs Associated with Entergy Wholesale Commodities Strategic Transactions

Entergy incurred approximately \$139 million in costs in 2018, \$113 million in costs in 2017, and \$95 million in costs in 2016 associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet, primarily employee retention and severance expenses and other benefits-related costs, and contracted economic development contributions. Entergy expects to incur employee retention and severance expenses of approximately \$120 million in 2019, and a total of approximately \$110 million from 2020 through 2022 associated with these strategic transactions. See Note 13 to the financial statements for further discussion of these costs.

In 2018, Entergy Wholesale Commodities incurred \$532 million, and in 2017 it incurred \$538 million, of impairment charges related to nuclear fuel spending, nuclear refueling outage spending, expenditures for capital assets, and asset retirement obligation revisions. These costs were charged to expense as incurred as a result of the impaired value of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants' long-lived assets due to the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet. Entergy expects to continue to incur costs associated with nuclear fuel-related spending and expenditures for capital assets and, except for Palisades, expects to continue to charge these costs to expense as incurred because Entergy expects the value of the plants to continue to be impaired. In 2016, Entergy Wholesale Commodities incurred impairment charges of \$2.8 billion primarily to write down the carrying values of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' Palisades, Indian Point 2, and Indian Point 3 plants and related assets to their fair values. See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of these impairment charges.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

This section discusses Entergy's capital structure, capital spending plans and other uses of capital, sources of capital, and the cash flow activity presented in the cash flow statement.





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## Capital Structure

Entergy's debt to capital ratio is balanced between equity and debt, as shown in the following table.

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Debt to capital	66.7%	67.1%
Effect of excluding securitization bonds	(0.5%)	(0.8%)
Debt to capital, excluding securitization bonds (a)	66.2%	66.3%
Effect of subtracting cash	(0.6%)	(1.1%)
Net debt to net capital, excluding securitization bonds (a)	65.6%	65.2%

(a) Calculation excludes the Arkansas, Louisiana, New Orleans, and Texas securitization bonds, which are non-recourse to Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas, respectively.

Net debt consists of debt less cash and cash equivalents. Debt consists of notes payable and commercial paper, capital lease obligations, and long-term debt, including the currently maturing portion. Capital consists of debt, common shareholders' equity, and subsidiaries' preferred stock without sinking fund. Net capital consists of capital less cash and cash equivalents. Entergy uses the debt to capital ratios excluding securitization bonds in analyzing its financial condition and believes they provide useful information to its investors and creditors in evaluating Entergy's financial condition because the securitization bonds are non-recourse to Entergy, as more fully described in Note 5 to the financial statements. Entergy also uses the net debt to net capital ratio excluding securitization bonds in analyzing its financial condition and believes it provides useful information to its investors and creditors in evaluating Entergy's financial condition because net debt indicates Entergy's outstanding debt position that could not be readily satisfied by cash and cash equivalents on hand.

Long-term debt, including the currently maturing portion, makes up most of Entergy's total debt outstanding. Following are Entergy's long-term debt principal maturities and estimated interest payments as of December 31, 2018. To estimate future interest payments for variable rate debt, Entergy used the rate as of December 31, 2018. The amounts below include payments on System Energy's Grand Gulf sale-leaseback transaction, which are included in long-term debt on the balance sheet.

Long-term debt maturities and estimated interest payments	2019	2020	2021	2022-2023	after 2023
	(In Millions)				
Utility	\$1,336	\$1,012	\$1,908	\$2,554	\$16,282
Entergy Wholesale Commodities	4	142	—	—	—
Parent and Other	79	522	56	933	810
Total	\$1,419	\$1,676	\$1,964	\$3,487	\$17,092

Note 5 to the financial statements provides more detail concerning long-term debt outstanding.

Entergy Corporation has in place a credit facility that has a borrowing capacity of \$3.5 billion and expires in September 2023. The facility includes fronting commitments for the issuance of letters of credit against \$20 million of the total borrowing capacity of the credit facility. The commitment fee is currently 0.225% of the undrawn commitment amount. Commitment fees and interest rates on loans under the credit facility can fluctuate depending on the senior unsecured debt ratings of Entergy Corporation. The weighted average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 3.60% on the drawn portion of the facility.



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As of December 31, 2018, amounts outstanding and capacity available under the \$3.5 billion credit facility are:

Capacity Borrowings	Letters of Credit	Capacity Available
(In Millions)		
\$3,500	\$220	\$6
		\$3,274

A covenant in Entergy Corporation's credit facility requires Entergy to maintain a consolidated debt ratio, as defined, of 65% or less of its total capitalization. The calculation of this debt ratio under Entergy Corporation's credit facility is different than the calculation of the debt to capital ratio above. One such difference is that it excludes the effects, among other things, of certain impairments related to the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear generation assets. Entergy is currently in compliance with the covenant and expects to remain in compliance with this covenant. If Entergy fails to meet this ratio, or if Entergy or one of the Utility operating companies (except Entergy New Orleans) defaults on other indebtedness or is in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, an acceleration of the Entergy Corporation credit facility's maturity date may occur.

Entergy Corporation has a commercial paper program with a Board-approved program limit of up to \$2 billion. As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Corporation had \$1.942 billion of commercial paper outstanding. The weighted-average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 2.50%.

Capital lease obligations are a minimal part of Entergy's overall capital structure. Following are Entergy's payment obligations under those leases.

	2019	2020	2021	2022-2023	after 2023
	(In Millions)				
Capital lease payments	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$6	\$16

The capital leases are discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas each had credit facilities available as of December 31, 2018 as follows:

Company	Expiration Date	Amount of Facility	Interest Rate (a)	Amount Drawn as of December 31, 2018	Letters of Credit Outstanding as of December 31, 2018
Entergy Arkansas	April 2019	\$20 million (b)	3.77%	—	—
Entergy Arkansas	September 2023	\$150 million (c)	3.77%	—	—
Entergy Louisiana	September 2023	\$350 million (c)	3.77%	—	—
Entergy Mississippi	May 2019	\$10 million (d)	4.02%	—	—
Entergy Mississippi	May 2019	\$35 million (d)	4.02%	—	—
Entergy Mississippi	May 2019	\$37.5 million (d)	4.02%	—	—
Entergy New Orleans	November 2021	\$25 million (c)	3.80%	—	\$0.8 million
Entergy Texas	September 2023	\$150 million (c)	4.02%	—	\$1.3 million

(a) The interest rate is the estimated interest rate as of December 31, 2018 that would have been applied to outstanding borrowings under the facility.

(b) Borrowings under this Entergy Arkansas credit facility may be secured by a security interest in its accounts receivable at Entergy Arkansas's option.



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The credit facility includes fronting commitments for the issuance of letters of credit against a portion of the (c) borrowing capacity of the facility as follows: \$5 million for Entergy Arkansas; \$15 million for Entergy Louisiana; \$10 million for Entergy New Orleans; and \$30 million for Entergy Texas.

(d) Borrowings under the Entergy Mississippi credit facilities may be secured by a security interest in its accounts receivable at Entergy Mississippi's option.

Each of the credit facilities requires the Registrant Subsidiary borrower to maintain a debt ratio, as defined, of 65% or less of its total capitalization. Each Registrant Subsidiary is in compliance with this covenant.

In addition, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas each entered into one or more uncommitted standby letter of credit facilities as a means to post collateral to support its obligations to MISO. Following is a summary of the uncommitted standby letter of credit facilities as of December 31, 2018:

Company	Amount of Uncommitted Facility	Letter of Credit Fee	Letters of Credit Issued as of December 31, 2018 (a)
Entergy Arkansas	\$25 million	0.70%	\$1 million
Entergy Louisiana	\$125 million	0.70%	\$25.9 million
Entergy Mississippi	\$40 million	0.70%	\$16.7 million
Entergy New Orleans	\$15 million	1.00%	\$2 million
Entergy Texas	\$50 million	0.70%	\$20.9 million

As of December 31, 2018, letters of credit posted with MISO covered financial transmission right exposure of \$0.2 (a) million for Entergy Mississippi and \$4.1 million for Entergy Texas. See Note 15 to the financial statements for discussion of financial transmission rights.

As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee had a credit facility guaranteed by Entergy Corporation with a borrowing capacity of \$145 million that expires in November 2020. As of December 31, 2018, \$139 million in cash borrowings were outstanding under the credit facility. The weighted average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 3.50% on the drawn portion of the facility. In anticipation of the transfer of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee to NorthStar, the credit facility was assumed by Vermont Yankee Asset Retirement Management, LLC, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee's parent company that remains an Entergy subsidiary after the transfer, in January 2019 and the borrowing capacity was reduced to \$139 million. See Note 4 to the financial statements for additional discussion of the Vermont Yankee credit facility. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the transfer of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee to NorthStar.

#### Operating Lease Obligations and Guarantees of Unconsolidated Obligations

Entergy has a minimal amount of operating lease obligations and guarantees in support of unconsolidated obligations. Entergy's guarantees in support of unconsolidated obligations are not likely to have a material effect on Entergy's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows. Following are Entergy's payment obligations as of December 31, 2018 on non-cancelable operating leases with a term over one year:

	2019	2020	2021	2022-2023	after 2023
(In Millions)					
Operating lease payments	\$94	\$82	\$75	\$108	\$88

Operating leases are discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements.



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## Summary of Contractual Obligations of Consolidated Entities

Contractual Obligations	2019	2020-2021	2022-2023	after 2023	Total
	(In Millions)				
Long-term debt (a)	\$1,419	\$3,640	\$3,487	\$17,092	\$25,638
Capital lease payments (b)	\$3	\$6	\$6	\$16	\$31
Operating leases (b) (c)	\$94	\$157	\$108	\$88	\$447
Purchase obligations (d)	\$1,331	\$2,301	\$2,743	\$3,340	\$9,715

(a) Includes estimated interest payments. Long-term debt is discussed in Note 5 to the financial statements.

(b) Lease obligations are discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

(c) Does not include power purchase agreements that are accounted for as leases that are included in purchase obligations.

(d) Purchase obligations represent the minimum purchase obligation or cancellation charge for contractual obligations to purchase goods or services. Almost all of the total are fuel and purchased power obligations.

In addition to the contractual obligations stated above, Entergy currently expects to contribute approximately \$176.9 million to its pension plans and approximately \$47.6 million to other postretirement plans in 2019, although the 2019 required pension contributions will be known with more certainty when the January 1, 2019 valuations are completed, which is expected by April 1, 2019. See "Critical Accounting Estimates - Qualified Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits" below for a discussion of qualified pension and other postretirement benefits funding.

Also in addition to the contractual obligations, Entergy has \$1,213 million of unrecognized tax benefits and interest net of unused tax attributes for which the timing of payments beyond 12 months cannot be reasonably estimated due to uncertainties in the timing of effective settlement of tax positions. See Note 3 to the financial statements for additional information regarding unrecognized tax benefits.

## Capital Funds Agreement

Pursuant to an agreement with certain creditors, Entergy Corporation has agreed to supply System Energy with sufficient capital to:

- maintain System Energy's equity capital at a minimum of 35% of its total capitalization (excluding short-term debt);
- permit the continued commercial operation of Grand Gulf;
- pay in full all System Energy indebtedness for borrowed money when due; and
- enable System Energy to make payments on specific System Energy debt, under supplements to the agreement assigning System Energy's rights in the agreement as security for the specific debt.



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## Capital Expenditure Plans and Other Uses of Capital

Following are the amounts of Entergy's planned construction and other capital investments by operating segment for 2019 through 2021.

Planned construction and capital investments	2019	2020	2021
	(In Millions)		
Utility:			
Generation	\$1,915	\$1,090	\$1,515
Transmission	1,060	845	570
Distribution	1,040	1,095	1,325
Utility Support	515	405	325
Total	4,530	3,435	3,735
Entergy Wholesale Commodities	110	40	20
Total	\$4,640	\$3,475	\$3,755

Planned construction and capital investments refer to amounts Entergy plans to spend on routine capital projects that are necessary to support reliability of its service, equipment, or systems and to support normal customer growth, and includes spending for the nuclear and non-nuclear plants at Entergy Wholesale Commodities. In addition to routine capital projects, they also refer to amounts Entergy plans to spend on non-routine capital investments for which Entergy is either contractually obligated, has Board approval, or otherwise expects to make to satisfy regulatory or legal requirements. Amounts include the following types of construction and capital investments:

Investments, including the St. Charles Power Station, Lake Charles Power Station, Washington Parish Energy Center, Choctaw Generating Station, Sunflower Solar Facility, New Orleans Power Station, and Montgomery County Power Station, each discussed below, and potential construction of additional generation.

Entergy Wholesale Commodities investments such as component replacements, software and security, and dry cask storage.

Investments in Entergy's nuclear fleet.

Transmission spending to enhance reliability, reduce congestion, and enable economic growth.

Distribution spending to enhance reliability and improve service to customers, including investment to support advanced metering.

For the next several years, the Utility's owned generating capacity is projected to be adequate to meet MISO reserve requirements; however, in the longer-term additional supply resources will be needed, and its supply plan initiative will continue to seek to transform its generation portfolio with new generation resources. Opportunities resulting from the supply plan initiative, including new projects or the exploration of alternative financing sources, could result in increases or decreases in the capital expenditure estimates given above. Estimated capital expenditures are also subject to periodic review and modification and may vary based on the ongoing effects of business restructuring, regulatory constraints and requirements, environmental regulations, business opportunities, market volatility, economic trends, changes in project plans, and the ability to access capital.

## St. Charles Power Station

In August 2015, Entergy Louisiana filed with the LPSC an application seeking certification that the public necessity and convenience would be served by the construction of the St. Charles Power Station, a nominal 980 megawatt combined-cycle generating unit, on land adjacent to the existing Little Gypsy plant in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. It

is currently estimated to cost \$869 million to construct, including transmission interconnection and other related costs. The LPSC issued an order approving certification of St. Charles Power Station in December 2016. Construction is in progress and commercial operation is expected to occur by mid-2019.

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Lake Charles Power Station

In November 2016, Entergy Louisiana filed an application with the LPSC seeking certification that the public convenience and necessity would be served by the construction of the Lake Charles Power Station, a nominal 994 megawatt combined-cycle generating unit in Westlake, Louisiana, on land adjacent to the existing Nelson plant in Calcasieu Parish. The current estimated cost of the Lake Charles Power Station is \$872 million, including estimated costs of transmission interconnection and other related costs. In May 2017 the parties to the proceeding agreed to an uncontested stipulation finding that construction of the Lake Charles Power Station is in the public interest and authorizing an in-service rate recovery plan. In July 2017 the LPSC issued an order unanimously approving the stipulation and approved certification of the unit. Construction is in progress and commercial operation is expected to occur by mid-2020.

Washington Parish Energy Center

In April 2017, Entergy Louisiana signed an agreement with a subsidiary of Calpine Corporation for the construction and purchase of a peaking plant. Calpine will construct the plant, which will consist of two natural gas-fired combustion turbine units with a total nominal capacity of approximately 361 MW. The plant, named the Washington Parish Energy Center, will be located in Bogalusa, Louisiana and, subject to permits and approvals, is expected to be completed by 2021. Subject to regulatory approvals, Entergy Louisiana will purchase the plant once it is complete for an estimated total investment of approximately \$261 million, including transmission and other related costs. In May 2017, Entergy Louisiana filed an application with the LPSC seeking certification of the plant. In April 2018 the parties reached a settlement recommending certification and cost recovery through the additional capacity mechanism of the formula rate plan, consistent with prior LPSC precedent with respect to the certification and recovery of plants previously acquired by Entergy Louisiana. The LPSC issued an order approving the settlement in May 2018.

Choctaw Generating Station

In August 2018, Entergy Mississippi announced that it signed an asset purchase agreement to acquire from a subsidiary of GenOn Energy Inc. the Choctaw Generating Station, an 810 MW natural gas fired combined-cycle turbine plant located near French Camp, Mississippi. The purchase price is expected to be approximately \$314 million. Entergy Mississippi also expects to invest in various plant upgrades at the facility after closing and expects the total cost of the acquisition to be approximately \$401 million. The purchase is contingent upon, among other things, obtaining necessary approvals, including full cost recovery, from applicable federal and state regulatory and permitting agencies. These include regulatory approvals from the MPSC and the FERC. Clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act has occurred. In October 2018, Entergy Mississippi filed an application with the MPSC seeking approval of the acquisition and cost recovery. In a separate filing in October 2018, Entergy Mississippi proposed revisions to its formula rate plan that would provide for a mechanism, the interim capacity rate adjustment mechanism, in the formula rate plan to recover the non-fuel related costs of additional owned capacity acquired by Entergy Mississippi, including the non-fuel annual ownership costs of the Choctaw Generating Station, as well as to allow similar cost recovery treatment for other future capacity additions approved by the MPSC. Closing is expected to occur by the end of 2019.

Sunflower Solar Facility

In November 2018, Entergy Mississippi announced that it signed an agreement for the purchase of an approximately 100 MW to-be-constructed solar photovoltaic facility that will be sited on approximately 1,000 acres in Sunflower County, Mississippi. The estimated base purchase price is approximately \$138.4 million. The estimated total investment, including the base purchase price and other related costs, for Entergy Mississippi to acquire the Sunflower Solar Facility is approximately \$153.2 million. The purchase is contingent upon, among other things, obtaining necessary approvals, including full cost recovery, from applicable federal and state regulatory and permitting agencies. The project will be built by Sunflower County Solar Project, LLC, a sub-subsidiary of Recurrent Energy,

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LLC. Entergy Mississippi will purchase the facility upon mechanical completion and after the other purchase contingencies have been met. In December 2018, Entergy Mississippi filed a joint petition with Sunflower Solar Project at the MPSC for Sunflower Solar Project to construct and for Entergy Mississippi to acquire and thereafter own, operate, improve, and maintain the solar facility. Entergy Mississippi has proposed revisions to its formula rate plan that would provide for a mechanism, the interim capacity rate adjustment mechanism, in the formula rate plan to recover the non-fuel related costs of additional owned capacity acquired by Entergy Mississippi, including the annual ownership costs of the Sunflower Solar Facility. Closing is expected to occur by the end of 2021.

New Orleans Power Station

In June 2016, Entergy New Orleans filed an application with the City Council seeking a public interest determination and authorization to construct the New Orleans Power Station, a 226 MW advanced combustion turbine in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the site of the existing Michoud generating facility, which was retired effective May 31, 2016. In January 2017 several intervenors filed testimony opposing the construction of the New Orleans Power Station on various grounds. In July 2017, Entergy New Orleans submitted a supplemental and amending application to the City Council seeking approval to construct either the originally proposed 226 MW advanced combustion turbine, or alternatively, a 128 MW unit composed of natural gas-fired reciprocating engines and a related cost recovery plan. The cost estimate for the alternative 128 MW unit is \$210 million. In addition, the application renewed the commitment to pursue up to 100 MW of renewable resources to serve New Orleans. In March 2018 the City Council adopted a resolution approving construction of the 128 MW unit. The targeted commercial operation date is mid-2020, subject to receipt of all necessary permits. In April 2018 intervenors opposing the construction of the New Orleans Power Station filed with the City Council a request for rehearing, which was subsequently denied, and a petition for judicial review of the City Council's decision, and also filed a lawsuit challenging the City Council's approval based on Louisiana's open meeting law. In May 2018 the City Council announced that it would initiate an investigation into allegations that Entergy New Orleans, Entergy, or some other entity paid or participated in paying certain attendees and speakers in support of the New Orleans Power Station to attend or speak at certain meetings organized by the City Council. In June 2018, Entergy New Orleans produced documents in response to a City Council resolution relating to this investigation. The City Council issued a request for qualifications for an investigator and in June 2018 selected two investigators. In October 2018 the investigators for the City Council released their report, concluding that individuals were paid to attend and/or speak in support of the New Orleans Power Station and that Entergy New Orleans "knew or should have known that such conduct occurred or reasonably might occur." The City Council held a special meeting on October 31, 2018 to allow the investigators to present the report and for the City Council to consider next steps. At that meeting, the City Council issued a resolution requiring Entergy New Orleans to show cause why it should not be fined \$5 million as a result of the findings in the report. In November 2018, Entergy New Orleans submitted its response to the show cause resolution, disagreeing with certain characterizations and omissions of fact in the report and asserting that the City Council could not legally impose the proposed fine. Simultaneous with the filing of its response to the show cause resolution, Entergy New Orleans sent a letter to the City Council re-asserting that the City Council's imposition of the proposed fine would be unlawful, but acknowledging that the actions of a subcontractor, which was retained by an Entergy New Orleans contractor without the knowledge or contractually-required consent of Entergy New Orleans, were contrary to Entergy's values. In that letter, Entergy New Orleans offered to donate \$5 million to the City Council to resolve the show cause proceeding. In January 2019, Entergy New Orleans submitted a new settlement proposal to the City Council. The proposal retains the components of the first offer but adds to it a commitment to make reasonable efforts to limit the costs of the project to the \$210 million cost estimate with advanced notification of anticipated cost overruns, additional reporting requirements for cost and environmental items, and a commitment regarding reliability investment and to work with the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to provide a reliable source of power. In February 2019 the City Council approved a resolution approving the settlement proposal and allowing the construction of the New Orleans Power Station to

commence.

#### Montgomery County Power Station

In October 2016, Entergy Texas filed an application with the PUCT seeking certification that the public convenience and necessity would be served by the construction of the Montgomery County Power Station, a nominal

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993 MW combined-cycle generating unit in Montgomery County, Texas on land adjacent to the existing Lewis Creek plant. The current estimated cost of the Montgomery County Power Station is \$937 million, including approximately \$111 million of transmission interconnection and network upgrades and other related costs. The independent monitor, who oversaw the request for proposal process, filed testimony and a report affirming that the Montgomery County Power Station was selected through an objective and fair request for proposal process that showed no undue preference to any proposal. In June 2017 parties to the proceeding filed an unopposed stipulation and settlement agreement. The stipulation contemplates that Entergy Texas's level of cost-recovery for generation construction costs for Montgomery County Power Station is capped at \$831 million, subject to certain exclusions such as force majeure events. Transmission interconnection and network upgrades and other related costs are not subject to the \$831 million cap. In July 2017 the PUCT approved the stipulation. Subject to the timely receipt of other permits and approvals, commercial operation is estimated to occur by mid-2021.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of filings made by the Utility operating companies regarding the deployment of AMI. The filings included estimates of implementation costs for AMI of \$208 million for Entergy Arkansas, \$330 million for Entergy Louisiana, \$132 million for Entergy Mississippi, \$75 million for Entergy New Orleans, and \$132 million for Entergy Texas.

Dividends and Stock Repurchases

Declarations of dividends on Entergy's common stock are made at the discretion of the Board. Among other things, the Board evaluates the level of Entergy's common stock dividends based upon earnings per share from the Utility operating segment and the Parent and Other portion of the business, financial strength, and future investment opportunities. At its January 2019 meeting, the Board declared a dividend of \$0.91 per share. Entergy paid \$648 million in 2018, \$629 million in 2017, and \$612 million in 2016 in cash dividends on its common stock.

In accordance with Entergy's stock-based compensation plans, Entergy periodically grants stock options, restricted stock, performance units, and restricted stock unit awards to key employees, which may be exercised to obtain shares of Entergy's common stock. According to the plans, these shares can be newly issued shares, treasury stock, or shares purchased on the open market. Entergy's management has been authorized by the Board to repurchase on the open market shares up to an amount sufficient to fund the exercise of grants under the plans.

In addition to the authority to fund grant exercises, the Board has authorized share repurchase programs to enable opportunistic purchases in response to market conditions. In October 2010 the Board granted authority for a \$500 million share repurchase program. As of December 31, 2018, \$350 million of authority remains under the \$500 million share repurchase program. The amount of repurchases may vary as a result of material changes in business results or capital spending or new investment opportunities, or if limitations in the credit markets continue for a prolonged period.

Sources of Capital

Entergy's sources to meet its capital requirements and to fund potential investments include:

- internally generated funds;
- cash on hand (\$481 million as of December 31, 2018);

securities issuances;  
bank financing under new or existing facilities or commercial paper; and  
sales of assets.



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Circumstances such as weather patterns, fuel and purchased power price fluctuations, and unanticipated expenses, including unscheduled plant outages and storms, could affect the timing and level of internally generated funds in the future.

Provisions within the organizational documents relating to preferred stock or membership interests of certain of Entergy Corporation's subsidiaries could restrict the payment of cash dividends or other distributions on their common and preferred equity. All debt and preferred equity issuances by the Registrant Subsidiaries require prior regulatory approval and their debt issuances are also subject to issuance tests set forth in bond indentures and other agreements. Entergy believes that the Registrant Subsidiaries have sufficient capacity under these tests to meet foreseeable capital needs.

The FERC has jurisdiction over securities issuances by the Utility operating companies and System Energy. The City Council has concurrent jurisdiction over Entergy New Orleans's securities issuances with maturities longer than one year. The APSC has concurrent jurisdiction over Entergy Arkansas's issuances of securities secured by Arkansas property, including first mortgage bond issuances. No regulatory approvals are necessary for Entergy Corporation to issue securities. The current FERC-authorized short-term borrowing limits and long-term borrowing limits for Entergy New Orleans are effective through October 2019. The current FERC-authorized short-term borrowing limits and long-term financing authorization for Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy Texas, and System Energy are effective through November 2020. Entergy Arkansas has obtained first mortgage bond/secured financing authorization from the APSC that extends through December 2020. Entergy New Orleans also has obtained long-term financing authorization from the City Council that extends through October 2019. Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, and System Energy each have obtained long-term financing authorization from the FERC that extends through November 2020 for issuances by the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities. In addition to borrowings from commercial banks, the Registrant Subsidiaries may also borrow from the Entergy System money pool and from other internal short-term borrowing arrangements. The money pool and the other internal borrowing arrangements are inter-company borrowing arrangements designed to reduce Entergy's subsidiaries' dependence on external short-term borrowings. Borrowings from internal and external short-term borrowings combined may not exceed the FERC-authorized limits. See Notes 4 and 5 to the financial statements for further discussion of Entergy's borrowing limits, authorizations, and amounts outstanding.

### Cash Flow Activity

As shown in Entergy's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016 were as follows:

	2018	2017	2016
	(In Millions)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$781	\$1,188	\$1,351
Net cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	2,385	2,624	2,999
Investing activities	(4,106)	(3,841)	(3,850)
Financing activities	1,421	810	688
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(300)	(407)	(163)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$481	\$781	\$1,188



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Operating Activities

2018 Compared to 2017

Net cash flow provided by operating activities decreased by \$239 million in 2018 primarily due to:

- the return of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to Utility customers. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a discussion of the regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act;
- lower Entergy Wholesale Commodities net revenue in 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017 (except for revenues resulting from the FitzPatrick reimbursement agreement with Exelon). See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the reimbursement agreement;
- a decrease due to the timing of recovery of fuel and purchased power costs in 2018 as compared to the prior year. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a discussion of fuel and purchased power cost recovery;
- an increase of \$56 million in interest paid in 2018 as compared to the prior year resulting from an increase in interest expense;
- income tax payments of \$20 million in 2018 compared to income tax refunds of \$13 million in 2017. Entergy made income tax payments in 2018 for estimated federal income taxes. Entergy received income tax refunds in 2017 resulting from the carryback of net operating losses; and
- proceeds of \$2 million received in 2018 compared to proceeds of \$23 million received in 2017 from the DOE resulting from litigation regarding spent nuclear fuel storage costs that were previously expensed. See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation.

The decrease was partially offset by:

- the effect of favorable weather on billed Utility sales in 2018;
- the timing of collection of receivables from Utility customers;
  - a refund to customers in January 2017 of approximately \$71 million as a result of the settlement approved by the LPSC related to the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator project. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of the settlement and refund;
- a decrease of \$58 million in spending on nuclear refueling outages in 2018 as compared to the prior year; and
- a decrease of \$57 million in severance and retention payments in 2018 as compared to the prior year. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" above for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet.

2017 Compared to 2016

Net cash flow provided by operating activities decreased by \$375 million in 2017 primarily due to:

- lower Entergy Wholesale Commodities net revenue (except for revenues resulting from the FitzPatrick reimbursement agreement with Exelon) in 2017 as compared to prior year, as discussed above. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the reimbursement agreement;
- an increase of \$141 million in spending on nuclear refueling outages in 2017 as compared to the prior year;
- an increase of \$94 million in severance and retention payments in 2017 as compared to the prior year. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" above for a discussion of management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy

Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet;

- a refund to customers in January 2017 of approximately \$71 million as a result of the settlement approved by the LPSC related to the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator project. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of the settlement and refund;

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proceeds of \$23 million received in 2017 compared to proceeds of \$102 million received in 2016 from the DOE resulting from litigation regarding spent nuclear fuel storage costs that were previously expensed. See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation; and an increase of \$20 million in pension contributions in 2017. See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Critical Accounting Estimates" below and Note 11 to the financial statements for discussion of qualified pension and other postretirement benefits funding.

The decrease was partially offset by:

income tax refunds of \$13 million in 2017 compared to income tax payments of \$95 million in 2016. Entergy received income tax refunds in 2017 resulting from the carryback of net operating losses. Entergy made income tax payments in 2016 related to the effect of the 2006-2007 IRS audit and for jurisdictions that do not have net operating loss carryovers or jurisdictions in which the utilization of net operating loss carryovers are limited;

- a decrease of \$68 million in interest paid in 2017 as compared to the prior year primarily due to an interest payment of \$60 million made in March 2016 related to the purchase of a beneficial interest in the Waterford 3 leased assets. See Note 10 to the financial statements for a discussion of Entergy Louisiana's purchase of a beneficial interest in the Waterford 3 leased assets; and

an increase due to the timing of recovery of fuel and purchased power costs in 2017 as compared to the prior year. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a discussion of fuel and purchased power cost recovery.

Investing Activities

2018 Compared to 2017

Net cash flow used in investing activities increased by \$265 million in 2018 primarily due to:

an increase of \$334 million in construction expenditures, primarily in the Utility business. The increase in construction expenditures in the Utility business is primarily due to an increase of \$205 million in fossil-fueled generation construction expenditures primarily due to higher spending in 2018 on self-build projects in the Utility business and an increase of \$88 million in nuclear construction expenditures primarily due to a higher scope of work performed during the Grand Gulf outage in 2018;

proceeds of \$100 million from the sale in March 2017 of the FitzPatrick plant to Exelon. See Note 14 to the financial statements for a discussion of the sale of FitzPatrick; and

collateral posted to provide credit support to secure its obligations under agreements to sell power produced by Entergy Wholesale Commodities' power plants.

The increase was partially offset by:

changes in the decommissioning trust funds, including portfolio rebalancing of certain decommissioning trust funds in 2018;

a decrease of \$75 million in nuclear fuel purchases due to variations from year to year in the timing and pricing of fuel reload requirements, material and services deliveries, and the timing of cash payments during the nuclear fuel cycle; and

an increase of \$34 million in proceeds received from the DOE in 2018 as compared to the prior year resulting from litigation regarding spent nuclear fuel storage costs that were previously capitalized. See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation.



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2017 Compared to 2016

Net cash flow used in investing activities decreased by \$9 million in 2017 primarily due to the purchase of the Union Power Station for approximately \$949 million in March 2016 and proceeds of \$100 million from the sale in March 2017 of the FitzPatrick plant to Exelon. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the Union Power Station purchase and the sale of FitzPatrick. The decrease was partially offset by:

an increase of \$827 million in construction expenditures, primarily in the Utility business. The increase in construction expenditures in the Utility business is primarily due to an increase of \$452 million in fossil-fueled generation construction expenditures primarily due to higher spending in 2017 on the St. Charles Power Station project and the Lake Charles Power Station project and a higher scope of work performed on various other fossil projects in 2017 as compared to 2016; an increase of \$133 million in distribution construction expenditures primarily due to a higher scope of non-storm related work performed in 2017 as compared to 2016 and higher storm restoration spending in 2017; an increase of \$102 million in nuclear construction expenditures primarily due to increased spending on various nuclear projects in 2017 as compared to 2016; an increase of \$101 million in transmission construction expenditures primarily due to a higher scope of work performed on transmission projects in 2017 as compared to 2016; and an increase of \$51 million due to increased spending on advanced metering infrastructure in 2017;

a decrease of \$144 million in proceeds received from the DOE in 2017 as compared to the prior year resulting from litigation regarding spent nuclear fuel storage costs that were previously capitalized. See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the spent nuclear fuel litigation; and

a decrease of \$63 million in nuclear fuel purchases due to variations from year to year in the timing and pricing of fuel reload requirements, material and services deliveries, and the timing of cash payments during the nuclear fuel cycle.

Financing Activities

2018 Compared to 2017

Net cash flow provided by financing activities increased by \$611 million in 2018 primarily due to:

long-term debt activity providing approximately \$1,070 million of cash in 2018 compared to \$224 million in 2017. Borrowings and repayments of borrowings on Entergy's long-term credit facility are included in long-term debt activity; and

proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$499 million as a result of the settlement of equity forwards in 2018. See Note 7 to the financial statements for discussion of the equity forward sale agreements.

The increase was partially offset by a decrease of \$647 million in net issuances of commercial paper in 2018 compared to 2017 and a net decrease of \$152 million in 2018 in short-term borrowings by the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities.

2017 Compared to 2016

Net cash flow provided by financing activities increased by \$122 million in 2017 primarily due to:

Entergy's net issuances of \$1,123 million of commercial paper in 2017 compared to net repayments of \$78 million of commercial paper in 2016;

an increase of \$95 million resulting from lower redemptions of preferred stock. In 2017, Entergy New Orleans redeemed its \$7.8 million of 4.75% Series preferred stock, its \$6 million of 5.56% Series preferred stock, and its \$6 million of 4.36% Series preferred stock. In 2016, Entergy Arkansas redeemed its \$75 million of 6.45% Series preferred stock and its \$10 million of 6.08% Series preferred stock and Entergy Mississippi redeemed its \$30 million of 6.25% Series preferred stock;

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- an increase of \$48 million in treasury stock issuances in 2017 primarily due to a larger amount of previously repurchased Entergy Corporation common stock issued in 2017 to satisfy stock option exercises; and
- net borrowings of \$41 million by the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities in 2017 compared to net repayments of \$1 million in 2016.

The increase was partially offset by long-term debt activity providing approximately \$224 million of cash in 2017 compared to providing approximately \$1,489 million of cash in 2016. Borrowings and repayments of borrowings on Entergy’s long-term credit facility are included in long-term debt activity.

For the details of Entergy’s commercial paper program and the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities’ short-term borrowings, see Note 4 to the financial statements. See Note 5 to the financial statements for details of long-term debt.

Rate, Cost-recovery, and Other Regulation

State and Local Rate Regulation and Fuel-Cost Recovery

The rates that the Utility operating companies and System Energy charge for their services significantly influence Entergy’s financial position, results of operations, and liquidity. These companies are regulated and the rates charged to their customers are determined in regulatory proceedings. Governmental agencies, including the APSC, the LPSC, the MPSC, the City Council, the PUCT, and the FERC, are primarily responsible for approval of the rates charged to customers. Following is a summary of the Utility operating companies’ authorized returns on common equity:

Company	Authorized Return on Common Equity
Entergy Arkansas	9.25% - 10.25%
Entergy Louisiana	9.95% Electric (a); 9.45% - 10.45% Gas
Entergy Mississippi	9.28% - 11.36%
Entergy New Orleans	10.7% - 11.5% Electric; 10.25% - 11.25% Gas
Entergy Texas	9.65%

(a)Based on 2017 test year. Authorized return on common equity for 2018 and 2019 test years will be 9.2% - 10.4%.

The Utility operating companies’ base rate, fuel and purchased power cost recovery, and storm cost recovery proceedings are discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Federal Regulation

The FERC regulates wholesale sales of electricity rates and interstate transmission of electricity, including rates for System Energy’s sales of capacity and energy from Grand Gulf to Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans pursuant to the Unit Power Sales Agreement. The current return on equity and capital structure of System Energy are currently the subject of complaints filed by certain of the operating companies’ retail regulators. The current return on equity under the Unit Power Sales Agreement is 10.94%. Prior to each operating company’s termination of participation in the System Agreement (Entergy Arkansas in December 2013, Entergy Mississippi in November 2015, and Entergy Louisiana, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas each in August 2016), the Utility operating companies engaged in the coordinated planning, construction, and operation of generating and bulk transmission facilities under the terms of the System Agreement, which was a rate schedule approved by the FERC. Certain of the Utility operating companies’ retail regulators are pursuing litigation involving

the System Agreement at the FERC and in federal courts. See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of the

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System Agreement proceedings, the complaints filed with the FERC challenging System Energy's return on equity, and the amendments to the Unit Power Sales Agreement approved by the FERC in 2018.

Market and Credit Risk Sensitive Instruments

Market risk is the risk of changes in the value of commodity and financial instruments, or in future net income or cash flows, in response to changing market conditions. Entergy holds commodity and financial instruments that are exposed to the following significant market risks.

• The commodity price risk associated with the sale of electricity by the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business. The interest rate and equity price risk associated with Entergy's investments in pension and other postretirement benefit trust funds. See Note 11 to the financial statements for details regarding Entergy's pension and other postretirement benefit trust funds.

The interest rate and equity price risk associated with Entergy's investments in nuclear plant decommissioning trust funds, particularly in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business. See Note 16 to the financial statements for details regarding Entergy's decommissioning trust funds.

The interest rate risk associated with changes in interest rates as a result of Entergy's outstanding indebtedness. Entergy manages its interest rate exposure by monitoring current interest rates and its debt outstanding in relation to total capitalization. See Notes 4 and 5 to the financial statements for the details of Entergy's debt outstanding.

The Utility has limited exposure to the effects of market risk because it operates primarily under cost-based rate regulation. To the extent approved by their retail regulators, the Utility operating companies use commodity and financial instruments to hedge the exposure to price volatility inherent in their purchased power, fuel, and gas purchased for resale costs that are recovered from customers.

Entergy's commodity and financial instruments are also exposed to credit risk. Credit risk is the risk of loss from nonperformance by suppliers, customers, or financial counterparties to a contract or agreement. Entergy is also exposed to a potential demand on liquidity due to credit support requirements within its supply or sales agreements.

