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OUR STRATEGIC GOALS & IMPERATIVES

Affordable, Excellent Service

- Continuous improvement, efficiency & innovation
- Technology as enabler
- Centralized platform & process standardization
- Active stakeholder engagement
- Support for low-income customers
- Efficiency in capital deployment
- Progressive ratemaking & innovative funding

Sustainability & Community Impact

- Environmental stewardship
- Water supply & infrastructure resilience
- Community leadership & support
- Water conservation leadership
- Energy efficiency
- Corporate governance
- Responsible sourcing & resource management



Public Health & Safety

- Rigorous water quality sampling & monitoring
- Use of best available water quality treatment technologies
- Emergency preparedness & business continuity

Enhanced Stockholder Value

- Sustainable infrastructure investment
- Responsible growth through acquisitions & partnerships
- Enterprise risk management & effective physical & cybersecurity
- Progressive regulatory management
- Effective investor relations
- Strong credit rating

Employees as Best Advocates

- Diversity, equality & inclusion
- Safe workplace
- Talent attraction & retention
- Succession planning & professional development
- Active employee engagement

Financial Results: Full Year 2022

(Amounts are in millions, except for EPS)	2021		2022	Variance
Operating Revenue	\$790.9	▲	\$846.4	7.0%
Operating Expenses	\$664.1	▲	\$718.8	8.2%
Net Interest Expense	\$43.2	▲	\$44.3	2.6%
Net Income attributable to CWT	\$101.1	▼	\$96.0	(5.1%)
Diluted EPS	\$1.96	▼	\$1.77	(9.8%)
Capital Investments	\$293.2	▲	\$327.8	11.8%

Full Year Financial Highlights

**NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO CWT DECREASED \$5.1M
PRIMARILY DUE TO AN \$11.0M UNREALIZED CHANGE IN THE
VALUATION OF NONQUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS AND A
\$1.1M INCREASE IN INTEREST EXPENSE, OFFSET BY A \$1.7M INCREASE
IN UNBILLED REVENUE**

**AS EXPECTED, THE THIRD YEAR OF A CALIFORNIA GENERAL RATE CASE
(GRC) RESULTED IN OPERATING EXPENSE INCREASES ALONG WITH
CAPITAL-RELATED COSTS INCREASING FASTER THAN RATE RELIEF
HIGHER CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THE 4TH QUARTER LED TO A
RECORD AMOUNT OF CAPEX FOR THE FULL YEAR 2022**



Financial Results: Fourth Quarter 2022

(Amounts are in millions, except for EPS)	Q4 2021		Q4 2022	Variance
Operating Revenue	\$173.3	▲	\$200.9	15.9%
Operating Expenses	\$162.9	▲	\$174.7	7.2%
Net Interest Expense	\$11.3	▼	\$11.1	(1.8%)
Net Income Attributable to CWT	\$3.5	▲	\$19.6	458.6%
Diluted EPS	\$0.07	▲	\$0.35	438.6%
Capital Investments	\$85.4	▲	\$105.7	23.8%

Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights

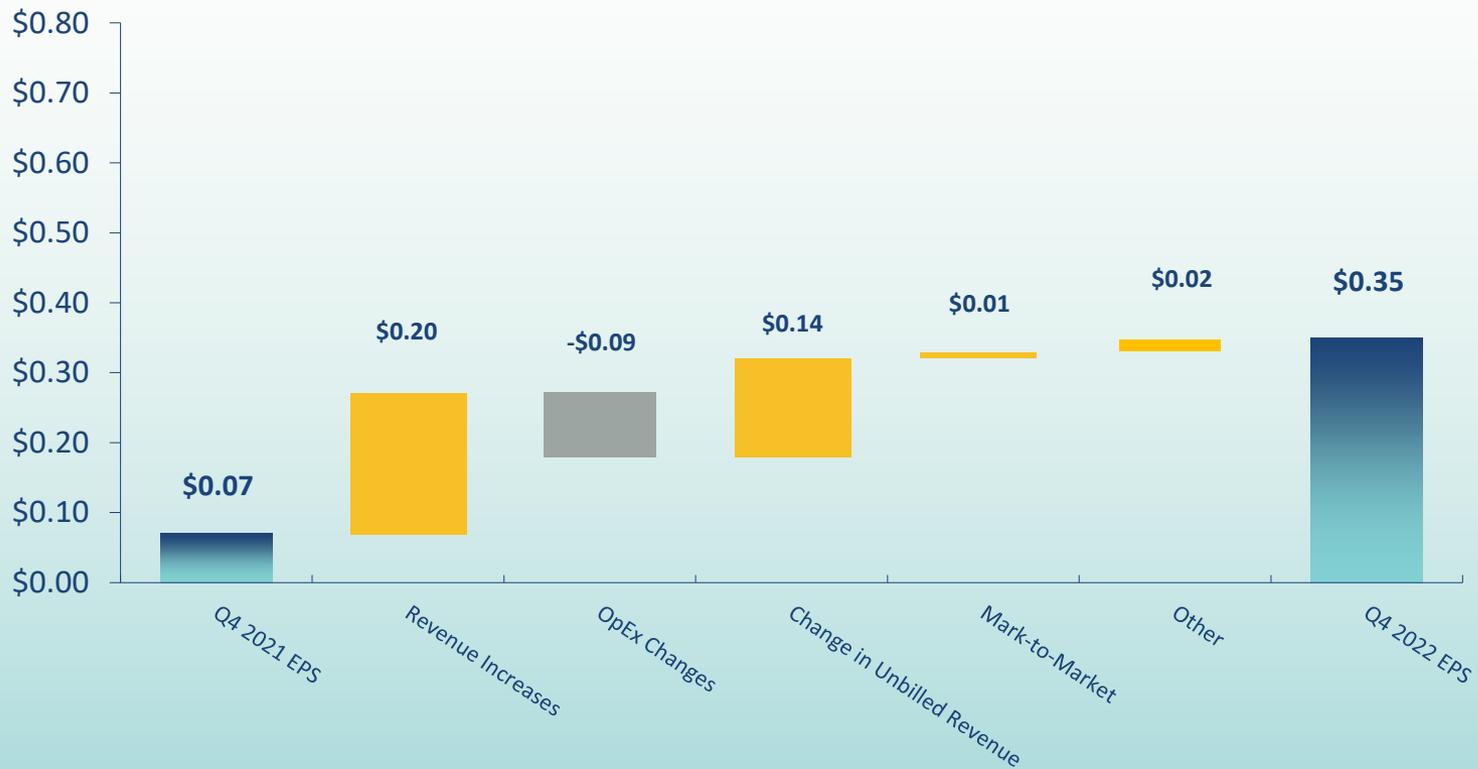
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO CWT INCREASED \$16.1M

UNBILLED REVENUE INCREASED \$11.1M AND WE RECORDED A \$0.5M INCREASED CHANGE IN VALUATION OF THE COMPANY'S NONQUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS AS COMPARED TO Q4 2021.

