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# EARNINGS CALL Third Quarter 2022 November 7, 2022

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# Welcome

#### **Brian Dingerdissen**

Vice President, Investor Relations and Treasurer



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#### **Non-GAAP** Reconciliation

For reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures, see the Investor Relations section of the company's Web site at www.essential.co



Agenda

Company Update

**Financial Results** 

Acquisition Program Update

Summary and Guidance

Q&A





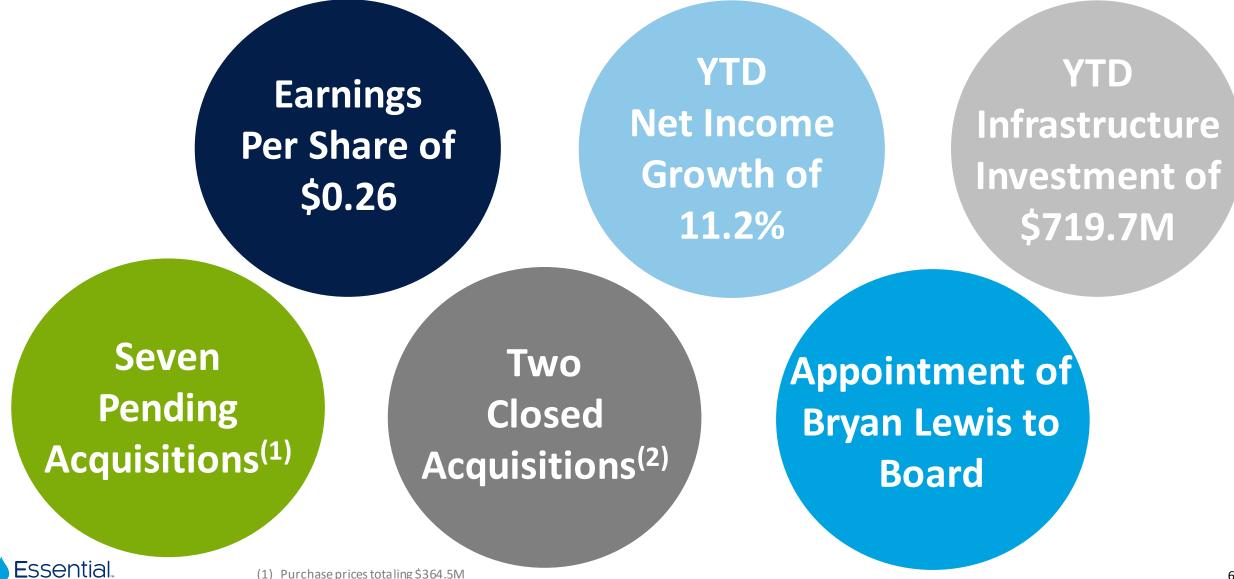
# Company Update

#### **Chris Franklin**

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President



# Corporate Highlights



Purchase prices totaling \$364.5M
 Purchase prices totaling \$107.9M

## **Organization Update**



#### **Richard Fox**

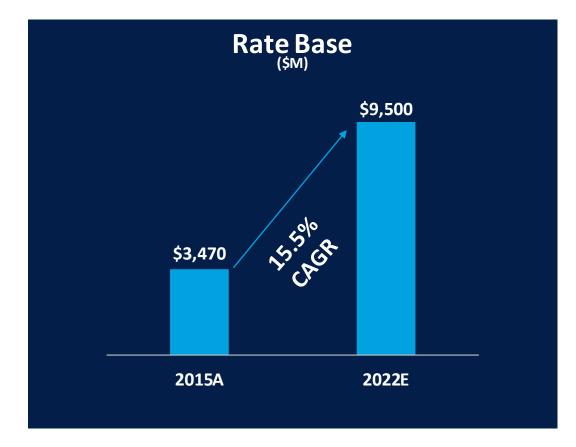
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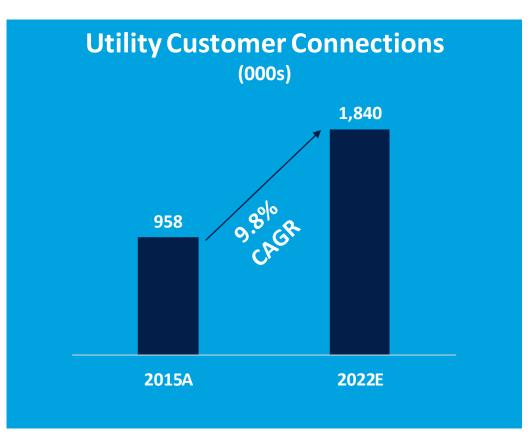
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