Commodity Price Risk

Power Generation

As a wholesale generator, Entergy Wholesale Commodities' core business is selling energy, measured in MWh, to its customers. Entergy Wholesale Commodities enters into forward contracts with its customers and also sells energy in the day ahead or spot markets. Entergy Wholesale Commodities also sells unforced capacity, which allows load-serving entities to meet specified reserve and related requirements placed on them by the ISOs in their respective areas. Entergy Wholesale Commodities' forward physical power contracts consist of contracts to sell energy only, contracts to sell capacity only, and bundled contracts in which it sells both capacity and energy. While the terminology and payment mechanics vary in these contracts, each of these types of contracts requires Entergy Wholesale Commodities to deliver MWh of energy, make capacity available, or both. In addition to its forward physical power contracts, Entergy Wholesale Commodities may also use a combination of financial contracts, including swaps, collars, and options, to manage forward commodity price risk. The sensitivities may not reflect the total maximum upside potential from higher market prices. The information contained in the following table represents projections at a point in time and will vary over time based on numerous factors, such as future market prices, contracting activities, and generation. Following is a summary of Entergy Wholesale Commodities' current

forward capacity and generation contracts as well as total revenue projections based on market prices as of December 31, 2018.

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## Entergy Wholesale Commodities Nuclear Portfolio

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Energy				
Percent of planned generation under contract (a):				
Unit-contingent (b)	98%	94%	91%	66%
Planned generation (TWh) (c) (d)	25.6	17.7	9.6	2.8
Average revenue per MWh on contracted volumes:				
Expected based on market prices as of December 31, 2018	\$39.7	\$42.1	\$56.8	\$58.8
Capacity				
Percent of capacity sold forward (e):				
Bundled capacity and energy contracts (f)	26%	37%	68%	97%
Capacity contracts (g)	32%	5%	—%	—%
Total	58%	42%	68%	97%
Planned net MW in operation (average) (d)	3,167	2,195	1,158	338
Average revenue under contract per kW per month (applies to capacity contracts only)	\$5.9	\$2.3	\$—	\$—
Total Energy and Capacity Revenues (h)				
Expected sold and market total revenue per MWh	\$44.4	\$45.1	\$54.9	\$47.3
Sensitivity: -/+ \$10 per MWh market price change	\$44.2 - \$44.6	\$44.9 - \$45.3	\$54.0 - \$55.8	\$43.9 -

Percent of planned generation output sold or purchased forward under contracts, forward physical contracts, (a) forward financial contracts, or options that mitigate price uncertainty. Positions that are not classified as hedges are netted in the planned generation under contract.

Transaction under which power is supplied from a specific generation asset; if the asset is not operating, the seller is generally not liable to the buyer for any damages. Certain unit-contingent sales include a guarantee of availability. Availability guarantees provide for the payment to the power purchaser of contract damages, if (b) incurred, in the event the seller fails to deliver power as a result of the failure of the specified generation unit to generate power at or above a specified availability threshold. All of Entergy's outstanding guarantees of availability provide for dollar limits on Entergy's maximum liability under such guarantees.

(c) Amount of output expected to be generated by Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear resources considering plant operating characteristics, outage schedules, and expected market conditions that affect dispatch.

Assumes the planned shutdown of Pilgrim on May 31, 2019, planned shutdown of Indian Point 2 on April 30, 2020, planned shutdown of Indian Point 3 on April 30, 2021, and planned shutdown of Palisades on May 31, 2022.

(d) For a discussion regarding the planned shutdown of the Pilgrim, Indian Point 2, Indian Point 3, and Palisades plants, see "Entergy Wholesale Commodities Exit from the Merchant Power Business" above.

(e) Percent of planned qualified capacity sold to mitigate price uncertainty under physical or financial transactions.

(f) A contract for the sale of installed capacity and related energy, priced per megawatt-hour sold.

(g) A contract for the sale of an installed capacity product in a regional market.

Includes assumptions on converting a portion of the portfolio to contracted with fixed price cost or discount and

(h) excludes non-cash revenue from the amortization of the Palisades below-market purchased power agreement, mark-to-market activity, and service revenues.

Entergy estimates that a positive \$10 per MWh change in the annual average energy price in the markets in which the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear business sells power, based on the respective year-end market

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conditions, planned generation volumes, and hedged positions, would have a corresponding effect on pre-tax income of \$6 million in 2019 and would have had a corresponding effect on pre-tax income of \$3 million in 2018. A negative \$10 per MWh change in the annual average energy price in the markets based on the respective year-end market conditions, planned generation volumes, and hedged positions, would have a corresponding effect on pre-tax income of (\$6) million in 2019 and would have had a corresponding effect on pre-tax income of (\$3) million in 2018.

Some of the agreements to sell the power produced by Entergy Wholesale Commodities' power plants contain provisions that require an Entergy subsidiary to provide credit support to secure its obligations under the agreements. The Entergy subsidiary is required to provide credit support based upon the difference between the current market prices and contracted power prices in the regions where Entergy Wholesale Commodities sells power. The primary form of credit support to satisfy these requirements is an Entergy Corporation guarantee. Cash and letters of credit are also acceptable forms of credit support. At December 31, 2018, based on power prices at that time, Entergy had liquidity exposure of \$126 million under the guarantees in place supporting Entergy Wholesale Commodities transactions and \$52 million of posted cash collateral. In the event of a decrease in Entergy Corporation's credit rating to below investment grade, based on power prices as of December 31, 2018, Entergy would have been required to provide approximately \$69 million of additional cash or letters of credit under some of the agreements. As of December 31, 2018, the liquidity exposure associated with Entergy Wholesale Commodities assurance requirements, including return of previously posted collateral from counterparties, would increase by \$310 million for a \$1 per MMBtu increase in gas prices in both the short- and long-term markets.

As of December 31, 2018, substantially all of the credit exposure associated with the planned energy output under contract for Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants through 2022 is with counterparties or their guarantors that have public investment grade credit ratings.

Nuclear Matters

Entergy's Utility and Entergy Wholesale Commodities businesses include the ownership and operation of nuclear generating plants and are, therefore, subject to the risks related to such ownership and operation. These include risks related to: the use, storage, and handling and disposal of high-level and low-level radioactive materials; the substantial financial requirements, both for capital investments and operational needs, to position Entergy's nuclear fleet to meet its operational goals, including the financial requirements to address emerging issues like stress corrosion cracking of certain materials within the plant systems and the Fukushima event; the implementation of plans to cease merchant generation at all Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants by 2022 and the post-shutdown decommissioning of these plants; regulatory requirements and potential future regulatory changes, including changes affecting the regulations governing nuclear plant ownership, operations, license renewal and amendments, and decommissioning; the performance and capacity factors of these nuclear plants; the availability of interim or permanent sites for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste, including the fees charged for such disposal; the sufficiency of nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets and earnings to complete decommissioning of each site when required; and limitations on the amounts and types of insurance commercially available for losses in connection with nuclear plant operations and catastrophic events such as a nuclear accident.

NRC Reactor Oversight Process

The NRC's Reactor Oversight Process is a program to collect information about plant performance, assess the information for its safety significance, and provide for appropriate licensee and NRC response. The NRC evaluates plant performance by analyzing two distinct inputs: inspection findings resulting from the NRC's inspection program

and performance indicators reported by the licensee. The evaluations result in the placement of each plant in one of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix columns: "licensee response column," or Column 1, "regulatory response column," or Column 2, "degraded cornerstone column," or Column 3, and "multiple/repetitive degraded cornerstone column," or Column 4. Plants in Column 1 are subject to normal NRC inspection activities. Plants in Column 2, Column 3, or Column 4 are subject to progressively increasing levels of inspection by the NRC with, in general, progressively increasing levels of associated costs.



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### ANO

See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the NRC's decision in March 2015 to move ANO into the "multiple/repetitive degraded cornerstone column," or Column 4, of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix, and the resulting significant additional NRC inspection activities at the ANO site. In June 2018 the NRC moved ANO 1 and ANO 2 into the "licensee response column," or Column 1, of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix. This action followed NRC inspections to review ANO 1's and ANO 2's performance in addressing issues that had previously resulted in classification in Column 4.

### Pilgrim

See Note 8 to the financial statements for discussion of the NRC's decision in September 2015 to place Pilgrim in Column 4 of its Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix due to its finding of continuing weaknesses in Pilgrim's corrective action program that contributed to repeated unscheduled shutdowns and equipment failures.

### Grand Gulf

Based on the plant's performance indicators, in November 2016 the NRC placed Grand Gulf in the "regulatory response column," or Column 2, of its Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix. In August 2018 the NRC moved Grand Gulf into the "licensee response column," or Column 1, of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process Action Matrix. This action followed NRC inspections to review Grand Gulf's performance in addressing issues that had previously resulted in classification in Column 2. Based on performance indicator data for the third quarter 2018, Grand Gulf moved back to Column 2 due to a reduction in power to address an operational issue with a plant system that resulted in the threshold for one of the NRC's performance indicators being exceeded.

### Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of Entergy's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to apply appropriate accounting policies and to make estimates and judgments that can have a significant effect on reported financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Management has identified the following accounting estimates as critical because they are based on assumptions and measurements that involve a high degree of uncertainty, and the potential for future changes in these assumptions and measurements could produce estimates that would have a material effect on the presentation of Entergy's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

### Nuclear Decommissioning Costs

Entergy subsidiaries own nuclear generation facilities in both the Utility and Entergy Wholesale Commodities operating segments. Regulations require Entergy subsidiaries to decommission the nuclear power plants after each facility is taken out of service, and cash is deposited in trust funds during the facilities' operating lives in order to provide for this obligation. Entergy conducts periodic decommissioning cost studies to estimate the costs that will be incurred to decommission the facilities. The following key assumptions have a significant effect on these estimates.

• **Timing** - In projecting decommissioning costs, two assumptions must be made to estimate the timing of plant decommissioning. First, the date of the plant's retirement must be estimated for those plants that do not have an announced shutdown date. The estimate may include assumptions regarding the possibility that the plant may have an

operating life shorter than the operating license expiration. Second, an assumption must be made regarding whether all decommissioning activity will proceed immediately upon plant retirement, or whether the plant will be placed in SAFSTOR status. SAFSTOR is decommissioning a facility by placing it in a safe, stable condition that is maintained until it is subsequently decontaminated and dismantled to levels that permit license termination, normally within 60 years from permanent cessation of operations. A change of assumption

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regarding either the period of continued operation, the use of a SAFSTOR period, or whether Entergy will continue to hold the plant or the plant is held for sale can change the present value of the asset retirement obligation.

Cost Escalation Factors - Entergy's current decommissioning cost studies include an assumption that decommissioning costs will escalate over present cost levels by factors ranging from approximately 2% to 3% annually. A 50-basis point change in this assumption could change the estimated present value of the decommissioning liabilities by approximately 6% to 18%. The timing assumption influences the significance of the effect of a change in the estimated inflation or cost escalation rate because the effect increases with the length of time assumed before decommissioning activity ends.

Spent Fuel Disposal - Federal law requires the DOE to provide for the permanent storage of spent nuclear fuel, and legislation has been passed by Congress to develop a repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The DOE has not yet begun accepting spent nuclear fuel and is in non-compliance with federal law. The DOE continues to delay meeting its obligation and Entergy's nuclear plant owners are continuing to pursue damage claims against the DOE for its failure to provide timely spent fuel storage. Until a federal site is available, however, nuclear plant operators must provide for interim spent fuel storage on the nuclear plant site, which can require the construction and maintenance of dry cask storage sites or other facilities. The costs of developing and maintaining these facilities during the decommissioning period can have a significant effect (as much as an average of 20% to 30% of total estimated decommissioning costs). Entergy's decommissioning studies include cost estimates for spent fuel storage. These estimates could change in the future, however, based on the expected timing of when the DOE begins to fulfill its obligation to receive and store spent nuclear fuel. See Note 8 to the financial statements for further discussion of Entergy's spent nuclear fuel litigation.

Technology and Regulation - Over the past several years, more practical experience with the actual decommissioning of nuclear facilities has been gained and that experience has been incorporated into Entergy's current decommissioning cost estimates. Given the long duration of decommissioning projects, additional experience, including technological advancements in decommissioning, could be gained, however, and affect current cost estimates. In addition, if regulations regarding nuclear decommissioning were to change, this could significantly affect cost estimates.

Interest Rates - The estimated decommissioning costs that are the basis for the recorded decommissioning liability are discounted to present value using a credit-adjusted risk-free rate. When the decommissioning liability is revised, increases in cash flows are discounted using the current credit-adjusted risk-free rate. Decreases in estimated cash flows are discounted using the credit-adjusted risk-free rate used previously in estimating the decommissioning liability that is being revised. Therefore, to the extent that a revised cost study results in an increase in estimated cash flows, a change in interest rates from the time of the previous cost estimate will affect the calculation of the present value of the revised decommissioning liability.

Revisions of estimated decommissioning costs that decrease the liability also result in a decrease in the asset retirement cost asset. For the non-rate-regulated portions of Entergy's business for which the plant's value is impaired, these reductions will immediately reduce operating expenses in the period of the revision if the reduction of the liability exceeds the amount of the undepreciated plant asset at the date of the revision. Revisions of estimated decommissioning costs that increase the liability result in an increase in the asset retirement cost asset, which is then depreciated over the asset's remaining economic life. For a plant in the non-rate-regulated portions of Entergy's business for which the plant's value is impaired, however, including a plant that is shutdown, or is nearing its shutdown date, the increase in the liability is likely to immediately increase operating expense in the period of the revision and not increase the asset retirement cost asset. See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussion of impairment of long-lived assets and Note 9 to the financial statements for further discussion of asset retirement obligations.

Utility Regulatory Accounting

Entergy's Utility operating companies and System Energy are subject to retail regulation by their respective state and local regulators and to wholesale regulation by the FERC. Because these regulatory agencies set the rates the Utility operating companies and System Energy are allowed to charge customers based on allowable costs, including a reasonable return on equity, the Utility operating companies and System Energy apply accounting standards that

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require the financial statements to reflect the effects of rate regulation, including the recording of regulatory assets and liabilities. Regulatory assets represent incurred costs that have been deferred because they are probable of future recovery from customers through regulated rates. Regulatory liabilities represent the excess recovery of costs that have been deferred because it is probable such amounts will be returned to customers through future regulated rates. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a discussion of rate and regulatory matters, including details of Entergy's and the Registrant Subsidiaries' regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities.

For each regulatory jurisdiction in which they conduct business, the Utility operating companies and System Energy assess whether the regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities continue to meet the criteria for probable future recovery or settlement at each balance sheet date and when regulatory events occur. This assessment includes consideration of recent rate orders, historical regulatory treatment for similar costs, and factors such as changes in applicable regulatory and political environments. If the assessments made by the Utility operating companies and System Energy are ultimately different than actual regulatory outcomes, it could materially affect the results of operations, financial position, and cash flows of Entergy or the Registrant Subsidiaries.

Impairment of Long-lived Assets and Trust Fund Investments

Entergy has significant investments in long-lived assets in both of its operating segments, and Entergy evaluates these assets against the market economics and under the accounting rules for impairment when there are indications that an impairment may exist. This evaluation involves a significant degree of estimation and uncertainty. In the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business, Entergy's investments in merchant generation assets are subject to impairment if adverse market or regulatory conditions arise, particularly if it leads to a decision or an expectation that Entergy will operate or own a plant for a shorter period than previously expected; if there is a significant adverse change in the physical condition of a plant; or, if investment in a plant significantly exceeds previously-expected amounts.

If an asset is considered held for use, and Entergy concludes that events and circumstances are present indicating that an impairment analysis should be performed under the accounting standards, the sum of the expected undiscounted future cash flows from the asset are compared to the asset's carrying value. The carrying value of the asset includes any capitalized asset retirement cost associated with the decommissioning liability; therefore, changes in assumptions that affect the decommissioning liability can increase or decrease the carrying value of the asset subject to impairment. If the expected undiscounted future cash flows exceed the carrying value, no impairment is recorded. If the expected undiscounted future cash flows are less than the carrying value and the carrying value exceeds the fair value, Entergy is required to record an impairment charge to write the asset down to its fair value. If an asset is considered held for sale, an impairment is required to be recognized if the fair value (less costs to sell) of the asset is less than its carrying value.

The expected future cash flows are based on a number of key assumptions, including:

• Future power and fuel prices - Electricity and gas prices can be very volatile. This volatility increases the imprecision inherent in the long-term forecasts of commodity prices that are a key determinant of estimated future cash flows.

• Market value of generation assets - Valuing assets held for sale requires estimating the current market value of generation assets. While market transactions provide evidence for this valuation, these transactions are relatively infrequent, the market for such assets is volatile, and the value of individual assets is affected by factors unique to those assets.

• Future operating costs - Entergy assumes relatively minor annual increases in operating costs. Technological or regulatory changes that have a significant effect on operations could cause a significant change in these assumptions.

Timing and the life of the asset - Entergy assumes an expected life of the asset. A change in the timing assumption, whether due to management decisions regarding operation of the plant, the regulatory process, or operational or other factors, could have a significant effect on the expected future cash flows and result in a significant effect on operations.

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See Note 14 to the financial statements for a discussion of impairment conclusions related to the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants.

Entergy evaluates the available-for-sale debt securities in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' nuclear decommissioning trust funds with unrealized losses at the end of each period to determine whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. The assessment of whether an investment in a debt security has suffered an other-than-temporary impairment is based on whether Entergy has the intent to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized costs. If Entergy does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the debt security, an other-than-temporary-impairment is considered to have occurred and it is measured by the present value of cash flows expected to be collected less the amortized cost basis (credit loss). Entergy's trusts are managed by third parties who operate in accordance with agreements that define investment guidelines and place restrictions on the purchases and sales of investments. Effective January 1, 2018 with the adoption of ASU 2016-01, unrealized losses and gains on investments in equity securities held by the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' nuclear decommissioning trust funds are recorded in earnings as they occur. See Note 16 to the financial statements for details on the decommissioning trust funds.

Taxation and Uncertain Tax Positions

Management exercises significant judgment in evaluating the potential tax effects of Entergy's operations, transactions, and other events. Entergy accounts for uncertain income tax positions using a recognition model under a two-step approach with a more likely-than-not recognition threshold and a measurement approach based on the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. Management evaluates each tax position based on the technical merits and facts and circumstances of the position, assuming the position will be examined by a taxing authority having full knowledge of all relevant information. Significant judgment is required to determine whether available information supports the assertion that the recognition threshold has been met. Additionally, measurement of unrecognized tax benefits to be recorded in the consolidated financial statements is based on the probability of different potential outcomes. Income tax expense and tax positions recorded could be significantly affected by events such as additional transactions contemplated or consummated by Entergy as well as audits by taxing authorities of the tax positions taken in transactions. Management believes that the financial statement tax balances are accounted for and adjusted appropriately each quarter as necessary in accordance with applicable authoritative guidance; however, the ultimate outcome of tax matters could result in favorable or unfavorable effects on the consolidated financial statements. Entergy's income taxes, including unrecognized tax benefits, open audits, and other significant tax matters are discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements.

See "MANAGEMENT'S FINANCIAL DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Income Tax Legislation" above and Note 3 to the financial statements for discussion of the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the federal income tax legislation enacted in December 2017.

Qualified Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

Entergy sponsors qualified, defined benefit pension plans that cover substantially all employees, including cash balance plans and final average pay plans. Additionally, Entergy currently provides other postretirement health care and life insurance benefits for substantially all full-time employees whose most recent date of hire or rehire is before July 1, 2014 and who reach retirement age and meet certain eligibility requirements while still working for Entergy.

Entergy's reported costs of providing these benefits, as described in Note 11 to the financial statements, are affected by numerous factors including the provisions of the plans, changing employee demographics, and various actuarial calculations, assumptions, and accounting mechanisms. Because of the complexity of these calculations, the long-term nature of these obligations, and the importance of the assumptions utilized, Entergy's estimate of these costs is a critical accounting estimate for the Utility and Entergy Wholesale Commodities segments.



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Assumptions

Key actuarial assumptions utilized in determining qualified pension and other postretirement health care and life insurance costs include discount rates, projected healthcare cost rates, expected long-term rate of return on plan assets, rate of increase in future compensation levels, retirement rates, expected timing and form of payments, and mortality rates.

Annually, Entergy reviews and, when necessary, adjusts the assumptions for the pension and other postretirement plans. Every three-to-five years, a formal actuarial assumption experience study that compares assumptions to the actual experience of the pension and other postretirement health care and life insurance plans is conducted. The interest rate environment over the past few years and volatility in the financial equity markets have affected Entergy's funding and reported costs for these benefits.

Discount rates

In selecting an assumed discount rate to calculate benefit obligations, Entergy uses a yield curve based on high-quality corporate debt with cash flows matching the expected plan benefit payments. In estimating the service cost and interest cost components of net periodic benefit cost, Entergy discounts the expected cash flows by the applicable spot rates.

Projected health care cost trend rates

Entergy's health care cost trend is affected by both medical cost inflation, and with respect to capped costs under the plan, the effects of general inflation. Entergy reviews actual recent cost trends and projected future trends in establishing its health care cost trend rates.

Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets

In determining its expected long-term rate of return on plan assets used in the calculation of benefit plan costs, Entergy reviews past performance, current and expected future asset allocations, and capital market assumptions of its investment consultant and some of its investment managers. Entergy conducts periodic asset/liability studies in order to set its target asset allocations.

In 2017, Entergy confirmed its liability-driven investment strategy for its pension assets, which recommended that the target asset allocation adjust dynamically over time, based on the funded status of the plan, to an ultimate allocation of 35% equity securities and 65% fixed income securities. The ultimate asset allocation is expected to be attained when the plan is 105% funded. The target pension asset allocation for 2018 was 58% equity and 42% fixed income securities.

In 2017, Entergy implemented a new asset allocation strategy for its non-taxable and taxable other postretirement assets, based on the funded status of each sub-account within each trust. The new strategy no longer focuses on targeting an overall asset allocation for each trust, but rather a target asset allocation for each sub-account within each trust that adjusts dynamically based on the funded status. The 2018 weighted average target postretirement asset allocation is 45% equity and 55% fixed income securities. See Note 11 to the financial statements for discussion of the current asset allocations for Entergy's pension and other postretirement assets.



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## Costs and Sensitivities

The estimated 2019 and actual 2018 qualified pension and other postretirement costs and related underlying assumptions and sensitivities are shown below:

Costs	Estimated 2019 (In Millions)	2018
Qualified pension cost	\$248.4	\$255.6
Other postretirement (income)/cost	(\$5.6)	\$13.1
Assumptions	2019	2018
Discount rates		
Qualified pension		
Service cost	4.57%	3.89%
Interest cost	4.15%	3.44%
Other postretirement		
Service cost	4.62%	3.88%
Interest cost	4.01%	3.33%
Expected long-term rates of return		
Qualified pension assets	7.25%	7.50%
Other postretirement - non-taxable assets	6.50% - 7.25%	6.50% - 7.50%
Other postretirement - taxable assets - after tax rate	5.50%	5.50%
Weighted-average rate of future compensation	3.98%	3.98%
Assumed health care cost trend rates		
Pre-65 retirees	6.59%	6.95%
Post-65 retirees	7.15%	7.25%
Ultimate rate	4.75%	4.75%
Year ultimate rate is reached and beyond		
Pre-65 retirees	2027	2027
Post-65 retirees	2026	2027

Actual asset returns have an effect on Entergy's qualified pension and other postretirement costs. In 2018, Entergy's actual average annual return on qualified pension assets was approximately (5%) and for other postretirement assets was approximately (4%), as compared with the 2018 expected long-term rates of return discussed above.

The following chart reflects the sensitivity of qualified pension cost and qualified pension projected benefit obligation to changes in certain actuarial assumptions (dollars in millions):

Actuarial Assumption	Change in Assumption Increase/(Decrease)	Impact on 2019 Qualified Pension Cost	Impact on 2018 Qualified Projected Benefit Obligation
Discount rate	(0.25%)	\$21	\$210
Rate of return on plan assets	(0.25%)	\$14	\$—
	0.25%	\$7	\$34

Rate of increase in  
compensation

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The following chart reflects the sensitivity of postretirement benefit cost and accumulated postretirement benefit obligation to changes in certain actuarial assumptions (dollars in millions):

Actuarial Assumption	Change in Assumption Increase/(Decrease)	Impact on 2019 Postretirement Benefit Cost	Impact on 2018 Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation
Discount rate	(0.25%)	\$2	\$37
Health care cost trend	0.25%	\$3	\$29

Each fluctuation above assumes that the other components of the calculation are held constant.

## Accounting Mechanisms

In accordance with pension accounting standards, Entergy utilizes a number of accounting mechanisms that reduce the volatility of reported pension costs. Differences between actuarial assumptions and actual plan results are deferred and are amortized into expense only when the accumulated differences exceed 10% of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the market-related value of plan assets. If necessary, the excess is amortized over the average remaining service period of active employees. Additionally, accounting standards allow for the deferral of prior service costs/credits arising from plan amendments that attribute an increase or decrease in benefits to employee service in prior periods. Prior service costs/credits are then amortized into expense over the average future working life of active employees. Certain decisions, including workforce reductions, plan amendments, and plant shutdowns may significantly reduce the expense amortization period and result in immediate recognition of certain previously-deferred costs and gains/losses in the form of curtailment gains or losses. Similarly, payments made to settle benefit obligations, including lump sum benefit payments, can also result in recognition in the form of settlement losses or gains.

Entergy calculates the expected return on pension and other postretirement benefit plan assets by multiplying the long-term expected rate of return on assets by the market-related value (MRV) of plan assets. Entergy determines the MRV of pension plan assets by calculating a value that uses a 20-quarter phase-in of the difference between actual and expected returns. For other postretirement benefit plan assets Entergy uses fair value when determining MRV.

Accounting standards require an employer to recognize in its balance sheet the funded status of its benefit plans. See Note 11 to the financial statements for a further discussion of Entergy's funded status.

## Funding

Entergy's pension funding in 2018 was \$383.5 million. Entergy estimates pension contributions will be approximately \$176.9 million in 2019; although the 2019 required pension contributions will be known with more certainty when the January 1, 2019 valuations are completed, which is expected by April 1, 2019.

Minimum required funding calculations as determined under Pension Protection Act guidance are performed annually as of January 1 of each year and are based on measurements of the assets and funding liabilities as measured at that date. Any excess of the funding liability over the calculated fair market value of assets results in a funding shortfall that, under the Pension Protection Act, must be funded over a seven-year rolling period. The Pension Protection Act also imposes certain plan limitations if the funded percentage, which is based on calculated fair market values of assets divided by funding liabilities, does not meet certain thresholds. For funding purposes, asset gains and losses are smoothed in to the calculated fair market value of assets. The funding liability is based upon a weighted average

24-month corporate bond rate published by the U.S. Treasury which is generally subject to a corridor of the 25-year average of prior segment rates. Periodic changes in asset returns and interest rates can affect funding shortfalls and future cash contributions.

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Entergy contributed \$43.8 million to its postretirement plans in 2018 and plans to contribute \$47.6 million in 2019.

Other Contingencies

As a company with multi-state utility operations, Entergy is subject to a number of federal and state laws and regulations and other factors and conditions in the areas in which it operates, which potentially subjects it to environmental, litigation, and other risks. Entergy periodically evaluates its exposure for such risks and records a provision for those matters which are considered probable and estimable in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Environmental

Entergy must comply with environmental laws and regulations applicable to air emissions, water discharges, solid waste (including coal combustion residuals), hazardous waste, toxic substances, protected species, and other environmental matters. Under these various laws and regulations, Entergy could incur substantial costs to comply or address any impacts to the environment. Entergy conducts studies to determine the extent of any required remediation and has recorded liabilities based upon its evaluation of the likelihood of loss and expected dollar amount for each issue. Additional sites or issues could be identified which require environmental remediation or corrective action for which Entergy could be liable. The amounts of environmental liabilities recorded can be significantly affected by the following external events or conditions.

- Changes to existing federal, state, or local regulation by governmental authorities having jurisdiction over air quality, water quality, control of toxic substances and hazardous and solid wastes, and other environmental matters.
- The identification of additional impacts, sites, issues, or the filing of other complaints in which Entergy may be asserted to be a potentially responsible party.
- The resolution or progression of existing matters through the court system or resolution by the EPA or relevant state or local authority.

Litigation

Entergy is regularly named as a defendant in a number of lawsuits involving employment, customers, and injuries and damages issues, among other matters. Entergy periodically reviews the cases in which it has been named as defendant and assesses the likelihood of loss in each case as probable, reasonably possible, or remote and records liabilities for cases that have a probable likelihood of loss and the loss can be estimated. Given the environment in which Entergy operates, and the unpredictable nature of many of the cases in which Entergy is named as a defendant, the ultimate outcome of the litigation to which Entergy is exposed has the potential to materially affect the results of operations, financial position, and cash flows of Entergy or the Registrant Subsidiaries.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1 to the financial statements for discussion of new accounting pronouncements.





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REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

Management of Entergy Corporation and its subsidiaries has prepared and is responsible for the financial statements and related financial information included in this document. To meet this responsibility, management establishes and maintains a system of internal controls over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This system includes communication through written policies and procedures, an employee Code of Entegrity, and an organizational structure that provides for appropriate division of responsibility and training of personnel. This system is also tested by a comprehensive internal audit program.

Entergy management assesses the design and effectiveness of Entergy's internal control over financial reporting on an annual basis. In making this assessment, management uses the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control - Integrated Framework. The 2013 COSO Framework was utilized for management's assessment. Management acknowledges, however, that all internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations and can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Entergy Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of Entergy Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018.

In addition, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, composed solely of independent Directors, meets with the independent auditors, internal auditors, management, and internal accountants periodically to discuss internal controls, and auditing and financial reporting matters. The Audit Committee appoints the independent auditors annually, seeks shareholder ratification of the appointment, and reviews with the independent auditors the scope and results of the audit effort. The Audit Committee also meets periodically with the independent auditors and the chief internal auditor without management present, providing free access to the Audit Committee.

Based on management's assessment of internal controls using the 2013 COSO criteria, management believes that Entergy and each of the Registrant Subsidiaries maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018. Management further believes that this assessment, combined with the policies and procedures noted above, provides reasonable assurance that Entergy's and each of the Registrant Subsidiaries' financial statements are fairly and accurately presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

LEO P. DENAULT Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Entergy Corporation	ANDREW S. MARSH Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, Entergy New Orleans, LLC, Entergy Texas, Inc., and System Energy Resources, Inc.
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LAURA R. LANDREAUX Chair of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Entergy Arkansas, LLC	PHILLIP R. MAY, JR. Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Entergy Louisiana, LLC
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HALEY R. FISACKERLY Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Entergy Mississippi, LLC	DAVID D. ELLIS Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Entergy New Orleans, LLC
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SALLIE T. RAINER  
Chair of the Board, President, and  
Chief Executive Officer of Entergy  
Texas, Inc.

RODERICK K. WEST  
Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of System  
Energy Resources, Inc.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA - FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(In Thousands, Except Percentages and Per Share Amounts)				
Operating revenues	\$11,009,452	\$11,074,481	\$10,845,645	\$11,513,251	\$12,494,921
Net income (loss)	\$862,555	\$425,353	(\$564,503 )	(\$156,734 )	\$960,257
Earnings (loss) per share:					
Basic	\$4.68	\$2.29	(\$3.26 )	(\$0.99 )	\$5.24
Diluted	\$4.63	\$2.28	(\$3.26 )	(\$0.99 )	\$5.22
Dividends declared per share	\$3.58	\$3.50	\$3.42	\$3.34	\$3.32
Return on common equity	10.08	% 5.12	% (6.73	%) (1.83	%) 9.58
Book value per share, year-end	\$46.78	\$44.28	\$45.12	\$51.89	\$55.83
Total assets	\$48,275,066	\$46,707,149	\$45,904,434	\$44,647,681	\$46,414,455
Long-term obligations (a)	\$15,758,083	\$14,535,077	\$14,695,422	\$13,456,742	\$12,627,180

(a) Includes long-term debt (excluding currently maturing debt), non-current capital lease obligations, and subsidiary preferred stock without sinking fund that is not presented as equity on the balance sheet.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(Dollars In Millions)				
Utility electric operating revenues:					
Residential	\$3,566	\$3,355	\$3,288	\$3,518	\$3,555
Commercial	2,426	2,480	2,362	2,516	2,553
Industrial	2,499	2,584	2,327	2,462	2,623
Governmental	226	231	217	223	227
Total retail	8,717	8,650	8,194	8,719	8,958
Sales for resale	300	253	236	249	330
Other	367	376	437	341	304
Total	\$9,384	\$9,279	\$8,867	\$9,309	\$9,592
Utility billed electric energy sales (GWh):					
Residential	37,107	33,834	35,112	36,068	35,932
Commercial	29,426	28,745	29,197	29,348	28,827
Industrial	48,384	47,769	45,739	44,382	43,723
Governmental	2,581	2,511	2,547	2,514	2,428
Total retail	117,498	112,859	112,595	112,312	110,910
Sales for resale	11,715	11,550	11,054	9,274	9,462
Total	129,213	124,409	123,649	121,586	120,372
Entergy Wholesale Commodities:					
Operating revenues	\$1,469	\$1,657	\$1,850	\$2,062	\$2,719
Billed electric energy sales (GWh)	29,875	30,501	35,881	39,745	44,424



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the shareholders and Board of Directors of  
Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries (the “Corporation”) as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows, and changes in equity, for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Corporation’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 26, 2019, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Corporation’s internal control over financial reporting.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Corporation’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Corporation in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 26, 2019

We have served as the Corporation’s auditor since 2001.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In Thousands, Except Share Data)		
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Electric	\$9,384,111	\$9,278,895	\$8,866,659
Natural gas	156,436	138,856	129,348
Competitive businesses	1,468,905	1,656,730	1,849,638
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,009,452</b>	<b>11,074,481</b>	<b>10,845,645</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Operation and Maintenance:			
Fuel, fuel-related expenses, and gas purchased for resale	2,147,793	1,991,589	1,809,200
Purchased power	1,658,799	1,427,950	1,220,527
Nuclear refueling outage expenses	153,826	168,151	208,678
Other operation and maintenance	3,346,397	3,306,694	3,225,477
Asset write-offs, impairments, and related charges	532,321	538,372	2,835,637
Decommissioning	388,508	405,685	327,425
Taxes other than income taxes	641,952	617,556	592,502
Depreciation and amortization	1,369,442	1,389,978	1,347,187
Other regulatory charges (credits) - net	301,049	(131,901)	94,243
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,540,087</b>	<b>9,714,074</b>	<b>11,660,876</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>469,365</b>	<b>1,360,407</b>	<b>(815,231)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	129,602	95,088	67,563
Interest and investment income	63,864	288,197	145,127
Miscellaneous - net	(129,754)	(113,426)	(112,851)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,712</b>	<b>269,859</b>	<b>99,839</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>			
Interest expense	768,322	707,212	700,545
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction	(60,974)	(44,869)	(34,175)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>707,348</b>	<b>662,343</b>	<b>666,370</b>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>(174,271)</b>	<b>967,923</b>	<b>(1,381,762)</b>
Income taxes	(1,036,826)	542,570	(817,259)
<b>CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>862,555</b>	<b>425,353</b>	<b>(564,503)</b>
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	13,894	13,741	19,115
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENTERGY CORPORATION</b>	<b>\$848,661</b>	<b>\$411,612</b>	<b>(\$583,618)</b>
Earnings (loss) per average common share:			

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Basic	\$4.68	\$2.29	(\$3.26 )
Diluted	\$4.63	\$2.28	(\$3.26 )

Basic average number of common shares outstanding	181,409,597	179,671,797	178,885,660
Diluted average number of common shares outstanding	183,378,513	180,535,893	178,885,660

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the Years Ended December		
	31,	2017	2016
	2018		
	(In Thousands)		
Net Income (Loss)	\$862,555	\$425,353	(\$564,503)
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Cash flow hedges net unrealized gain (loss)			
(net of tax expense (benefit) of \$5,830, (\$22,570), and (\$55,298))	22,098	(41,470 )	(101,977 )
Pension and other postretirement liabilities			
(net of tax expense (benefit) of \$30,299, (\$4,057), and (\$3,952))	90,143	(61,653 )	(2,842 )
Net unrealized investment gains (losses)			
(net of tax expense of \$6,393, \$80,069, and \$57,277)	(28,771 )	115,311	62,177
Foreign currency translation			
(net of tax benefit of \$-, \$403, and \$689)	—	(748 )	(1,280 )
Other comprehensive income (loss)	83,470	11,440	(43,922 )
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	946,025	436,793	(608,425 )
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	13,894	13,741	19,115
Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to Entergy Corporation	\$932,131	\$423,052	(\$627,540)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December		
	31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)		
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$862,555	\$425,353	(\$564,503)
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income (loss) to net cash flow provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and decommissioning, including nuclear fuel amortization	2,040,555	2,078,578	2,123,291
Deferred income taxes, investment tax credits, and non-current taxes accrued	(256,848)	529,053	(836,257)
Asset write-offs, impairments, and related charges	491,739	357,251	2,835,637
Changes in working capital:			
Receivables	98,546	(97,637)	(96,975)
Fuel inventory	45,839	(3,043)	38,210
Accounts payable	97,312	101,802	174,421
Prepaid taxes and taxes accrued	39,272	33,853	(28,963)
Interest accrued	5,220	742	(7,335)
Deferred fuel costs	(25,829)	56,290	(241,896)
Other working capital accounts	(164,173)	(4,331)	31,197
Changes in provisions for estimated losses	35,706	(3,279)	20,905
Changes in other regulatory assets	189,193	595,504	(48,469)
Changes in other regulatory liabilities	(803,323)	2,915,795	158,031
Deferred tax rate change recognized as regulatory liability / asset	—	(3,665,498)	—
Changes in pensions and other postretirement liabilities	(304,941)	(130,686)	(136,919)
Other	34,424	(566,247)	(421,676)
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	2,385,247	2,623,500	2,998,699
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Construction/capital expenditures	(3,942,010)	(3,607,532)	(2,780,222)
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	130,195	96,000	68,345
Nuclear fuel purchases	(302,584)	(377,324)	(314,706)
Payment for purchase of plant or assets	(26,623)	(16,762)	(949,329)
Proceeds from sale of assets	24,902	100,000	—
Insurance proceeds received for property damages	18,270	26,157	20,968
Changes in securitization account	(5,844)	1,323	4,007
Payments to storm reserve escrow account	(6,551)	(2,878)	(1,544)
Receipts from storm reserve escrow account	—	11,323	—
Decrease (increase) in other investments	(54,500)	1,078	9,055
Litigation proceeds for reimbursement of spent nuclear fuel storage costs	59,643	25,493	169,085
Proceeds from nuclear decommissioning trust fund sales	6,484,791	3,162,747	2,408,920
Investment in nuclear decommissioning trust funds	(6,485,676)	(3,260,674)	(2,484,627)
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(4,105,987)	(3,841,049)	(3,850,048)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)		
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from the issuance of:			
Long-term debt	8,035,536	1,809,390	6,800,558
Preferred stock of subsidiary	73,330	14,399	—
Treasury stock	103,315	80,729	33,114
Common stock	499,272	—	—
Retirement of long-term debt	(6,965,738)	(1,585,681)	(5,311,324)
Repurchase / redemptions of preferred stock	(53,868)	(20,599)	(115,283)
Changes in credit borrowings and commercial paper - net	364,031	1,163,296	(79,337)
Other	26,453	(7,731)	(6,872)
Dividends paid:			
Common stock	(647,704)	(628,885)	(611,835)
Preferred stock	(14,185)	(13,940)	(20,789)
Net cash flow provided by financing activities	1,420,442	810,978	688,232
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(300,298)	(406,571)	(163,117)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	781,273	1,187,844	1,350,961
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$480,975	\$781,273	\$1,187,844
 <b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Cash paid (received) during the period for:			
Interest - net of amount capitalized	\$734,845	\$678,371	\$746,779
Income taxes	\$19,825	(\$13,375)	\$95,317