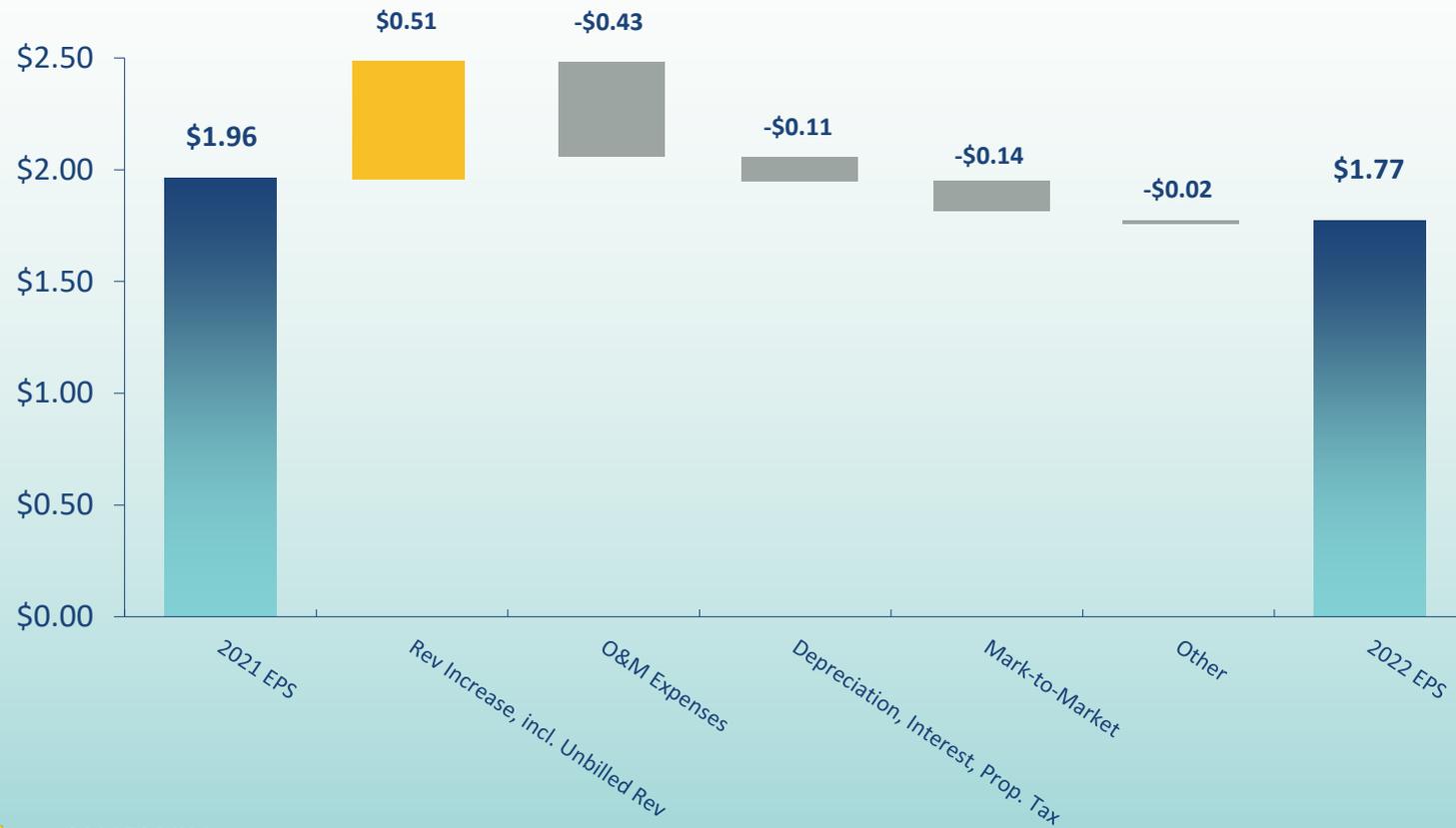
\$11.8M INCREASED TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES DUE MAINLY TO COST CHANGES TIED TO UPDATED DEFERRAL OF OPERATING REVENUE AND INCREASES IN CONSERVATION, WATER PRODUCTION, AND MEDICAL EXPENSES AS COMPARED TO Q4 2021

GENERAL RATE INCREASES OF \$5.5M

EPS Bridge Q4 2021 to Q4 2022



EPS Bridge Full Year 2021 to 2022



California Cost of Capital Update

- Once again, no new updates in the quarter from the Administrative Law Judge on the open cost of capital case. It is not clear to the parties when a proposed decision will be issued, but as of today the earliest a final decision could be approved is April 2023.
- Because of the delay in issuing a decision, the company cannot determine whether changes in market conditions since the filing could affect the final decision on any of the components of cost of capital.
- Given the success of the company's financing program, our proposed cost of debt in the application was lower than last adopted. The company has not reserved for any potential outcome of the proceeding. In the event the CPUC adopts capital components retroactively, 2023 results may include any customer refund liability associated with that retroactivity, including up to an \$11 million annual impact for reduced debt costs, with additional unknown impacts from potential changes to adopted capital structure and allowed return on equity.



California General Rate Case Update

- No update on timing of a proposed decision.
- The ALJ assigned to our case is also assigned to Golden State Water's GRC, which is currently delayed over 15 months.
- Cal Water and the Public Advocates Office filed a settlement on September 2, 2022 covering issues of rate design, sales forecast, and other issues.
- Litigated items not included in the settlement included capital investment budgets, WRAM balancing account recovery, and some expenses.
- The ALJ ruled on February 13, 2023 that Cal Water's interim rates, effective January 1, 2023, can include a 4% rate increase in most California districts beginning April 15, 2023.
 - Interim rates are subject to adjustment based on the final outcome of the case.