- Retiring December 1, 2022
- Served as COO since 2015 and in multiple leadership roles prior, including customer service, southern operations and executive management.
- Contributions to the company:
  - Helped form company's current strategy
  - Increased annual capital budget from \$365M in 2015 to the current \$1B
  - Supported ESG commitments
  - Led customer service standardization
  - Played an integral role in acquisitions and divestitures to create current portfolio



# Platform Growth







# **Consistent Leadership of Regulated Businesses**



Colleen Arnold Aqua, President



Michael Huwar Peoples, President



# 2022 Philadelphia CIO of the Year



#### Whitney Kellett

Essential Utilities, Inc.

#### Senior Vice President of Business Transformation

- Joined the company in 2016 as the Vice President and Chief Information Officer.
- Finalist for the CIO of the Year ORBIE Award every year since 2018.
- Responsible for Essential's technology strategies, decisions, policies and procedures, as well as information security strategy and risk management programs.
- Appointed to lead the company's \$143 million service improvement project, building feature-rich and secure platforms for finance, administration and operations.
- Member of the Forum of Executive Women and a mentor to women in technology.
- Active community member and proponent of women in technical fields.



## Infusing External Talent



Sumit Nair Essential Utilities, Inc. Vice President and Chief Information Officer



Jeanne Russo Essential Utilities, Inc. Vice President, Communications

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# **Financial Results**

#### **Dan Schuller**

**Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer** 





# Q3 Financial Highlights

As of September 30, 2022

In millions except per share	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
Operating Revenues	\$361.9	\$434.6
Purchased Gas	\$25.5	\$52.0
Gross Margin (non-GAAP) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$336.4	\$382.6
<b>Operations and Maintenance Expense</b>	\$139.4	\$151.4
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Operating Income	\$101.5	\$125.9
Net Income	\$50.5	\$68.6
Net Income per Share	\$0.19	\$0.26

#### Revenues

 Additional revenues from rates and surcharges, higher purchased gas costs, and increased volume and customer growth from our water segment were the main drivers for the quarter

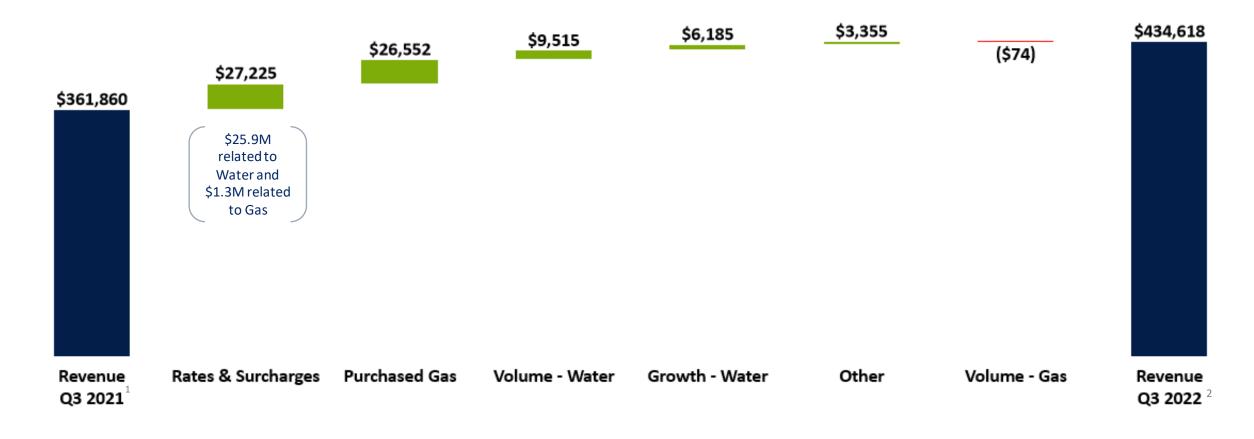
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• Employee-related costs and higher water production costs were the main drivers for the quarter

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns of a mounts may not foot due to rounding.