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
ASSETS

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In Thousands)	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash	\$56,690	\$56,629
Temporary cash investments	424,285	724,644
Total cash and cash equivalents	480,975	781,273
Accounts receivable:		
Customer	558,494	673,347
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(7,322)	(13,587)
Other	167,722	169,377
Accrued unbilled revenues	395,511	383,813
Total accounts receivable	1,114,405	1,212,950
Deferred fuel costs	27,251	95,746
Fuel inventory - at average cost	117,304	182,643
Materials and supplies - at average cost	752,843	723,222
Deferred nuclear refueling outage costs	230,960	133,164
Prepayments and other	234,326	156,333
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,958,064</b>	<b>3,285,331</b>
<b>OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investment in affiliates - at equity	—	198
Decommissioning trust funds	6,920,164	7,211,993
Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation)	304,382	260,980
Other	437,265	441,862
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,661,811</b>	<b>7,915,033</b>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Electric	49,196,578	47,287,370
Property under capital lease	634,908	620,544
Natural gas	496,150	453,162
Construction work in progress	2,888,639	1,980,508
Nuclear fuel	861,272	923,200
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>54,077,547</b>	<b>51,264,784</b>
Less - accumulated depreciation and amortization	22,103,101	21,600,424
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - NET</b>	<b>31,974,446</b>	<b>29,664,360</b>
<b>DEFERRED DEBITS AND OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Regulatory assets:		
Other regulatory assets (includes securitization property of \$360,790 as of December 31, 2018 and \$485,031 as of December 31, 2017)	4,746,496	4,935,689
Deferred fuel costs	239,496	239,298
Goodwill	377,172	377,172

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Accumulated deferred income taxes	54,593	178,204
Other	262,988	112,062
TOTAL	5,680,745	5,842,425
TOTAL ASSETS	\$48,275,066	\$46,707,149

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In Thousands)	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Currently maturing long-term debt	\$650,009	\$760,007
Notes payable and commercial paper	1,942,339	1,578,308
Accounts payable	1,496,058	1,452,216
Customer deposits	411,505	401,330
Taxes accrued	254,241	214,967
Interest accrued	193,192	187,972
Deferred fuel costs	52,396	146,522
Obligations under capital leases	1,617	1,502
Pension and other postretirement liabilities	61,240	71,612
Current portion of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes	248,127	—
Other	132,820	221,771
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,443,544</b>	<b>5,036,207</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued	4,107,152	4,466,503
Accumulated deferred investment tax credits	213,101	219,634
Obligations under capital leases	20,378	22,015
Regulatory liability for income taxes-net	1,817,021	2,900,204
Other regulatory liabilities	1,620,254	1,588,520
Decommissioning and asset retirement cost liabilities	6,355,543	6,185,814
Accumulated provisions	514,107	478,273
Pension and other postretirement liabilities	2,616,085	2,910,654
Long-term debt (includes securitization bonds of \$423,858 as of December 31, 2018 and \$544,921 as of December 31, 2017)	15,518,303	14,315,259
Other	985,871	393,748
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,767,815</b>	<b>33,480,624</b>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>		
Subsidiaries' preferred stock without sinking fund	219,402	197,803
<b>COMMON EQUITY</b>		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 500,000,000 shares; issued 261,587,009 shares in 2018 and 254,752,788 shares in 2017	2,616	2,548
Paid-in capital	5,951,431	5,433,433
Retained earnings	8,721,150	7,977,702
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(557,173)	(23,531)
Less - treasury stock, at cost (72,530,866 shares in 2018 and 74,235,135 shares in 2017)	5,273,719	5,397,637
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,844,305</b>	<b>7,992,515</b>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016

	Common Shareholders' Equity					Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
	Subsidiaries' Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings		
	(In Thousands)						
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$—	\$2,548	(\$5,552,379)	\$5,403,758	\$9,393,913	\$8,951	\$9,256,791
Consolidated net income (loss)	19,115	—	—	—	(583,618 )	—	(564,503 )
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(43,922 )	(43,922 )
Common stock issuances related to stock plans	—	—	53,795	13,487	—	—	67,282
Common stock dividends declared	—	—	—	—	(611,835 )	—	(611,835 )
Subsidiaries' capital stock redemptions	—	—	—	—	(2,889 )	—	(2,889 )
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	(19,115 )	—	—	—	—	—	(19,115 )
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$—	\$2,548	(\$5,498,584)	\$5,417,245	\$8,195,571	(\$34,971 )	\$8,081,809
Consolidated net income	13,741	—	—	—	411,612	—	425,353
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	11,440	11,440
Common stock issuances related to stock plans	—	—	100,947	16,188	—	—	117,135
Common stock dividends declared	—	—	—	—	(628,885 )	—	(628,885 )
Subsidiaries' capital stock redemptions	—	—	—	—	(596 )	—	(596 )
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	(13,741 )	—	—	—	—	—	(13,741 )
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$—	\$2,548	(\$5,397,637)	\$5,433,433	\$7,977,702	(\$23,531 )	\$7,992,515
Implementation of accounting standards	—	—	—	—	576,257	(632,617 )	(56,360 )
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$—	\$2,548	(\$5,397,637)	\$5,433,433	\$8,553,959	(\$656,148 )	\$7,936,155
Consolidated net income	13,894	—	—	—	848,661	—	862,555
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	83,470	83,470
Settlement of equity forwards through common stock issuance	—	68	—	499,932	—	—	500,000
Common stock issuance costs	—	—	—	(728 )	—	—	(728 )
Common stock issuances related to stock plans	—	—	123,918	18,794	—	—	142,712
Common stock dividends declared	—	—	—	—	(647,704 )	—	(647,704 )
Subsidiaries' capital stock redemptions	—	—	—	—	(1,723 )	—	(1,723 )
	(13,894 )	—	—	—	—	—	(13,894 )

Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries

Reclassification pursuant to ASU 2018-02	—	—	—	—	(32,043	)	15,505	(16,538	)
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$—	\$2,616	(\$5,273,719)	\$5,951,431	\$8,721,150	(\$557,173	)	\$8,844,305	

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Entergy Corporation and its subsidiaries. As required by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, all intercompany transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. Entergy's Registrant Subsidiaries (Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy) also include their separate financial statements in this Form 10-K. The Registrant Subsidiaries and many other Entergy subsidiaries also maintain accounts in accordance with FERC and other regulatory guidelines.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, the preparation of Entergy Corporation's consolidated financial statements and the separate financial statements of the Registrant Subsidiaries requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Adjustments to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities may be necessary in the future to the extent that future estimates or actual results are different from the estimates used.

Revenues and Fuel Costs

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy Texas generate, transmit, and distribute electric power primarily to retail customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, respectively. Entergy Louisiana also distributes natural gas to retail customers in and around Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Entergy New Orleans sells both electric power and natural gas to retail customers in the City of New Orleans. The Entergy Wholesale Commodities segment derives almost all of its revenue from sales of electric power generated by plants owned by subsidiaries in that segment.

Entergy recognizes revenue from electric power and natural gas sales when power or gas is delivered to customers. To the extent that deliveries have occurred but a bill has not been issued, Entergy's Utility operating companies accrue an estimate of the revenues for energy delivered since the latest billings. The Utility operating companies calculate the estimate based upon several factors including billings through the last billing cycle in a month, actual generation in the month, historical line loss factors, and prices in effect in Entergy's Utility operating companies' various jurisdictions. Changes are made to the inputs in the estimate as needed to reflect changes in billing practices. Each month the estimated unbilled revenue amounts are recorded as revenue and unbilled accounts receivable, and the prior month's estimate is reversed. Therefore, changes in price and volume differences resulting from factors such as weather affect the calculation of unbilled revenues from one period to the next, and may result in variability in reported revenues from one period to the next as prior estimates are reversed and new estimates recorded.

For sales under rates implemented subject to refund, Entergy reduces revenue by accruing estimated amounts for probable refunds when Entergy believes it is probable that revenues will be refunded to customers based upon the status of the rate proceeding.

See Note 19 to the financial statements for details of Entergy's and the Registrant Subsidiaries' revenues.

Entergy's Utility operating companies' rate schedules include either fuel adjustment clauses or fixed fuel factors, which allow either current recovery in billings to customers or deferral of fuel costs until the costs are billed to customers. Where the fuel component of revenues is billed based on a pre-determined fuel cost (fixed fuel factor), the fuel factor remains in effect until changed as part of a general rate case, fuel reconciliation, or fixed fuel factor

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filing. System Energy's operating revenues are intended to recover from Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans operating expenses and capital costs attributable to Grand Gulf. The capital costs are computed by allowing a return on System Energy's common equity funds allocable to its net investment in Grand Gulf, plus System Energy's effective interest cost for its debt allocable to its investment in Grand Gulf.

## Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment is stated at original cost less regulatory disallowances and impairments. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis at rates based on the applicable estimated service lives of the various classes of property. For the Registrant Subsidiaries, the original cost of plant retired or removed, less salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation. Normal maintenance, repairs, and minor replacement costs are charged to operating expenses. Substantially all of the Registrant Subsidiaries' plant is subject to mortgage liens.

Electric plant includes the portions of Grand Gulf and Waterford 3 that were sold and leased back in prior periods. For financial reporting purposes, these sale and leaseback arrangements are reflected as financing transactions. In March 2016, Entergy Louisiana completed the first step in a two-step transaction to purchase the undivided interests in Waterford 3 that were previously being leased by acquiring a beneficial interest in the Waterford 3 leased assets. In February 2017 the leases were terminated and the leased assets transferred to Entergy Louisiana. See Note 10 to the financial statements for further discussion of Entergy Louisiana's purchase of the Waterford 3 leased assets.

Net property, plant, and equipment for Entergy (including property under capital lease and associated accumulated amortization) by business segment and functional category, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, is shown below:

2018	Entergy	Utility	Entergy Wholesale Commodities	Parent & Other
	(In Millions)			
Production				
Nuclear	\$7,096	\$6,964	\$132	\$—
Other	4,171	4,069	102	—
Transmission	6,592	6,590	2	—
Distribution	8,343	8,343	—	—
Other	2,022	2,011	2	9
Construction work in progress	2,889	2,815	74	—
Nuclear fuel	861	754	107	—
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$31,974	\$31,546	\$419	\$9

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2017	Entergy	Utility	Entergy Wholesale Commodities	Parent & Other
	(In Millions)			
Production				
Nuclear	\$6,946	\$6,694	\$252	\$—
Other	4,215	4,118	97	—
Transmission	5,844	5,842	2	—
Distribution	8,000	8,000	—	—
Other	1,755	1,748	3	4
Construction work in progress	1,981	1,951	30	—
Nuclear fuel	923	822	101	—
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$29,664	\$29,175	\$485	\$4

Depreciation rates on average depreciable property for Entergy approximated 2.8% in 2018, 3% in 2017, and 2.8% in 2016. Included in these rates are the depreciation rates on average depreciable Utility property of 2.6% in 2018, 2.6% in 2017, and 2.6% in 2016, and the depreciation rates on average depreciable Entergy Wholesale Commodities property of 18.6% in 2018, 22.3% in 2017, and 5.2% in 2016. The increased depreciation rate in 2017 for Entergy Wholesale Commodities reflects the significantly reduced remaining estimated operating lives associated with management's strategy to reduce the size of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities' merchant fleet. The decreased depreciation rate in 2018 for Entergy Wholesale Commodities is due to the decision in the third quarter 2017 to continue operating Palisades until May 31, 2022.

Entergy amortizes nuclear fuel using a units-of-production method. Nuclear fuel amortization is included in fuel expense in the income statements. Because the value of their long-lived assets are impaired, and their remaining estimated operating lives significantly reduced, the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants, except for Palisades, charge nuclear fuel costs directly to expense when incurred because their undiscounted cash flows are insufficient to recover the carrying amount of these capital additions.

“Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation)” for Entergy is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$177 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$167 million as of December 31, 2017.

Construction expenditures included in accounts payable is \$311 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$368 million as of December 31, 2017.

Net property, plant, and equipment for the Registrant Subsidiaries (including property under capital lease and associated accumulated amortization) by company and functional category, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, is shown below:

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2018	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Millions)					
Production						
Nuclear	\$1,494	\$3,725	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$1,745
Other	820	2,029	509	196	515	—
Transmission	1,792	2,571	1,046	78	1,063	40
Distribution	2,329	2,882	1,342	471	1,319	—
Other	311	699	242	233	193	39
Construction work in progress	244	1,865	128	147	325	70
Nuclear fuel	221	298	—	—	—	235
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$7,211	\$14,069	\$3,267	\$1,125	\$3,415	\$2,129
2017	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Millions)					
Production						
Nuclear	\$1,368	\$3,664	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$1,660
Other	806	2,016	560	207	531	—
Transmission	1,650	2,148	900	81	1,021	42
Distribution	2,226	2,748	1,316	440	1,270	—
Other	247	592	203	204	168	39
Construction work in progress	281	1,281	149	47	102	70
Nuclear fuel	277	337	—	—	—	208
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$6,855	\$12,786	\$3,128	\$979	\$3,092	\$2,019

Depreciation rates on average depreciable property for the Registrant Subsidiaries are shown below:

	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
2018	2.5%	2.3%	3.2%	3.5%	2.7%	1.9%
2017	2.5%	2.3%	3.1%	3.5%	2.6%	2.8%
2016	2.5%	2.3%	3.1%	3.4%	2.5%	2.8%

Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation) for Entergy Louisiana is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$161.2 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$152.3 million as of December 31, 2017. Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation) for Entergy Mississippi is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2017. Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation) for Entergy Texas is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$4.9 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$4.9 million as of December 31, 2017.

As of December 31, 2018, construction expenditures included in accounts payable are \$35.7 million for Entergy Arkansas, \$104.6 million for Entergy Louisiana, \$13.6 million for Entergy Mississippi, \$5.8 million for Entergy New Orleans, \$55.6 million for Entergy Texas, and \$26.3 million for System Energy. As of December 31, 2017, construction expenditures included in accounts payable are \$58.8 million for Entergy Arkansas, \$160.4 million for Entergy Louisiana, \$17.1 million for Entergy Mississippi, \$2.5 million for Entergy New Orleans, \$32.8 million for Entergy Texas, and \$33.9 million for System Energy.





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Jointly-Owned Generating Stations

Certain Entergy subsidiaries jointly own electric generating facilities with affiliates or third parties. All parties are required to provide their own financing. The investments, fuel expenses, and other operation and maintenance expenses associated with these generating stations are recorded by the Entergy subsidiaries to the extent of their respective undivided ownership interests. As of December 31, 2018, the subsidiaries' investment and accumulated depreciation in each of these generating stations were as follows:

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Generating Stations		Fuel Type	Total Megawatt Capability (a)	Ownership	Investment	Accumulated Depreciation
(In Millions)						
Utility business:						
Entergy Arkansas -						
Independence	Unit 1	Coal	810	31.50 %	\$141	\$103
Independence	Common Facilities	Coal		15.75 %	\$35	\$28
White Bluff	Units 1 and 2	Coal	1,637	57.00 %	\$553	\$368
Ouachita (b)	Common Facilities	Gas		66.67 %	\$173	\$151
Union (c)	Units 1 and 2 Common Facilities	Gas		50.00 %	\$1	\$—
Union (c)	Common Facilities	Gas		25.00 %	\$29	\$4
Entergy Louisiana -						
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6	Coal	550	40.25 %	\$282	\$200
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6 Common Facilities	Coal		20.83 %	\$19	\$8
Big Cajun 2	Unit 3	Coal	581	24.15 %	\$151	\$120
Big Cajun 2	Unit 3 Common Facilities	Coal		8.05 %	\$5	\$2
Ouachita (b)	Common Facilities	Gas		33.33 %	\$90	\$76
Acadia	Common Facilities	Gas		50.00 %	\$20	\$1
Union (c)	Common Facilities	Gas		50.00 %	\$57	\$5
Entergy Mississippi -						
Independence	Units 1 and 2 and Common Facilities	Coal	1,652	25.00 %	\$270	\$158
Entergy New Orleans -						
Union (c)	Units 1 and 2 Common Facilities	Gas		50.00 %	\$1	\$—
Union (c)	Common Facilities	Gas		25.00 %	\$29	\$4
Entergy Texas -						
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6	Coal	550	29.75 %	\$201	\$116
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6 Common Facilities	Coal		15.39 %	\$7	\$3
Big Cajun 2	Unit 3	Coal	581	17.85 %	\$113	\$77
Big Cajun 2	Unit 3 Common Facilities	Coal		5.95 %	\$3	\$1
System Energy -						
Grand Gulf (d)	Unit 1	Nuclear	1,391	90.00 %	\$5,036	\$3,212
Entergy Wholesale Commodities:						
Independence	Unit 2	Coal	842	14.37 %	\$74	\$52
Independence	Common Facilities	Coal		7.18 %	\$17	\$12
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6	Coal	550	10.90 %	\$114	\$64
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6 Common Facilities	Coal		5.64 %	\$2	\$1

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- (a) “Total Megawatt Capability” is the dependable load carrying capability as demonstrated under actual operating conditions based on the primary fuel (assuming no curtailments) that each station was designed to utilize. Ouachita Units 1 and 2 are owned 100% by Entergy Arkansas and Ouachita Unit 3 is owned 100% by Entergy Louisiana. The investment and accumulated depreciation numbers above are only for the common facilities and not for the generating units.
- (b) Union Unit 1 is owned 100% by Entergy New Orleans, Union Unit 2 is owned 100% by Entergy Arkansas, Union Units 3 and 4 are owned 100% by Entergy Louisiana. The investment and accumulated depreciation numbers above are only for the specified common facilities and not for the generating units.
- (c) Includes a leasehold interest held by System Energy. System Energy’s Grand Gulf lease obligations are discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements.
- (d)

Nuclear Refueling Outage Costs

Nuclear refueling outage costs are deferred during the outage and amortized over the estimated period to the next outage because these refueling outage expenses are incurred to prepare the units to operate for the next operating cycle without having to be taken off line. Because the value of their long-lived assets are impaired, and their remaining estimated operating lives significantly reduced, the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants, except for Palisades, charge nuclear refueling outage costs directly to expense when incurred because their undiscounted cash flows are insufficient to recover the carrying amount of these costs.

Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)

AFUDC represents the approximate net composite interest cost of borrowed funds and a reasonable return on the equity funds used for construction by the Registrant Subsidiaries. AFUDC increases both the plant balance and earnings and is realized in cash through depreciation provisions included in the rates charged to customers.

Income Taxes

Entergy Corporation and the majority of its subsidiaries file a United States consolidated federal income tax return. Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Entergy Mississippi, LLC, and Entergy New Orleans, LLC are not members of the Entergy Corporation consolidated federal income tax filing group but, rather, are included in the Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC consolidated federal income tax filing group. Each tax-paying entity records income taxes as if it were a separate taxpayer and consolidating adjustments are allocated to the tax filing entities in accordance with Entergy’s intercompany income tax allocation agreements. Deferred income taxes are recorded for temporary differences between the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities, and for certain losses and credits available for carryforward.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates in the period in which the tax or rate was enacted. See the “Other Tax Matters - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” section in Note 3 to the financial statements for discussion of the effects of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017.

The benefits of investment tax credits are deferred and amortized over the average useful life of the related property, as a reduction of income tax expense, for such credits associated with rate-regulated operations in accordance with ratemaking treatment.



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## Earnings (Loss) per Share

The following table presents Entergy's basic and diluted earnings per share calculation included on the consolidated statements of operations:

	For the Years Ended December 31,					
	2018		2017		2016	
	(In Millions, Except Per Share Data)					
	\$/share		\$/share		\$/share	
Net income (loss) attributable to Entergy Corporation	\$848.7		\$411.6		(\$583.6)	
Basic shares and earnings (loss) per average common share	181.4	\$4.68	179.7	\$2.29	178.9	(\$3.26)
Average dilutive effect of:						
Stock options	0.3	(0.01 )	0.2	—	—	—
Other equity plans	0.7	(0.02 )	0.6	(0.01 )	—	—
Equity forwards	1.0	(0.02 )	—	—	—	—
Diluted shares and earnings (loss) per average common shares	183.4	\$4.63	180.5	\$2.28	178.9	(\$3.26)

The calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share excluded 956,550 options outstanding at December 31, 2018, 2,927,512 options outstanding at December 31, 2017, and 7,137,210 options outstanding at December 31, 2016 because they were antidilutive.

## Stock-based Compensation Plans

Entergy grants stock options, restricted stock, performance units, and restricted stock unit awards to key employees of the Entergy subsidiaries under its Equity Ownership Plans, which are shareholder-approved stock-based compensation plans. These plans are described more fully in Note 12 to the financial statements. The cost of the stock-based compensation is charged to income over the vesting period. Awards under Entergy's plans generally vest over three years. Entergy accounts for forfeitures of stock-based compensation when they occur. Entergy recognizes all income tax effects related to share-based payments through the income statement.

## Accounting for the Effects of Regulation

Entergy's Utility operating companies and System Energy are rate-regulated enterprises whose rates meet three criteria specified in accounting standards. The Utility operating companies and System Energy have rates that (i) are approved by a body (its regulator) empowered to set rates that bind customers; (ii) are cost-based; and (iii) can be charged to and collected from customers. These criteria may also be applied to separable portions of a utility's business, such as the generation or transmission functions, or to specific classes of customers. Because the Utility operating companies and System Energy meet these criteria, each of them capitalizes costs, which would otherwise be charged to expense, if the rate actions of its regulator make it probable that those costs will be recovered in future revenue. Such capitalized costs are reflected as regulatory assets in the accompanying financial statements. When an enterprise concludes that recovery of a regulatory asset is no longer probable, the regulatory asset must be removed from the entity's balance sheet.

An enterprise that ceases to meet the three criteria for all or part of its operations should report that event in its financial statements. In general, the enterprise no longer meeting the criteria should eliminate from its balance sheet all regulatory assets and liabilities related to the applicable operations. Additionally, if it is determined that a regulated enterprise is no longer recovering all of its costs, it is possible that an impairment may exist that could

require further write-offs of plant assets.

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Entergy Louisiana does not apply regulatory accounting standards to the Louisiana retail deregulated portion of River Bend, the 30% interest in River Bend formerly owned by Cajun, and its steam business, unless specific cost recovery is provided for in tariff rates. The Louisiana retail deregulated portion of River Bend is operated under a deregulated asset plan representing a portion (approximately 15%) of River Bend plant costs, generation, revenues, and expenses established under a 1992 LPSC order. The plan allows Entergy Louisiana to sell the electricity from the deregulated assets to Louisiana retail customers at 4.6 cents per kWh or off-system at higher prices, with certain provisions for sharing incremental revenue above 4.6 cents per kWh between customers and shareholders.

Regulatory Asset or Liability for Income Taxes

Accounting standards for income taxes provide that a regulatory asset or liability be recorded if it is probable that the currently determinable future increase or decrease in regulatory income tax expense will be recovered from or returned to customers through future rates. There are two main sources of Entergy's regulatory asset or liability for income taxes. There is a regulatory asset related to the ratemaking treatment of the tax effects of book depreciation for the equity component of AFUDC that has been capitalized to property, plant, and equipment but for which there is no corresponding tax basis. Equity-AFUDC is a component of property, plant, and equipment that is included in rate base when the plant is placed in service. There is a regulatory liability related to the adjustment of Entergy's net deferred income taxes that was required by the enactment in December 2017 of a change in the federal corporate income tax rate, which is discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Entergy considers all unrestricted highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less at date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

Securitization Recovery Trust Accounts

The funds that Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas hold in their securitization recovery trust accounts are not classified as cash and cash equivalents or restricted cash and cash equivalents because of their nature, uses, and restrictions. These funds are classified as part of other current assets and other investments, depending on the timeframe within which the Registrant Subsidiary expects to use the funds.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts reflects Entergy's best estimate of losses on the accounts receivable balances. The allowance is based on accounts receivable agings, historical experience, and other currently available evidence. Utility operating company customer accounts receivable are written off consistent with approved regulatory requirements.

Investments

Entergy records decommissioning trust funds on the balance sheet at their fair value. Effective January 1, 2018, with the adoption of ASU 2016-01, unrealized gains and losses on investments in equity securities held by the nuclear decommissioning trust funds are recorded in earnings as they occur rather than in other comprehensive income. Because of the ability of the Registrant Subsidiaries to recover decommissioning costs in rates and in accordance with

the regulatory treatment for decommissioning trust funds, the Registrant Subsidiaries have recorded an offsetting amount of unrealized gains/(losses) on investment securities in other regulatory liabilities/assets. For the 30% interest in River Bend formerly owned by Cajun, Entergy Louisiana records an offsetting amount in other deferred credits for the unrealized trust earnings not currently expected to be needed to decommission the plant. Decommissioning trust funds for Pilgrim, Indian Point 1, Indian Point 2, Indian Point 3, Vermont Yankee, and Palisades do not meet the criteria for regulatory accounting treatment. Accordingly, unrealized gains/(losses) recorded on the equity securities in the

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trust funds are recognized in earnings. Unrealized gains recorded on the available-for-sale debt securities in the trust funds are recognized in the accumulated other comprehensive income component of shareholders' equity. Unrealized losses (where cost exceeds fair market value) on the available-for-sale debt securities in the trust funds are also recorded in the accumulated other comprehensive income component of shareholders' equity unless the unrealized loss is other than temporary and therefore recorded in earnings. A portion of Entergy's decommissioning trust funds are held in a wholly-owned registered investment company, and unrealized gains and losses on both the equity and debt securities held in the registered investment company are recognized in earnings. The assessment of whether an investment in an available-for-sale debt security has suffered an other-than-temporary impairment is based on whether Entergy has the intent to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized costs. Further, if Entergy does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the debt security, an other-than-temporary impairment is considered to have occurred and it is measured by the present value of cash flows expected to be collected less the amortized cost basis (credit loss). Entergy's trusts are managed by third parties who operate in accordance with agreements that define investment guidelines and place restrictions on the purchases and sales of investments. See Note 16 to the financial statements for details on the decommissioning trust funds.

Equity Method Investments

Entergy owns investments that are accounted for under the equity method of accounting because Entergy's ownership level results in significant influence, but not control, over the investee and its operations. Entergy records its share of the investee's comprehensive earnings and losses in income and as an increase or decrease to the investment account. Any cash distributions are charged against the investment account. Entergy discontinues the recognition of losses on equity investments when its share of losses equals or exceeds its carrying amount for an investee plus any advances made or commitments to provide additional financial support.

Derivative Financial Instruments and Commodity Derivatives

The accounting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities require that all derivatives be recognized at fair value on the balance sheet, either as assets or liabilities, unless they meet various exceptions including the normal purchase/normal sale criteria. The changes in the fair value of recognized derivatives are recorded each period in current earnings or other comprehensive income, depending on whether a derivative is designated as part of a hedge transaction and the type of hedge transaction. Due to regulatory treatment, an offsetting regulatory asset or liability is recorded for changes in fair value of recognized derivatives for the Registrant Subsidiaries.

Contracts for commodities that will be physically delivered in quantities expected to be used or sold in the ordinary course of business, including certain purchases and sales of power and fuel, meet the normal purchase, normal sales criteria and are not recognized on the balance sheet. Revenues and expenses from these contracts are reported on a gross basis in the appropriate revenue and expense categories as the commodities are received or delivered.

For other contracts for commodities in which Entergy is hedging the variability of cash flows related to a variable-rate asset, liability, or forecasted transactions that qualify as cash flow hedges, the changes in the fair value of such derivative instruments are reported in other comprehensive income. To qualify for hedge accounting, the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item must be documented to include the risk management objective and strategy and, at inception and on an ongoing basis, the effectiveness of the hedge in offsetting the changes in the cash flows of the item being hedged. Gains or losses accumulated in other comprehensive income are reclassified to earnings in the periods when the underlying transactions actually occur. The ineffective portions of all hedges are recognized in current-period earnings. Effective January 1, 2019 with the adoption of ASU 2017-12 there will no

longer be separate recognition of the ineffective portion of highly effective hedges. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments that are not designated as cash flow hedges are recorded in current-period earnings on a mark-to-market basis.

Entergy has determined that contracts to purchase uranium do not meet the definition of a derivative under the accounting standards for derivative instruments because they do not provide for net settlement and the uranium markets

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are not sufficiently liquid to conclude that forward contracts are readily convertible to cash. If the uranium markets do become sufficiently liquid in the future and Entergy begins to account for uranium purchase contracts as derivative instruments, the fair value of these contracts would be accounted for consistent with Entergy's other derivative instruments. See Note 15 to the financial statements for further details on Entergy's derivative instruments and hedging activities.

Fair Values

The estimated fair values of Entergy's financial instruments and derivatives are determined using historical prices, bid prices, market quotes, and financial modeling. Considerable judgment is required in developing the estimates of fair value. Therefore, estimates are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that Entergy could realize in a current market exchange. Gains or losses realized on financial instruments held by regulated businesses may be reflected in future rates and therefore do not affect net income. Entergy considers the carrying amounts of most financial instruments classified as current assets and liabilities to be a reasonable estimate of their fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. See Note 15 to the financial statements for further discussion of fair value.

Impairment of Long-lived Assets

Entergy periodically reviews long-lived assets held in all of its business segments whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that recoverability of these assets is uncertain. Generally, the determination of recoverability is based on the undiscounted net cash flows expected to result from such operations and assets. Projected net cash flows depend on the expected operating life of the assets, the future operating costs associated with the assets, the efficiency and availability of the assets and generating units, and the future market and price for energy and capacity over the remaining life of the assets. Because the values of their long-lived assets are impaired, and their remaining estimated operating lives significantly reduced, the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants, except for Palisades, are charging additional expenditures for capital assets directly to expense when incurred because their undiscounted cash flows are insufficient to recover the carrying amount of these capital additions. See Note 14 to the financial statements for further discussions of the impairments of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plants.

River Bend AFUDC

The River Bend AFUDC gross-up is a regulatory asset that represents the incremental difference imputed by the LPSC between the AFUDC actually recorded by Entergy Louisiana on a net-of-tax basis during the construction of River Bend and what the AFUDC would have been on a pre-tax basis. The imputed amount was only calculated on that portion of River Bend that the LPSC allowed in rate base and is being amortized through August 2025.

Reacquired Debt

The premiums and costs associated with reacquired debt of Entergy's Utility operating companies and System Energy (except that portion allocable to the deregulated operations of Entergy Louisiana) are included in regulatory assets and are being amortized over the life of the related new issuances, or over the life of the original debt issuance if the debt is not refinanced, in accordance with ratemaking treatment.

Taxes Imposed on Revenue-Producing Transactions

Governmental authorities assess taxes that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer, including, but not limited to, sales, use, value added, and some excise taxes. Entergy presents these taxes on a net basis, excluding them from revenues, unless required to report them differently by a regulatory authority.

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New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016 the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)." The ASU's core principle is that "a lessee should recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from leases." The ASU considers that "all leases create an asset and a liability," and accordingly requires recording the assets and liabilities related to all leases with a term greater than 12 months. In January 2018 the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-01, "Leases (Topic 842): Land Easement Practical Expedient for Transition to Topic 842," providing entities the option to elect not to evaluate existing land easements that are not currently accounted for under the previous lease standard. In July 2018 the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-11, "Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements," which is intended to simplify the transition requirements giving entities the option to apply the transition provisions of the new standard at the date of adoption instead of at the earliest comparative period presented and provides a practical expedient for the separation of lease and nonlease components for lessors. Entergy adopted ASU 2016-02 along with the practical expedients provided by ASU 2018-01 and 2018-11 in the first quarter 2019. Entergy does not expect that ASU 2016-02 will materially affect its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows. In adopting the standard, in January 2019 Entergy recognized right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities totaling approximately \$263 million for Entergy and the following right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities for the Registrant Subsidiaries: \$59 million for Entergy Arkansas, \$51 million for Entergy Louisiana, \$26 million for Entergy Mississippi, \$7 million for Entergy New Orleans, and \$16 million for Entergy Texas.

In June 2016 the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." The ASU requires entities to record a valuation allowance on financial instruments recorded at amortized cost or classified as available-for-sale debt securities for the total credit losses expected over the life of the instrument. Increases and decreases in the valuation allowance will be recognized immediately in earnings. ASU 2016-13 is effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2020. Entergy is evaluating ASU 2016-13 for the expected effects on its results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.

In August 2017 the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-12, "Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities." The ASU makes a number of amendments to hedge accounting, most significantly changing the recognition and presentation of highly effective hedges. Upon adoption of the standard there will no longer be separate recognition or presentation of the ineffective portion of highly effective hedges. In addition, the ASU allows entities to designate a contractually-specified component as the hedged risk, simplifies the process for assessing the effectiveness of hedges, and adds additional disclosure requirements for hedges. ASU 2017-12 was effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2019. Entergy expects that ASU 2017-12 will affect its net income by eliminating volatility in earnings related to the ineffective portion of designated hedges on nuclear power sales. Entergy recorded an adjustment increasing retained earnings and increasing accumulated other comprehensive loss by approximately \$8 million as of January 1, 2019 for the cumulative effect of the ineffectiveness portion of designated hedges on nuclear power sales.

In September 2018 the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-15, "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service." The ASU requires entities to capitalize implementation costs associated with cloud computing arrangements classified as hosting arrangements and amortize those costs over the contract term. These costs are required to be capitalized in the same line as prepayments of the costs, and subsequently amortized in the same lines as the hosting service element of the arrangement. ASU 2018-15 is effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2020. Entergy does not expect to early adopt the standard. Entergy expects that it will elect to adopt ASU 2018-15 on a prospective basis, which will affect its statement of financial position by presenting implementation costs for hosting

arrangements as prepayments, and net income by amortizing those costs as operation and maintenance expense over the contract term of the arrangement. Entergy is evaluating ASU 2018-15 for other effects on its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

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NOTE 2. RATE AND REGULATORY MATTERS (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

## Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities

Regulatory assets represent probable future revenues associated with costs that Entergy expects to recover from customers through the regulatory ratemaking process under which the Utility business operates. Regulatory liabilities represent probable future reductions in revenues associated with amounts that Entergy expects to benefit customers through the regulatory ratemaking process under which the Utility business operates. In addition to the regulatory assets and liabilities that are specifically disclosed on the face of the balance sheets, the tables below provide detail of “Other regulatory assets” and “Other regulatory liabilities” that are included on Entergy’s and the Registrant Subsidiaries’ balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

## Other Regulatory Assets

## Entergy

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (a)	\$2,611.5	\$2,642.3
Asset retirement obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning of nuclear units or dismantlement of non-nuclear power plants (Note 9) (a)	814.3	746.0
Storm damage costs, including hurricane costs - recovered through securitization and retail rates (Note 2 – Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators) (Note 5)	452.7	558.9
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9)	375.8	436.5
Opportunity Sales - recovery will be determined after final order in proceeding (Note 2 - Entergy Arkansas Opportunity Sales Proceeding)	116.3	109.8
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	74.5	82.9
Little Gypsy costs – recovered through securitization (Note 5 – Entergy Louisiana Securitization Bonds - Little Gypsy)	52.1	73.7
Retail rate deferrals - recovered through rate riders as rates are redetermined by retail regulators	39.0	86.4
New nuclear generation development costs (Note 2 - New Nuclear Generation Development Costs) (b)	29.0	36.4
Transition to competition costs - recovered over a 15-year period through February 2021	26.7	37.7
Other	154.6	125.1
Entergy Total	\$4,746.5	\$4,935.7

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## Entergy Arkansas

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (a)	\$747.2	\$757.0
Asset retirement obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning of nuclear units or dismantlement of non-nuclear power plants (Note 9) (a)	381.7	345.2
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9)	138.3	176.9
Opportunity sales - recovery will be determined after final order in proceeding (Note 2 - Entergy Arkansas Opportunity Sales Proceeding)	116.3	109.8
Storm damage costs - recovered either through securitization or retail rates (Note 5 - Entergy Arkansas Securitization Bonds)	60.7	76.2
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	21.2	24.3
Retail rate deferrals - recovered through rate riders as rates are redetermined annually	20.5	28.2
ANO Fukushima and Flood Barrier costs - recovered through retail rates through February 2026 (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings) (b)	12.6	14.4
Other	36.5	35.4
Entergy Arkansas Total	\$1,535.0	\$1,567.4

## Entergy Louisiana

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (a)	\$711.8	\$724.6
Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning of nuclear units or dismantlement of non-nuclear power plants (Note 9) (a)	232.9	218.6
Little Gypsy costs – recovered through securitization (Note 5 – Entergy Louisiana Securitization Bonds - Little Gypsy)	49.8	71.4
New nuclear generation development costs - recovery through formula rate plan December 2014 through November 2022 (Note 2 - New Nuclear Generation Development Costs) (b)	28.5	35.8
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	22.5	24.7
Storm damage costs - recovered through retail rates (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators)	17.9	14.3
Business combination external costs deferral - recovery through formula rate plan December 2015 through November 2025 (b)	12.4	14.1
River Bend AFUDC - recovered through August 2025 (Note 1 – River Bend AFUDC)	11.0	12.9
Other	18.3	29.4
Entergy Louisiana Total	\$1,105.1	\$1,145.8



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## Entergy Mississippi

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (a)	\$215.9	\$218.7
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9)	63.5	91.6
Attorney General litigation costs (Note 2 - Mississippi Attorney General Complaint) (b)	23.6	9.3
Retail rate deferrals - recovered through rate riders as rates are redetermined annually	16.6	49.4
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	16.2	17.6
Asset retirement obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of dismantlement of non-nuclear power plants (Note 9) (a)	7.2	7.6
Other	—	3.7
Entergy Mississippi Total	\$343.0	\$397.9

## Entergy New Orleans

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (a)	\$96.2	\$102.8
Storm damage costs, including hurricane costs - recovered through retail rates and securitization (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators)	70.4	82.3
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9)	49.3	44.8
Asset retirement obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of dismantlement of non-nuclear power plants (Note 9) (a)	4.5	4.3
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	2.6	3.0
Rate case costs - recovered over a 6-year period through September 2021 (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	1.9	2.6
Retail rate deferrals - recovered through rate riders as rates are redetermined monthly or annually	—	4.4
Other	4.9	7.2
Entergy New Orleans Total	\$229.8	\$251.4

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## Entergy Texas

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Storm damage costs, including hurricane costs - recovered through securitization and retail rates (Note 5 - Entergy Texas Securitization Bonds)	\$303.6	\$386.1
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (a)	171.8	169.2
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9)	50.9	55.2
Transition to competition costs - recovered over a 15-year period through February 2021	26.7	37.7
Neches and Sabine costs - recovered over a ten-year period through September 2028 (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings) (b)	23.6	—
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	8.2	8.7
Other	13.2	4.5
Entergy Texas Total	\$598.0	\$661.4

## System Energy

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits) (a)	\$179.3	\$202.7
Asset retirement obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) (a)	186.9	169.1
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9)	76.4	67.9
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	3.8	4.6
System Energy Total	\$446.4	\$444.3

(a) Does not earn a return on investment, but is offset by related liabilities.