Focus on Decoupling for 2023

- Starting in 2023, Cal Water will no longer be decoupled and expects again to experience revenue (sales) and production cost (source mix) variability.
- The 2021 General Rate Case settlement and stipulations contain provisions designed to mitigate the absence of a decoupling program:
 - Lower estimated sales factoring in continued conservation efforts
 - Rates designed to reduce revenue volatility by increasing the amount collected in fixed monthly service charges but still send a price signal to the highest users
 - Estimated production costs accounting for a realistic mix of water sources
- Legislation asking the CPUC to reconsider decoupling was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2022.
- Cal Water and others have appealed the CPUC decoupling decision to the California Supreme Court – the case is fully briefed and we anticipate oral arguments by mid-2023.



CA Tracker Status for 2023

- Mechanisms we should be able to estimate prior to a GRC decision:
 - Incremental Cost Balancing Account (ICBA) covers changes in unit prices for production costs.
 - Conservation Balancing Account covers conservation expenses
- Mechanisms which are in effect, but which we will not be able to estimate due to uncertainty of the GRC adopted revenue requirement:
 - Drought Lost Revenue Account tracks lost sales revenue due to the drought
 - Interim Rate Memorandum account tracks the difference between interim rates and final rates adopted in the GRC
- Unopposed mechanisms, but which we do not currently have enough information to estimate:
 - Monterey-style revenue adjustment mechanism would track differential effect of tiered pricing on changes in water sales
 - 2023-2025 Health Care Balancing account (HCBA) covers changes in medical costs
 - 2023-2025 Pension Balancing Account would track changes in pension costs



California Drought Update

CONSERVATION CONTINUES – CALIFORNIA CUSTOMER USAGE IN Q4 2022 WAS 8.2% LOWER THAN 2021 AND 17% LOWER THAN ADOPTED

CAL WATER'S Q4 DROUGHT EXPENDITURES OF \$0.5M ARE RECORDED IN A MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE RECOVERY. TOTAL BALANCE SINCE 2021 IS \$1.9M.

A SERIES OF "ATMOSPHERIC RIVER" STORMS IN JANUARY 2023 AND A WET, COLD FEBRUARY HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS FOR CALIFORNIA'S REGIONAL SURFACE WATER SYSTEMS

GROUNDWATER LEVELS REACT SLOWLY TO SEASONAL PRECIPITATION AND MAY RECOVER SOMEWHAT THIS YEAR

COLORADO RIVER CONTINUES IN LONG-TERM DEFICIT WITH CONTINUED IMPACTS TO SUPPLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Capital Investment Update

- We invested a record amount in capital in 2022, in part due to growth in spending in all subsidiaries
- Q4 capital spending increased due to good weather conditions during the quarter and previous planning efforts to improve materials availability
- 2023 target capital spending will still be in a wide range due to uncertainty over the California GRC outcome
- We expect increased capital expenditures in non-California utilities in 2023 due to the recent acquisitions and expansions