#### Operating Revenues Q3 2022 vs. Q3 2021

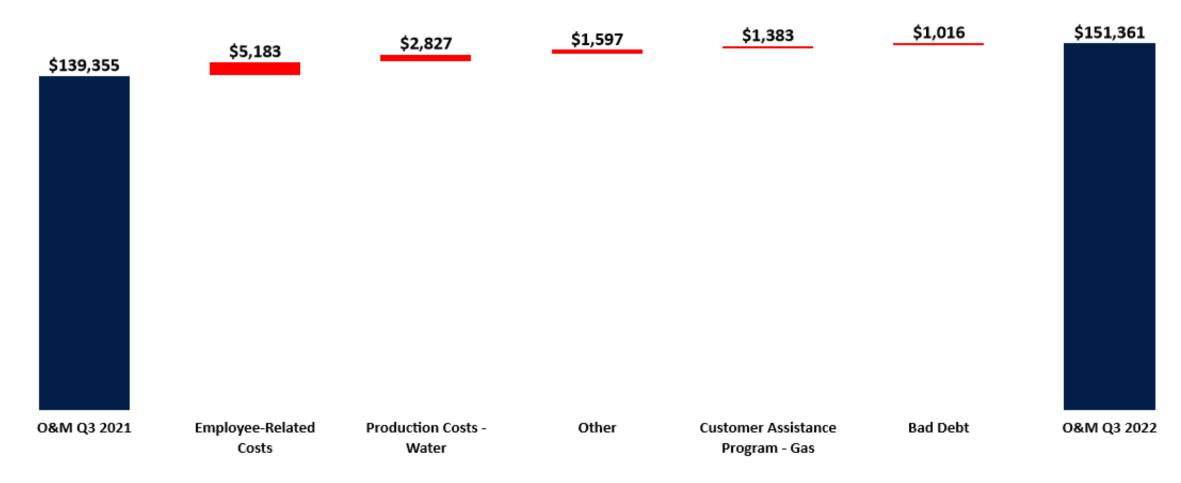
#### Change in Operating Revenues (thousands)





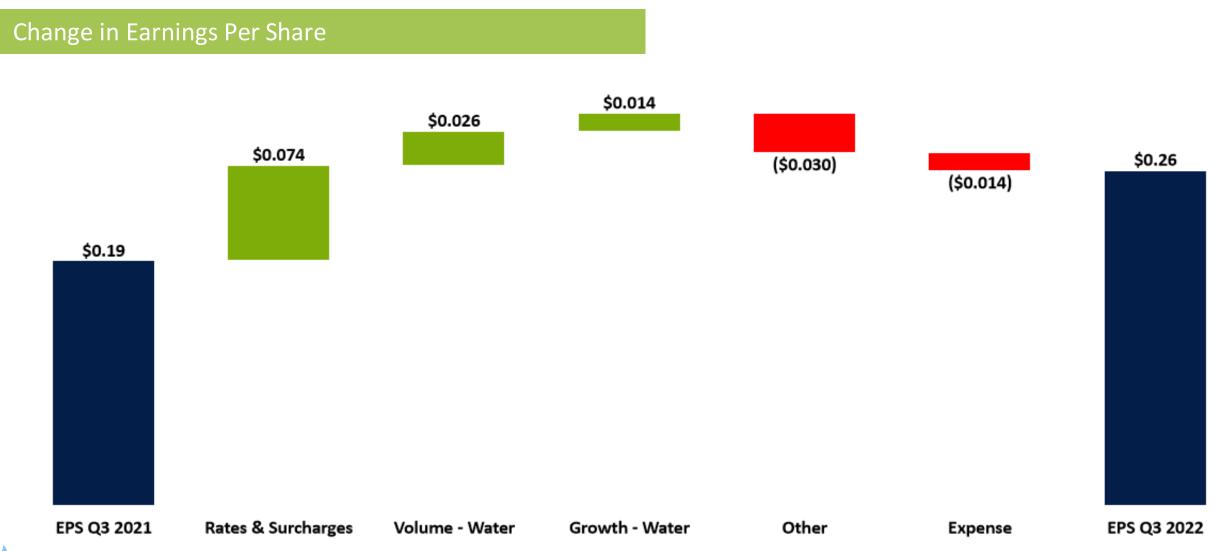
#### Operations & Maintenance Expenses Q3 2022 vs. Q3 2021

Change in Operations & Maintenance Expense (thousands)