(b) Does not earn a return on investment.

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## Other Regulatory Liabilities

## Entergy

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Unrealized gains on nuclear decommissioning trust funds (Note 16) (a)	\$815.9	\$989.3
Vidalia purchased power agreement (Note 8) (b)	139.7	151.6
Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators) (b)	111.1	124.8
Income tax rate change - returned to electric and gas customers through retail rates (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	74.7	—
Grand Gulf sale-leaseback - (Note 10 - Sale and Leaseback Transactions)	67.9	67.9
Business combination guaranteed customer benefits - returned to customers through retail rates and fuel rates December 2015 through November 2024 (Note 2 - Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana Business Combination)	50.8	65.8
Grand Gulf over-recovery - will be refunded through rate riders as rates are redetermined annually	48.6	—
Entergy Arkansas's accumulated accelerated Grand Gulf amortization - will be returned to customers when approved by the APSC and the FERC	44.4	44.4
Future formula rate plan revenue reductions (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	44.4	—
Internal restructuring guaranteed customer credits (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	39.6	—
Asset retirement obligation - return to customers dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) (a)	39.1	36.7
Excess decommissioning recovery for Willow Glen - (Note 14 - Dispositions)	31.9	—
Entergy Mississippi's accumulated accelerated Grand Gulf amortization - amortized and credited through the Unit Power Sales Agreement	25.0	32.1
Removal costs - returned to customers through depreciation rates (Note 9)	18.8	32.4
Other	68.4	43.5
Entergy Total	\$1,620.3	\$1,588.5

## Entergy Arkansas

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Unrealized gains on nuclear decommissioning trust funds (Note 16) (a)	\$297.2	\$354.0
Internal restructuring guaranteed customer credits (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	39.6	—
Future formula rate plan revenue reductions (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	35.1	—
Grand Gulf over-recovery - will be refunded through rate riders as rates are redetermined annually	26.0	—
Other	4.8	9.6
Entergy Arkansas Total	\$402.7	\$363.6

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## Entergy Louisiana

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Unrealized gains on nuclear decommissioning trust funds (Note 16) (a)	\$274.1	\$323.7
Vidalia purchased power agreement (Note 8) (b)	139.7	151.6
Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators) (b)	111.1	124.8
Business combination guaranteed customer benefits - returned to customers through retail rates and fuel rates December 2015 through November 2024 (Note 2 - Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana Business Combination)	50.8	65.8
Income tax rate change - returned to electric customers through retail rates September 2018 through August 2019 (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	49.9	—
Asset Retirement Obligation - return to customers dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) (a)	39.1	36.7
Excess decommissioning recovery for Willow Glen - (Note 14 - Dispositions)	31.9	—
Removal costs - returned to customers through depreciation rates (Note 9)	18.8	32.4
Other	33.4	26.1
Entergy Louisiana Total	\$748.8	\$761.1

## Entergy Mississippi

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Grand Gulf Over-Recovery - returned to customers through rate riders when rates are redetermined annually	\$22.6	\$—
Future formula rate plan revenue reductions (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	9.3	—
Other	1.7	0.9
Entergy Mississippi Total	\$33.6	\$0.9

## Entergy Texas

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Income tax rate change - refunded through a rate rider (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings)	\$23.1	\$—
Advanced metering system surcharge (Note 2 - Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Filings)	16.5	—
Transition to competition costs - returned to customers through rate riders when rates are redetermined periodically	4.2	4.8
Other	4.1	2.1
Entergy Texas Total	\$47.9	\$6.9

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## System Energy

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Unrealized gains on nuclear decommissioning trust funds (Note 17) (a)	\$244.6	\$311.6
Grand Gulf sale-leaseback - (Note 10 - Sale and Leaseback Transactions)	67.9	67.9
Entergy Arkansas's accumulated accelerated Grand Gulf amortization - will be returned to customers when approved by the APSC and the FERC	44.4	44.4
Entergy Mississippi's accumulated accelerated Grand Gulf amortization - amortized and credited through the Unit Power Sales Agreement	25.0	32.1
System Energy Total	\$381.9	\$456.0

(a) Offset by related asset.

As a result of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, and the lowering of the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 2018, the Vidalia purchased power agreement (b)regulatory liability was reduced by \$30.5 million and the Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation regulatory liabilities were reduced by \$25.0 million, with corresponding increases to Other regulatory credits on the income statement. The effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are discussed further in Note 3 to the financial statements.

## Regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

See the "Other Tax Matters - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" section in Note 3 to the financial statements for discussion of the effects of the December 2017 enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, including its effects on Entergy's and the Registrant Subsidiaries' regulatory asset/liability for income taxes.

## Entergy Arkansas

Consistent with its previously stated intent to return unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to customers as expeditiously as possible, Entergy Arkansas initiated a tariff proceeding in February 2018 proposing to establish a tax adjustment rider to provide retail customers with certain tax benefits of \$467 million associated with the Tax Act. For the residential customer class, unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes will be returned to customers over a 21-month period from April 2018 through December 2019. For all other customer classes, unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes were returned to customers over a nine-month period from April 2018 through December 2018. A true-up provision also was included in the rider, with any over- or under-returned unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to be credited or billed to customers during the billing month of January 2020, with any residual amounts of over- or under-returned unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to be flowed through Entergy Arkansas's energy cost recovery rider. In March 2018 the APSC approved the tax adjustment rider effective with the first billing cycle of April 2018.

As discussed below, in July 2018, Entergy Arkansas made its formula rate plan filing to set its formula rate for the 2019 calendar year. A hearing was held in May 2018 regarding the APSC's inquiries into the effects of the Tax Act, including Entergy Arkansas's proposal to utilize its existing formula rate plan rider for its customers to realize the remaining benefits of the Tax Act. Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan rider includes a netting adjustment that compares actual annual results to the allowed rate of return on common equity. In July 2018 the APSC issued an order agreeing with Entergy Arkansas's proposal to have the effects of the Tax Act on current income tax expense flow through Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan rider and with Entergy Arkansas's treatment of protected and unprotected

excess accumulated deferred income taxes. The APSC also directed Entergy Arkansas to submit in the tax adjustment rider proceeding, discussed above, the adjustments to all other riders affected by the Tax Act and to include an amendment for a true up mechanism where a rider affected by the Tax Act does not already contain a true-up mechanism. Pursuant to a 2018 settlement agreement in Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan proceeding, Entergy Arkansas also removed

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the net operating loss accumulated deferred income tax asset caused by the Tax Act from Entergy Arkansas's tax adjustment rider. Entergy Arkansas's compliance tariff filings were accepted by the APSC in October 2018.

Entergy Louisiana

In a formula rate plan settlement approved by the LPSC in April 2018 the parties agreed that Entergy Louisiana would return to customers one-half of its eligible unprotected excess deferred income taxes from May 2018 through December 2018 and return to customers the other half from January 2019 through August 2022. In addition, the settlement provided that in order to flow back to customers certain other tax benefits created by the Tax Act, Entergy Louisiana established a regulatory liability effective January 1, 2018 in the amount of \$9.1 million per month to reflect these tax benefits already included in retail rates until new base rates under the formula rate plan were established in September 2018, and this regulatory liability will be returned to customers over the September 2018 through August 2019 formula rate plan rate-effective period. The LPSC staff and intervenors in the settlement reserved the right to obtain data from Entergy Louisiana to confirm the determination of excess accumulated deferred income taxes resulting from the Tax Act and the analysis thereof as part of the formula rate plan review proceeding for the 2017 test year filing which, as discussed below, Entergy Louisiana filed in June 2018.

Entergy Mississippi

Entergy Mississippi filed its 2018 formula rate plan in March 2018 and included a proposal to return all of its unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to customers through rates or in exchange for other assets, or a combination of both, by the end of 2018. In June 2018 the MPSC approved a stipulation filed by Entergy Mississippi and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff in Entergy Mississippi's formula rate plan filing that addressed Entergy Mississippi's 2018 formula rate plan evaluation report and the ratemaking effects of the Tax Act. The stipulation provided for incorporating the reduction of the statutory federal income tax rate through Entergy Mississippi's formula rate plan. Entergy Mississippi's formula rate plan includes a look-back evaluation report filing in March 2019 that will compare actual 2018 results to the allowed return on rate base. The stipulation approved in June 2018 provides for the flow-back of protected excess accumulated deferred income taxes over the remaining lives of the assets through the formula rate plan. The stipulation also provided for the offset of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes of \$127.2 million against net utility plant and \$2.2 million against other regulatory assets, and the return to customers of the remaining balance of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes as recovery of a portion of fuel oil inventory and customer bill credits over a three-month period from July 2018 through September 2018, with any true-up to be reflected in the November 2018 power management rider filing. Entergy Mississippi recorded the reduction against net utility plant and other regulatory assets in June 2018. In third quarter 2018, Entergy Mississippi returned unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes of \$25.8 million through customer bill credits and \$5.8 million through the sale of fuel oil inventory. In November 2018, Entergy Mississippi's annual redetermination of the annual factor to be applied under the power management rider included an insignificant true-up to the amount of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes. In January 2019 the MPSC approved the proposed power management cost factor effective for February 2019 bills.

Entergy New Orleans

After enactment of the Tax Act the City Council passed a resolution ordering Entergy New Orleans to, effective January 1, 2018, record deferred regulatory liabilities to account for the Tax Act's effect on Entergy New Orleans's revenue requirement and to make a filing by mid-March 2018 regarding the Tax Act's effects on Entergy New Orleans's operating income and rate base and potential mechanisms for customers to receive benefits of the Tax Act.

The City Council's resolution also directed Entergy New Orleans to request that Entergy Services file with the FERC for revisions of the Unit Power Sales Agreement and MSS-4 replacement tariffs to address the return of excess accumulated deferred income taxes. Entergy submitted filings of this type to the FERC.

In March 2018, Entergy New Orleans filed its response to the resolution stating that the Tax Act reduced income tax expense from what was then reflected in rates by approximately \$8.2 million annually for electric operations and



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by approximately \$1.3 million annually for gas operations. In the filing, Entergy New Orleans proposed to return to customers from June 2018 through August 2019 the benefits of the reduction in income tax expense and its unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes through a combination of bill credits and investments in energy efficiency programs, grid modernization, and Smart City projects. Entergy New Orleans submitted supplemental information in April 2018 and May 2018. Shortly thereafter, Entergy New Orleans and the City Council's advisors reached an agreement in principle that provides for benefits that will be realized by Entergy New Orleans customers through bill credits that started in July 2018 and offsets to future investments in energy efficiency programs, grid modernization, and Smart City projects, as well as additional benefits related to the filings made at the FERC. The agreement in principle was approved by the City Council in June 2018.

Entergy Texas

After enactment of the Tax Act the PUCT issued an order requiring most utilities, including Entergy Texas, beginning January 25, 2018, to record a regulatory liability for the difference between revenues collected under existing rates and revenues that would have been collected had existing rates been set using the new federal income tax rates and also for the balance of excess accumulated deferred income taxes. In both a memorandum issued prior to the open meeting when the order was discussed and during the discussions at the open meeting regarding the order, the PUCT indicated that it would consider utility earnings in determining the treatment of the liability and the effects of the Tax Act. Entergy Texas had previously provided information to the PUCT staff and stated that it expected the PUCT to address the lower tax expense as part of Entergy Texas's rate case expected to be filed in May 2018. Entergy Texas also stated that it would be inappropriate for the PUCT to require a refund of the reduction in income tax expense in 2018 resulting from the Act on a retroactive basis and without a comprehensive review of Entergy Texas's cost of service and earned return on equity.

In May 2018, Entergy Texas filed its 2018 base rate case with the PUCT. Entergy Texas's proposed rates and revenues reflected the inclusion of the federal income tax reductions due to the Tax Act. The PUCT issued an order in December 2018 establishing that 1) \$25 million will be credited to customers through a rider to reflect the lower federal income tax rate applicable to Entergy Texas from January 2018 through the date new rates were implemented, 2) \$242.5 million of protected excess accumulated deferred income taxes will be returned to customers through base rates under the average rate assumption method over the lives of the associated assets, and 3) \$185.2 million of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes will be returned to customers through a rider. The unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes rider will include carrying charges and will be in effect over a period of 12 months for larger customers and over a period of four years for other customers.

System Energy

In a filing made with the FERC in March 2018, Entergy proposed revisions to the Unit Power Sales Agreement, among other agreements, to reflect the effects of the Tax Act. In the filing System Energy proposed to return all of its unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to its customers by the end of 2018. In May 2018 the FERC accepted System Energy's proposed tax revisions with an effective date of June 1, 2018, subject to refund and the outcome of settlement and hearing procedures. Settlement discussions are ongoing.

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## Fuel and purchased power cost recovery

The Utility operating companies are allowed to recover fuel and purchased power costs through fuel mechanisms included in electric and gas rates that are recorded as fuel cost recovery revenues. The difference between revenues collected and the current fuel and purchased power costs is generally recorded as “Deferred fuel costs” on the Utility operating companies’ financial statements. The table below shows the amount of deferred fuel costs as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 that Entergy expects to recover (or return to customers) through fuel mechanisms, subject to subsequent regulatory review.

	2018	2017
	(In Millions)	
Entergy Arkansas (a)	\$86.5	\$130.4
Entergy Louisiana (b)	\$136.7	\$96.7
Entergy Mississippi	\$8.0	\$32.4
Entergy New Orleans (b)	\$2.8	(\$3.7 )
Entergy Texas	(\$19.7 )	(\$67.3 )

(a) Includes \$67.3 million in 2018 and \$67.1 million in 2017 of fuel and purchased power costs whose recovery periods are indeterminate but are expected to be recovered over a period greater than twelve months.

(b) Includes \$168.1 million in both years for Entergy Louisiana and \$4.1 million in both years for Entergy New Orleans of fuel, purchased power, and capacity costs, which do not currently earn a return on investment and whose recovery periods are indeterminate but are expected to be recovered over a period greater than twelve months.

## Entergy Arkansas

## Production Cost Allocation Rider

The APSC approved a production cost allocation rider for recovery from customers of the retail portion of the costs allocated to Entergy Arkansas as a result of the System Agreement proceedings, which are discussed in the “System Agreement Cost Equalization Proceedings” section below.

In May 2016, Entergy Arkansas filed its annual redetermination pursuant to the production cost allocation rider, which reflected recovery of the production cost allocation rider true-up adjustment of the 2014 and 2015 unrecovered retail balance in the amount of \$1.9 million. Additionally, the redetermined rates reflected the recovery of a \$1.9 million System Agreement bandwidth remedy payment resulting from a compliance filing pursuant to the FERC’s December 2015 order related to test year 2009 production costs. The rates for the 2016 production cost allocation rider update were effective July 2016 through June 2017.

In May 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed its annual redetermination pursuant to the production cost allocation rider, which reflected a credit amount of \$0.3 million resulting from a compliance filing pursuant to the FERC’s September 2016 order. Additionally, the redetermined rate reflected recovery of the production cost allocation rider true-up adjustment of the 2016 unrecovered retail balance in the amount of \$0.3 million. Because of the small effect of the 2017 production cost allocation rider update, Entergy Arkansas proposed to reduce the effective period of the update to one month, July 2017. After the one month collection period, rates were set to zero for all rate classes for the period August 2017 through June 2018.

In May 2018, Entergy Arkansas filed its annual redetermination pursuant to the production cost allocation rider, which reflected recovery of the 2017 under-recovered retail balance and a \$2.8 million payment by Entergy Arkansas associated with a compliance filing pursuant to a March 2018 FERC order related to 2010 production costs. The rates for the 2018 production cost allocation rider update are effective July 2018 through June 2019.

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Energy Cost Recovery Rider

Entergy Arkansas's retail rates include an energy cost recovery rider to recover fuel and purchased energy costs in monthly customer bills. The rider utilizes the prior calendar-year energy costs and projected energy sales for the twelve-month period commencing on April 1 of each year to develop an energy cost rate, which is redetermined annually and includes a true-up adjustment reflecting the over- or under-recovery, including carrying charges, of the energy costs for the prior calendar year. The energy cost recovery rider tariff also allows an interim rate request depending upon the level of over- or under-recovery of fuel and purchased energy costs.

In January 2014, Entergy Arkansas filed a motion with the APSC relating to its upcoming energy cost rate redetermination filing that was made in March 2014. In that motion, Entergy Arkansas requested that the APSC authorize Entergy Arkansas to exclude from the redetermination of its 2014 energy cost rate \$65.9 million of incremental fuel and replacement energy costs incurred in 2013 as a result of the ANO stator incident. Entergy Arkansas requested that the APSC authorize Entergy Arkansas to retain that amount in its deferred fuel balance, with recovery to be reviewed in a later period after more information was available regarding various claims associated with the ANO stator incident. In February 2014 the APSC approved Entergy Arkansas's request to retain that amount in its deferred fuel balance. In July 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed for a change in rates pursuant to its formula rate plan rider. In that proceeding, the APSC approved a settlement agreement agreed upon by the parties, including a provision that requires Entergy Arkansas to initiate a regulatory proceeding for the purpose of recovering funds currently withheld from rates and related to the stator incident, including the \$65.9 million of deferred fuel and purchased energy costs previously noted, subject to certain timelines and conditions set forth in the settlement agreement. See the "ANO Damage, Outage, and NRC Reviews" section in Note 8 to the financial statements for further discussion of the ANO stator incident.

In March 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed its annual redetermination of its energy cost rate pursuant to the energy cost recovery rider, which reflected an increase in the rate from \$0.01164 per kWh to \$0.01547 per kWh. The APSC staff filed testimony in March 2017 recommending that the redetermined rate be implemented with the first billing cycle of April 2017 under the normal operation of the tariff. Accordingly, the redetermined rate went into effect on March 31, 2017 pursuant to the tariff. In July 2017 the Arkansas Attorney General requested additional information to support certain of the costs included in Entergy Arkansas's 2017 energy cost rate redetermination.

In March 2018, Entergy Arkansas filed its annual redetermination of its energy cost rate pursuant to the energy cost recovery rider, which reflected an increase in the rate from \$0.01547 per kWh to \$0.01882 per kWh. The Arkansas Attorney General filed a response to Entergy Arkansas's annual redetermination filing requesting that the APSC suspend the proposed tariff to investigate the amount of the redetermination or, alternatively, to allow recovery subject to refund. Among the reasons the Attorney General cited for suspension were questions pertaining to how Entergy Arkansas forecasted sales and potential implications of the Tax Act. Entergy Arkansas replied to the Attorney General's filing and stated that, to the extent there are questions pertaining to its load forecasting or the operation of the energy cost recovery rider, those issues exceed the scope of the instant rate redetermination. Entergy Arkansas also stated that potential effects of the Tax Act are appropriately considered in the APSC's separate proceeding regarding potential implications of the tax law. The APSC general staff filed a reply to the Attorney General's filing and agreed that Entergy Arkansas's filing complied with the terms of the energy cost recovery rider. The redetermined rate became effective with the first billing cycle of April 2018. Subsequently in April 2018 the APSC issued an order declining to suspend Entergy Arkansas's energy cost recovery rider rate and declining to require further investigation at that time of the issues suggested by the Attorney General in the proceeding. Following a period of discovery, the Attorney General

filed a supplemental response in October 2018 raising new issues with Entergy Arkansas's March 2018 rate redetermination and asserting that \$45.7 million of the increase should be collected subject to refund pending further investigation. Entergy Arkansas filed to dismiss the Attorney General's supplemental response, the APSC general staff filed a motion to strike the Attorney General's filing, and the Attorney General filed a supplemental response disputing Entergy Arkansas and the APSC staff's filing. Applicable APSC rules and processes authorize its general staff to initiate periodic audits of Entergy Arkansas's energy cost recovery rider. In late-2018 the APSC general staff notified

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Entergy Arkansas it has initiated an audit of the 2017 fuel costs. The time in which the audit will be complete is uncertain at this time.

Entergy Louisiana

Entergy Louisiana recovers electric fuel and purchased power costs for the billing month based upon the level of such costs incurred two months prior to the billing month. Entergy Louisiana's purchased gas adjustments include estimates for the billing month adjusted by a surcharge or credit that arises from an annual reconciliation of fuel costs incurred with fuel cost revenues billed to customers, including carrying charges.

In December 2011 the LPSC authorized its staff to initiate a proceeding to audit the fuel adjustment clause filings of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and its affiliates. The audit included a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed by Entergy Gulf States Louisiana through its fuel adjustment clause for the period 2005 through 2009. In March 2016 the LPSC staff consultant issued its audit report. In its report, the LPSC staff consultant recommended that Entergy Louisiana refund approximately \$8.6 million, plus interest, to customers and realign the recovery of approximately \$12.7 million from Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's fuel adjustment clause to base rates. In September 2016 the LPSC staff filed testimony stating that it was no longer recommending a disallowance of \$3.4 million of the \$8.6 million discussed above, but otherwise maintained the positions from its report. Subsequently, the parties entered into a settlement, which was approved by the LPSC in November 2016. The settlement recognized the dry cask storage recovery method issue, which was addressed in the separate proceeding approved by the LPSC in October 2017, provided for a refund of \$5 million, which was made to legacy Entergy Gulf States Louisiana customers in December 2016, and resolved all other issues raised in the audit.

In July 2014 the LPSC authorized its staff to initiate an audit of the fuel adjustment clause filings by Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, whose business was combined with Entergy Louisiana in 2015. The audit includes a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed through Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's fuel adjustment clause for the period from 2010 through 2013. In January 2019, the LPSC staff consultant issued its audit report. In its report, the LPSC staff consultant recommended that Entergy Louisiana refund approximately \$900,000, plus interest, to customers based upon the imputation of a claim of vendor fault in servicing its nuclear plant. Entergy Louisiana is evaluating the staff's recommended disallowance.

In July 2014 the LPSC authorized its staff to initiate an audit of Entergy Louisiana's fuel adjustment clause filings. The audit includes a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed by Entergy Louisiana through its fuel adjustment clause for the period from 2010 through 2013. In January 2019, the LPSC staff consultant issued its audit report. In its report, the LPSC staff consultant recommended that Entergy Louisiana refund approximately \$7.3 million, plus interest, to customers based upon the imputation of a claim of vendor fault in servicing its nuclear plant. Entergy Louisiana is evaluating the staff's recommended disallowance.

In June 2016 the LPSC staff provided notice of audits of Entergy Louisiana's fuel adjustment clause filings and purchased gas adjustment clause filings. In recognition of the business combination that occurred in 2015, the audit notice was issued to Entergy Louisiana and will also include a review of charges to legacy Entergy Gulf States Louisiana customers prior to the business combination. The audit includes a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed through Entergy Louisiana's fuel adjustment clause for the period from 2014 through 2015 and charges flowed through Entergy Louisiana's purchased gas adjustment clause for the period from 2012 through 2015. Discovery commenced in March 2017. No report of audit has been issued.

In May 2018 the LPSC staff provided notice of audits of Entergy Louisiana's purchased gas adjustment clause filings. The audit includes a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed through Entergy Louisiana's purchased gas adjustment clause for the period from 2016 through 2017. Discovery commenced in September 2018. No report of audit has been issued.

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Entergy Mississippi

Entergy Mississippi's rate schedules include an energy cost recovery rider that is adjusted annually to reflect accumulated over- or under-recoveries. Entergy Mississippi's fuel cost recoveries are subject to annual audits conducted pursuant to the authority of the MPSC.

In November 2015, Entergy Mississippi filed its annual redetermination of the annual factor to be applied under the energy cost recovery rider. The calculation of the annual factor included a projected over-recovery balance of \$48 million projected through January 31, 2016. In January 2016 the MPSC approved the redetermined annual factor effective February 1, 2016. The MPSC further ordered, however, that due to the significant change in natural gas price forecasts since Entergy Mississippi's filing in November 2015 Entergy Mississippi should file a revised fuel factor with the MPSC no later than February 1, 2016. Pursuant to that order, Entergy Mississippi submitted a revised fuel factor. Additionally, because Entergy Mississippi's projected over-recovery balance for the period ending January 31, 2016 was \$68 million, in February 2016, Entergy Mississippi filed for another interim adjustment to the energy cost factor effective April 2016 to flow through to customers the projected over-recovery balance over a six-month period. That interim adjustment was approved by the MPSC in February 2016 effective for April 2016 bills.

In November 2016, Entergy Mississippi filed its annual redetermination of the annual factor to be applied under the energy cost recovery rider. The calculation of the annual factor included an over-recovery of less than \$2 million as of September 30, 2016. In January 2017 the MPSC approved the annual factor effective with February 2017 bills. Also in January 2017 the MPSC certified to the Mississippi Legislature the audit reports of its independent auditors for the fuel year ending September 30, 2016. In its order, the MPSC expressly reserved the right to review and determine the recoverability of any and all purchased power expenditures made during fiscal year 2016. The MPSC hired independent auditors to conduct an annual operations audit and a financial audit. The independent auditors issued their audit reports in December 2017. The audit reports included several recommendations for action by Entergy Mississippi but did not recommend any cost disallowances. In January 2018 the MPSC certified the audit reports to the Mississippi Legislature. In November 2017 the Public Utilities Staff separately engaged a consultant to review the outage at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station that began in 2016. The review is currently in progress.

In November 2017, Entergy Mississippi filed its annual redetermination of the annual factor to be applied under the energy cost recovery rider. The calculation of the annual factor included an under-recovery of approximately \$61.5 million as of September 30, 2017. Entergy Mississippi proposed a two-tiered energy cost factor designed to promote overall rate stability throughout 2018 particularly during the summer months. In January 2018 the MPSC approved the proposed energy cost factors effective for February 2018 bills.

In November 2018, Entergy Mississippi filed its annual redetermination of the annual factor to be applied under the energy cost recovery rider. The calculation of the annual factor included an under-recovery of approximately \$57 million as of September 30, 2018. In January 2019 the MPSC approved the proposed energy cost factor effective for February 2019 bills.

Mississippi Attorney General Complaint

The Mississippi Attorney General filed a complaint in state court in December 2008 against Entergy Corporation, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy Services, and Entergy Power alleging, among other things, violations of Mississippi statutes, fraud, and breach of good faith and fair dealing, and requesting an accounting and restitution. The complaint is wide ranging and relates to tariffs and procedures under which Entergy Mississippi purchases power not generated



in Mississippi to meet electricity demand. Entergy believes the complaint is unfounded. In December 2008 the defendant Entergy companies removed the Attorney General's lawsuit to U.S. District Court in Jackson, Mississippi. In June 2010 the MPSC authorized the deferral of certain legal expenses associated with this litigation until it is resolved. As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Mississippi has a regulatory asset of \$23.6 million for these deferred legal expenses. Pre-trial and settlement conferences were held in October 2018. In October 2018 the District Court rescheduled the trial to April 2019.

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Entergy New Orleans

Entergy New Orleans's electric rate schedules include a fuel adjustment tariff designed to reflect no more than targeted fuel and purchased power costs, adjusted by a surcharge or credit for deferred fuel expense arising from the monthly reconciliation of actual fuel and purchased power costs incurred with fuel cost revenues billed to customers, including carrying charges.

Entergy New Orleans's gas rate schedules include a purchased gas adjustment to reflect estimated gas costs for the billing month, adjusted by a surcharge or credit similar to that included in the electric fuel adjustment clause, including carrying charges.

Entergy Texas

Entergy Texas's rate schedules include a fixed fuel factor to recover fuel and purchased power costs, including interest, not recovered in base rates. Semi-annual revisions of the fixed fuel factor are made in March and September based on the market price of natural gas and changes in fuel mix. The amounts collected under Entergy Texas's fixed fuel factor and any interim surcharge or refund are subject to fuel reconciliation proceedings before the PUCT. A fuel reconciliation is required to be filed at least once every three years and outside of a base rate case filing.

In July 2015 certain parties filed briefs in a PUCT proceeding asserting that Entergy Texas should refund to retail customers an additional \$10.9 million in bandwidth remedy payments Entergy Texas received related to calendar year 2006 production costs. In October 2015 an ALJ issued a proposal for decision recommending that the additional bandwidth remedy payments be refunded to retail customers. In January 2016 the PUCT issued its order affirming the ALJ's recommendation, and Entergy Texas filed a motion for rehearing of the PUCT's decision, which the PUCT denied. In March 2016, Entergy Texas filed a complaint in Federal District Court for the Western District of Texas and a petition in the Travis County (State) District Court appealing the PUCT's decision. The pending appeals did not stay the PUCT's decision. In April 2016, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT an application to refund to customers approximately \$56.2 million. The refund resulted from (i) \$41.8 million of fuel cost recovery over-collections through February 2016, (ii) the \$10.9 million in bandwidth remedy payments, discussed above, that Entergy Texas received related to calendar year 2006 production costs, and (iii) \$3.5 million in bandwidth remedy payments that Entergy Texas received related to 2006-2008 production costs. In June 2016, Entergy Texas filed an unopposed settlement agreement that added additional over-recovered fuel costs for the months of March and April 2016. The settlement resulted in a \$68 million refund. The ALJ approved the refund on an interim basis and it was made to most customers over a four-month period beginning with the first billing cycle of July 2016. In July 2016 the PUCT issued an order approving the interim refund. The federal appeal of the PUCT's January 2016 decision was heard in December 2016, and the Federal District Court granted Entergy Texas's requested relief. In January 2017 the PUCT and an intervenor filed petitions for appeal of the Federal District Court ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Oral argument was held before the Fifth Circuit in February 2018. In April 2018 the Fifth Circuit reversed the decision of the Federal District Court, reinstating the original PUCT decision. In October 2018, Entergy Texas filed notice of nonsuit in its appeal to the Travis County District Court regarding the PUCT's January 2016 decision.

In July 2016, Entergy Texas filed an application to reconcile its fuel and purchased power costs for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2016. During the reconciliation period, Entergy Texas incurred approximately \$1.77 billion in Texas jurisdictional eligible fuel and purchased power expenses, net of certain revenues credited to such expenses and other adjustments. Entergy Texas estimated an over-recovery balance of approximately \$19.3 million, including

interest, which Entergy Texas requested authority to carry over as the beginning balance for the subsequent reconciliation period beginning April 2016. Entergy Texas also noted, however, that the estimated \$19.3 million over collection was being refunded to customers as a portion of the interim fuel refund beginning with the first billing cycle of July 2016, discussed above. Entergy Texas also requested a prudence finding for each of the fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the reconciliation period that have not been reviewed by the PUCT in a prior proceeding. In December 2016, Entergy Texas entered into a stipulation and settlement agreement resulting

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in a \$6 million disallowance not associated with any particular issue raised and a refund of the over-recovery balance of \$21 million as of November 30, 2016, to most customers beginning April 2017 through June 2017. This settlement was developed concurrently with the stipulation and settlement agreement in the 2016 transmission cost recovery factor rider amendment discussed below, and the terms and conditions in both settlements are interdependent. The fuel reconciliation settlement was approved by the PUCT in March 2017 and the refunds were made.

In June 2017, Entergy Texas filed an application for a fuel refund of approximately \$30.7 million for the months of December 2016 through April 2017. For most customers, the refunds flowed through bills for the months of July 2017 through September 2017. The fuel refund was approved by the PUCT in August 2017.

In December 2017, Entergy Texas filed an application for a fuel refund of approximately \$30.5 million for the months of May 2017 through October 2017. Also in December 2017, the PUCT's ALJ approved the refund on an interim basis. For most customers, the refunds flowed through bills from January 2018 through March 2018. The fuel refund was approved by the PUCT in March 2018.

Retail Rate Proceedings

Filings with the APSC (Entergy Arkansas)

Retail Rates

2015 Base Rate Filing

In April 2015, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC for a general change in rates, charges, and tariffs. The filing notified the APSC of Entergy Arkansas's intent to implement a forward test year formula rate plan pursuant to Arkansas legislation passed in 2015, and requested a retail rate increase of \$268.4 million, with a net increase in revenue of \$167 million. The filing requested a 10.2% return on common equity. In December 2015, Entergy Arkansas, the APSC staff, and certain of the intervenors in the rate case filed with the APSC a joint motion for approval of a settlement of the case that proposed a retail rate increase of approximately \$225 million with a net increase in revenue of approximately \$133 million; an authorized return on common equity of 9.75%; and a formula rate plan tariff that provides a +/- 50 basis point band around the 9.75% allowed return on common equity. A significant portion of the rate increase is related to Entergy Arkansas's acquisition in March 2016 of Union Power Station Power Block 2 for a base purchase price of \$237 million. The settlement agreement also provided for amortization over a 10-year period of \$7.7 million of previously-incurred costs related to ANO post-Fukushima compliance and \$9.9 million of previously-incurred costs related to ANO flood barrier compliance. In February 2016 the APSC approved the settlement with one exception that reduced the retail rate increase proposed in the settlement by \$5 million. The settling parties agreed to the APSC modifications in February 2016. The new rates were effective February 24, 2016 and began billing with the first billing cycle of April 2016. In March 2016, Entergy Arkansas made a compliance filing regarding the new rates that included an interim base rate adjustment surcharge, effective with the first billing cycle of April 2016, to recover the incremental revenue requirement for the period February 24, 2016 through March 31, 2016. The interim base rate adjustment surcharge was designed to recover a total of \$21.1 million over the nine-month period from April 2016 through December 2016.

2016 Formula Rate Plan Filing

In July 2016, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC its 2016 formula rate plan filing showing Entergy Arkansas's projected earned return on common equity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2017 test period to be below the formula rate plan bandwidth. The filing requested a \$67.7 million revenue requirement increase to achieve Entergy Arkansas's target earned return on common equity of 9.75%. In October 2016, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC revised formula rate plan attachments with an updated request for a \$54.4 million revenue requirement increase based on acceptance of certain adjustments and recommendations made by the APSC staff and other intervenors, as well as three additional adjustments identified as appropriate by Entergy Arkansas. In November 2016

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a hearing was held and the APSC issued an order directing the parties to brief certain issues. In December 2016 the APSC approved a settlement agreement and the \$54.4 million revenue requirement increase with approximately \$25 million of the \$54.4 million revenue requirement subject to possible future adjustment and refund to customers with interest. The APSC requested supplemental information for some of Entergy Arkansas's requested nuclear expenditures. In December 2016 the APSC approved Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan compliance tariff, and the rates became effective with the first billing cycle of January 2017. In April 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed a motion consented to by all parties requesting that it be permitted to submit the supplemental information requested by the APSC in conjunction with its 2017 formula rate plan filing, which was subsequently made in July 2017 and is discussed below. In May 2017 the APSC approved the joint motion and proposal to review Entergy Arkansas's supplemental information on a concurrent schedule with the 2017 formula rate plan filing. In October 2017, Entergy Arkansas and the parties to the proceeding filed a joint motion to approve a unanimous settlement agreement resolving all issues in the proceeding and providing for recovery of the 2017 and 2018 nuclear costs. In December 2017 the APSC approved the settlement agreement and recovery of the 2017 and 2018 nuclear costs.