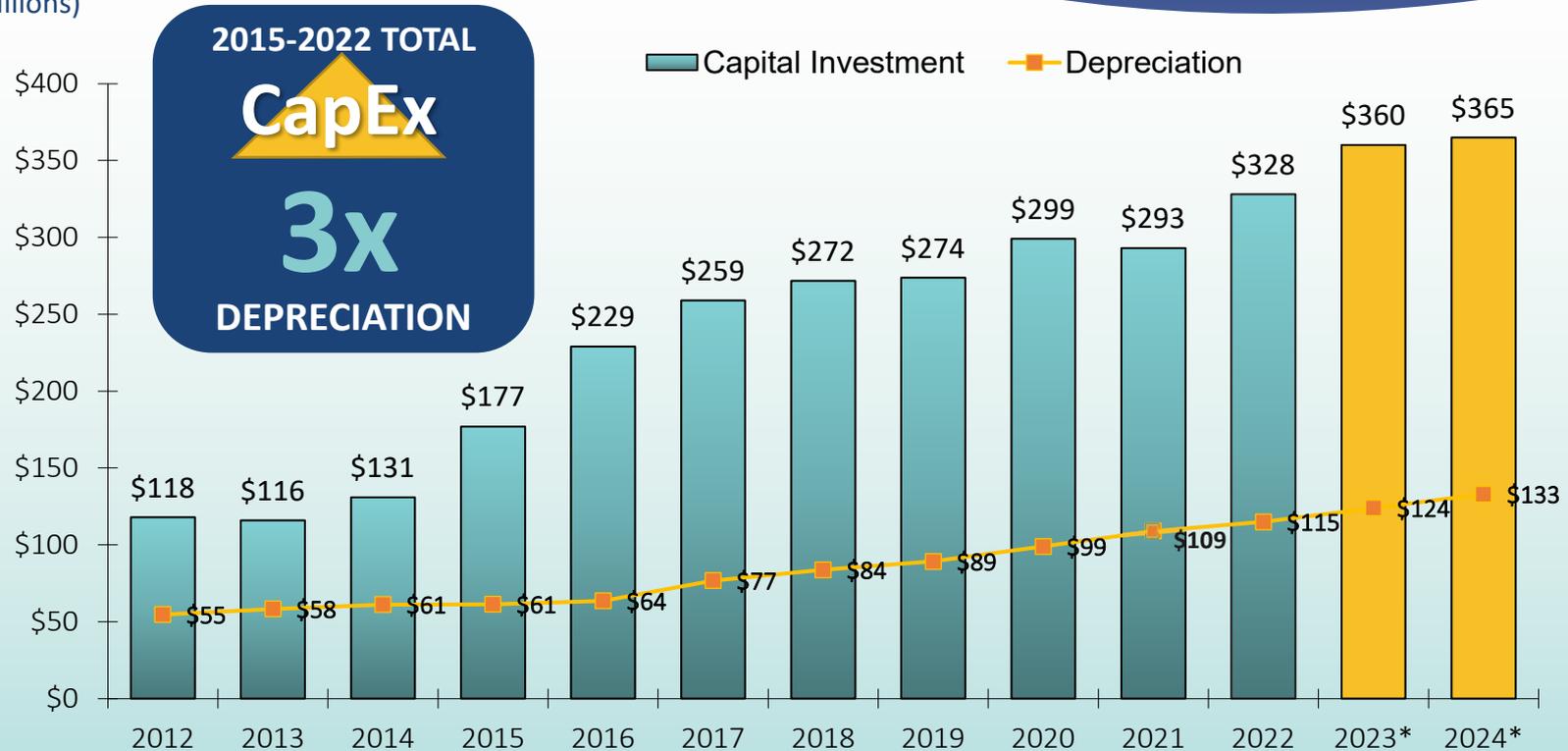
Business Development Project Updates

System	Water Connections	Wastewater Connections	Total	Status
Animas Valley (NM)	2,000		2,000	Closed April 2022
Railyard (TX) – BVRT Utility		350 (up to 1,500 at buildout)	350 (up to 1,500 at buildout)	Closed June 2022
Keahou (HI)		1,500 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs)	1,500 EDUs	Closed December 2022
Skylonda (CA)	176		176	CPUC Approved June 2022*
HOH Utilities (HI)		1,800 EDUs	1,800 EDUs	HPUC Approved June 2022*
Stroh’s Water (WA)	900		900	WUTC Approved January 2023*
Bethel Green Acres (WA)	200		200	WUTC Approved February 2023*
Monterey Water (NM)	380		380	Announced March 2022*
KSSCS (HI)		400 EDUs	400 EDUs	Announced April 2022*
Camino Real (TX) – BVRT Utility	Up to 5,000 for current phase	Up to 5,000 for current phase	Up to 10,000 for current phase	Announced water supply agreement August 2022*
Lake Section (NM)	5,000		5,000	Announced January 2023*

*All announced acquisitions are subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approval unless noted