#### Earnings per Common Share Q3 2022 vs. Q3 2021





#### Rate Activity As of 11/06/2022

#### 2022 Completed Rate Cases and Surcharges

Water segment base rate cases or surcharges in IL, NC, OH and PA with annualized revenue increase of \$83.3 million

#### Pending Rate Cases and Surcharges

Water segment base rate cases or surcharges in NC, NJ, TX and VA with requested annualized revenue increase of \$36.8 million

Gas segment base rate case in KY with annualized revenue increase of \$5.5 million

Gas segment surcharges in KY with requested annualized revenue increase of \$1.5 million



# Acquisition Growth and 2022 Guidance

#### **Chris Franklin**

**Chairman, Chief Executive Officer,** and President



# **Continued Water and Wastewater Acquisition Success**

#### Cumulative Additions of Customers Through Acquisitions Since 2015

Nearly Customers **114,000**<sup>(1)</sup> Water and Wastewater Customers and \$469 Million in Rate Base Acquired Through M&A Since 2015

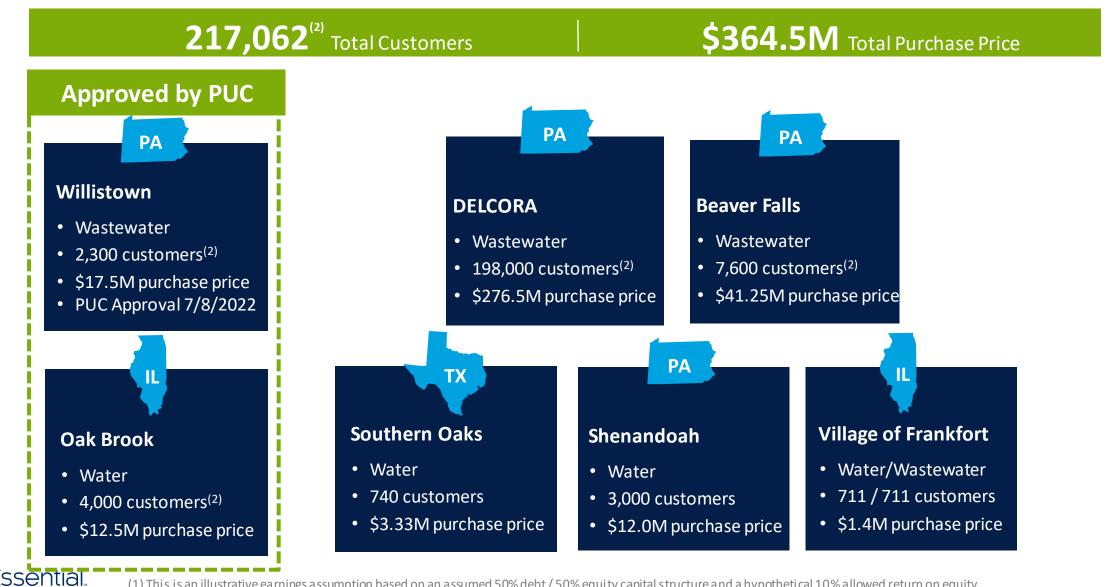


2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022



# **Pending Municipal Transactions**

~\$364.5M of pending rate base is expected to generate ~\$18.2M of incremental annual earnings potential<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) This is an illustrative earnings assumption based on an assumed 50% debt / 50% equity capital structure and a hypothetical 10% allowed return on equity. (2) Essential's estimate of the number of equivalent dwelling units.