2017 Formula Rate Plan Filing

In July 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC its 2017 formula rate plan filing showing Entergy Arkansas's projected earned return on common equity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2018 test period to be below the formula rate plan bandwidth. The filing projected a \$129.7 million revenue requirement increase to achieve Entergy Arkansas's target earned return on common equity of 9.75%. Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan is subject to a four percent annual revenue constraint and the projected annual revenue requirement increase exceeded the four percent, resulting in a proposed increase for the 2017 formula rate plan of \$70.9 million. In October 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC revised formula rate plan attachments that projected a \$126.2 million revenue requirement increase based on acceptance of certain adjustments and recommendations made by the APSC staff and other intervenors. The revised formula rate plan filing included a proposed \$71.1 million revenue requirement increase based on a revision to the four percent constraint calculation. In October 2017, Entergy Arkansas and the parties to the proceeding filed a joint motion to approve a unanimous settlement agreement resolving all issues in the proceeding and providing for recovery of the 2017 and 2018 nuclear costs. In December 2017 the APSC approved the settlement agreement and the \$71.1 million revenue requirement increase, as well as Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan compliance tariff, and the rates became effective with the first billing cycle of January 2018.

2018 Formula Rate Plan Filing

In July 2018, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC its 2018 formula rate plan filing to set its formula rate for the 2019 calendar year. The filing shows Entergy Arkansas's projected earned return on common equity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 test period to be below the formula rate plan bandwidth. Additionally, the filing includes the first netting adjustment under the current formula rate plan for the historical test year 2017, reflecting the change in formula rate plan revenues associated with actual 2017 results when compared to the allowed rate of return on equity. The filing includes a projected \$73.4 million revenue deficiency for 2019 and a \$95.6 million revenue deficiency for the 2017 historical test year, for a total revenue requirement of \$169 million for this filing. By operation of the formula rate plan, Entergy Arkansas's recovery of the revenue requirement is subject to a four percent annual revenue constraint. Because Entergy Arkansas's revenue requirement in this filing exceeds the constraint, the resulting increase is limited to four percent of total revenue, which originally was \$65.4 million but was increased to \$66.7 million based upon the APSC staff's updated calculation of 2018 revenue, which included additional actual revenues for 2018. In October 2018, Entergy Arkansas and the parties to the proceeding filed joint motions to approve a partial settlement agreement as to certain factual issues and agreed to brief contested legal issues. In November 2018 the

APSC held a hearing and was briefed on a certain contested legal issue. In December 2018 the APSC issued a decision related to the initial legal brief, approved the partial settlement agreement and \$66.7 million revenue requirement increase, as well as Entergy Arkansas's formula rate plan, with updated rates going into effect for the first billing cycle of January 2019. An additional schedule was issued by the APSC for briefing other contested issues, the outcome of which did not affect the 2018 filing but could affect future Entergy Arkansas formula rate plan filings. That briefing was completed in February 2019, and the APSC has not indicated when a decision on those issues can be expected.

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Similar to the 2018 filing, the formula rate plan filing that will be made in 2019 to set the formula rates for the 2020 calendar year will include a netting adjustment that will compare projected costs and sales for 2018 that were approved in the 2017 formula rate plan filing to actual 2018 costs and sales data. In the fourth quarter 2018, Entergy Arkansas recorded a provision of \$35.1 million that reflects the estimate of the historical year netting adjustment that will be included in the 2019 filing to reflect the change in formula rate plan revenues associated with actual 2018 results when compared to the allowed rate of return on equity.

Internal Restructuring

In November 2017, Entergy Arkansas filed an application with the APSC seeking authorization to undertake a restructuring that would result in the transfer of substantially all of the assets and operations of Entergy Arkansas to a new entity, which would ultimately be owned by an existing Entergy subsidiary holding company. Entergy Arkansas also filed a notice with the Missouri Public Service Commission in December 2017 out of an abundance of caution, although Entergy Arkansas does not serve any retail customers in Missouri. In April 2018 the Missouri Public Service Commission approved Entergy Arkansas's filing. In July 2018, Entergy Arkansas filed a settlement, reached by all parties in the APSC proceeding, resolving all issues. The APSC approved the settlement agreement and restructuring in August 2018. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Entergy Arkansas will credit retail customers \$39.6 million over six years, beginning in 2019. Entergy Arkansas also received the required FERC and NRC approvals.

In November 2018, Entergy Arkansas undertook a multi-step restructuring, including the following:

Entergy Arkansas, Inc. redeemed its outstanding preferred stock at the aggregate redemption price of approximately \$32.7 million.

Entergy Arkansas, Inc. converted from an Arkansas corporation to a Texas corporation.

Under the Texas Business Organizations Code (TXBOC), Entergy Arkansas, Inc. allocated substantially all of its assets to a new subsidiary, Entergy Arkansas Power, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (Entergy Arkansas Power), and Entergy Arkansas Power assumed substantially all of the liabilities of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., in a transaction regarded as a merger under the TXBOC. Entergy Arkansas, Inc. remained in existence and held the membership interests in Entergy Arkansas Power.

Entergy Arkansas, Inc. contributed the membership interests in Entergy Arkansas Power to an affiliate (Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and subsidiary of Entergy Corporation). As a result of the contribution, Entergy Arkansas Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC.

In December 2018, Entergy Arkansas, Inc. changed its name to Entergy Utility Property, Inc., and Entergy Arkansas Power then changed its name to Entergy Arkansas, LLC. Entergy Arkansas, LLC holds substantially all of the assets, and assumed substantially all of the liabilities, of Entergy Arkansas, Inc. The transaction was accounted for as a transaction between entities under common control.

Filings with the LPSC (Entergy Louisiana)

Retail Rates - Electric

2015 Formula Rate Plan Filing

In May 2016, Entergy Louisiana filed its formula rate plan evaluation report for its 2015 calendar year operations. The evaluation report reflected an earned return on common equity of 9.07%. As such, no adjustment to base formula rate



plan revenue was required. The following other adjustments, however, were required under the formula rate plan: an increase in the legacy Entergy Louisiana additional capacity mechanism of \$14.2 million; a separate increase in legacy Entergy Louisiana revenue of \$10 million primarily to reflect the effects of the termination of the System Agreement; an increase in the legacy Entergy Gulf States Louisiana additional capacity mechanism of

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\$0.5 million; a decrease in legacy Entergy Gulf States Louisiana revenue of \$58.7 million primarily to reflect the effects of the termination of the System Agreement; and an increase of \$11 million to the MISO cost recovery mechanism. Rates were implemented with the first billing cycle of September 2016, subject to refund. Following implementation of the as-filed rates in September 2016, there were several interim updates to Entergy Louisiana's formula rate plan, including the one submitted in December 2016, reflecting implementation of the settlement of the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator project prudence review described below. In June 2017 the LPSC staff and Entergy Louisiana filed a joint report of proceedings, which was accepted by the LPSC in June 2017, finalizing the results of the May 2016 evaluation report, interim updates, and corresponding proceedings with no changes to rates already implemented.

## 2016 Formula Rate Plan Filing

In May 2017, Entergy Louisiana filed its formula rate plan evaluation report for its 2016 calendar year operations. The evaluation report reflected an earned return on common equity of 9.84%. As such, no adjustment to base formula rate plan revenue was required. Adjustments, however, were required under the formula rate plan; the 2016 formula rate plan evaluation report showed a decrease in formula rate plan revenue of approximately \$16.9 million, comprised of a decrease in legacy Entergy Louisiana formula rate plan revenue of \$3.5 million, a decrease in legacy Entergy Gulf States Louisiana formula rate plan revenue of \$9.7 million, and a decrease in incremental formula rate plan revenue of \$3.7 million. Additionally, the formula rate plan evaluation report called for a decrease of \$40.5 million in the MISO cost recovery revenue requirement from \$46.8 million to \$6.3 million. Rates reflecting these adjustments were implemented with the first billing cycle of September 2017, subject to refund. In September 2017 the LPSC issued its report indicating that no changes to Entergy Louisiana's original formula rate plan evaluation report were required but reserved for several issues, including Entergy Louisiana's September 2017 update to its formula rate plan evaluation report. In July 2018, Entergy Louisiana and the LPSC staff filed an unopposed joint report setting forth a correction to the annualization calculation, the effect of which was a net \$3.5 million revenue requirement reduction and indicating that there are no outstanding issues with the 2016 formula rate plan report, the supplemental report, or the interim updates. In September 2018 the LPSC approved the unopposed joint report.

## Formula Rate Plan Extension Through 2019 Test Year

In August 2017, Entergy Louisiana filed a request with the LPSC seeking to extend its formula rate plan for three years (2017-2019) with limited modifications of its terms. Those modifications include: a one-time resetting of base rates to the midpoint of the band at Entergy Louisiana's authorized return on equity of 9.95% for the 2017 test year; narrowing of the formula rate plan bandwidth from a total of 160 basis points to 80 basis points; and a forward-looking mechanism that would allow Entergy Louisiana to recover certain transmission-related costs contemporaneously with when those projects begin delivering benefits to customers. In April 2018 the LPSC approved an unopposed joint motion filed by Entergy Louisiana and the LPSC staff that settled the matter. The settlement extended the formula rate plan for three years, providing for rates through at least August 2021. In addition to retaining the major features of the traditional formula rate plan, substantive features of the extended formula rate plan include:

- a mid-point reset of formula rate plan revenues to a 9.95% earned return on common equity for the 2017 test year and for the St. Charles Power Station when it enters commercial operation;
- a 9.8% target earned return on common equity for the 2018 and 2019 test years;
- narrowing of the common equity bandwidth to plus or minus 60 basis points around the target earned return on common equity;

a cap on potential revenue increase of \$35 million for the 2018 evaluation period, and \$70 million for the cumulative 2018 and 2019 evaluation periods, on formula rate plan cost of service rate increases (the cap excludes rate changes associated with the transmission recovery mechanism described below and rate changes associated with additional capacity);

a framework for the flow back of certain tax benefits created by the Tax Act to customers, as described in “Regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” above; and

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a transmission recovery mechanism providing for the opportunity to recover certain transmission-related expenditures in excess of \$100 million annually for projects placed in service up to one month prior to rate change outside of sharing that is designed to operate in a fashion similar to the additional capacity mechanism.

2017 Formula Rate Plan Filing

In June 2018, Entergy Louisiana filed its formula rate plan evaluation report for its 2017 calendar year operations. The 2017 test year evaluation report produced an earned return on equity of 8.16%, due in large part to revenue-neutral realignments to other recovery mechanisms. Without these realignments, the evaluation report produces an earned return on equity of 9.88% and a resulting base rider formula rate plan revenue increase of \$4.8 million. Excluding the Tax Act credits provided for by the tax reform adjustment mechanisms, total formula rate plan revenues were further increased by a total of \$98 million as a result of the evaluation report due to adjustments to the additional capacity and MISO cost recovery mechanisms of the formula rate plan, and implementation of the transmission recovery mechanism. In August 2018, Entergy Louisiana filed a supplemental formula rate plan evaluation report to reflect changes from the 2016 test year formula rate plan proceedings, a decrease to the transmission recovery mechanism to reflect lower actual capital additions, and a decrease to evaluation period expenses to reflect the terms of a new power sales agreement. Based on the August 2018 update, Entergy Louisiana recognized a total decrease in formula rate plan revenue of approximately \$17.6 million. Results of the updated 2017 evaluation report filing were implemented with the September 2018 billing month subject to refund and review by the LPSC staff and intervenors. In accordance with the terms of the formula rate plan, in September 2018 the LPSC staff and intervenors submitted their responses to Entergy Louisiana's original formula rate plan evaluation report and supplemental compliance updates. The LPSC staff asserted objections/reservations regarding 1) Entergy Louisiana's proposed rate adjustments associated with the return of excess accumulated deferred income taxes pursuant to the Tax Act and the treatment of accumulated deferred income taxes related to reductions of rate base; 2) Entergy Louisiana's reservation regarding treatment of a regulatory asset related to certain special orders by the LPSC; and 3) test year expenses billed from Entergy Services to Entergy Louisiana. Intervenors also objected to Entergy Louisiana's treatment of the regulatory asset related to certain special orders by the LPSC. A procedural schedule has not yet been established to resolve these issues.

Entergy Louisiana also included in its filing a presentation of an initial proposal to combine the legacy Entergy Louisiana and legacy Entergy Gulf States Louisiana residential rates, which combination, if approved, would be accomplished on a revenue-neutral basis intended not to affect the rates of other customer classes.

Waterford 3 Replacement Steam Generator Project

Following the completion of the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator project, the LPSC undertook a prudence review in connection with a filing made by Entergy Louisiana in April 2013 with regard to the following aspects of the replacement project: 1) project management; 2) cost controls; 3) success in achieving stated objectives; 4) the costs of the replacement project; and 5) the outage length and replacement power costs. In July 2014 the LPSC staff filed testimony recommending potential project and replacement power cost disallowances of up to \$71 million, citing a need for further explanation or documentation from Entergy Louisiana. An intervenor filed testimony recommending disallowance of \$141 million of incremental project costs, claiming the steam generator fabricator was imprudent. Entergy Louisiana provided further documentation and explanation requested by the LPSC staff. An evidentiary hearing was held in December 2014. Entergy Louisiana believed that the replacement steam generator costs were prudently incurred and applicable legal principles supported their recovery in rates. Nevertheless, Entergy Louisiana recorded a write-off of \$16 million of Waterford 3's plant balance in December 2014 because of the uncertainty at the time associated with the resolution of the prudence review. In December 2015 the ALJ issued a

proposed recommendation, which was subsequently finalized, concluding that Entergy Louisiana prudently managed the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator project, including the selection, use, and oversight of contractors, and could not reasonably have anticipated the damage to the steam generators. Nevertheless, the ALJ concluded that Entergy Louisiana was liable for the conduct of its contractor and subcontractor and, therefore, recommended a disallowance of \$67 million in capital costs. Additionally, the ALJ concluded that Entergy Louisiana did not sufficiently justify the

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incurrence of \$2 million in replacement power costs during the replacement outage. Although the ALJ's recommendation had not yet been considered by the LPSC, after considering the progress of the proceeding in light of the ALJ recommendation, Entergy Louisiana recorded in the fourth quarter 2015 approximately \$77 million in charges, including a \$45 million asset write-off and a \$32 million regulatory charge, to reflect that a portion of the assets associated with the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator project was no longer probable of recovery. Entergy Louisiana maintained that the ALJ's recommendation contained significant factual and legal errors.

In October 2016 the parties reached a settlement in this matter. The settlement was approved by the LPSC in December 2016. The settlement effectively provided for an agreed-upon disallowance of \$67 million of plant, which had been previously written off by Entergy Louisiana, as discussed above. The refund to customers of approximately \$71 million as a result of the settlement approved by the LPSC was made to customers in January 2017. Of the \$71 million of refunds, \$68 million was credited to customers through Entergy Louisiana's formula rate plan, outside of sharing, and \$3 million through its fuel adjustment clause. Entergy Louisiana had previously recorded a provision of \$48 million for this refund. The previously-recorded provision included the cumulative revenues recorded through December 2016 related to the \$67 million of disallowed plant. An additional regulatory charge of \$23 million was recorded in fourth quarter 2016 to reflect the effects of the settlement. The settlement also provided that Entergy Louisiana could retain the value associated with potential service credits agreed to by the project contractor, to the extent they are realized in the future. Following a review by the parties, an unopposed joint report of proceedings was filed by the LPSC staff and Entergy Louisiana in May 2017 and the LPSC accepted the joint report of proceedings resolving the matter.

Union Power Station and Deactivation or Retirement Decisions for Entergy Louisiana Plants

In January 2015, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana filed its application with the LPSC for approval of the acquisition and cost recovery of two power blocks of the Union Power Station for an expected base purchase price of approximately \$237 million per power block, subject to adjustments. In September 2015, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana agreed to settlement terms with all parties for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's purchase of the two power blocks. In October 2015 the LPSC voted unanimously to approve the uncontested settlement which finds, among other things, that acquisition of Power Blocks 3 and 4 is in the public interest and, therefore, prudent. The business combination of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana received regulatory approval and closed in October 2015 making Entergy Louisiana the named purchaser of Power Blocks 3 and 4 of the Union Power Station. In March 2016, Entergy Louisiana acquired Power Blocks 3 and 4 of Union Power Station for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$475 million and implemented rates to collect the estimated first-year revenue requirement with the first billing cycle of March 2016.

As a term of the LPSC-approved settlement authorizing the purchase of Power Blocks 3 and 4 of the Union Power Station, Entergy Louisiana agreed to make a filing with the LPSC to review its decisions to deactivate Ninemile 3 and Willow Glen 2 and 4 and its decision to retire Little Gypsy 1. In January 2016, Entergy Louisiana made its compliance filing with the LPSC. Entergy Louisiana, LPSC staff, and intervenors participated in a technical conference in March 2016 where Entergy Louisiana presented information on its deactivation/retirement decisions for these four units in addition to information on the current deactivation decisions for the ten-year planning horizon. Parties requested further proceedings on the prudence of the decision to deactivate Willow Glen 2 and 4. No party contested the prudence of the decision to deactivate Willow Glen 2 and 4 or suggested reactivation of these units; however, issues were raised related to Entergy Louisiana's decision to give up its transmission service rights in MISO for Willow Glen 2 and 4 rather than placing the units into suspended status for the three-year term permitted by MISO. In March 2018 the LPSC adopted the ALJ's recommended order finding that Entergy Louisiana did not

demonstrate that its decision to permanently surrender transmission rights for the mothballed (not retired) Willow Glen 2 and 4 units was reasonable and that Entergy Louisiana should hold customers harmless from increased transmission expenses should those units be reactivated. Because no party or the LPSC suggested that Willow Glen 2 and 4 should be reactivated and because the cost to return those units to service far exceeded the revenue the units were expected to generate in MISO, Entergy Louisiana retired Willow Glen 2 and 4 in March 2018. Entergy Louisiana submitted a compliance filing regarding retirement of Willow Glen 2 and 4, and the LPSC closed the proceeding.

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Retail Rates - Gas

2016 Rate Stabilization Plan Filing

In January 2017, Entergy Louisiana filed with the LPSC its gas rate stabilization plan for the test year ended September 30, 2016. The filing of the evaluation report for test year 2016 reflected an earned return on common equity of 6.37%. In April 2017 the LPSC approved a joint report of proceedings and Entergy Louisiana submitted a revised evaluation report reflecting a \$1.2 million annual increase in revenue with rates implemented with the first billing cycle of May 2017.

2017 Rate Stabilization Plan Filing

In January 2018, Entergy Louisiana filed with the LPSC its gas rate stabilization plan for the test year ended September 30, 2017. The filing of the evaluation report for the test year 2017 reflected an earned return on common equity of 9.06%. This earned return is below the earnings sharing band of the rate stabilization plan and results in a rate increase of \$0.1 million. Due to the enactment in late-December 2017 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Entergy Louisiana did not have adequate time to reflect the effects of this tax legislation in the rate stabilization plan. In April 2018, Entergy Louisiana filed a supplemental evaluation report for the test year ended September 2017, reflecting the effects of the Tax Act, including a proposal to use the unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes to offset approximately \$1.4 million of storm restoration deferred operation and maintenance costs incurred by Entergy Louisiana in connection with the August 2016 flooding disaster in its gas service area. The supplemental filing reflects an earned return on common equity of 10.79%. As-filed rates from the supplemental filing were implemented, subject to refund, with customers receiving a cost reduction of approximately \$0.7 million effective with bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of May 2018, as well as a \$0.2 million reduction in the gas infrastructure rider effective with bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of July 2018. The proceeding is currently in its discovery phase. A procedural schedule has not been established.

2018 Rate Stabilization Plan Filing

In January 2019, Entergy Louisiana filed with the LPSC its gas rate stabilization plan for the test year ended September 30, 2018. The filing of the evaluation report for the test year 2018 reflected an earned return on common equity of 2.69%. This earned return is below the earning sharing band of the gas rate stabilization plan and results in a rate increase of \$2.8 million. Entergy Louisiana will make a compliance filing in April 2019 and rates will be implemented during the first billing cycle of May 2019.

Filings with the MPSC (Entergy Mississippi)

Formula Rate Plan Filings

In March 2016, Entergy Mississippi submitted its formula rate plan 2016 test year filing showing Entergy Mississippi's projected earned return for the 2016 calendar year to be below the formula rate plan bandwidth. The filing showed a \$32.6 million rate increase was necessary to reset Entergy Mississippi's earned return on common equity to the specified point of adjustment of 9.96%, within the formula rate plan bandwidth. In June 2016 the MPSC approved Entergy Mississippi's joint stipulation with the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff. The joint stipulation provided for a total revenue increase of \$23.7 million. The revenue increase included a \$19.4 million increase through the formula



rate plan, resulting in a return on common equity point of adjustment of 10.07%. The revenue increase also included \$4.3 million in incremental ad valorem tax expenses to be collected through an updated ad valorem tax adjustment rider. The revenue increase and ad valorem tax adjustment rider were effective with the July 2016 bills.

In March 2017, Entergy Mississippi submitted its formula rate plan 2017 test year filing and 2016 look-back filing showing Entergy Mississippi's earned return for the historical 2016 calendar year and projected earned return

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for the 2017 calendar year to be within the formula rate plan bandwidth, resulting in no change in rates. In June 2017, Entergy Mississippi and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff entered into a stipulation that confirmed that Entergy Mississippi's earned returns for both the 2016 look-back filing and 2017 test year were within the respective formula rate plan bandwidths. In June 2017 the MPSC approved the stipulation, which resulted in no change in rates.

In March 2018, Entergy Mississippi submitted its formula rate plan 2018 test year filing and 2017 look-back filing showing Entergy Mississippi's earned return for the historical 2017 calendar year and projected earned return for the 2018 calendar year, in large part as a result of the lower federal corporate income tax rate effective in 2018, to be within the formula rate plan bandwidth, resulting in no change in rates. In June 2018, Entergy Mississippi and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff entered into a stipulation that confirmed that Entergy Mississippi's earned returns for both the 2017 look-back filing and 2018 test year were within the respective formula rate plan bandwidths. In June 2018 the MPSC approved the stipulation, which resulted in no change in rates. See "Regulatory activity regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" above for additional discussion regarding the treatment of the effects of the lower federal corporate income tax rate.

Entergy Mississippi's formula rate plan includes a look-back evaluation report filing in March 2019 that will compare actual 2018 results to the performance-adjusted allowed return on rate base. In fourth quarter 2018, Entergy Mississippi recorded a provision of \$9.3 million that reflects the estimate of the difference between the 2018 earned rate of return on rate base and an established performance-adjusted benchmark rate of return under the formula rate plan performance-adjusted bandwidth mechanism.

In October 2018, Entergy Mississippi proposed revisions to its formula rate plan that would provide for a mechanism, the interim capacity rate adjustment mechanism, in the formula rate plan to recover the non-fuel related costs of additional owned capacity acquired by Entergy Mississippi, including the non-fuel annual ownership costs of the Choctaw Generating Station, as well as to allow similar cost recovery treatment for other future capacity additions, such as the Sunflower Solar Facility, that are approved by the MPSC.

Internal Restructuring

In March 2018, Entergy Mississippi filed an application with the MPSC seeking authorization to undertake a restructuring that would result in the transfer of substantially all of the assets and operations of Entergy Mississippi to a new entity, which would ultimately be held by an existing Entergy subsidiary holding company. In September 2018, Entergy Mississippi and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff entered into and filed a joint stipulation regarding the restructuring filing. In September 2018 the MPSC issued an order accepting the stipulation in its entirety and approving the restructuring and credits of \$27 million to retail customers over six years, consisting of annual payments of \$4.5 million for the years 2019-2024. Entergy Mississippi also received the required FERC approval.

In November 2018, Entergy Mississippi undertook a multi-step restructuring, including the following:

- Entergy Mississippi, Inc. redeemed its outstanding preferred stock, at the aggregate redemption price of approximately \$21.2 million.

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. converted from a Mississippi corporation to a Texas corporation.

Under the Texas Business Organizations Code (TXBOC), Entergy Mississippi, Inc. allocated substantially all of its assets to a new subsidiary, Entergy Mississippi Power and Light, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (Entergy Mississippi Power and Light), and Entergy Mississippi Power and Light assumed substantially all of the liabilities of Entergy Mississippi, Inc., in a transaction regarded as a merger under the TXBOC. Entergy Mississippi, Inc. remained

in existence and held the membership interests in Entergy Mississippi Power and Light.

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. contributed the membership interests in Entergy Mississippi Power and Light to an affiliate (Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and subsidiary of Entergy Corporation).

As a result of the contribution, Entergy Mississippi Power and Light is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC.

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In December 2018, Entergy Mississippi, Inc. changed its name to Entergy Utility Enterprises, Inc., and Entergy Mississippi Power and Light then changed its name to Entergy Mississippi, LLC. Entergy Mississippi, LLC holds substantially all of the assets, and assumed substantially all of the liabilities, of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. The restructuring was accounted for as a transaction between entities under common control.

In December 2018, Entergy Mississippi filed its notice of intent to implement the restructuring credit rider to allow Entergy Mississippi to return credits of \$27 million to retail customers over six years. In January 2019 the MPSC approved the proposed restructuring credit adjustment factor, which is effective for bills rendered beginning February 2019.

Filings with the City Council (Entergy New Orleans)

Retail Rates

As a provision of the settlement agreement approved by the City Council in May 2015 providing for the transfer from Entergy Louisiana to Entergy New Orleans of certain assets that supported the provision of service to Entergy Louisiana's customers in Algiers, it was agreed that, with limited exceptions, no action may be taken with respect to Entergy New Orleans's base rates until rates are implemented from a base rate case that must be filed for its electric and gas operations in 2018. This provision eliminated the formula rate plan applicable to Algiers operations. The limited exceptions included continued implementation of the then-remaining two years of the four-year phased-in rate increase for the Algiers area and certain exceptional cost increases or decreases in the base revenue requirement. An additional provision of the settlement agreement allowed for continued recovery of the revenue requirement associated with the capacity and energy from Ninemile 6 received by Entergy New Orleans under a power purchase agreement with Entergy Louisiana (Algiers PPA). The settlement authorized Entergy New Orleans to recover the remaining revenue requirement related to the Algiers PPA through base rates charged to Algiers customers. The settlement also provided for continued implementation of the Algiers MISO recovery rider.

In addition to the Algiers PPA, Entergy New Orleans has a separate power purchase agreement with Entergy Louisiana for 20% of the capacity and energy from Ninemile 6 (Ninemile PPA), which commenced operation in December 2014. Initially, recovery of the non-fuel costs associated with the Ninemile PPA was authorized through a special Ninemile 6 rider billed only to Entergy New Orleans customers outside of Algiers.

In August 2015, Entergy New Orleans filed an application with the City Council seeking authorization to proceed with the purchase of Union Power Block 1, with an expected base purchase price of approximately \$237 million, subject to adjustments, and seeking approval of the recovery of the associated costs. In November 2015 the City Council issued written resolutions and an order approving an agreement in principle between Entergy New Orleans and City Council advisors providing that the purchase of Union Power Block 1 and related assets by Entergy New Orleans is prudent and in the public interest. The City Council authorized expansion of the terms of the purchased power and capacity acquisition cost recovery rider to recover the non-fuel purchased power expense from Ninemile 6, the revenue requirement associated with the purchase of Power Block 1 of the Union Power Station, and a credit to customers of \$400 thousand monthly beginning June 2016 in recognition of the decrease in other operation and maintenance expenses that would result with the deactivation of Michoud Units 2 and 3. In March 2016, Entergy New Orleans purchased Power Block 1 of the Union Power Station for approximately \$237 million and initiated recovery of these costs with March 2016 bills. In July 2016, Entergy New Orleans and the City Council Utility Committee agreed to a temporary increase in the Michoud credit to customers to a total of \$1.4 million monthly for August 2016

through December 2016.

A 2008 rate case settlement included \$3.1 million per year in electric rates to fund the Energy Smart energy efficiency programs. The rate settlement provided an incentive for Entergy New Orleans to meet or exceed energy savings targets set by the City Council and provided a mechanism for Entergy New Orleans to recover lost contribution to fixed costs associated with the energy savings generated from the energy efficiency programs. In January 2015 the

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City Council approved funding for the Energy Smart program from April 2015 through March 2017 using the remainder of the approximately \$12.8 million of 2014 rough production cost equalization funds, with any remaining costs being recovered through the fuel adjustment clause. This funding methodology was modified in November 2015 when the City Council directed Entergy New Orleans to use a combination of guaranteed customer savings related to a prior agreement with the City Council and rough production cost equalization funds to cover program costs prior to recovering any costs through the fuel adjustment clause. In April 2017 the City Council approved an implementation plan for the Energy Smart program from April 2017 through December 2019. The City Council directed that the \$11.8 million balance reported for Energy Smart funds be used to continue funding the program for Entergy New Orleans's legacy customers and that the Energy Smart Algiers program continue to be funded through the Algiers fuel adjustment clause, until additional customer funding is required for the legacy customers. In September 2017, Entergy New Orleans filed a supplemental plan and proposed several options for an interim cost recovery mechanism necessary to recover program costs during the period between when existing funds directed to Energy Smart programs are depleted and when new rates from the 2018 combined rate case, which includes a cost recovery mechanism for Energy Smart funding, take effect (estimated to be August 2019). In December 2017 the City Council approved an energy efficiency cost recovery rider as an interim funding mechanism for Energy Smart, subject to verification that no additional funding sources exist. In June 2018 the City Council also approved a resolution recommending that Entergy New Orleans allocate approximately \$13.5 million of benefits resulting from the Tax Act to Energy Smart. Entergy New Orleans is seeking approval of a permanent and stable source of funding for Energy Smart as part of its base rate case filed in September 2018.

In September 2018, Entergy New Orleans filed an electric and gas base rate case with the City Council. The filing requests a 10.5% return on equity for electric operations with opportunity to earn a 10.75% return on equity through a performance adder provision of the electric formula rate plan in subsequent years under a formula rate plan, and requests a 10.75% return on equity for gas operations. The proposed electric rates in the revised filing reflect a net reduction of \$20.3 million. The reduction in electric rates includes a base rate increase of \$135.2 million, of which \$131.5 million is associated with moving costs currently collected through fuel and other riders into base rates, plus a request for an advanced metering surcharge to recover \$7.1 million associated with advanced metering infrastructure, offset by a net decrease of \$31.1 million related to fuel and other riders. The filing also includes a proposed gas rate decrease of \$142 thousand. Entergy New Orleans's rates reflect the inclusion of federal income tax reductions due to the Tax Act and the provisions of a previously-approved agreement in principle determining how the benefits of the Tax Act would flow. Entergy New Orleans included cost of service studies for electric and gas operations for the twelve months ending December 31, 2017 and the projected twelve months ending December 31, 2018. In addition, Entergy New Orleans included capital additions expected to be placed into service for the period through December 31, 2019. Entergy New Orleans's request for a change in rates is based on the projected twelve months ending December 31, 2018.

The filing's major provisions include: (1) a new electric rate structure, which realigns the revenue requirement associated with capacity and long-term service agreement expense from certain existing riders to base revenue, provides for the recovery of the cost of advanced metering infrastructure, and partially blends rates for Entergy New Orleans's customers residing in Algiers with customers residing in the remainder of Orleans Parish through a three-year phase-in; (2) contemporaneous cost recovery riders for investments in energy efficiency/demand response, incremental changes in capacity/long-term service agreement costs, grid modernization investment, and gas infrastructure replacement investment; and (3) formula rate plans for both electric and gas operations. In February 2019 the City Council's advisors and several intervenors filed testimony in response to Entergy New Orleans's application. The City Council's advisors have recommended, among other things, overall rate reductions of approximately \$33 million in electric rates and \$3.8 million in gas rates. Certain intervenors have recommended

overall rate reductions of up to approximately \$49 million in electric rates and \$5 million in gas rates. The procedural schedule calls for an evidentiary hearing to be held in June 2019.

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Internal Restructuring

In July 2016, Entergy New Orleans filed an application with the City Council seeking authorization to undertake a restructuring that would result in the transfer of substantially all of the assets and operations of Entergy New Orleans, Inc. to a new entity, which would ultimately be owned by an existing Entergy subsidiary holding company. In May 2017 the City Council adopted a resolution approving the proposed internal restructuring pursuant to an agreement in principle with the City Council advisors and certain intervenors. Pursuant to the agreement in principle, Entergy New Orleans would credit retail customers \$10 million in 2017, \$1.4 million in the first quarter of the year after the transaction closes, and \$117,500 each month in the second year after the transaction closes until such time as new base rates go into effect as a result of the then-anticipated 2018 base rate case (which has subsequently been filed). Entergy New Orleans began crediting retail customers in June 2017. In June 2017 the FERC approved the transaction and, pursuant to the agreement in principle, Entergy New Orleans will provide additional credits to retail customers of \$5 million in each of the years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

In November 2017, Entergy New Orleans undertook a multi-step restructuring, including the following:

Entergy New Orleans, Inc. redeemed its outstanding preferred stock at a price of approximately \$21 million, which included a call premium of approximately \$819,000, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends.

Entergy New Orleans, Inc. converted from a Louisiana corporation to a Texas corporation.

Under the Texas Business Organizations Code (TXBOC), Entergy New Orleans, Inc. allocated substantially all of its assets to a new subsidiary, Entergy New Orleans Power, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (Entergy New Orleans Power), and Entergy New Orleans Power assumed substantially all of the liabilities of Entergy New Orleans, Inc., in a transaction regarded as a merger under the TXBOC. Entergy New Orleans, Inc. remained in existence and held the membership interests in Entergy New Orleans Power.

Entergy New Orleans, Inc. contributed the membership interests in Entergy New Orleans Power to an affiliate (Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and subsidiary of Entergy Corporation). As a result of the contribution, Entergy New Orleans Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC.

In December 2017, Entergy New Orleans, Inc. changed its name to Entergy Utility Group, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans Power then changed its name to Entergy New Orleans, LLC. Entergy New Orleans, LLC holds substantially all of the assets, and has assumed substantially all of the liabilities, of Entergy New Orleans, Inc. The restructuring was accounted for as a transaction between entities under common control.

Filings with the PUCT and Texas Cities (Entergy Texas)

Retail Rates

2018 Base Rate Case

In May 2018, Entergy Texas filed a base rate case with the PUCT seeking an increase in base rates and rider rates of approximately \$166 million, of which \$48 million is associated with moving costs currently being collected through riders into base rates such that the total incremental revenue requirement increase is approximately \$118 million. The base rate case was based on a 12-month test year ending December 31, 2017. In addition, Entergy Texas included capital additions placed into service for the period of April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017, as well as a post-test year adjustment to include capital additions placed in service by June 30, 2018.



In October 2018 the parties filed an unopposed settlement resolving all issues in the proceeding and a motion for interim rates effective for electricity usage on and after October 17, 2018. The unopposed settlement reflects the following terms: a base rate increase of \$53.2 million (net of costs realigned from riders), a \$25 million refund to reflect the lower federal income tax rate applicable to Entergy Texas from January 25, 2018 through the date new rates are implemented, \$6 million of capitalized skylining tree hazard costs will not be recovered from customers, \$242.5 million

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of protected excess accumulated deferred income taxes, which includes a tax gross-up, will be returned to customers through base rates under the average rate assumption method over the lives of the associated assets, and \$185.2 million of unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes, which includes a tax gross-up, will be returned to customers through a rider. The unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes rider will include carrying charges and will be in effect over a period of 12 months for large customers and over a period of four years for other customers. The settlement also provides for the deferral of \$24.5 million of costs associated with the remaining book value of the Neches and Sabine 2 plants, previously taken out of service, to be recovered over a ten-year period and the deferral of \$20.5 million of costs associated with Hurricane Harvey to be recovered over a 12-year period, each beginning in October 2018. The settlement provides final resolution of all issues in the matter, including those related to the Tax Act. In October 2018, the ALJ granted the unopposed motion for interim rates to be effective for service rendered on or after October 17, 2018. In December 2018 the PUCT issued an order approving the unopposed settlement.

Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) Rider

In June 2017, Entergy Texas filed an application to amend its DCRF rider by increasing the total collection from \$8.65 million to approximately \$19 million. In July 2017, Entergy Texas, the PUCT staff, and the two other parties in the proceeding entered into an unopposed stipulation and settlement agreement resulting in an amended DCRF annual revenue requirement of \$18.3 million. In September 2017 the PUCT issued its final order approving the unopposed stipulation and settlement agreement. The amended DCRF rider rates became effective for usage on and after September 1, 2017. DCRF rates were set to zero upon implementation of new base rates on October 17, 2018, as described above in the discussion of the 2018 base rate case.

Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) Rider

In September 2015, Entergy Texas filed for a TCRF rider requesting a \$13 million increase, incremental to base rates. Testimony was filed in November 2015, with the PUCT staff and other parties proposing various disallowances involving, among other things, MISO charges, vegetation management costs, and bad debt expenses that would reduce the requested increase by approximately \$2 million. In addition to those recommended disallowances, a number of parties recommended that Entergy Texas's request be reduced by an additional \$3.4 million to account for load growth since base rates were last set. In February 2016 a State Office of Administrative Hearings ALJ issued a proposal for decision recommending that the PUCT disallow approximately \$2 million from Entergy Texas's \$13 million request, but recommending that the PUCT not accept the load growth offset. In June 2016 the PUCT indicated that it would take up in a future rulemaking project the issue of whether a load growth adjustment should apply to a TCRF. In July 2016 the PUCT issued an order generally accepting the proposal for decision but declining to adjust the TCRF baseline in two instances as recommended by the ALJ, which resulted in a total annual allowance of approximately \$10.5 million. The PUCT also ordered its staff and Entergy Texas to track all spare autotransformer transfers going forward so that it could address the appropriate accounting treatment and prudence of such transfers in Entergy Texas's next base rate case. Entergy Texas implemented the TCRF rider beginning with September 2016 bills.

In September 2016, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to amend its TCRF rider. The proposed amended TCRF rider was designed to collect approximately \$29.5 million annually from Entergy Texas's retail customers. This amount included the approximately \$10.5 million annually that Entergy Texas was previously authorized to collect through the TCRF rider, as discussed above. In December 2016, concurrent with the 2016 fuel reconciliation stipulation and settlement agreement discussed above, Entergy Texas and the PUCT staff reached a settlement agreeing to the amended TCRF annual revenue requirement of \$29.5 million. As discussed above, the terms of the two

settlements are interdependent. The PUCT approved the settlement and issued a final order in March 2017. Entergy Texas implemented the amended TCRF rider beginning with bills covering usage on and after March 20, 2017. TCRF rates were set to zero upon implementation of new base rates on October 17, 2018, as described above in the 2018 base rate case discussion.