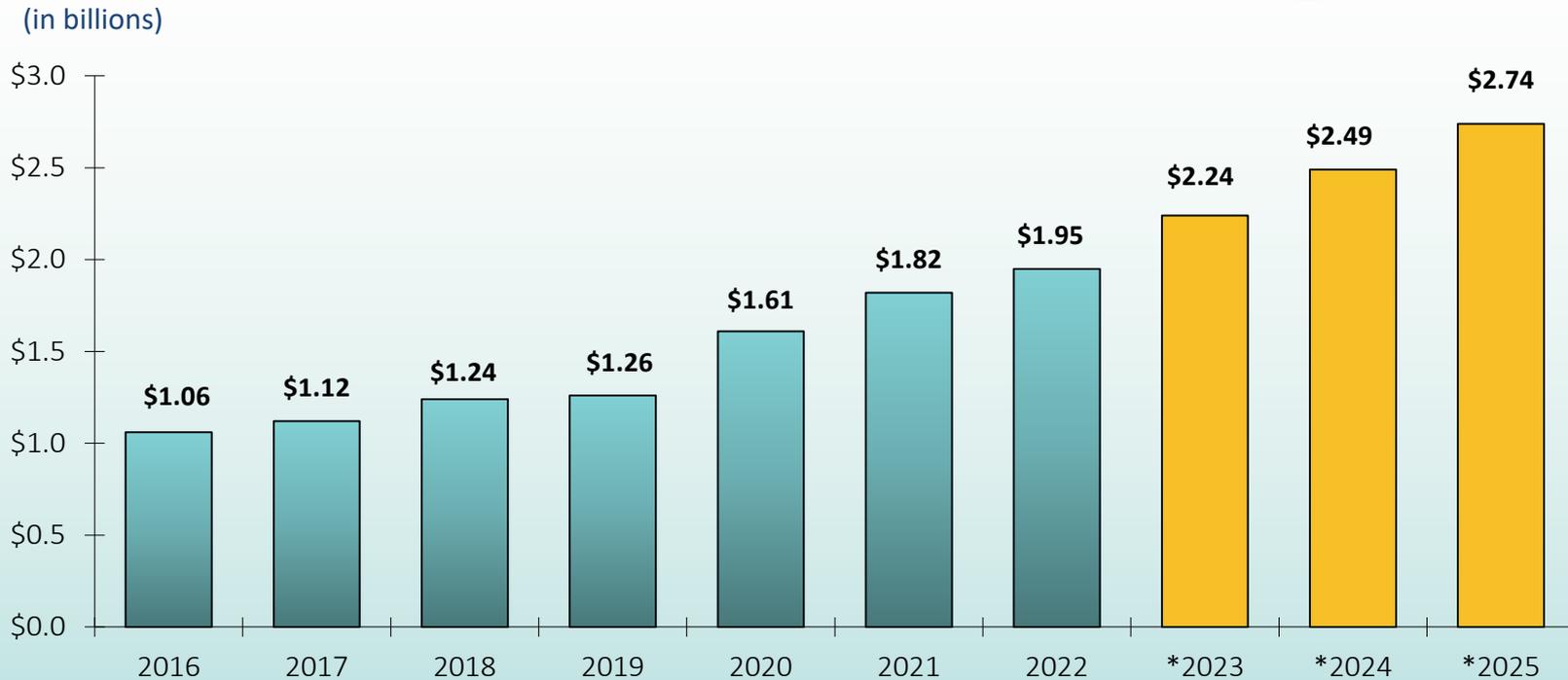
Capital Investment and Depreciation

(in millions)



* 2023-2024 Estimated investments and depreciation include amounts filed in the California 2021 GRC plus estimates for other states.

Estimated Regulated Rate Base of CWT



*2023-2025 Rate Base Estimates include filed proposal in 2021 California General Rate Case plus estimated rate base in other states. These values are not yet adopted and are subject to review and approval of the CPUC and other regulators.



Looking Forward

- Short-term regulatory uncertainty remains in California as we await two significant case outcomes. Over the long-term, we remain optimistic about the CPUC regulatory compact and our long-term capital investment growth
- Our quarterly financial results will not include the potential effects of several regulatory mechanisms in the California GRC until the outcome of that case is clear
- While focused on regulation, we continue to make progress on business development efforts and risk management, including close attention to supply chains, drought, and climate change issues





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