## Delcora Process Update

#### **Upcoming Regulatory Key Dates**

**Public Input Hearing** 

Rebuttal and Surrebuttal Testimony

Hearings

**Recommended ALJ Decision** 

**PUC Order** 

November 17, 2022

December 16, 2022 and January 13, 2023

February 14 - 15, 2023

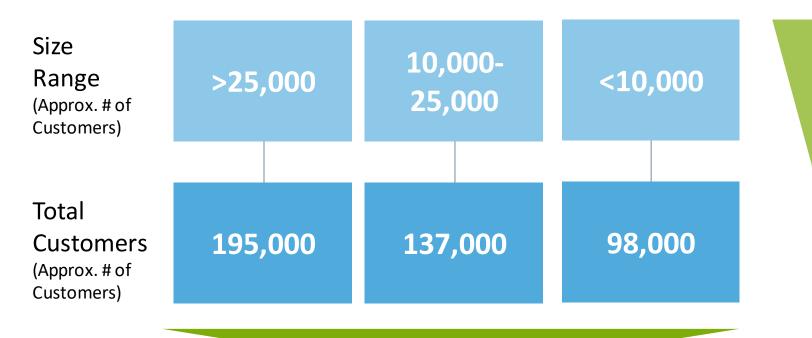
Late April 2023

June 15, 2023

#### Litigation with Delaware County Related to DELCORA

- On November 2, Delaware County Court again found in favor of Aqua
- Court determined that its previous Order already constituted a final order
- This is a significant development in bringing this litigation closer to an end





430,000

Total Customers We are actively pursuing acquisition opportunities in most of our states, totaling approximately 430,000 customers. While we do not expect to close all of these opportunities, this illustrates the number of municipals we are evaluating and the increasing opportunity size. Of these potential pipeline opportunities, a majority are wastewater.





Earnings	Capex	Rate Base <sup>(1)</sup>	Customer Growth	ESG
<ul> <li>Income per diluted common share of \$1.75 to \$1.80 for 2022</li> <li>3-year earnings per share growth CAGR of 5 to 7% for the three-year period 2021 through 2024, which The company expects to reaffirm after the completion of significant regulatory processes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regulated infrastructure investments of approximately \$1 billion annually through 2024, weighted towards the regulated water segment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regulated rate base compound annual growth rate of 6 to 7% per year through 2024 in water</li> <li>Regulated rate base compound annual growth rate of 8 to 10% per year through 2024 in natural gas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Average annual regulated water customer (or equivalent dwelling units) growth of 2 to 3% from acquisitions and organic customer growth</li> <li>Gas customer count stable for 2022</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction of Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2035 from our 2019 baseline</li> <li>Multi-year plan to increase diverse supplier spend to 15%</li> <li>Multi-year plan to reach 17% employees of color</li> <li>Multi-year plan to ensure that finished water does not exceed 13 parts per trillion of PFOA, PFOS, and PFNA compounds</li> </ul>



# **Questions?**



## Thank You for Attending Essential's Third Quarter 2022 Conference Call





Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2022 Earnings Conference Call and Webcast

Friday, February 24, 2023

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# Appendix



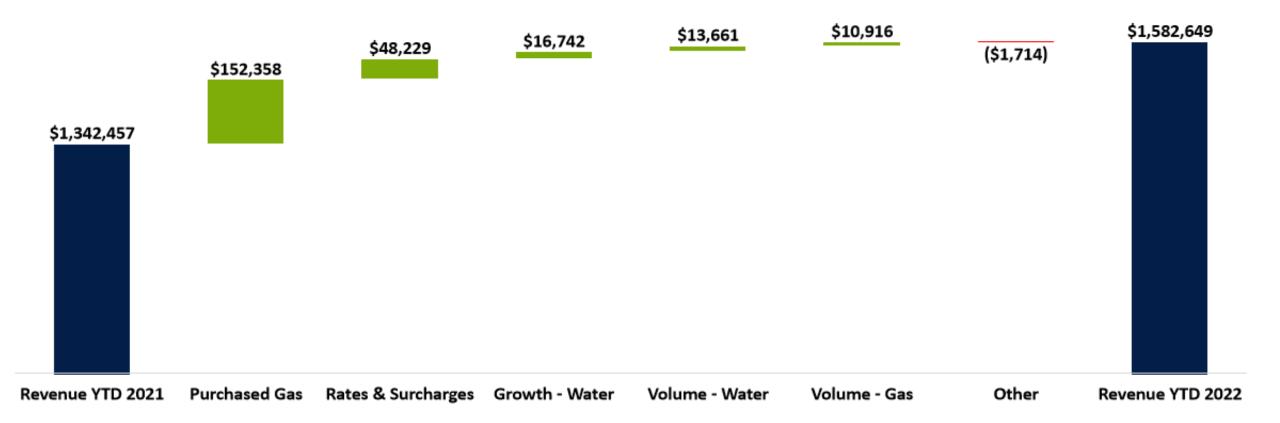
In millions except per share	YTD 2021	YTD 2022	Percent Change
Operating Revenues (GAAP)	\$1,342.5	\$1,582.6	↑ <b>17.9%</b>
Purchased Gas	\$202.5	\$354.9	↑ <b>75.2%</b>
Gross Margin (non-GAAP) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,139.9	\$1,227.8	↑ <b>7.7%</b>
Operations and Maintenance Expense	\$391.9	\$428.9	<sup>↑</sup> 9.4%
Operating Income	\$463.1	\$491.2	<sup>↑</sup> 6.1%
Net Income	\$315.1	\$350.3	<sup>↑</sup> 11.2%
Net Income per Share	\$1.23	\$1.33	<sup>↑</sup> 8.1%