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In December 2018, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to set a new TCRF rider. The proposed new TCRF rider is designed to collect approximately \$2.7 million annually from Entergy Texas's retail customers. The proceeding is currently ongoing at the PUCT.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Filings

Entergy Arkansas

In September 2016, Entergy Arkansas filed an application seeking a finding from the APSC that Entergy Arkansas's deployment of AMI is in the public interest. Entergy Arkansas proposed to replace existing meters with advanced meters that enable two-way data communication; design and build a secure and reliable network to support such communications; and implement support systems. AMI is intended to serve as the foundation of Entergy Arkansas's modernized power grid. The filing included an estimate of implementation costs for AMI of \$208 million. The filing identified a number of quantified and unquantified benefits, and Entergy Arkansas provided a cost benefit analysis showing that its AMI deployment is expected to produce a nominal net benefit to customers of \$406 million. Entergy Arkansas also sought to continue to include in rate base the remaining book value of existing meters, which was approximately \$57 million at December 31, 2015, that will be retired as part of the AMI deployment and also to depreciate those assets using current depreciation rates. Entergy Arkansas proposed a 15-year depreciable life for the new advanced meters, the three-year deployment of which is expected to begin in 2019. Deployment of the communications network began in 2018. Entergy Arkansas proposed to include the AMI deployment costs and the quantified benefits in future formula rate plan filings, and the 2018 costs were approved in the 2017 formula rate plan filing. In August 2017, Entergy Arkansas and the parties to the proceeding filed a joint motion to approve a unanimous settlement agreement. In October 2017 the APSC issued an order finding that Entergy Arkansas's AMI deployment is in the public interest and approving the settlement agreement subject to a minor modification. Entergy Arkansas expects to recover the undepreciated balance of its existing meters through a regulatory asset to be amortized over 15 years.

Entergy Louisiana

In November 2016, Entergy Louisiana filed an application seeking a finding from the LPSC that Entergy Louisiana's deployment of advanced electric and gas metering infrastructure is in the public interest. Entergy Louisiana proposed to deploy advanced meters that enable two-way data communication; design and build a secure and reliable network to support such communications; and implement support systems. AMI is intended to serve as the foundation of Entergy Louisiana's modernized power grid. The filing included an estimate of implementation costs for AMI of \$330 million. The filing identified a number of quantified and unquantified benefits, and Entergy Louisiana provided a cost/benefit analysis showing that its combined electric and gas AMI deployment is expected to produce a nominal net benefit to customers of \$607 million. Entergy Louisiana also sought to continue to include in rate base the remaining book value, approximately \$92 million at December 31, 2015, of the existing electric meters and also to depreciate those assets using current depreciation rates. Entergy Louisiana proposed a 15-year useful life for the new advanced meters, the three-year deployment of which began in 2019. Deployment of the communications network began in 2018. Entergy Louisiana proposed to recover the cost of AMI through the implementation of a customer charge, net of certain benefits, phased in over the period 2019 through 2022. The parties reached an uncontested stipulation permitting implementation of Entergy Louisiana's proposed AMI system, with modifications to the proposed customer charge. In July 2017 the LPSC approved the stipulation. Entergy Louisiana expects to recover the undepreciated balance of its existing meters through a regulatory asset to be amortized at current depreciation rates.

Entergy Mississippi

In November 2016, Entergy Mississippi filed an application seeking an order from the MPSC granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity and finding that Entergy Mississippi's deployment of AMI is in the public interest. Entergy Mississippi proposed to replace existing meters with advanced meters that enable two-way data communication; to design and build a secure and reliable network to support such communications; and to

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implement support systems. AMI is intended to serve as the foundation of Entergy Mississippi's modernized power grid. The filing included an estimate of implementation costs for AMI of \$132 million. The filing identified a number of quantified and unquantified benefits, and Entergy Mississippi provided a cost benefit analysis showing that its AMI deployment is expected to produce a nominal benefit to customers of \$496 million over a 15-year period, which when netted against the costs of AMI results in \$183 million of net customer benefits. Entergy Mississippi also sought to continue to include in rate base the remaining book value, approximately \$56 million at December 31, 2015, of existing meters that will be retired as part of the AMI deployment and also to depreciate those assets using current depreciation rates. Entergy Mississippi proposed a 15-year depreciable life for the new advanced meters, the three-year deployment of which is expected to begin in 2019, subject to approval by the MPSC. Deployment of the communications network began in 2018. Entergy Mississippi proposed to include the AMI deployment costs and the quantified benefits in existing rate mechanisms, primarily through future formula rate plan filings and/or future energy cost recovery rider schedule re-determinations, as applicable. In May 2017 the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff and Entergy Mississippi entered into and filed a joint stipulation supporting Entergy Mississippi's filing, and the MPSC issued an order approving the filing without material changes, finding that Entergy Mississippi's deployment of AMI is in the public interest and granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The MPSC order also confirmed that Entergy Mississippi shall continue to include in rate base the remaining book value of existing meters that will be retired as part of the AMI deployment and also to depreciate those assets using current depreciation rates. In June 2018, as part of the order approving the joint stipulation between the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff and Entergy Mississippi addressing Entergy Mississippi's 2018 formula rate plan evaluation report and the ratemaking effects of the Tax Act, the MPSC approved the acceleration of the recovery of substantially all of Entergy Mississippi's existing customer meters in anticipation of AMI deployment.

## Entergy New Orleans

In October 2016, Entergy New Orleans filed an application seeking a finding from the City Council that Entergy New Orleans's deployment of advanced electric and gas metering infrastructure is in the public interest. Entergy New Orleans proposed to deploy advanced meters that enable two-way data communication; design and build a secure and reliable network to support such communications; and implement support systems. AMI is intended to serve as the foundation of Entergy New Orleans's modernized power grid. The filing included an estimate of implementation costs for AMI of \$75 million. The filing identified a number of quantified and unquantified benefits, and Entergy New Orleans provided a cost/benefit analysis showing that its combined electric and gas AMI deployment is expected to produce a nominal net benefit to customers of \$101 million. Entergy New Orleans also sought to continue to include in rate base the remaining book value, approximately \$21 million at December 31, 2015, of the existing electric meters and also to depreciate those assets using current depreciation rates. Entergy New Orleans proposed a 15-year depreciable life for the new advanced meters, the three-year deployment of which began in 2019. Deployment of the information technology infrastructure began in 2017 and deployment of the communications network began in 2018. Entergy New Orleans proposed to recover the cost of AMI through the implementation of a customer charge, net of certain benefits, phased in over the period 2019 through 2022. The City Council's advisors filed testimony in May 2017 recommending the adoption of AMI subject to certain modifications, including the denial of Entergy New Orleans's proposed customer charge as a cost recovery mechanism. In January 2018 a settlement was reached between the City Council's advisors and Entergy New Orleans. In February 2018 the City Council approved the settlement, which deferred cost recovery to the 2018 Entergy New Orleans rate case, but also stated that an adjustment for 2018-2019 AMI costs can be filed in the rate case and that, for all subsequent AMI costs, the mechanism to be approved in the 2018 rate case will allow for the timely recovery of such costs. In April 2018 the City Council adopted a resolution directing Entergy New Orleans to explore the options for accelerating the deployment of AMI. In June 2018 the City Council approved a one-year acceleration of AMI in its service area for an incremental \$4.4

million.

Entergy Texas

In April 2017 the Texas legislature enacted legislation that extends statutory support for AMI deployment to Entergy Texas and directs that if Entergy Texas elects to deploy AMI, it shall do so as rapidly as practicable. In July 2017, Entergy Texas filed an application seeking an order from the PUCT approving Entergy Texas's deployment of

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AMI. Entergy Texas proposed to replace existing meters with advanced meters that enable two-way data communication; design and build a secure and reliable network to support such communications; and implement support systems. AMI is intended to serve as the foundation of Entergy Texas's modernized power grid. The filing included an estimate of implementation costs for AMI of \$132 million. The filing identified a number of quantified and unquantified benefits, with Entergy Texas showing that its AMI deployment is expected to produce nominal net operational cost savings to customers of \$33 million. Entergy Texas also sought to continue to include in rate base the remaining book value, approximately \$41 million at December 31, 2016, of existing meters that will be retired as part of the AMI deployment and also to depreciate those assets using current depreciation rates. Entergy Texas proposed a seven-year depreciable life for the new advanced meters, the three-year deployment of which is expected to begin in 2019. Entergy Texas also proposed a surcharge tariff to recover the reasonable and necessary costs it has and will incur under the deployment plan for the full deployment of advanced meters. Further, Entergy Texas sought approval of fees that would be charged to customers who choose to opt out of receiving service through an advanced meter and instead receive electric service with a non-standard meter. In October 2017, Entergy Texas and other parties entered into and filed an unopposed stipulation and settlement agreement, permitting deployment of AMI with limited modifications. The PUCT approved the stipulation and settlement agreement in December 2017. Entergy Texas implemented the AMI surcharge tariff beginning with January 2018 bills. As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Texas has a regulatory liability related to the collection of the surcharge from customers. Consistent with the approval, deployment of the communications network began in 2018 and deployment of the advanced meters will begin in March 2019. Entergy Texas expects to recover the remaining net book value of its existing meters through a regulatory asset to be amortized at current depreciation rates.

System Agreement Cost Equalization Proceedings

Prior to its final termination in 2016, the Utility operating companies historically engaged in the coordinated planning, construction, and operation of generating and bulk transmission facilities under the terms of the System Agreement. Entergy Arkansas terminated its participation in the System Agreement in December 2013. Entergy Mississippi terminated its participation in the System Agreement in November 2015. The System Agreement terminated with respect to its remaining participants in August 2016.

Although the System Agreement has terminated, certain of the Utility operating companies' retail regulators continue to pursue litigation involving the System Agreement at the FERC and in federal courts. The proceedings include challenges to the allocation of costs as defined by the System Agreement and other matters.

In June 2005 the FERC issued a decision in System Agreement litigation that had been commenced by the LPSC, and essentially affirmed its decision in a December 2005 order on rehearing. The decision included, among other things:

The FERC's conclusion that the System Agreement no longer roughly equalized total production costs among the Utility operating companies.

In order to reach rough production cost equalization, the FERC imposed a bandwidth remedy by which each company's total annual production costs would have to be within +/- 11% of Entergy System average total annual production costs.

In calculating the production costs for this purpose under the FERC's order, output from the Vidalia hydroelectric power plant would not reflect the actual Vidalia price for the year but be priced at that year's average price paid by Entergy Louisiana for the exchange of electric energy under Service Schedule MSS-3 of the System Agreement, thereby reducing the amount of Vidalia costs reflected in the comparison of the Utility operating companies' total production costs.



The remedy ordered by the FERC in 2005 required no refunds and became effective based on calendar year 2006 production costs with the first reallocation payments made in 2007.

The FERC's decision reallocated total production costs of the Utility operating companies whose relative total production costs expressed as a percentage of Entergy System average production costs are outside an upper or lower

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bandwidth. This was accomplished by payments from Utility operating companies whose production costs were more than 11% below Entergy System average production costs to Utility operating companies whose production costs were more than the Entergy System average production cost, with payments going first to those Utility operating companies whose total production costs were farthest above the Entergy System average.

The LPSC, APSC, MPSC, and the Arkansas Electric Energy Consumers appealed the FERC's December 2005 decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Entergy and the City of New Orleans intervened in the various appeals. The D.C. Circuit issued its decision in April 2008. The D.C. Circuit concluded that the FERC's orders had failed to adequately explain both its conclusion that it was prohibited from ordering refunds for the 20-month period from September 13, 2001 - May 2, 2003 and its determination to implement the bandwidth remedy commencing on January 1, 2006, rather than June 1, 2005. The D.C. Circuit remanded the case to the FERC for further proceedings on those two issues.

In October 2011 the FERC issued an order addressing the D.C. Circuit remand on the two issues. On the first issue, the FERC concluded that it did have the authority to order refunds, but decided that it would exercise its equitable discretion and not require refunds for the 20-month period from September 13, 2001 - May 2, 2003. Because the ruling on refunds relied on findings in the interruptible load proceeding, which is discussed in a separate section below, the FERC concluded that this refund ruling will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the rehearing requests in the interruptible load proceeding. On the second issue, the FERC reversed its prior decision and ordered that the prospective bandwidth remedy begin on June 1, 2005 (the date of its initial order in the proceeding) rather than January 1, 2006, as it had previously ordered. Pursuant to the October 2011 order, Entergy was required to calculate bandwidth payments for the period June - December 2005 utilizing the bandwidth formula tariff prescribed by the FERC that was filed in a December 2006 compliance filing and accepted by the FERC in an April 2007 order.

In March 2015, in light of a December 2014 decision by the D.C. Circuit in the interruptible load proceeding, Entergy filed with the FERC a motion to establish a briefing schedule on refund issues and an initial brief addressing refund issues. The initial brief argued that the FERC, in response to the D.C. Circuit decision, should clarify its policy on refunds and find that refunds are not required in this proceeding. In October 2015 the FERC issued three orders related to the commencement of the remedy on June 1, 2005 and the inclusion of interest for the period June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Specifically, the FERC rejected Entergy's request for rehearing of its decision to include interest for the seven-month period. The FERC also rejected Entergy's request for rehearing of the order rejecting the compliance filing with regard to the issue of interest. Finally, the FERC set for hearing and settlement procedures the 2014 compliance filing that included the bandwidth calculation for the seven months June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. In setting the compliance filing for hearing, the FERC rejected the APSC's protest that Entergy Arkansas should not be subject to the filing because Entergy Arkansas would be making the payments during a period following its exit from the System Agreement. In January 2018 the D.C. Circuit affirmed the FERC decision that Entergy Arkansas was subject to the filing.

In December 2011, Entergy filed with the FERC its compliance filing that provided the payments and receipts among the Utility operating companies pursuant to the FERC's October 2011 order. The APSC, the LPSC, the PUCT, and other parties intervened in the December 2011 compliance filing proceeding, and the APSC and the LPSC also filed protests. The filing showed the following payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies:

	Payments (Receipts) (In Millions)
Entergy Arkansas	\$156

Entergy Louisiana (\$75)  
Entergy Mississippi (\$33)  
Entergy New Orleans (\$5)  
Entergy Texas (\$43)

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Entergy Arkansas made its payment in January 2012. In February 2012, Entergy Arkansas filed for an interim adjustment to its production cost allocation rider requesting that the \$156 million be collected from customers over the 22-month period from March 2012 through December 2013. In March 2012 the APSC issued an order stating that the payment can be recovered from retail customers through the production cost allocation rider, subject to refund. The LPSC and the APSC requested rehearing of the FERC's October 2011 order.

In February 2014 the FERC issued a rehearing order addressing its October 2011 order. The FERC denied the LPSC's request for rehearing on the issues of whether the bandwidth remedy should be made effective earlier than June 1, 2005, and whether refunds should be ordered for the 20-month refund effective period. The FERC granted the LPSC's rehearing request on the issue of interest on the bandwidth payments/receipts for the June - December 2005 period, requiring that interest be accrued from June 1, 2006 until the date those bandwidth payments/receipts are made. Also in February 2014 the FERC issued an order rejecting the December 2011 compliance filing that calculated the bandwidth payments/receipts for the June - December 2005 period. The FERC order required a new compliance filing that calculates the bandwidth payments/receipts for the June - December 2005 period based on monthly data for the seven individual months including interest pursuant to the February 2014 rehearing order. Entergy sought rehearing of the February 2014 order with respect to the FERC's determinations regarding interest. In April 2014 the LPSC filed a petition for review of the FERC's October 2011 and February 2014 orders with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. In August 2017 the D.C. Circuit issued a decision denying the LPSC's appeal of the FERC's October 2011 and February 2014 orders. On the issue of the FERC's implementation of the prospective remedy as of June 2005 and whether the bandwidth remedy should be extended for an additional 17 months in years 2004-2005, the D.C. Circuit affirmed the FERC's implementation of the remedy and denied the LPSC's appeal. On the issue of whether the operating companies should be required to issue refunds for the 20-month period from September 2001 to May 2003, the D.C. Circuit granted the FERC's request for agency reconsideration and remanded that issue back to the FERC for further proceedings as requested by all parties to the appeal. In response to the D.C. Circuit's remand, various parties filed briefs with the FERC addressing whether the FERC should require the Utility operating companies to issue refunds for the 20-month refund period from September 2001 to May 2003. The LPSC has argued in favor of such remands and Entergy has opposed the LPSC's request. The briefing was completed in September 2018 and the matter is pending before the FERC.

In April and May 2014, Entergy filed with the FERC an updated compliance filing that provided the payments and receipts among the Utility operating companies pursuant to the FERC's February 2014 orders. The filing showed the following net payments and receipts, including interest, among the Utility operating companies:

	Payments (Receipts) (In Millions)
Entergy Arkansas	\$68
Entergy Louisiana	(\$10)
Entergy Mississippi	(\$11)
Entergy New Orleans	\$2
Entergy Texas	(\$49)

These payments were made in May 2014. The LPSC, City Council, and APSC filed protests.

The hearing on the bandwidth calculation for the seven months June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 occurred in July 2016. The presiding judge issued an initial decision in November 2016. In the initial decision, the presiding judge agreed with the Utility operating companies' position that: (1) interest on the bandwidth payments for the 2005 test

period should be accrued from June 1, 2006 until the date that the bandwidth payments for that calculation are paid, which is consistent with how the Utility operating companies performed the calculation; and (2) a portion of Entergy Louisiana's 2001-vintage Louisiana state net operating loss accumulated deferred income tax that results from

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the Vidalia tax deduction should be excluded from the 2005 test period bandwidth calculation. Various participants filed briefs on exceptions and/or briefs opposing exceptions related to the initial decision, including the LPSC, the APSC, the FERC trial staff, and Entergy Services. In May 2018 the FERC issued an order affirming the initial decision and ordered a comprehensive recalculation of the bandwidth payments/receipts for the seven months June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 and a recalculation of the 2006 and 2007 test years as a result of limited revisions. Entergy filed the comprehensive recalculation of the bandwidth payments/receipts for the seven months June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 and the 2006 and 2007 test years in July 2018. The filing shows the additional following payments and receipts among the Utility operating companies:

	Payments (Receipts) (In Millions)
Entergy Arkansas	(\$4)
Entergy Louisiana	(\$23)
Entergy Mississippi	\$16
Entergy New Orleans	\$5
Entergy Texas	\$6

These payments were made in July 2018. In January 2019 the FERC denied the LPSC's request for rehearing of the May 2018 order.

## Rough Production Cost Equalization Rates

Each May from 2007 through 2016 Entergy filed with the FERC the rates to implement the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. These filings showed the following payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies were necessary to achieve rough production cost equalization as defined by the FERC's orders:

	Payments (Receipts)							
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(In Millions)							
Entergy Arkansas	\$252	\$252	\$390	\$41	\$77	\$41	\$—	\$—
Entergy Louisiana	(\$211)	(\$160)	(\$247)	(\$22)	(\$12)	(\$41)	\$—	\$—
Entergy Mississippi	(\$41 )	(\$20 )	(\$24 )	(\$19)	(\$40)	\$—	\$—	\$—
Entergy New Orleans	\$—	(\$7 )	\$—	\$—	(\$25)	\$—	(\$15)	(\$15)
Entergy Texas	(\$30 )	(\$65 )	(\$119)	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$15	\$15

The Utility operating companies recorded accounts payable or accounts receivable to reflect the rough production cost equalization payments and receipts required to implement the FERC's remedy. When accounts payable were recorded, a corresponding regulatory asset was recorded for the right to collect the payments from customers. When accounts receivable were recorded, a corresponding regulatory liability was recorded for the obligations to pass the receipts on to customers. No payments were required in 2016 or 2015 to implement the FERC's remedy based on calendar year 2015 production costs and 2014 production costs, respectively. The System Agreement terminated in August 2016.

The APSC approved a production cost allocation rider for recovery from customers of the retail portion of the costs allocated to Entergy Arkansas. Entergy Texas recovered its 2013 rough production cost equalization payment over three years beginning April 2014. Entergy Texas included its 2014 rough production cost equalization payment as a component of an interim fuel refund made in 2014. Management believes that any changes in the allocation of production costs resulting from the FERC's decision and related retail proceedings should result in similar rate changes for retail customers, subject to specific circumstances that have caused trapped costs.



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The following rough production cost equalization rate proceedings are still ongoing or were ongoing during the period 2016-2018.

## 2010 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2009 Production Costs

In May 2010, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2010 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding, and supplemented the filing in September 2010. Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC and the City Council, which also filed protests. In July 2010 the FERC accepted Entergy's proposed rates for filing, effective June 1, 2010, subject to refund. After an abeyance of the proceeding schedule, a hearing was held in March 2014 and in December 2015 the FERC issued an order. Among other things, the December 2015 order directed Entergy to submit a compliance filing. In January 2016 the LPSC, the APSC, and Entergy filed requests for rehearing of the FERC's December 2015 order. In February 2016, Entergy submitted the compliance filing ordered in the December 2015 order. The result of the true-up payments and receipts for the recalculation of production costs resulted in the following payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies:

	Payments (Receipts)
	(In Millions)
Entergy Arkansas	\$2
Entergy Louisiana	\$6
Entergy Mississippi	(\$4)
Entergy New Orleans	(\$1)
Entergy Texas	(\$3)

In September 2016 the FERC accepted the February 2016 compliance filing subject to a further compliance filing made in November 2016. The further compliance filing was required as a result of an order issued in September 2016 ruling on the January 2016 rehearing requests filed by the LPSC, the APSC, and Entergy. In the order addressing the rehearing requests, the FERC granted the LPSC's rehearing request and directed that interest be calculated on the payment/receipt amounts. The FERC also granted the APSC's and Entergy's rehearing request and ordered the removal of both securitized asset accumulated deferred income taxes and contra-securitization accumulated deferred income taxes from the calculation. In November 2016, Entergy submitted its compliance filing in response to the FERC's order on rehearing. The compliance filing included a revised calculation of the bandwidth true-up payments and receipts based on 2009 test year data and interest calculations. The LPSC protested the interest calculations. In November 2017 the FERC issued an order rejecting the November 2016 compliance filing. The FERC determined that the payments detailed in the November 2016 compliance filing did not include adequate interest for the payments from Entergy Arkansas to Entergy Louisiana because it did not include interest on the principal portion of the payment that was made in February 2016. In December 2017, Entergy recalculated the interest pursuant to the November 2017 order. As a result of the recalculations, Entergy Arkansas owed very minor payments to Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans.



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2011 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2010 Production Costs

In May 2011, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2011 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC, which also filed a protest. In July 2011 the FERC accepted Entergy's proposed rates for filing, effective June 1, 2011, subject to refund. After an abeyance of the proceeding schedule, in December 2014 the FERC consolidated the 2011 rate filing with the 2012, 2013, and 2014 rate filings for settlement and hearing procedures. See discussion below regarding the consolidated settlement and hearing procedures in connection with this proceeding.

2012 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2011 Production Costs

In May 2012, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2012 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC, which also filed a protest. In August 2012 the FERC accepted Entergy's proposed rates for filing, effective June 2012, subject to refund. After an abeyance of the proceeding schedule, in December 2014 the FERC consolidated the 2012 rate filing with the 2011, 2013, and 2014 rate filings for settlement and hearing procedures. See discussion below regarding the consolidated settlement and hearing procedures in connection with this proceeding.

2013 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2012 Production Costs

In May 2013, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2013 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC, which also filed a protest. The City Council intervened and filed comments related to including the outcome of a related FERC proceeding in the 2013 cost equalization calculation. In August 2013 the FERC issued an order accepting the 2013 rates, effective June 1, 2013, subject to refund. After an abeyance of the proceeding schedule, in December 2014 the FERC consolidated the 2013 rate filing with the 2011, 2012, and 2014 rate filings for settlement and hearing procedures. See discussion below regarding the consolidated settlement and hearing procedures in connection with this proceeding.

2014 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2013 Production Costs

In May 2014, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2014 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC, which also filed a protest. The City Council intervened and filed comments. In December 2014 the FERC issued an order accepting the 2014 rates, effective June 1, 2014, subject to refund, set the proceeding for hearing procedures, and consolidated the 2014 rate filing with the 2011, 2012, and 2013 rate filings for settlement and hearing procedures. See discussion below regarding the consolidated settlement and hearing procedures in connection with this proceeding.

Consolidated 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 Rate Filing Proceedings

As discussed above, in December 2014 the FERC consolidated the 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 rate filings for settlement and hearing procedures. In May 2015, Entergy filed direct testimony in the consolidated rate filings and the LPSC filed direct testimony concerning its complaint proceeding that is consolidated with the rate filings, challenging certain components of the pending bandwidth calculations for prior years. Hearings occurred in November 2015, and the ALJ issued an initial decision in July 2016. In the initial decision, the ALJ generally agreed with Entergy's bandwidth calculations with one exception on the accounting related to the Waterford 3 sale/leaseback. In March 2018

the FERC issued an order affirming the initial decision. In April 2018 the LPSC requested rehearing of the FERC's March 2018 order affirming the ALJ's initial decision. Entergy filed in May 2018 the bandwidth true-up payments and receipts for the 2011-2014 rate filings (table does not net to zero due to rounding):

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	Payments (Receipts) (In Millions)
Entergy Arkansas	\$3
Entergy Louisiana	\$3
Entergy Mississippi	(\$1)
Entergy New Orleans	\$1
Entergy Texas	(\$5)

These payments were made in May 2018. The LPSC request for rehearing is pending.

#### Utility Operating Company Termination of System Agreement Participation

Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi ceased participating in the System Agreement effective December 18, 2013 and November 7, 2015, respectively. Entergy Louisiana, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas terminated participation in the System Agreement on August 31, 2016, which resulted in the termination of the System Agreement in its entirety pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the FERC in December 2015.

In December 2013 the FERC set one issue for hearing involving whether and how the benefits associated with settlement with Union Pacific regarding certain coal delivery issues should be allocated among Entergy Arkansas and the other Utility operating companies post-termination of the System Agreement. In December 2014 a FERC ALJ issued an initial decision finding that Entergy Arkansas would realize benefits after December 18, 2013 from the 2008 settlement agreement between Entergy Services, Entergy Arkansas, and Union Pacific, related to certain coal delivery issues. In March 2016 the FERC issued an opinion affirming the December 2014 initial decision with regard to the determination that there were benefits related to the Union Pacific settlement, which were realized post-Entergy Arkansas's December 2013 withdrawal from the System Agreement, that should be shared with the other Utility operating companies utilizing the methodology proposed by the MPSC and trued-up to actual coal volumes purchased. In May 2016, Entergy made a compliance filing that provided the calculation of Union Pacific settlement benefits utilizing the methodology adopted by the initial decision, trued-up for the actual volumes of coal purchased. The payments were made in May 2016. In August 2016 the FERC issued an order accepting Entergy's compliance filing. Also in August 2016 the APSC filed a petition for review of the FERC's March 2016 and August 2016 orders with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. In June 2018 the D.C. Circuit denied the APSC's petition.

#### Interruptible Load Proceeding

In April 2007 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued its opinion in the LPSC's appeal of the FERC's March 2004 and April 2005 orders related to the treatment under the System Agreement of the Utility operating companies' interruptible loads. In its opinion the D.C. Circuit concluded that the FERC: (1) acted arbitrarily and capriciously by allowing the Utility operating companies to phase-in the effects of the elimination of the interruptible load over a 12-month period of time; (2) failed to adequately explain why refunds could not be ordered under Section 206(c) of the Federal Power Act; and (3) exercised appropriately its discretion to defer addressing the cost of sulfur dioxide allowances until a later time. The D.C. Circuit remanded the matter to the FERC for a more considered determination on the issue of refunds. The FERC issued its order on remand in September 2007, in which it directed Entergy to make a compliance filing removing all interruptible load from the computation of peak load responsibility commencing April 1, 2004 and to issue any necessary refunds to reflect this change. In addition, the order directed the Utility operating companies to make refunds for the period May 1995 through July 1996. In November 2007 the Utility operating companies filed a refund report describing the refunds to be issued pursuant to the FERC's

orders. The LPSC filed a protest to the refund report in December 2007. The refunds were made in October 2008 by the Utility operating companies that owed refunds to the Utility operating companies that were due refunds under the decision. The APSC and the Utility operating companies appealed the FERC decisions to the D.C. Circuit.

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Following the filing of petitioners' initial briefs, the FERC filed a motion requesting the D.C. Circuit hold the appeal of the FERC's decisions ordering refunds in the interruptible load proceeding in abeyance and remand the record to the FERC. The D.C. Circuit granted the FERC's unopposed motion in June 2009. In December 2009 the FERC established a paper hearing to determine whether the FERC had the authority and, if so, whether it would be appropriate to order refunds resulting from changes in the treatment of interruptible load in the allocation of capacity costs by the Utility operating companies. In August 2010 the FERC issued an order stating that it has the authority and refunds are appropriate. The APSC, the MPSC, and Entergy requested rehearing of the FERC's decision. In June 2011 the FERC issued an order granting rehearing in part and denying rehearing in part, in which the FERC determined to invoke its discretion to deny refunds. The FERC held that in this case where "the Entergy system as a whole collected the proper level of revenue, but, as was later established, incorrectly allocated peak load responsibility among the various Entergy operating companies....the Commission will apply here our usual practice in such cases, invoking our equitable discretion to not order refunds, notwithstanding our authority to do so." The LPSC requested rehearing of the FERC's June 2011 decision. In July 2011 the refunds made in the fourth quarter 2008 described above were reversed. In October 2011 the FERC issued an "Order Establishing Paper Hearing" inviting parties that oppose refunds to file briefs within 30 days addressing the LPSC's argument that FERC precedent supports refunds under the circumstances present in this proceeding. Parties that favor refunds were then invited to file reply briefs within 21 days of the date that the initial briefs were due.

In March 2013 the FERC issued an order denying the LPSC's request for rehearing of the FERC's June 2011 order wherein the FERC concluded it would exercise its discretion and not order refunds in the interruptible load proceeding. Based on its review of the LPSC's request for rehearing and the briefs filed as part of the paper hearing established in October 2011, the FERC affirmed its earlier ruling and declined to order refunds under the circumstances of the case. In May 2013 the LPSC filed a petition for review with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit seeking review of FERC orders in the interruptible load proceeding that concluded that the FERC would exercise its discretion and not order refunds in the proceeding. Oral argument was held on the appeal in the D.C. Circuit in September 2014. In December 2014 the D.C. Circuit issued an order on the LPSC's appeal and remanded the case back to the FERC. The D.C. Circuit rejected the LPSC's argument that there is a presumption in favor of refunds, but it held that the FERC had not adequately explained its decision to deny refunds and directed the FERC "to consider the relevant factors and weigh them against one another." In March 2015, Entergy filed with the FERC an initial brief on remand to address the December 2014 decision by the D.C. Circuit. The initial brief on remand argued that the FERC, in response to the D.C. Circuit decision, should clarify its policy on refunds and find that refunds are not required in the interruptible load proceeding.

In April 2016 the FERC issued an order on remand that addressed the December 2014 decision by the D.C. Circuit in the interruptible load proceeding. The order on remand affirmed the FERC's denial of refunds for the 15-month refund effective period. The FERC explained and clarified its policies regarding refunds and concluded that the evidence in the record demonstrated that the relevant equitable factors favored not requiring refunds in this case. The FERC also noted that, under Section 206(c) of the Federal Power Act, in a Section 206 proceeding involving two or more electric utility companies of a registered holding company system, the FERC may order refunds only if it determines the refunds would not cause the registered holding company to experience any reduction in revenues resulting from an inability of an electric utility company in the system to recover the resulting increase in costs. The FERC stated it was not able to find that the Entergy system would not experience a reduction in revenues if refunds were awarded in this proceeding, which further supported the denial of refunds. In May 2016 the LPSC filed a request for rehearing of the FERC's April 2016 order. In September 2016 the FERC issued an order denying the LPSC's request for rehearing and reaffirming its denial of refunds for the 15-month refund effective period. The LPSC appealed the April and September 2016 orders to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. In March 2018 the D.C. Circuit issued an

order denying the LPSC's appeal and affirming the FERC's decision that it would be inequitable to award refunds in the proceeding. In April 2018 the LPSC sought rehearing en banc of the D.C. Circuit's order denying the LPSC's appeal. In May 2018 the D.C. Circuit denied the LPSC's rehearing request. In August 2018 the LPSC filed with the Supreme Court of the United States a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the D.C. Circuit. In November 2018 the Supreme Court of the United States denied the LPSC's petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the D.C. Circuit, effectively terminating the interruptible load proceeding.

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Entergy Arkansas Opportunity Sales Proceeding

In June 2009 the LPSC filed a complaint requesting that the FERC determine that certain of Entergy Arkansas's sales of electric energy to third parties: (a) violated the provisions of the System Agreement that allocated the energy generated by Entergy System resources; (b) imprudently denied the Entergy System and its ultimate consumers the benefits of low-cost Entergy System generating capacity; and (c) violated the provision of the System Agreement that prohibited sales to third parties by individual companies absent an offer of a right-of-first-refusal to other Utility operating companies. The LPSC's complaint challenged sales made beginning in 2002 and requested refunds. In July 2009 the Utility operating companies filed a response to the complaint arguing among other things that the System Agreement contemplates that the Utility operating companies may make sales to third parties for their own account, subject to the requirement that those sales be included in the load (or load shape) for the applicable Utility operating company. The FERC subsequently ordered a hearing in the proceeding.

After a hearing, the ALJ issued an initial decision in December 2010. The ALJ found that the System Agreement allowed for Entergy Arkansas to make the sales to third parties but concluded that the sales should be accounted for in the same manner as joint account sales. The ALJ concluded that "shareholders" should make refunds of the damages to the Utility operating companies, along with interest. Entergy disagreed with several aspects of the ALJ's initial decision and in January 2011 filed with the FERC exceptions to the decision.

The FERC issued a decision in June 2012 and held that, while the System Agreement is ambiguous, it does provide authority for individual Utility operating companies to make opportunity sales for their own account and Entergy Arkansas made and priced these sales in good faith. The FERC found, however, that the System Agreement does not provide authority for an individual Utility operating company to allocate the energy associated with such opportunity sales as part of its load but provides a different allocation authority. The FERC further found that the after-the-fact accounting methodology used to allocate the energy used to supply the sales was inconsistent with the System Agreement. The FERC in its decision established further hearing procedures to quantify the effect of repricing the opportunity sales in accordance with the FERC's June 2012 decision. The hearing was held in May 2013 and the ALJ issued an initial decision in August 2013. The LPSC, the APSC, the City Council, and FERC staff filed briefs on exceptions and/or briefs opposing exceptions. Entergy filed a brief on exceptions requesting that the FERC reverse the initial decision and a brief opposing certain exceptions taken by the LPSC and FERC staff.

In April 2016 the FERC issued orders addressing requests for rehearing filed in July 2012 and the ALJ's August 2013 initial decision. The first order denied Entergy's request for rehearing and affirmed the FERC's earlier rulings that Entergy's original methodology for allocating energy costs to the opportunity sales was incorrect and, as a result, Entergy Arkansas must make payments to the other Utility operating companies to put them in the same position that they would have been in absent the incorrect allocation. The FERC clarified that interest should be included with the payments. The second order affirmed in part, and reversed in part, the rulings in the ALJ's August 2013 initial decision regarding the methodology that should be used to calculate the payments Entergy Arkansas is to make to the other Utility operating companies. The FERC affirmed the ALJ's ruling that a full re-run of intra-system bills should be performed but required that methodology be modified so that the sales have the same priority for purposes of energy allocation as joint account sales. The FERC reversed the ALJ's decision that any payments by Entergy Arkansas should be reduced by 20%. The FERC also reversed the ALJ's decision that adjustments to other System Agreement service schedules and excess bandwidth payments should not be taken into account when calculating the payments to be made by Entergy Arkansas. The FERC held that such adjustments and excess bandwidth payments should be taken into account but ordered further proceedings before an ALJ to address whether a cap on any reduction due to

bandwidth payments was necessary and to implement the other adjustments to the calculation methodology.

In May 2016, Entergy Services filed a request for rehearing of the FERC's April 2016 order arguing that payments made by Entergy Arkansas should be reduced as a result of the timing of the LPSC's approval of certain contracts. Entergy Services also filed a request for clarification and/or rehearing of the FERC's April 2016 order addressing the ALJ's August 2013 initial decision. The APSC and the LPSC also filed requests for rehearing of the



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FERC's April 2016 order. In September 2017 the FERC issued an order denying the request for rehearing on the issue of whether any payments by Entergy Arkansas to the other Utility operating companies should be reduced due to the timing of the LPSC's approval of Entergy Arkansas's wholesale baseload contract with Entergy Louisiana. In November 2017 the FERC issued an order denying all of the remaining requests for rehearing of the April 2016 order. In November 2017, Entergy Services filed a petition for review in the D.C. Circuit of the FERC's orders in the first two phases of the opportunity sales case. In December 2017 the D.C. Circuit granted Entergy Services's request to hold the appeal in abeyance pending final resolution of the related proceeding before the FERC. In January 2018 the APSC and the LPSC filed separate petitions for review in the D.C. Circuit, and the D.C. Circuit consolidated the appeals with Entergy Services's appeal and held all of the appeals in abeyance pending final resolution of the related proceeding before the FERC.

The hearing required by the FERC's April 2016 order was held in May 2017. In July 2017 the ALJ issued an initial decision addressing whether a cap on any reduction due to bandwidth payments was necessary and whether to implement the other adjustments to the calculation methodology. In August 2017 the Utility operating companies, the LPSC, the APSC, and FERC staff filed individual briefs on exceptions challenging various aspects of the initial decision. In September 2017 the Utility operating companies, the LPSC, the APSC, the MPSC, the City Council, and FERC staff filed separate briefs opposing exceptions taken by various parties.