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#### Operating Revenues YTD September 30, 2022 vs. YTD September 30, 2021

#### Change in Operating Revenues (thousands)

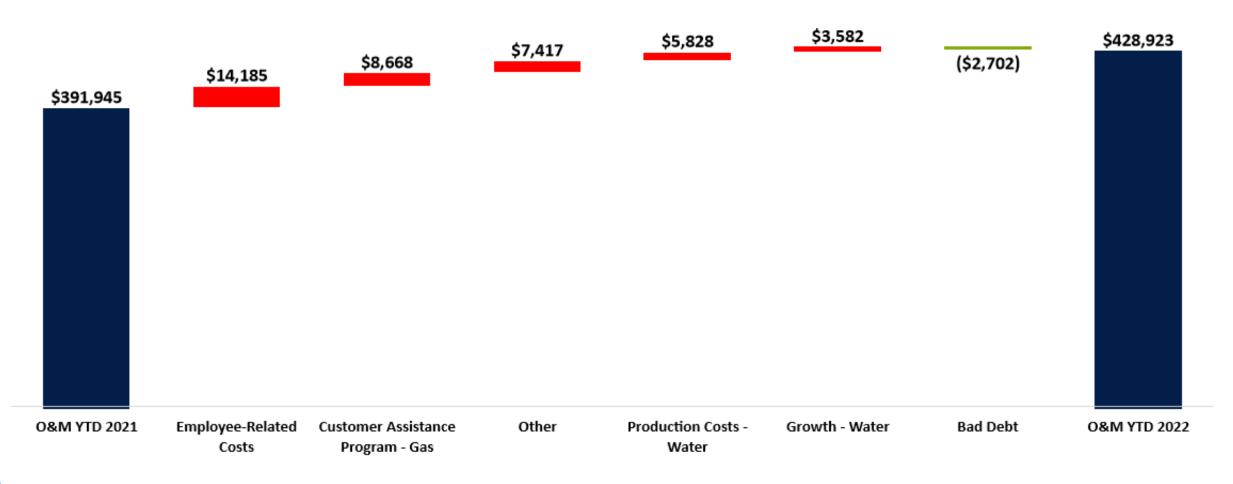




# **Operations & Maintenance Expenses**

YTD September 30, 2022 vs. YTD September 30, 2021

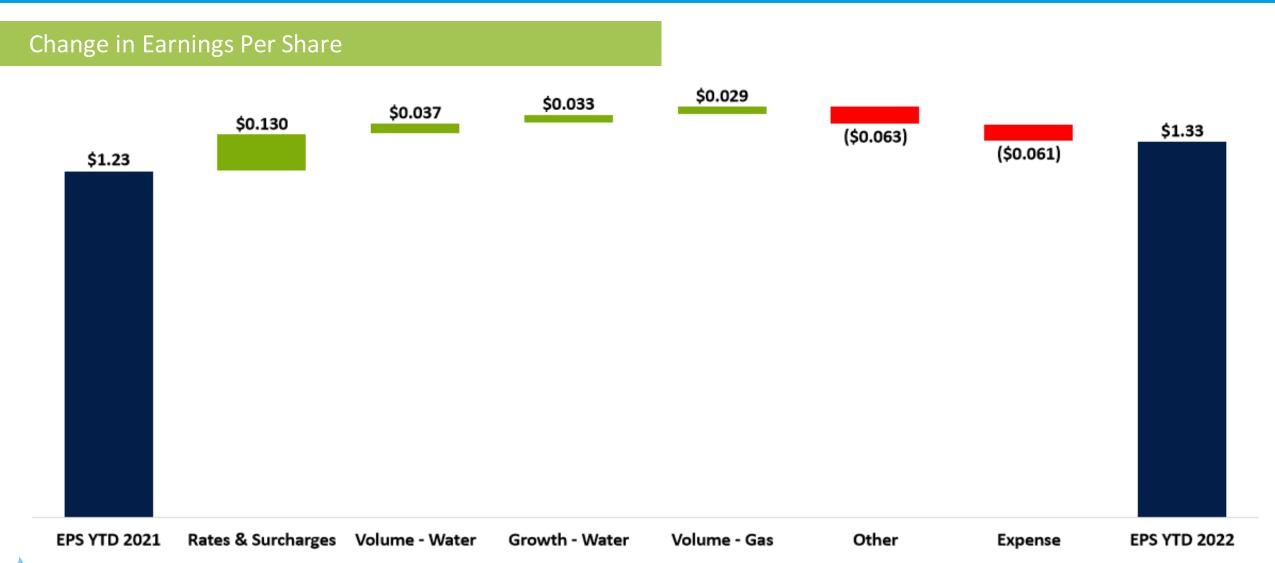
Change in Operations & Maintenance Expense (thousands)





# Earnings per Common Share

YTD September 30, 2022 vs. YTD September 30, 2021





#### 2022 Rates and Surcharges Completed As of 11/06/2022

State	Docket Number	Segment	Туре	Requested Annualized Revenue Increase (\$thousands)
Ohio		Water	Rate Case	\$1,378
	21-0595-WW-AIR	Water	Rate Case	\$5,179
	21-0596-ST-AIR	Wastewater	Rate Case	\$304
Pennsylvania	M-2021-3030074	Water	Surcharge	\$4,016
	M-2021-3030128	Wastewater	Surcharge	\$349
	M-2022-3031515	Wastewater	Surcharge	\$21
	R-2021-3027385	Water	Rate Case	\$50,510
	R-2021-3027386	Wastewater	Rate Case	\$18,741
North Carolina	W-218, Sub 526A	Water	Surcharge	\$765
	W-218, Sub 526A	Wastewater	Surcharge	\$316
Kentucky	2021-00185	Gas	Rate Case	\$5,498
Illinois	N/A	Water	Surcharge	\$1,533
	N/A	Wastewater	Surcharge	\$160
			Total	\$88,770



#### Rates and Surcharges Pending As of 11/06/2022

State	State Docket Number		Туре	Requested Annualized Revenue Increase (\$thousands)	
Virginia		Water	Surcharge	\$411	
		Wastewater	Surcharge	\$148	
North Carolina	W-218, Sub 573	Water	Rate Case – Year 1	\$12,704	
	W-218, Sub 573	Wastewater	Rate Case – Year 1	\$5,360	
	W-218, Sub 573	Water	Rate Case – Year 2	\$3,143	
	W-218, Sub 573	Wastewater	Rate Case – Year 2	\$1,160	
	W-218, Sub 573	Water	Rate Case – Year 3	\$3,283	
	W-218, Sub 573	Wastewater	Rate Case – Year 3	\$1,294	
Texas	53428	Water	Surcharge	\$6,222	
	53428	Wastewater	Surcharge	\$2,462	
New Jersey		Water	Surcharge	\$593	
Kentucky		Gas	Surcharge	\$1,483	
			Total	\$38,263	



# State by State Comparison

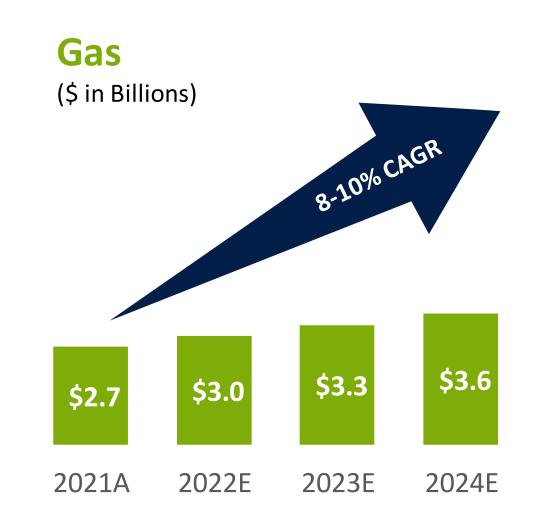
As of December 31, 2021

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State	Rate Base (\$000s)	Water Connections	Wastewater Connections	Total Customers	Sta	ite
PA	\$3,936,496	447,726	45,572	493,298	PA	
IL	\$437,697	66,670	23,578	90,248	KY	
ОН	\$430,046	151,221	6,950	158,171	WV	
ТХ	\$420,570	71,029	20,632	91,661	Total	
NC	\$274,135	84,452	21,527	105,979		
NJ	\$212,911	55,009	6,505	61,514		
IN	\$100,789	1,391	29,520	30,911		
VA	\$88,423	26,829	8,194	35,023		
Total	\$5,901,067	904,327	162,478	1,066,805		