Based on testimony previously submitted in the case and its assessment of the April 2016 FERC orders, in the first quarter 2016, Entergy Arkansas recorded a liability of \$87 million, which included interest, for its estimated increased costs and payment to the other Utility operating companies, and a deferred fuel regulatory asset of \$75 million. Following its assessment of the course of the proceedings, including the FERC's denial of rehearing in November 2017 described above, in the fourth quarter 2017, Entergy Arkansas recorded an additional liability of \$35 million and a regulatory asset of \$31 million.

In October 2018 the FERC issued an order addressing the ALJ's July 2017 initial decision. The FERC reversed the ALJ's decision to cap the reduction in Entergy Arkansas's payment to account for the increased bandwidth payments that Entergy Arkansas made to the other operating companies. The FERC also reversed the ALJ's decision that Grand Gulf sales from January through September 2000 should be included in the calculation of Entergy Arkansas's payment. The FERC affirmed on other grounds the ALJ's rejection of the LPSC's claim that certain joint account sales should be accounted for as part of the calculation of Entergy Arkansas's payment. In December 2018, Entergy made a compliance filing in response to the FERC's October 2018 order. The compliance filing provided a final calculation of Entergy Arkansas's payments to the other Utility operating companies, including interest. Refunds and interest in the following amounts were paid by Entergy Arkansas to the other operating companies in December 2018:

	Total refunds including interest		
	Payment/(Receipt)		
	(In Millions)		
	Principal	Interest	Total
Entergy Arkansas	\$68	\$67	\$135
Entergy Louisiana	(\$30)	(\$29)	(\$59)
Entergy Mississippi	(\$18)	(\$18)	(\$36)
Entergy New Orleans	(\$3)	(\$4)	(\$7)
Entergy Texas	(\$17)	(\$16)	(\$33)

Entergy Arkansas previously recognized a regulatory asset with a balance of \$116 million as of December 31, 2018 for a portion of the payments due as a result of this proceeding.

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Complaints Against System Energy

Return on Equity Complaints

In January 2017 the APSC and MPSC filed a complaint with the FERC against System Energy. The complaint seeks a reduction in the return on equity component of the Unit Power Sales Agreement pursuant to which System Energy sells its Grand Gulf capacity and energy to Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans. Entergy Arkansas also sells some of its Grand Gulf capacity and energy to Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans under separate agreements. The current return on equity under the Unit Power Sales Agreement is 10.94%, which was established in a rate proceeding that became final in July 2001.

The APSC and MPSC complaint alleges that the return on equity is unjust and unreasonable because capital market and other considerations indicate that it is excessive. The complaint requests the FERC to institute proceedings to investigate the return on equity and establish a lower return on equity, and also requests that the FERC establish January 23, 2017 as a refund effective date. The complaint includes return on equity analysis that purports to establish that the range of reasonable return on equity for System Energy is between 8.37% and 8.67%. System Energy answered the complaint in February 2017 and disputes that a return on equity of 8.37% to 8.67% is just and reasonable. The LPSC and the City Council intervened in the proceeding expressing support for the complaint. System Energy is recording a provision against revenue for the potential outcome of this proceeding. In September 2017 the FERC established a refund effective date of January 23, 2017, consolidated the return on equity complaint with the proceeding described in Unit Power Sales Agreement below, and directed the parties to engage in settlement proceedings before an ALJ. The parties have been unable to settle the return on equity issue and a FERC hearing judge was assigned in July 2018. The 15-month refund effective date in connection with the APSC/MPSC complaint expired on April 23, 2018.

In April 2018 the LPSC filed a complaint with the FERC against System Energy seeking an additional 15-month refund period. The LPSC complaint requests similar relief from the FERC with respect to System Energy's return on equity and also requests the FERC to investigate System Energy's capital structure. The APSC, MPSC, and City Council intervened in the proceeding, filed an answer expressing support for the complaint, and asked the FERC to consolidate this proceeding with the proceeding initiated by the complaint of the APSC and MPSC in January 2017. System Energy answered the LPSC complaint in May 2018 and also filed a motion to dismiss the complaint.

In August 2018 the FERC issued an order dismissing the LPSC's request to investigate System Energy's capital structure and setting for hearing System Energy's return on equity, with a refund effective date of April 2018. The portion of the LPSC's complaint dealing with return on equity was subsequently consolidated with the APSC and MPSC complaint for hearing. The consolidated hearing has been scheduled for September 2019, and the parties are required to address an order (issued in a separate proceeding involving New England transmission owners) that proposed modifying the FERC's standard methodology for determining return on equity. In September 2018, System Energy filed a request for rehearing and the LPSC filed a request for rehearing or reconsideration of the FERC's August 2018 order. The LPSC's request referenced an amended complaint that it filed on the same day raising the same capital structure claim the FERC had earlier dismissed. The FERC initiated a new proceeding for the amended complaint, and System Energy submitted a response to the amended complaint in October 2018. In January 2019 the FERC set the amended complaint for settlement and hearing proceedings.

Grand Gulf Sale-leaseback Renewal Complaint

In May 2018 the LPSC filed a complaint against System Energy and Entergy Services related to System Energy's renewal of a sale-leaseback transaction originally entered into in December 1988 for an 11.5% undivided interest in Grand Gulf Unit 1. The complaint alleges that System Energy violated the filed rate and the FERC's ratemaking and accounting requirements when it included in Unit Power Sales Agreement billings the cost of capital additions associated with the sale-leaseback interest, and that System Energy is double-recovering costs by including both the lease payments and the capital additions in Unit Power Sales Agreement billings. The complaint also claims

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that System Energy was imprudent in entering into the sale-leaseback renewal because the Utility operating companies that purchase Grand Gulf's output from System Energy could have obtained cheaper capacity and energy in the MISO markets. The complaint further alleges that System Energy violated various other reporting and accounting requirements and should have sought prior FERC approval of the lease renewal. The complaint seeks various forms of relief from the FERC. The complaint seeks refunds for capital addition costs for all years in which they were recorded in allegedly non-formula accounts or, alternatively, the disallowance of the return on equity for the capital additions in those years plus interest. The complaint also asks that the FERC disallow and refund the lease costs of the sale-leaseback renewal on grounds of imprudence, investigate System Energy's treatment of a DOE litigation payment, and impose certain forward-looking procedural protections, including audit rights for retail regulators of the Unit Power Sales Agreement formula rates. The APSC, MPSC, and City Council intervened in the proceeding.

In June 2018, System Energy and Entergy Services filed a motion to dismiss and an answer to the LPSC complaint denying that System Energy's treatment of the sale-leaseback renewal and capital additions violated the terms of the filed rate or any other FERC ratemaking, accounting, or legal requirements or otherwise constituted double recovery. The response also argued that the complaint is inconsistent with a FERC-approved settlement to which the LPSC is a party and that explicitly authorizes System Energy to recover its lease payments. Finally, the response argued that both the capital additions and the sale-leaseback renewal were prudent investments and the LPSC complaint fails to justify any disallowance or refunds. The response also offered to submit formula rate protocols for the Unit Power Sales Agreement similar to the procedures used for reviewing transmission rates under the MISO tariff. In September 2018 the FERC issued an order setting the complaint for hearing and settlement proceedings. The FERC established a refund effective date of May 2018. The hearing has been scheduled for November 2019.

Unit Power Sales Agreement

In August 2017, System Energy submitted to the FERC proposed amendments to the Unit Power Sales Agreement pursuant to which System Energy sells its Grand Gulf capacity and energy to Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans. The filing proposes limited amendments to the Unit Power Sales Agreement to adopt (1) updated rates for use in calculating Grand Gulf plant depreciation and amortization expenses and (2) updated nuclear decommissioning cost annual revenue requirements, both of which are recovered through the Unit Power Sales Agreement rate formula. The proposed amendments would result in lower charges to the Utility operating companies that buy capacity and energy from System Energy under the Unit Power Sales Agreement. The proposed changes are based on updated depreciation and nuclear decommissioning studies that take into account the renewal of Grand Gulf's operating license for a term through November 1, 2044. System Energy requested that the FERC accept the amendments effective October 1, 2017.

In September 2017 the FERC accepted System Energy's proposed Unit Power Sales Agreement amendments, subject to further proceedings to consider the justness and reasonableness of the amendments. Because the amendments propose a rate decrease, the FERC also initiated an investigation under Section 206 of the Federal Power Act to determine if the rate decrease should be lower than proposed. The FERC accepted the proposed amendments effective October 1, 2017, subject to refund pending the outcome of the further settlement and/or hearing proceedings, and established a refund effective date of October 11, 2017 with respect to the rate decrease. The FERC also consolidated the Unit Power Sales Agreement amendment proceeding with the proceeding described in "Return on Equity Complaints" above, and directed the parties to engage in settlement proceedings before an ALJ. In June 2018, System Energy filed with the FERC an uncontested settlement relating to the updated depreciation rates and nuclear decommissioning cost annual revenue requirements. In August 2018 the FERC issued an order accepting the settlement. In the third quarter 2018, System Energy recorded a reduction in depreciation expense of approximately

\$26 million, representing the cumulative difference in depreciation expense resulting from the depreciation rates used from October 11, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and the depreciation rates included in the settlement filing accepted by the FERC.

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Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators

Entergy Louisiana

Hurricane Isaac

In August 2012, Hurricane Isaac caused extensive damage to Entergy Louisiana's service area. The storm resulted in widespread power outages, significant damage primarily to distribution infrastructure, and the loss of sales during the power outages. In June 2014 the LPSC authorized Entergy Louisiana to utilize Louisiana Act 55 financing for Hurricane Isaac system restoration costs. Entergy Louisiana committed to pass on to customers a minimum of \$30.8 million of customer benefits through annual customer credits of approximately \$6.2 million for five years. Approvals for the Act 55 financings were obtained from the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation (LURC) and the Louisiana State Bond Commission.

In August 2014 the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (LCDA) issued \$314.85 million in bonds under Louisiana Act 55. From the \$309 million of bond proceeds loaned by the LCDA to the LURC, the LURC deposited \$16 million in a restricted escrow account as a storm damage reserve for Entergy Louisiana and transferred \$293 million directly to Entergy Louisiana. Entergy Louisiana used the \$293 million received from the LURC to acquire 2,935,152.69 Class C preferred, non-voting, membership interest units of Entergy Holdings Company LLC, a company wholly-owned and consolidated by Entergy, that carry a 7.5% annual distribution rate. Distributions are payable quarterly commencing on September 15, 2014, and the membership interests have a liquidation price of \$100 per unit. The preferred membership interests are callable at the option of Entergy Holdings Company LLC after ten years under the terms of the LLC agreement. The terms of the membership interests include certain financial covenants to which Entergy Holdings Company LLC is subject, including the requirement to maintain a net worth of at least \$1.75 billion.

Entergy and Entergy Louisiana do not report the bonds issued by the LCDA on their balance sheets because the bonds are the obligation of the LCDA and there is no recourse against Entergy or Entergy Louisiana in the event of a bond default. To service the bonds, Entergy Louisiana collects a system restoration charge on behalf of the LURC, and remits the collections to the bond indenture trustee. Entergy and Entergy Louisiana do not report the collections as revenue because Entergy Louisiana is merely acting as the billing and collection agent for the state.

Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike

In September 2008, Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike caused catastrophic damage to Entergy Louisiana's service territory. In December 2009, Entergy Louisiana entered into a stipulation agreement with the LPSC staff regarding its storm costs. In March and April 2010, Entergy Louisiana and other parties to the proceeding filed with the LPSC an uncontested stipulated settlement that included Entergy Louisiana's proposal to utilize Act 55 financing, which included a commitment to pass on to customers a minimum of \$43.3 million of customer benefits through a prospective annual rate reduction of \$8.7 million for five years. In April 2010 the LPSC approved the settlement and subsequently issued financing orders and a ratemaking order intended to facilitate the implementation of the Act 55 financings. In June 2010 the Louisiana State Bond Commission approved the Act 55 financing. The settlement agreement allowed for an adjustment to the credits if there was a change in the applicable federal or state income tax rate. As a result of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, and the lowering of the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, the Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation regulatory liability related to Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike was reduced by \$2.7 million, with a corresponding increase to Other

regulatory credits on the income statement. The effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are discussed further in Note 3 to the financial statements.

In July 2010, the LCDA issued two series of bonds totaling \$713.0 million under Act 55. From the \$702.7 million of bond proceeds loaned by the LCDA to the LURC, the LURC deposited \$290 million in a restricted escrow account as a storm damage reserve for Entergy Louisiana and transferred \$412.7 million directly to Entergy

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Louisiana. From the bond proceeds received by Entergy Louisiana from the LURC, Entergy Louisiana used \$412.7 million to acquire 4,126,940.15 Class B preferred, non-voting, membership interest units of Entergy Holdings Company LLC, a company wholly-owned and consolidated by Entergy, that carry a 9% annual distribution rate. Distributions are payable quarterly commencing on September 15, 2010, and the membership interests have a liquidation price of \$100 per unit. The preferred membership interests are callable at the option of Entergy Holdings Company LLC after ten years under the terms of the LLC agreement. The terms of the membership interests include certain financial covenants to which Entergy Holdings Company LLC is subject, including the requirement to maintain a net worth of at least \$1 billion.

Entergy and Entergy Louisiana do not report the bonds issued by the LCDA on their balance sheets because the bonds are the obligation of the LCDA, and there is no recourse against Entergy or Entergy Louisiana in the event of a bond default. To service the bonds, Entergy Louisiana collects a system restoration charge on behalf of the LURC, and remits the collections to the bond indenture trustee. Entergy and Entergy Louisiana do not report the collections as revenue because Entergy Louisiana is merely acting as the billing and collection agent for the state.

Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita

In August and September 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused catastrophic damage to Entergy Louisiana's service territory. In March 2008, Entergy Louisiana and the LURC filed at the LPSC an application requesting that the LPSC grant a financing order authorizing the financing of Entergy Louisiana storm costs, storm reserves, and issuance costs pursuant to Louisiana Act 55. Entergy Louisiana also filed an application requesting LPSC approval for ancillary issues including the mechanism to flow charges and savings to customers via a storm cost offset rider. In April 2008 the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA), which is the issuer of the bonds pursuant to the Act 55 financing, approved requests for the Act 55 financing. Also in April 2008, Entergy Louisiana and the LPSC staff filed with the LPSC an uncontested stipulated settlement that included Entergy Louisiana's proposal under the Act 55 financing, which included a commitment to pass on to customers a minimum of \$40 million of customer benefits through a prospective annual rate reduction of \$8 million for five years. The LPSC subsequently approved the settlement and issued two financing orders and one ratemaking order intended to facilitate implementation of the Act 55 financing. In May 2008 the Louisiana State Bond Commission granted final approval of the Act 55 financing. The settlement agreement allowed for an adjustment to the credits if there was a change in the applicable federal or state income tax rate. As a result of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, in December 2017, and the lowering of the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, the Louisiana Act 55 financing savings obligation regulatory liability related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita was reduced by \$22.3 million, with a corresponding increase to Other regulatory credits on the income statement. The effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are discussed further in Note 3 to the financial statements.

In July 2008 the LPFA issued \$687.7 million in bonds under the aforementioned Act 55. From the \$679 million of bond proceeds loaned by the LPFA to the LURC, the LURC deposited \$152 million in a restricted escrow account as a storm damage reserve for Entergy Louisiana and transferred \$527 million directly to Entergy Louisiana. From the bond proceeds received by Entergy Louisiana from the LURC, Entergy Louisiana invested \$545 million, including \$17.8 million that was withdrawn from the restricted escrow account as approved by the April 16, 2008 LPSC orders, in exchange for 5,449,861.85 Class A preferred, non-voting, membership interest units of Entergy Holdings Company LLC, a company wholly-owned and consolidated by Entergy, that carry a 10% annual distribution rate. In August 2008, the LPFA issued \$278.4 million in bonds under the aforementioned Act 55. From the \$274.7 million of bond proceeds loaned by the LPFA to the LURC, the LURC deposited \$87 million in a restricted escrow account as a storm damage reserve for Entergy Louisiana and transferred \$187.7 million directly to Entergy Louisiana. From the bond

proceeds received by Entergy Louisiana from the LURC, Entergy Louisiana invested \$189.4 million, including \$1.7 million that was withdrawn from the restricted escrow account as approved by the April 16, 2008 LPSC orders, in exchange for 1,893,918.39 Class A preferred, non-voting, membership interest units of Entergy Holdings Company LLC that carry a 10% annual distribution rate. Distributions are payable quarterly commencing on September 15, 2008 and have a liquidation price of \$100 per unit. The preferred membership interests are callable at the option of Entergy Holdings Company LLC after ten years under the terms of the LLC agreement. The terms of the membership

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interests include certain financial covenants to which Entergy Holdings Company LLC is subject, including the requirement to maintain a net worth of at least \$1 billion. In February 2012, Entergy Louisiana sold 500,000 of its Class A preferred membership units in Entergy Holdings Company LLC, a wholly-owned Entergy subsidiary, to a third party in exchange for \$51 million plus accrued but unpaid distributions on the units. The 500,000 preferred membership units are mandatorily redeemable in January 2112.

The bonds were repaid in 2018. Entergy and Entergy Louisiana did not report the bonds issued by the LPFA on their balance sheets because the bonds are the obligation of the LPFA, and there was no recourse against Entergy or Entergy Louisiana in the event of a bond default. To service the bonds, Entergy Louisiana collected a system restoration charge on behalf of the LURC, and remitted the collections to the bond indenture trustee. Entergy and Entergy Louisiana did not report the collections as revenue because Entergy Louisiana was merely acting as the billing and collection agent for the state.

Entergy Mississippi

Entergy Mississippi has approval from the MPSC to collect a storm damage provision of \$1.75 million per month. If Entergy Mississippi's accumulated storm damage provision balance exceeds \$15 million, the collection of the storm damage provision ceases until such time that the accumulated storm damage provision becomes less than \$10 million. As of April 30, 2016, Entergy Mississippi's storm damage provision balance was less than \$10 million, therefore Entergy Mississippi resumed billing the monthly storm damage provision effective with June 2016 bills. As of September 30, 2016, however, Entergy Mississippi's storm damage provision balance exceeded \$15 million. Accordingly the storm damage provision was reset to zero beginning with November 2016 bills. As of July 31, 2017, the balance in Entergy Mississippi's accumulated storm damage provision was again less than \$10 million, therefore Entergy Mississippi resumed billing the monthly storm damage provision effective with September 2017 bills. As of June 30, 2018, Entergy Mississippi's storm damage provision balance exceeded \$15 million. Accordingly the storm damage provision was reset to zero beginning with August 2018 bills.

Entergy New Orleans

In August 2012, Hurricane Isaac caused extensive damage to Entergy New Orleans's service area. In January 2015 the City Council issued a resolution approving the terms of a joint agreement in principle filed by Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Louisiana, and the City Council Advisors determining, among other things, that Entergy New Orleans's prudently-incurred storm recovery costs were \$49.3 million, of which \$31.7 million, net of reimbursements from the storm reserve escrow account, remained recoverable from Entergy New Orleans's electric customers. The resolution also directed Entergy New Orleans to file an application to securitize the unrecovered City Council-approved storm recovery costs of \$31.7 million pursuant to the Louisiana Electric Utility Storm Recovery Securitization Act (Louisiana Act 64). In addition, the resolution found that it was reasonable for Entergy New Orleans to include in the principal amount of its potential securitization the costs to fund and replenish Entergy New Orleans's storm reserve in an amount that achieved the City Council-approved funding level of \$75 million. In January 2015, in compliance with that directive, Entergy New Orleans filed with the City Council an application requesting that the City Council grant a financing order authorizing the financing of Entergy New Orleans's storm costs, storm reserves, and issuance costs pursuant to Louisiana Act 64. In May 2015 the parties entered into an agreement in principle and the City Council issued a financing order authorizing Entergy New Orleans to issue storm recovery bonds in the aggregate amount of \$98.7 million, including \$31.8 million for recovery of Entergy New Orleans's Hurricane Isaac storm recovery costs, including carrying costs, \$63.9 million to fund and replenish Entergy New Orleans's storm reserve, and approximately \$3 million for estimated up-front financing costs associated with the securitization. See Note 5 to the financial

statements for discussion of the issuance of the securitization bonds in July 2015.

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## New Nuclear Generation Development Costs

## Entergy Louisiana

Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana were developing a project option for new nuclear generation at River Bend. In March 2010, Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana filed with the LPSC seeking approval to continue the limited development activities necessary to preserve an option to construct a new unit at River Bend. At its June 2012 meeting the LPSC voted to uphold an ALJ recommendation that the request of Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana be declined on the basis that the LPSC's rule on new nuclear development does not apply to activities to preserve an option to develop and on the further grounds that the companies improperly engaged in advanced preparation activities prior to certification. The LPSC directed that Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana be permitted to seek recovery of these costs in their upcoming rate case filings that were subsequently filed in February 2013. In the resolution of the rate case proceeding the LPSC provided for an eight-year amortization of costs incurred in connection with the potential development of new nuclear generation at River Bend, without carrying costs, beginning in December 2014, provided, however, that amortization of these costs shall not result in a future rate increase. As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Louisiana has a regulatory asset of \$28.5 million on its balance sheet related to these new nuclear generation development costs.

NOTE 3. INCOME TAXES (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

Income taxes for 2018, 2017, and 2016 for Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries consist of the following:

	2018	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)		
Current:			
Federal	\$36,848	\$29,595	\$45,249
Foreign	—	—	68
State	7,274	15,478	(14,960 )
Total	44,122	45,073	30,357
Deferred and non-current - net	(1,074,416 )	505,010	(840,465 )
Investment tax credit adjustments - net	(6,532 )	(7,513 )	(7,151 )
Income taxes	(\$1,036,826)	\$542,570	(\$817,259)

Income taxes for 2018, 2017, and 2016 for Entergy's Registrant Subsidiaries consist of the following:

2018	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Current:						
Federal	(\$23,638 )	(\$15,841 )	(\$11,275 )	(\$10,813 )	\$16,190	(\$9,786 )
State	(1,617 )	(1,122 )	(1,066 )	545	3,205	(1,821 )
Total	(25,255 )	(16,963 )	(12,341 )	(10,268 )	19,395	(11,607 )
Deferred and non-current - net	(270,586 )	(32,725 )	(114,738 )	7,943	(44,817 )	(35,329 )

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Investment tax credit adjustments - net	(1,226 )	(4,923 )	1,306	(111 )	(821 )	(739 )
Income taxes	(\$297,067)	(\$54,611)	(\$125,773)	(\$2,436)	(\$26,243)	(\$47,675)

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2017	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Current:						
Federal	\$16,086	(\$84,250 )	(\$8,845 )	(\$30,635 )	\$6,034	\$47,674
State	9,191	1,480	(924 )	(728 )	310	5,314
Total	25,277	(82,770 )	(9,769 )	(31,363 )	6,344	52,988
Deferred and non-current - net	69,753	572,988	83,501	62,946	43,102	19,243
Investment tax credit adjustments - net	(1,226 )	(4,920 )	187	1,695	(965 )	(2,262 )
Income taxes	\$93,804	\$485,298	\$73,919	\$33,278	\$48,481	\$69,969
2016	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Current:						
Federal	(\$14,748 )	(\$124,113 )	\$10,603	(\$91,067 )	\$19,656	\$29,628
State	2,805	10,757	2,257	566	1,374	(25,825 )
Total	(11,943 )	(113,356 )	12,860	(90,501 )	21,030	3,803
Deferred and non-current - net	120,942	208,157	46,984	119,345	42,982	71,051
Investment tax credit adjustments - net	(1,226 )	(5,067 )	4,010	(139 )	(915 )	(3,793 )
Income taxes	\$107,773	\$89,734	\$63,854	\$28,705	\$63,097	\$71,061

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Total income taxes for Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries differ from the amounts computed by applying the statutory income tax rate to income before income taxes. The reasons for the differences for the years 2018, 2017, and 2016 are:

	2018	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)		
Net income (loss) attributable to Entergy Corporation	\$848,661	\$411,612	(\$583,618 )
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	13,894	13,741	19,115
Consolidated net income (loss)	862,555	425,353	(564,503 )
Income taxes	(1,036,826 )	542,570	(817,259 )
Income (loss) before income taxes	(\$174,271 )	\$967,923	(\$1,381,762)
Computed at statutory rate (21% for 2018) (35% for 2017 and 2016)	(\$36,597 )	\$338,773	(\$483,617 )
Increases (reductions) in tax resulting from:			
State income taxes net of federal income tax effect	21,398	44,179	40,581
Regulatory differences - utility plant items	(37,507 )	39,825	33,581
Equity component of AFUDC	(27,216 )	(33,282 )	(23,647 )
Amortization of investment tax credits	(8,304 )	(10,204 )	(10,889 )
Flow-through / permanent differences	439	8,727	(19,307 )
Tax legislation enactment (a)	—	560,410	—
Amortization of excess ADIT (a)	(577,082 )	—	—
Revisions of the 2017 tax legislation enactment regulatory liability accrual, including the effect of the Entergy Texas 2018 base rate proceeding	(40,494 )	—	—
Utility restructuring (b)	(169,918 )	—	—
Settlement on treatment of regulatory obligations (c)	(52,320 )	—	—
State income tax audit conclusion	(23,425 )	—	—
IRS audit adjustment	(8,404 )	—	—
Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear decommissioning trust restructuring (d)	(106,833 )	—	—
Entergy Wholesale Commodities restructuring (d)	—	(373,277 )	(237,760 )
Act 55 financing settlement (e)	—	—	(63,477 )
FitzPatrick disposition	—	(44,344 )	—
Provision for uncertain tax positions (e)	24,569	8,756	(67,119 )
Valuation allowance	2,211	—	11,411
Other - net	2,657	3,007	2,984
Total income taxes as reported	(\$1,036,826)	\$542,570	(\$817,259 )
Effective Income Tax Rate	595.0	% 56.1	% 59.1 %

(a) See “Other Tax Matters - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” below for discussion of the amortization of excess ADIT in 2018 and the tax legislation enactment in 2017.

(b) See “Other Tax Matters - Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi Internal Restructuring” below for discussion of the Utility restructuring.

(c) See “Income Tax Audits - 2012-2013 IRS Audit” below for discussion of the settlement.

See “Other Tax Matters - Entergy Wholesale Commodities Restructuring” below for discussion of the Entergy

(d) Wholesale Commodities nuclear decommissioning trust restructuring in 2018 and the Entergy Wholesale Commodities restructuring in 2016 and 2017.

(e) See “Income Tax Audits - 2010-2011 IRS Audit” below for discussion of the settlement and the most significant items for 2016.





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Total income taxes for the Registrant Subsidiaries differ from the amounts computed by applying the statutory income tax rate to income before taxes. The reasons for the differences for the years 2018, 2017, and 2016 are:

2018	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Net income	\$252,707	\$675,614	\$126,078	\$53,152	\$162,235	\$94,109
Income taxes	(297,067 )	(54,611 )	(125,773 )	(2,436 )	(26,243 )	(47,675 )
Pretax income	(\$44,360 )	\$621,003	\$305	\$50,716	\$135,992	\$46,434
Computed at statutory rate (21%)	(\$9,316 )	\$130,411	\$64	\$10,650	\$28,558	\$9,751
Increases (reductions) in tax resulting from:						
State income taxes net of federal income tax effect	(794 )	26,031	(1,747 )	2,322	2,576	2,812
Regulatory differences - utility plant items	(14,916 )	(12,604 )	(4,103 )	(1,502 )	(1,872 )	(2,510 )
Equity component of AFUDC	(3,477 )	(16,784 )	(1,829 )	(1,248 )	(2,042 )	(1,837 )
Amortization of investment tax credits	(1,201 )	(4,871 )	(160 )	(109 )	(808 )	(1,155 )
Flow-through / permanent differences	570	3,203	1,893	(4,222 )	1,038	2,815
Revisions of the 2017 tax legislation enactment regulatory liability accrual, including the effect of the Entergy Texas 2018 base rate proceeding	933	(2,810 )	(556 )	884	(43,799 )	(3,565 )
Amortization of excess ADIT (b)	(271,570 )	(104,313 )	(120,831 )	(9,878 )	(11,519 )	(58,971 )
Settlement on treatment of regulatory obligations (c)	—	(52,320 )	—	—	—	—
IRS audit adjustment	1,290	1,097	1,018	(96 )	524	(12 )
Non-taxable dividend income	—	(26,795 )	—	—	—	—
Provision for uncertain tax positions	724	3,949	240	613	839	4,876
Other - net	690	1,195	238	150	262	121
Total income taxes as reported	(\$297,067 )	(\$54,611 )	(\$125,773 )	(\$2,436 )	(\$26,243 )	(\$47,675 )
Effective Income Tax Rate	669.7 %	(8.8 )%	(41,237.0 )%	(4.8 )%	(19.3 )%	(102.7 )%

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2017	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Net income	\$139,844	\$316,347	\$110,032	\$44,553	\$76,173	\$78,596
Income taxes	93,804	485,298	73,919	33,278	48,481	69,969
Pretax income	\$233,648	\$801,645	\$183,951	\$77,831	\$124,654	\$148,565
Computed at statutory rate (35%)	\$81,777	\$280,576	\$64,383	\$27,241	\$43,629	\$51,998
Increases (reductions) in tax resulting from:						
State income taxes net of federal income tax effect	11,586	31,927	6,202	2,842	527	5,635
Regulatory differences - utility plant items	7,220	12,168	1,356	619	5,581	12,880
Equity component of AFUDC	(6,458 )	(18,020 )	(3,383 )	(847 )	(2,353 )	(2,221 )
Amortization of investment tax credits	(1,201 )	(4,871 )	(160 )	(124 )	(951 )	(2,896 )
Flow-through / permanent differences	3,098	3,774	1,567	(3,352 )	1,428	(276 )
Tax legislation enactment (b)	(3,090 )	217,258	3,492	6,153	2,981	(69 )
Non-taxable dividend income	—	(44,658 )	—	—	—	—
Provision for uncertain tax positions	200	5,700	228	600	(2,617 )	4,800
Other - net	672	1,444	234	146	256	118
Total income taxes as reported	\$93,804	\$485,298	\$73,919	\$33,278	\$48,481	\$69,969
Effective Income Tax Rate	40.1	% 60.5	% 40.2	% 42.8	% 38.9	% 47.1
2016	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Net income	\$167,212	\$622,047	\$109,184	\$48,849	\$107,538	\$96,744
Income taxes	107,773	89,734	63,854	28,705	63,097	71,061
Pretax income	\$274,985	\$711,781	\$173,038	\$77,554	\$170,635	\$167,805
Computed at statutory rate (35%)	\$96,245	\$249,123	\$60,563	\$27,144	\$59,722	\$58,732
Increases (reductions) in tax resulting from:						
State income taxes net of federal income tax effect	11,652	29,014	5,592	3,543	449	7,001
Regulatory differences - utility plant items	10,971	8,094	(1,154 )	2,329	4,140	9,201
Equity component of AFUDC	(5,985 )	(9,774 )	(2,030 )	(412 )	(2,666 )	(2,780 )
Amortization of investment tax credits	(1,201 )	(5,019 )	(160 )	(132 )	(900 )	(3,476 )
Flow-through / permanent differences	(3,848 )	(980 )	764	(3,609 )	634	(883 )
Act 55 financing settlement (d)	—	(61,620 )	—	—	(454 )	—
Non-taxable dividend income	—	(44,658 )	—	—	—	—
Provision for uncertain tax positions (d)	(717 )	(75,871 )	50	(300 )	1,926	3,151
Other - net	656	1,425	229	142	246	115
Total income taxes as reported	\$107,773	\$89,734	\$63,854	\$28,705	\$63,097	\$71,061
Effective Income Tax Rate	39.2	% 12.6	% 36.9	% 37.0	% 37.0	% 42.3

- (a) See Note 2 to the financial statements for discussion of the Entergy Texas rate case settlement.
- (b) See “Other Tax Matters - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” below for discussion of the amortization of excess ADIT in 2018 and the tax legislation enactment in 2017.
- (c) See “Income Tax Audits - 2012-2013 IRS Audit” below for discussion of the settlement for Entergy Louisiana.

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(d) See “Income Tax Audits - 2010-2011 IRS Audit” below for discussion of the most significant items for Entergy Louisiana.

Significant components of accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued for Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

	2018	2017
	(In Thousands)	
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Plant basis differences - net	(\$3,835,211)	(\$3,963,798)
Regulatory assets	(370,484)	—
Nuclear decommissioning trusts/receivables	(1,128,140)	(1,657,808)
Pension, net funding	(307,626)	(350,743)
Combined unitary state taxes	(9,440)	(24,645)
Power purchase agreements	(73,335)	(19,621)
Deferred fuel	(29,953)	—
Other	(248,997)	(249,327)
Total	(6,003,186)	(6,265,942)
Deferred tax assets:		
Nuclear decommissioning liabilities	1,070,583	964,945
Regulatory liabilities	895,756	841,370
Pension and other post-employment benefits	305,736	343,817
Sale and leaseback	121,473	122,397
Compensation	86,461	75,217
Accumulated deferred investment tax credit	57,643	59,285
Provision for allowances and contingencies	135,631	126,391
Unbilled/deferred revenues	43,762	—
Net operating loss carryforwards	628,165	467,255
Capital losses and miscellaneous tax credits	20,549	16,738
Valuation allowance	(243,726)	(137,283)
Other	125,522	54,058
Total	3,247,555	2,934,190
Non-current accrued taxes (including unrecognized tax benefits)	(1,296,928)	(956,547)
Accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued	(\$4,052,559)	(\$4,288,299)

Entergy’s estimated tax attributes carryovers and their expiration dates as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

Carryover Description	Carryover Amount	Year(s) of expiration
Federal net operating losses before 1/1/2018	\$11.1 billion	2023-2037
Federal net operating losses - 1/1/2018 forward	\$6.4 billion	N/A
State net operating losses	\$20.4 billion	2019-2038
Miscellaneous federal and state credits	\$115.6 million	2019-2037



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As a result of the accounting for uncertain tax positions, the amount of the deferred tax assets reflected in the financial statements is less than the amount of the tax effect of the federal and state net operating loss carryovers, tax credit carryovers, and other tax attributes reflected on income tax returns. Because it is more likely than not that the benefit from certain state net operating loss and credit carryovers will not be utilized, valuation allowances of \$179 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$106 million as of December 31, 2017 have been provided on the deferred tax assets relating to these state net operating loss and credit carryovers. Additionally, valuation allowances totaling \$64 million as of December 31, 2018 and \$31 million as of December 31, 2017 have been provided on deferred tax assets related to federal and state jurisdictions in which Entergy does not currently expect to be able to utilize separate company tax return losses, preventing realization of such deferred tax assets.

Significant components of accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued for the Registrant Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

2018	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Deferred tax liabilities:						
Plant basis differences - net	(\$966,791 )	(\$1,893,831 )	(\$579,319 )	(\$135,143 )	(\$544,282 )	(\$403,809 )
Regulatory assets	(169,482 )	(74,917 )	(1,732 )	(20,009 )	(57,777 )	(46,627 )
Nuclear decommissioning trusts/receivables	(77,664 )	(71,470 )	—	—	—	(86,882 )
Pension, net funding	(91,962 )	(92,693 )	(24,398 )	(11,885 )	(20,331 )	(18,898 )
Deferred fuel	(5,801 )	(6,974 )	(11,819 )	(1,701 )	(2,835 )	(312 )
Other	(41,025 )	(34,700 )	(13,443 )	(7,640 )	(6,085 )	(4,544 )
Total	(1,352,725 )	(2,174,585 )	(630,711 )	(176,378 )	(631,310 )	(561,072 )
Deferred tax assets:						
Regulatory liabilities	247,964	339,126	72,570	40,181	86,032	110,370
Nuclear decommissioning liabilities	99,479	48,738	—	—	—	46,643
Pension and other post-employment benefits	(19,068 )	80,102	(5,405 )	(11,371 )	(14,215 )	(632 )
Sale and leaseback	—	18,999	—	—	—	102,481
Accumulated deferred investment tax credit	8,599	33,928	2,541	579	2,347	9,649
Provision for allowances and contingencies	9,877	81,108	13,412	23,962	5,579	—
Power purchase agreements	(17,223 )	19,385	1,140	12,155	(18 )	—
Unbilled/deferred revenues	7,471	(17,345 )	5,527	636	7,016	—
Compensation	1,708	1,959	1,265	512	995	(260 )
Net operating loss carryforwards	6,338	20,118	4,896	480	261	—
Other	7,977	23,412	1,610	12,181	2,127	4
Total	353,122	649,530	97,556	79,315	90,124	268,255
Non-current accrued taxes (including unrecognized tax benefits)	(85,942 )	(701,666 )	(18,714 )	(226,532 )	(11,349 )	(512,479 )
Accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued	(\$1,085,545 )	(\$2,226,721 )	(\$551,869 )	(\$323,595 )	(\$552,535 )	(\$805,296 )





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2017	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Deferred tax liabilities:						
Plant basis differences - net	(\$1,289,827)	(\$1,583,100)	(\$571,682 )	(\$85,515 )	(\$526,596)	(\$359,931)
Nuclear decommissioning trusts/receivables	(181,911 )	(164,395 )	—	—	—	(119,184 )
Pension, net funding	(99,971 )	(102,138 )	(26,413 )	(13,040 )	(20,700 )	(21,871 )
Deferred fuel	(16,530 )	(1,329 )	(19,005 )	(1,894 )	—	(272 )
Other	(23,079 )	(98,307 )	(11,306 )	(23,610 )	(8,236 )	(5,955 )
Total	(1,611,318 )	(1,949,269 )	(628,406 )	(124,059 )	(555,532 )	(507,213 )
Deferred tax assets:						
Regulatory liabilities	227,489	368,156	102,676	23,526	25,428	91,271
Nuclear decommissioning liabilities	132,464	58,891	—	—	—	63,180
Pension and other post-employment benefits	(16,252 )	98,596	(4,865 )	(9,618 )	(12,044 )	(516 )
Sale and leaseback	—	19,915	—	—	—	102,482
Accumulated deferred investment tax credit	8,913	35,323	2,212	488	2,516	9,832
Provision for allowances and contingencies	4,367	80,516	11,898	24,234	4,383	—
Power purchase agreements	—	(6,924 )	1,129	—	—	—
Unbilled/deferred revenues	6,195	(18,263 )	4,847	1,811	7,736	—
Compensation	2,566	4,387	1,466	723	1,224	332
Net operating loss carryforwards	16,172	44	10,255	—	1,690	—
Capital losses and miscellaneous tax credits	2,678	—	5,736	—	—	—
Other	473	21,922	1,307	388	1,133	—
Total	385,065	662,563	136,661	41,552	32,066	266,581
Non-current accrued taxes (including unrecognized tax benefits)	35,584	(763,665 )	2,939	(200,795 )	(21,176 )	(535,788 )
Accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued	(\$1,190,669)	(\$2,050,371)	(\$488,806 )	(\$283,302)	(\$544,642)	(\$776,420)

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The Registrant Subsidiaries' estimated tax attributes carryovers and their expiration dates as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
Federal net operating losses	\$4.2 billion	\$4.3 billion	\$1.8 billion	\$1 billion	\$—	\$96 million
Year(s) of expiration	N/A	2035-2037	N/A	2037	N/A	N/A
State net operating losses	\$4.4 billion	\$5.1 billion	\$1.8 billion	\$1.1 billion	\$—	\$190 million
Year(s) of expiration	2023	2035-2037	2038	2037	N/A	2038
Misc. federal credits	\$—	\$3.3 million	\$—	\$—	\$1.4 million	\$2.9 million
Year(s) of expiration	N/A	2035-2037	N/A	N/A	2029-2037	2029-2037
State credits	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$2.9 million	\$9.6 million
Year(s) of expiration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2027	2019-2022

As a result of the accounting for uncertain tax positions, the amount of the deferred tax assets reflected in the financial statements is less than the amount of the tax effect of the federal and state net operating loss carryovers and tax credit carryovers.