# Maximizing Rate Base Growth Potential

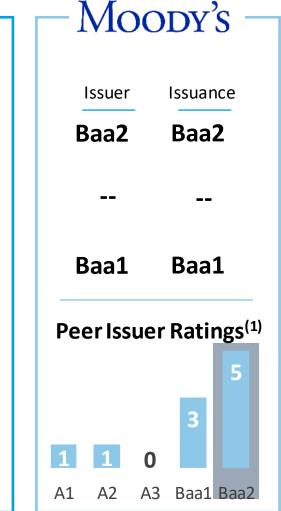


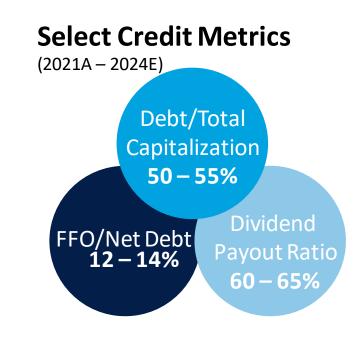


# Strong Balance Sheet: Central to our Strategy

S&P Global Ratings Issuer Issuance Essential Α **A**-Α **A+** PEOPLES Α Α Peer Issuer Ratings<sup>(1)</sup> 3 2 A-BBB+ BBB A+

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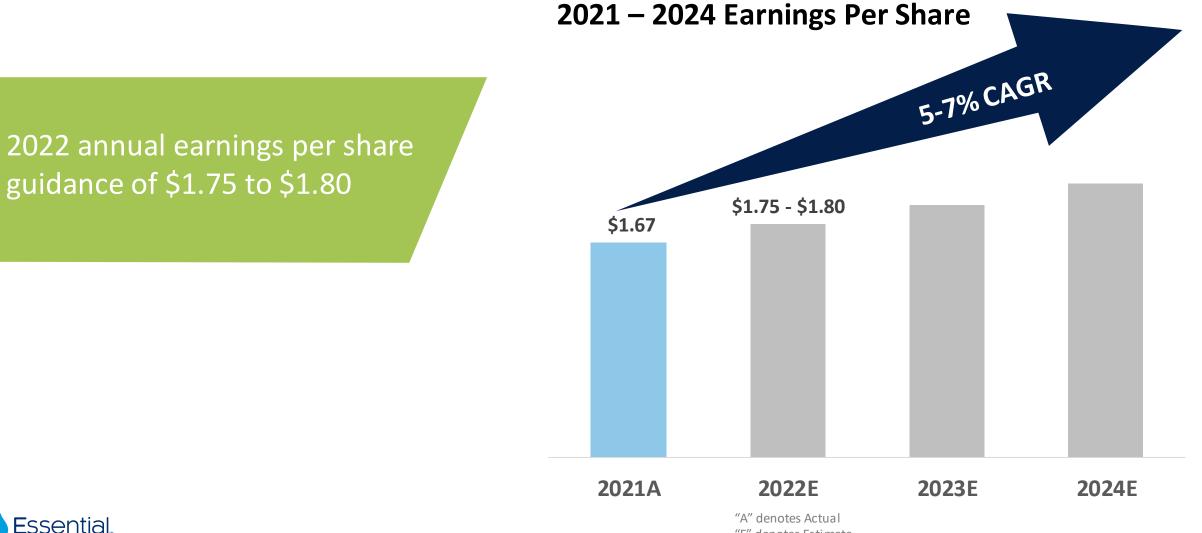




In order to maintain our credit metrics and achieve our investment and acquisition goals, we will regularly be in the market for debt and equity.

(1) Peer ratings include LNT, AWR, AWK, ATO, AVA, BKH, CWT, NJR, NI, NWE, OGE, OGS, SJI, SWX, and SR; not all peers have ratings from both agencies

## Earnings Guidance



"E" denotes Estimate

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# Earnings Weighted to 1Q, 4Q

#### **Approximate Net Income By Quarter**