#### Unrecognized tax benefits

Accounting standards establish a “more-likely-than-not” recognition threshold that must be met before a tax benefit can be recognized in the financial statements. If a tax deduction is taken on a tax return, but does not meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, an increase in income tax liability, above what is payable on the tax return, is required to be recorded. A reconciliation of Entergy's beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	2018	2017	2016
	(In Thousands)		
Gross balance at January 1	\$4,871,846	\$3,909,855	\$2,611,585
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	2,276,614	1,120,687	1,532,782
Additions for tax positions of prior years	506,142	283,683	368,404
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(274,600 )	(442,379 )	(265,653 )
Settlements	(198,520 )	—	(337,263 )
Gross balance at December 31	7,181,482	4,871,846	3,909,855
Offsets to gross unrecognized tax benefits:			
Carryovers and refund claims	(5,957,992 )	(3,945,524 )	(2,922,085 )
Cash paid to taxing authorities	(10,000 )	(10,000 )	(10,000 )
Unrecognized tax benefits net of unused tax attributes, refund claims and payments (a)	\$1,213,490	\$916,322	\$977,770

(a) Potential tax liability above what is payable on tax returns

The balances of unrecognized tax benefits include \$2,161 million, \$1,462 million, and \$1,240 million as of December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively, which, if recognized, would lower the effective income tax rates. Because of the effect of deferred tax accounting, the remaining balances of unrecognized tax benefits of \$5,020

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million, \$3,410 million, and \$2,670 million as of December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively, if disallowed, would not affect the annual effective income tax rate but would accelerate the payment of cash to the taxing authority to an earlier period.

Entergy accrues interest expense, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. Entergy's December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016 accrued balance for the possible payment of interest is approximately \$44 million, \$38 million, and \$30 million, respectively. Interest (net-of-tax) of \$7 million, \$8 million, and \$9 million was recorded in 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

A reconciliation of the Registrant Subsidiaries' beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits for 2018, 2017, and 2016 is as follows:

	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
2018						
	(In Thousands)					
Gross balance at January 1, 2018	(\$117,716)	\$2,518,457	\$15,122	\$679,544	\$16,399	\$445,511
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year (a)	1,430,828	30,577	493,039	2,261	1,978	18,271
Additions for tax positions of prior years	31,612	77,372	3,878	12,972	1,722	7,255
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(21,619 )	(158,510 )	(3,253 )	(8,081 )	(2,262 )	(3,253 )
Settlements	(24,443 )	(67,725 )	(21 )	(9 )	(35 )	(297 )
Gross balance at December 31, 2018	1,298,662	2,400,171	508,765	686,687	17,802	467,487
Offsets to gross unrecognized tax benefits:						
Loss carryovers	(1,173,839)	(1,597,826 )	(478,268 )	(420,813 )	(3,199 )	(42,228 )
Unrecognized tax benefits net of unused tax attributes and payments	\$124,823	\$802,345	\$30,497	\$265,874	\$14,603	\$425,259
2017						
	(In Thousands)					
Gross balance at January 1, 2017	\$2,503	\$2,440,339	\$12,206	\$166,230	\$15,946	\$472,372
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year (a)	8,974	32,843	2,105	509,183	1,747	909
Additions for tax positions of prior years	3,682	235,331	1,267	13,364	3,115	1,432
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(132,875 )	(190,056 )	(456 )	(9,233 )	(4,409 )	(29,202 )
Gross balance at December 31, 2017	(117,716 )	2,518,457	15,122	679,544	16,399	445,511
Offsets to gross unrecognized tax benefits:						
Loss carryovers	—	(1,591,907 )	(15,122 )	(441,374 )	(638 )	(12,536 )
Unrecognized tax benefits net of unused tax attributes and payments	(\$117,716)	\$926,550	\$—	\$238,170	\$15,761	\$432,975

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2016	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
	(In Thousands)					
Gross balance at January 1, 2016	\$25,445	\$1,690,661	\$19,482	\$53,897	\$13,462	\$478,318
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year (a)	16,868	931,720	2,662	33,912	2,002	5,318
Additions for tax positions of prior years	2,463	157,586	336	129,784	2,888	601
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(41,957)	(144,068)	(10,219)	(29,821)	(1,849)	(10,266)
Settlements	(316)	(195,560)	(55)	(21,542)	(557)	(1,599)
Gross balance at December 31, 2016	2,503	2,440,339	12,206	166,230	15,946	472,372
Offsets to gross unrecognized tax benefits:						
Loss carryovers	—	(1,783,093)	(2,373)	(27,320)	(376)	(90,028)
Unrecognized tax benefits net of unused tax attributes and payments	\$2,503	\$657,246	\$9,833	\$138,910	\$15,570	\$382,344

The primary additions for Entergy Mississippi in 2018, Entergy New Orleans in 2017 and Entergy Louisiana in 2016 are related to the mark-to-market treatment discussed in “Other Tax Matters - Tax Accounting Methods” below.  
(a) The primary additions for Entergy Arkansas in 2018 are related to the nuclear decommissioning costs treatment and the mark-to-market treatment discussed in “Other Tax Matters - Tax Accounting Methods” below.

The Registrant Subsidiaries’ balances of unrecognized tax benefits included amounts which, if recognized, would have reduced income tax expense as follows:

	December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In Millions)		
Entergy Arkansas	\$85.4	\$2.6	\$3.6
Entergy Louisiana	\$594.0	\$575.8	\$473.3
Entergy Mississippi	\$1.5	\$—	\$—
Entergy New Orleans	\$246.2	\$31.7	\$33.6
Entergy Texas	\$5.1	\$4.4	\$7.0
System Energy	\$—	\$—	\$—

Accrued balances for the possible payment of interest related to unrecognized tax benefits are as follows:

	December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In Millions)		
Entergy Arkansas	\$1.7	\$1.6	\$1.4
Entergy Louisiana	\$17.9	\$14.1	\$8.4
Entergy Mississippi	\$1.2	\$1.0	\$0.8
Entergy New Orleans	\$2.7	\$2.1	\$1.5
Entergy Texas	\$0.9	\$0.4	\$1.2
System Energy	\$13.2	\$8.5	\$3.7



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The Registrant Subsidiaries record interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. No penalties were recorded in 2018, 2017, or 2016. Interest (net-of-tax) was recorded as follows:

	2018	2017	2016
	(In Millions)		
Entergy Arkansas	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$—
Entergy Louisiana	\$3.8	\$5.7	(\$0.9)
Entergy Mississippi	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.4
Entergy New Orleans	\$0.6	\$0.6	(\$0.3)
Entergy Texas	\$0.5	(\$0.8)	\$0.7
System Energy	\$4.7	\$4.8	\$5.2

## Income Tax Audits

Entergy and its subsidiaries file U.S. federal and various state and foreign income tax returns. IRS examinations are complete for years before 2014. All state taxing authorities' examinations are complete for years before 2012. Entergy regularly negotiates with the IRS to achieve settlements. The resolution of audit issues could result in significant changes to the amounts of unrecognized tax benefits in the next twelve months.

## 2010-2011 IRS Audit

The IRS completed its examination of the 2010 and 2011 tax years and issued its 2010-2011 Revenue Agent Report (RAR) in June 2016. Entergy agreed to all proposed adjustments contained in the RAR. As a result of the issuance of the RAR, Entergy Louisiana was able to recognize previously unrecognized tax benefits as follows:

Entergy and the IRS agreed that \$148.6 million of the proceeds received by Entergy Louisiana in 2010 from the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation (LURC), an instrumentality of the State of Louisiana, for the financing of Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike storm costs pursuant to Act 55 of the Louisiana Regular Session of 2007 (Louisiana Act 55) were not taxable. Because the treatment of the financing is settled, Entergy recognized previously unrecognized tax benefits totaling \$63.5 million, of which Entergy Louisiana recorded \$61.6 million. In accordance with the terms of a previous settlement agreement approved by the LPSC, Entergy Louisiana has a regulatory liability of \$13.5 million (\$10 million net-of-tax) for Entergy Louisiana's obligation to pay to customers savings associated with the Act 55 financing.

Entergy and the IRS agreed upon the tax treatment of Entergy Louisiana's regulatory liability related to the Vidalia purchased power agreement. As a result, Entergy Louisiana recognized a previously unrecognized tax benefit of \$74.5 million.

## 2012-2013 IRS Audit

The IRS completed its examination of the 2012 and 2013 tax years and issued its 2012-2013 RAR in June 2018. Entergy agreed to all proposed adjustments contained in the RAR. Entergy and the Registrant Subsidiaries recorded the effects of these adjustments in June 2018.

As a result of the issuance of the RAR, Entergy Louisiana was able to recognize previously unrecognized tax benefits of \$52 million related to the Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita contingent sharing obligation associated with the Louisiana Act 55 financing.





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Other Tax Matters

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Deferred tax liabilities and assets have been adjusted for the effect of the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Act), signed by President Trump on December 22, 2017. The most significant effect of the Act for Entergy and the Registrant Subsidiaries is the change in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, effective January 1, 2018. Other significant provisions and their effect on Entergy and the Registrant Subsidiaries are summarized below. The Act limits the deduction for net business interest expense in certain circumstances. The new limitation does not apply to interest expense, however, that is properly allocable to a trade or business that furnishes or sells electrical energy, gas, or steam through a local distribution system, or transports gas or steam by pipeline if the rates for such furnishing or sale are subject to ratemaking by a government entity or instrumentality or by a public utility commission. The IRS issued proposed regulations relating to this limitation in November 2018. The regulations are generally proposed to be effective for taxable years ending after the date the Treasury decision adopting the regulations as final is published in the Federal Register. Taxpayers may apply the rules of the proposed regulations to a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2017, so long as taxpayers consistently apply the rules of the proposed regulations. The regulations contain guidance on the application of the interest expense limitation, including methodologies for allocating the interest expense limitation. As a result of this provision of the Act, Entergy recorded limitations in 2018 which did not have a material effect on the financial position, results of operations, or cash flows of Entergy and the Registrant Subsidiaries.

The Act extends and modifies the additional first-year depreciation deduction (bonus depreciation). Conversely, the Act excludes from bonus-eligible qualified property any property used in a trade or business that furnishes or sells electrical energy, gas, or steam through a local distribution system, or transportation of gas or steam by pipeline if the rates for furnishing those services are subject to ratemaking by a government entity or instrumentality or by a public utility commission. Accordingly, the extension of bonus depreciation and modifications generally do not apply to Entergy or the Registrant Subsidiaries for property acquired and placed in service after 2017.

The Act limits the net operating loss (NOL) deduction for a given year to 80% of taxable income, effective with respect to losses arising in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. Only NOLs generated after December 31, 2017 are subject to the 80% limitation. Prior law generally provided a two-year carryback and 20-year carryforward for NOLs. The Act does not allow a carryback period but does provide for the indefinite carryforward of NOLs arising in tax years ending after December 31, 2017. Because of the indefinite carryforward, the new limitations on NOL utilization are not expected to have a material effect on Entergy or the Registrant Subsidiaries.

The Act also modified Internal Revenue Code section 162(m), which limits the deduction for compensation with respect to certain covered employees to no more than \$1 million per year. The Act includes performance-based compensation in the annual computation of the section 162 limitation. The changes are expected to result in an increase in disallowed compensation expense, but this limitation is not expected to have a material effect on Entergy or the Registrant Subsidiaries.

Other provisions that are not expected to have a material effect on Entergy or the Registrant Subsidiaries include the following:

- repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax (AMT),
- modification to the capital contribution rules under Internal Revenue Code section 118,
- repeal of domestic production activities deduction, and
- fundamental changes to the taxation of multinational entities.

With respect to the federal corporate income tax rate change from 35% to 21%, Entergy and the Registrant Subsidiaries recorded a regulatory liability associated with the decrease in the net accumulated deferred income tax



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liability, which is often referred to as “excess ADIT,” a significant portion of which has been paid to customers in 2018 in the form of lower rates. Entergy’s December 31, 2018 balance sheet reflects a regulatory liability of \$2.1 billion as a result of the re-measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities from the income tax rate change, amortization of excess ADIT, and payments to customers during 2018. Entergy’s regulatory liability for income taxes includes a gross-up at the applicable tax rate because of the effect that excess ADIT has on the ratemaking formula. The regulatory liability for income taxes includes the effect of a) the reduction of the net deferred tax liability resulting in excess ADIT, b) the tax gross-up of excess ADIT, and c) the effect of the new tax rate on the previous net regulatory asset for income taxes. For the same reasons, the Registrant Subsidiaries’ December 31, 2018 balance sheets reflect net regulatory liabilities for income taxes as follows: Entergy Arkansas, \$605 million; Entergy Louisiana, \$612 million; Entergy Mississippi, \$246 million; Entergy New Orleans, \$86 million; Entergy Texas, \$352 million; and System Energy, \$163 million.

Excess ADIT is generally classified into two categories: 1) the portion that is subject to the normalization requirements of the Act, i.e., “protected”, and 2) the portion that is not subject to such normalization provisions, referred to as “unprotected”. The Act provides that the normalization method of accounting for income taxes is required for excess ADIT associated with public utility property. The Act provides for the use of the average rate assumption method (ARAM) for the determination of the timing of the return of excess ADIT associated with such property. Under ARAM, the excess ADIT is reduced over the remaining life of the asset. Remaining asset lives vary for each Registrant Subsidiary, but the average life of public utility property is typically 30 years or longer. Entergy will amortize the protected portion of the excess ADIT in conformity with the normalization requirements. The Registrant Subsidiaries’ net regulatory liability for income taxes as of December 31, 2018, includes protected excess ADIT as follows: Entergy Arkansas, \$521 million; Entergy Louisiana, \$812 million; Entergy Mississippi, \$271 million; Entergy New Orleans, \$59 million; Entergy Texas, \$237 million; and System Energy, \$202 million. The Registrant Subsidiaries’ net regulatory liability for income taxes as of December 31, 2017, includes protected excess ADIT as follows: Entergy Arkansas, \$554 million; Entergy Louisiana, \$782 million; Entergy Mississippi, \$274 million; Entergy New Orleans, \$71 million; Entergy Texas, \$276 million; and System Energy, \$217 million.

During 2018, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and System Energy began paying unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes, associated with the effects of the Act, to their customers through rate riders and other means approved by their respective regulatory commissions. Payment of the unprotected excess accumulated deferred income taxes results in a reduction in the regulatory liability for income taxes and a corresponding reduction in income tax expense. This has a significant effect on the effective tax rate for the period as compared to the statutory tax rate. The Registrant Subsidiaries’ net regulatory liability for income taxes as of December 31, 2018, includes unprotected excess ADIT as follows: Entergy Arkansas, \$117 million; Entergy Louisiana, \$295 million; Entergy Mississippi, \$0; Entergy New Orleans, \$25 million; Entergy Texas, \$171 million; and System Energy, \$4 million. Entergy Texas’s unprotected excess ADIT balance reflects the effect of the settlement of Entergy Texas’s 2018 base rate case, which established the amount of unprotected excess ADIT that will be returned to customers. The Registrant Subsidiaries’ net regulatory liability for income taxes as of December 31, 2017, includes unprotected excess ADIT as follows: Entergy Arkansas, \$467 million; Entergy Louisiana, \$410 million; Entergy Mississippi, \$162 million; Entergy New Orleans, \$37 million; Entergy Texas, \$198 million; and System Energy, \$76 million.

In addition to the protected and unprotected excess ADIT amounts, the net regulatory liability for income taxes includes other regulatory assets and liabilities for income taxes associated with AFUDC, which is described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

For a discussion of the proceedings commenced or other responses by Entergy’s regulators to the Act, see Note 2 to the financial statements.

Not all of Entergy’s excess ADIT is included in ratemaking. Consequently, Entergy recorded a net decrease in deferred tax assets of \$560 million for which there is a corresponding charge to income tax expense for the year ended

December 31, 2017. The corresponding income tax expense (or benefit) recorded by the Registrant Subsidiaries

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was as follows: Entergy Arkansas, (\$3 million); Entergy Louisiana, \$217 million; Entergy Mississippi, \$3 million; Entergy New Orleans, \$6 million; Entergy Texas, \$3 million; and System Energy, \$0.

Included in the effect of the computation of the changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities is the recognition threshold and measurement of uncertain tax positions resulting in unrecognized tax benefits. The final economic outcome of such unrecognized tax benefits is generally the result of a negotiated settlement with the IRS that often differs from the amount that is recorded as realizable under GAAP. The intrinsic uncertainty with respect to all such tax positions means that the difference between current estimates of such amounts likely to be realized and actual amounts realized upon settlement may have an effect on income tax expense and the regulatory liability for income taxes in future periods.

Entergy anticipates that the Act, including the federal corporate income tax rate change may continue to have ramifications that require adjustments in the future as certain events occur. These events include: 1) the evaluation by regulators in all of Entergy's jurisdictions regarding the ratemaking treatment of the Act and excess ADIT; 2) IRS audit adjustments to or amendments of federal and state income tax returns that include modifications to the computation of taxable income resulting from the Act; and 3) additional guidance, interpretations, or rulings by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the IRS. The potential exists for these types of events to result in future tax expense adjustments because of the difference in the federal corporate income tax rate between past and future periods and the effect of the tax rate change on ratemaking. In turn, these items also could potentially affect the regulatory liability for income taxes.

Entergy Wholesale Commodities Restructuring

The tax classification of the entity that owned FitzPatrick changed in the second quarter 2016. The change in tax classification required Entergy to recognize the plant's nuclear decommissioning liability for income tax purposes resulting in a tax accounting permanent difference that reduced income tax expense, net of unrecognized tax benefits, by \$238 million. The accrual of the nuclear decommissioning liability also required Entergy to recognize a gain for income tax purposes, a significant portion of which resulted in an increase in tax basis of the assets. Recognition of the gain and the increase in tax basis of the assets represents a tax accounting temporary difference. Entergy sold FitzPatrick on March 31, 2017. The removal of the contingencies regarding the sale of the plant and the receipt of NRC approval for the sale allowed Entergy to re-determine the plant's tax basis. The re-determined basis resulted in a \$44 million income tax benefit in the first quarter 2017.

In the second quarter 2017, Entergy changed the tax classification of legal entities that own Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear power plants. The change in tax classification required Entergy to recognize the plants' nuclear decommissioning liabilities for income tax purposes resulting in a tax accounting permanent difference that reduced income tax expense, net of unrecognized tax benefits, by \$373 million. The accrual of the nuclear decommissioning liabilities also required Entergy to recognize a gain for income tax purposes, a portion of which resulted in an increase in tax basis of the assets. Recognition of the gain and the increase in tax basis of the assets represents a tax accounting temporary difference.

In the third quarter 2018, Entergy completed a restructuring of the investment holdings in one of the Entergy Wholesale Commodities nuclear plant decommissioning trusts that resulted in an adjustment to tax basis for the trust. The accounting standards provide that a taxable temporary difference does not exist if the tax law provides a means by which an amount can be recovered without incurrance of tax. The restructuring allows Entergy to recover assets from the trust without incurring tax. As such, the tax basis recognized resulted in the reversal of a deferred tax liability and reduction of income tax expense of approximately \$107 million.



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Entergy Wholesale Commodities Tax Audit

A state income tax audit involving Entergy Wholesale Commodities was concluded during the third quarter 2018. Upon conclusion of the audit, subsidiaries within Entergy Wholesale Commodities reversed a portion of the provision for uncertain tax positions totaling approximately \$23 million, net of tax and interest paid.

Tax Accounting Methods

In the fourth quarter 2015, System Energy and Entergy Louisiana adopted a new method of accounting for income tax return purposes in which the companies' nuclear decommissioning costs will be treated as production costs of electricity includable in cost of goods sold. The new method results in a reduction of taxable income of \$1.2 billion for System Energy and \$2.2 billion for Entergy Louisiana. In the fourth quarter 2018, Entergy Arkansas adopted the same tax method of accounting for its nuclear decommissioning costs which resulted in a \$2.2 billion reduction in taxable income.

In 2016, Entergy Louisiana elected mark-to-market income tax treatment for various wholesale electric power purchase and sale agreements, including Entergy Louisiana's contract to purchase electricity from the Vidalia hydroelectric facility and from System Energy under the Unit Power Sales Agreement. The election resulted in a \$2.2 billion deductible temporary difference. In 2017, Entergy New Orleans also elected mark-to-market income tax treatment for wholesale electric contracts which resulted in a \$1.1 billion deductible temporary difference. In 2018, Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi accrued deductible temporary differences related to mark-to-market tax accounting for wholesale electric contracts of \$2.1 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively.

Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi Internal Restructuring

In the fourth quarter 2018, Entergy Arkansas and Entergy Mississippi became wholly-owned subsidiaries of Entergy Utility Holding Company, LLC. The change in ownership required Entergy to recognize Entergy Arkansas's nuclear decommissioning liabilities for income tax purposes resulting in a tax accounting permanent difference that reduced income tax expense, net of unrecognized tax benefits, by \$165 million. The accrual of the nuclear decommissioning liabilities also required Entergy to recognize a gain for income tax purposes, a portion of which resulted in an increase in the tax basis of the assets. Recognition of the gain and the increase in the tax basis of the assets represents a tax accounting temporary difference. Additionally, Entergy recorded a \$5 million reduction of income tax expense associated with state income tax effects resulting in a total reduction of income tax expense of \$170 million from the restructuring. Entergy recorded a regulatory liability of \$40 million (\$30 million net-of-tax) which partially offsets the reduction of income tax expense. Entergy Arkansas's member's equity increased by \$94 million as a result of the restructuring. See Note 2 to the financial statements for further discussion of the internal restructuring.

**NOTE 4. REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITIES, LINES OF CREDIT, AND SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS**  
(Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

Entergy Corporation has in place a credit facility that has a borrowing capacity of \$3.5 billion and expires in September 2023. The facility includes fronting commitments for the issuance of letters of credit against \$20 million of the total borrowing capacity of the credit facility. The commitment fee is currently 0.225% of the undrawn commitment amount. Commitment fees and interest rates on loans under the credit facility can fluctuate depending on

the senior unsecured debt ratings of Entergy Corporation. The weighted average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 3.60% on the drawn portion of the facility. Following is a summary of the borrowings outstanding and capacity available under the facility as of December 31, 2018.

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Capacity Borrowings	Letters of Credit	Capacity Available
(In Millions)		
\$3,500	\$220	\$6
		\$3,274

Entergy Corporation's credit facility requires Entergy to maintain a consolidated debt ratio, as defined, of 65% or less of its total capitalization. Entergy is in compliance with this covenant. If Entergy fails to meet this ratio, or if Entergy Corporation or one of the Utility operating companies (except Entergy New Orleans) defaults on other indebtedness or is in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, an acceleration of the facility maturity date may occur.

Entergy Corporation has a commercial paper program with a Board-approved program limit of up to \$2 billion. As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Corporation had \$1.942 billion of commercial paper outstanding. The weighted-average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 2.50%.

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas each had credit facilities available as of December 31, 2018 as follows:

Company	Expiration Date	Amount of Facility	Interest Rate (a)	Amount Drawn as of December 31, 2018	Letters of Credit Outstanding as of December 31, 2018
Entergy Arkansas	April 2019	\$20 million (b)	3.77%	—	—
Entergy Arkansas	September 2023	\$150 million (c)	3.77%	—	—
Entergy Louisiana	September 2023	\$350 million (c)	3.77%	—	—
Entergy Mississippi	May 2019	\$10 million (d)	4.02%	—	—
Entergy Mississippi	May 2019	\$35 million (d)	4.02%	—	—
Entergy Mississippi	May 2019	\$37.5 million (d)	4.02%	—	—
Entergy New Orleans	November 2021	\$25 million (c)	3.80%	—	\$0.8 million
Entergy Texas	September 2023	\$150 million (c)	4.02%	—	\$1.3 million

(a) The interest rate is the estimated interest rate as of December 31, 2018 that would have been applied to outstanding borrowings under the facility.

(b) Borrowings under this Entergy Arkansas credit facility may be secured by a security interest in its accounts receivable at Entergy Arkansas's option.

(c) The credit facility includes fronting commitments for the issuance of letters of credit against a portion of the borrowing capacity of the facility as follows: \$5 million for Entergy Arkansas; \$15 million for Entergy Louisiana; \$10 million for Entergy New Orleans; and \$30 million for Entergy Texas.

(d) Borrowings under the Entergy Mississippi credit facilities may be secured by a security interest in its accounts receivable at Entergy Mississippi's option.

The commitment fees on the credit facilities range from 0.075% to 0.225% of the undrawn commitment amount. Each of the credit facilities requires the Registrant Subsidiary borrower to maintain a debt ratio, as defined, of 65% or less

of its total capitalization. Each Registrant Subsidiary is in compliance with this covenant.

In addition, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas each entered into one or more uncommitted standby letter of credit facilities as a means to post collateral to support its obligations to MISO. Following is a summary of the uncommitted standby letter of credit facilities as of December 31, 2018:

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Company	Amount of Uncommitted Facility	Letter of Credit Fee	Letters of Credit Issued as of December 31, 2018 (a)
Entergy Arkansas	\$25 million	0.70%	\$1.0 million
Entergy Louisiana	\$125 million	0.70%	\$25.9 million
Entergy Mississippi	\$40 million	0.70%	\$16.7 million
Entergy New Orleans	\$15 million	1.00%	\$2.0 million
Entergy Texas	\$50 million	0.70%	\$20.9 million

(a) As of December 31, 2018, letters of credit posted with MISO covered financial transmission right exposure of \$0.2 million for Entergy Mississippi and \$4.1 million for Entergy Texas. See Note 15 to the financial statements for discussion of financial transmission rights.

The short-term borrowings of the Registrant Subsidiaries are limited to amounts authorized by the FERC. The current FERC-authorized limits for Entergy New Orleans are effective through October 31, 2019. The current FERC-authorized limits for Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy Texas, and System Energy are effective through November 8, 2020. In addition to borrowings from commercial banks, these companies may also borrow from the Entergy System money pool and from other internal short-term borrowing arrangements. The money pool and the other internal borrowing arrangements are inter-company borrowing arrangements designed to reduce the Utility subsidiaries' dependence on external short-term borrowings. Borrowings from internal and external short-term borrowings combined may not exceed the FERC-authorized limits. The following are the FERC-authorized limits for short-term borrowings and the outstanding short-term borrowings as of December 31, 2018 (aggregating both internal and external short-term borrowings) for the Registrant Subsidiaries:

	Authorized Borrowings (In Millions)	
Entergy Arkansas	\$250	\$183
Entergy Louisiana	\$450	—
Entergy Mississippi	\$175	—
Entergy New Orleans	\$150	—
Entergy Texas	\$200	\$22
System Energy	\$200	—

## Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee Credit Facilities

As of December 31, 2018, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee had a credit facility guaranteed by Entergy Corporation with a borrowing capacity of \$145 million that expires in November 2020. Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee did not have the ability to issue letters of credit against the credit facility. The facility provided working capital to Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee for general business purposes including, without limitation, the decommissioning of Vermont Yankee. As of December 31, 2018, \$139 million in cash borrowings were outstanding under the credit facility. The weighted average interest rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 3.50% on the drawn portion of the facility. In anticipation of the transfer of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee to NorthStar, in January 2019 the credit facility was assumed by Vermont Yankee Asset Retirement Management, LLC, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee's parent company that remains an Entergy subsidiary after the transfer, and the borrowing capacity was reduced to \$139 million. The commitment fee is currently 0.20% of the undrawn commitment amount. See Note 14 to the financial statements for discussion of the transfer of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee to NorthStar.



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## Variable Interest Entities (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, and System Energy)

See Note 17 to the financial statements for a discussion of the consolidation of the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities (VIE). To finance the acquisition and ownership of nuclear fuel, the nuclear fuel company VIEs have credit facilities and three of the four VIEs also issue commercial paper, details of which follow as of December 31, 2018:

Company	Expiration Date (Dollars in Millions)	Amount of Facility	Weighted Average Interest Rate on Borrowings (a)	Amount Outstanding as of December 31, 2018
Entergy Arkansas VIE	September 2021	\$80	3.48%	\$59.6
Entergy Louisiana River Bend VIE	September 2021	\$105	3.44%	\$38.6
Entergy Louisiana Waterford VIE	September 2021	\$105	3.35%	\$82.0
System Energy VIE	September 2021	\$120	3.44%	\$113.9

(a) Includes letter of credit fees and bank fronting fees on commercial paper issuances by the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities for Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, and System Energy. The nuclear fuel company variable interest entity for Entergy Louisiana River Bend does not issue commercial paper, but borrows directly on its bank credit facility.

The commitment fees on the credit facilities are 0.10% of the undrawn commitment amount for the Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, and System Energy VIEs. Each credit facility requires the respective lessee of nuclear fuel (Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, or Entergy Corporation as guarantor for System Energy) to maintain a consolidated debt ratio, as defined, of 70% or less of its total capitalization.

The nuclear fuel company variable interest entities had notes payable that are included in debt on the respective balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 as follows:

Company	Description	Amount
Entergy Arkansas VIE	3.65% Series L due July 2021	\$90 million
Entergy Arkansas VIE	3.17% Series M due December 2023	\$40 million
Entergy Louisiana River Bend VIE	3.38% Series R due August 2020	\$70 million
Entergy Louisiana Waterford VIE	3.92% Series H due February 2021	\$40 million
Entergy Louisiana Waterford VIE	3.22% Series I due December 2023	\$20 million
System Energy VIE	3.42% Series J due April 2021	\$100 million

In accordance with regulatory treatment, interest on the nuclear fuel company variable interest entities' credit facilities, commercial paper, and long-term notes payable is reported in fuel expense.

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, and System Energy each have obtained financing authorizations from the FERC that extend through November 2020 for issuances by its nuclear fuel company variable interest entities.



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NOTE 5. LONG - TERM DEBT (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

Long-term debt for Entergy Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 consisted of:

Type of Debt and Maturity	Weighted Average	Interest Rate Ranges at		Outstanding at December	
	Interest Rate December 31, 2018	December 31, 2018	2017	2018	2017
				(In Thousands)	
<b>Mortgage Bonds</b>					
2018-2022	3.86%	2.55%-7.125%	2.55%-7.125%	\$1,875,000	\$2,550,000
2023-2027	3.71%	2.40%-5.59%	2.40%-5.59%	4,735,000	4,735,000
2028-2038	3.63%	2.85%-4.52%	2.85%-3.25%	2,240,000	1,125,000
2044-2066	4.88%	4.20%-5.625%	4.70%-5.625%	3,560,000	2,960,000
<b>Governmental Bonds (a)</b>					
2021-2022	5.28%	2.375%-5.875%	2.375%-5.875%	179,000	179,000
2028-2030	3.45%	3.375%-3.50%	3.375%-3.50%	198,680	198,680
<b>Securitization Bonds</b>					
2019-2027	3.79%	2.04%-5.93%	2.04%-5.93%	429,118	551,499
<b>Variable Interest Entities</b>					
<b>Notes Payable (Note 4)</b>					
2018-2023	3.44%	3.17%-3.92%	3.17%-3.92%	360,000	345,000
<b>Entergy Corporation Notes</b>					
due September 2020	n/a	5.125%	5.125%	450,000	450,000
due July 2022	n/a	4.00%	4.00%	650,000	650,000
due September 2026	n/a	2.95%	2.95%	750,000	750,000
<b>5 Year Credit Facility (Note 4)</b>	n/a	3.60%	2.55%	220,000	210,000
<b>Vermont Yankee Credit Facility (Note 4)</b>	n/a	3.50%	2.64%	139,000	103,500
<b>Entergy Arkansas VIE Credit Facility (Note 4)</b>	n/a	3.48%	2.87%	59,600	24,900
<b>Entergy Louisiana River Bend VIE Credit Facility (Note 4)</b>	n/a	3.44%	2.38%	38,600	65,650
<b>Entergy Louisiana Waterford VIE Credit Facility (Note 4)</b>	n/a	3.35%	2.64%	82,000	36,360
<b>System Energy VIE Credit Facility (Note 4)</b>	n/a	3.44%	2.52%	113,900	50,000
<b>Long-term DOE Obligation (b)</b>	—	—	—	186,864	183,435
<b>Grand Gulf Lease Obligation (c)</b>	n/a	(d)	(d)	34,352	34,356
<b>Unamortized Premium and Discount - Net</b>				(14,784)	(13,911)
<b>Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs</b>				(130,612)	(126,033)

Other	12,594	12,830
Total Long-Term Debt	16,168,312	15,075,266
Less Amount Due Within One Year	650,009	760,007
Long-Term Debt Excluding Amount Due Within One Year	\$15,518,303	\$14,315,259
Fair Value of Long-Term Debt (c)	\$15,880,239	\$15,367,453

(a) Consists of pollution control revenue bonds and environmental revenue bonds, some of which are secured by collateral mortgage bonds.



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- Pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Entergy’s nuclear owner/licensee subsidiaries have contracts with the DOE for spent nuclear fuel disposal service. The contracts include a one-time fee for generation prior to April 7, 1983. Entergy Arkansas is the only Entergy company that generated electric power with nuclear fuel prior to that date and includes the one-time fee, plus accrued interest, in long-term debt.
- The fair value excludes lease obligations of \$34 million at System Energy and long-term DOE obligations of \$187 million at Entergy Arkansas, and includes debt due within one year. Fair values are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements and are based on prices derived from inputs such as benchmark yields and reported trades.
- (d) See Note 10 to the financial statements for detail of payments under the Grand Gulf lease obligation.

The annual long-term debt maturities (excluding lease obligations and long-term DOE obligations) for debt outstanding as of December 31, 2018, for the next five years are as follows:

	Amount (In Thousands)
2019	\$650,000
2020	\$934,000
2021	\$1,340,792
2022	\$1,065,237
2023	\$1,715,523

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy Texas, and System Energy have obtained long-term financing authorizations from the FERC that extend through November 2020. Entergy New Orleans has obtained long-term financing authorization from the FERC and the City Council that extends through October 2019. Entergy Arkansas has also obtained first mortgage bond/secured financing authorization from the APSC that extends through December 2020.

Capital Funds Agreement

Pursuant to an agreement with certain creditors, Entergy Corporation has agreed to supply System Energy with sufficient capital to:

- maintain System Energy’s equity capital at a minimum of 35% of its total capitalization (excluding short-term debt);
- permit the continued commercial operation of Grand Gulf;
- pay in full all System Energy indebtedness for borrowed money when due; and
- enable System Energy to make payments on specific System Energy debt, under a supplement to the agreement assigning System Energy’s rights in the agreement as security for the specific debt.

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	2018	2017
	(In Thousands)	
Entergy Arkansas		
Mortgage Bonds:		
3.75% Series due February 2021	\$350,000	\$350,000
3.05% Series due June 2023	250,000	250,000
3.7% Series due June 2024	375,000	375,000
3.5% Series due April 2026	600,000	600,000
4.0% Series due June 2028	250,000	—
4.95% Series due December 2044	250,000	250,000
4.90% Series due December 2052	200,000	200,000
4.75% Series due June 2063	125,000	125,000
4.875% Series due September 2066	410,000	410,000
Total mortgage bonds	2,810,000	2,560,000
Governmental Bonds (a):		
2.375% Series due 2021, Independence County (d)	45,000	45,000
Total governmental bonds	45,000	45,000
Variable Interest Entity Notes Payable and Credit Facility (Note 4):		
3.65% Series L due July 2021	90,000	90,000
3.17% Series M due December 2023	40,000	40,000
Credit Facility due September 2021, weighted avg rate 3.48%	59,600	24,900
Total variable interest entity notes payable and credit facility	189,600	154,900
Securitization Bonds:		
2.30% Series Senior Secured due August 2021	21,692	35,764
Total securitization bonds	21,692	35,764
Other:		
Long-term DOE Obligation (b)	186,864	183,435
Unamortized Premium and Discount – Net	4,408	5,307
Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs	(33,831 )	(34,049 )
Other	2,026	2,042
Total Long-Term Debt	3,225,759	2,952,399
Less Amount Due Within One Year	—	—
Long-Term Debt Excluding Amount Due Within One Year	\$3,225,759	\$2,952,399
Fair Value of Long-Term Debt (c)	\$3,002,627	\$2,865,844

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Entergy Louisiana

Mortgage Bonds:

6.0% Series due May 2018	\$ <del>375,000</del>
6.50% Series due September 2018	<del>300,000</del>
3.95% Series due October 2020	250,000
4.8% Series due May 2021	200,000
3.3% Series due December 2022	200,000
4.05% Series due September 2023	325,000
5.59% Series due October 2024	300,000