

# Our “ESG” Progress Plan:

*Investing in Efficiency, Sustainability and Growth*



**One of America's  
Most Responsible  
Companies for 2021**

*Newsweek*



**Finalist for the S&P Global  
Energy Award in Corporate  
Social Responsibility**

*S&P Global Platts*



**Best in the U.S. in  
Large Customer  
Satisfaction (Top 2 Box)**

*JD Power*



**We Energies named  
Most Reliable Utility  
in the Midwest**

*PA Consulting*

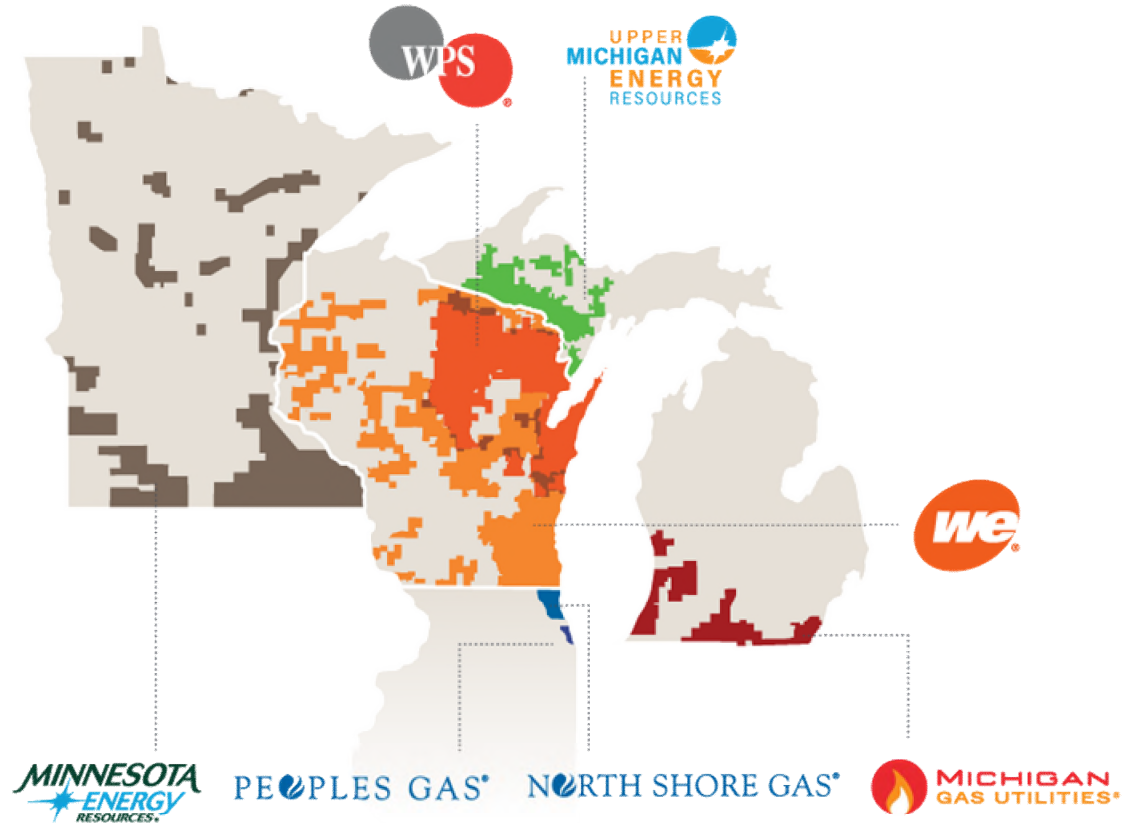
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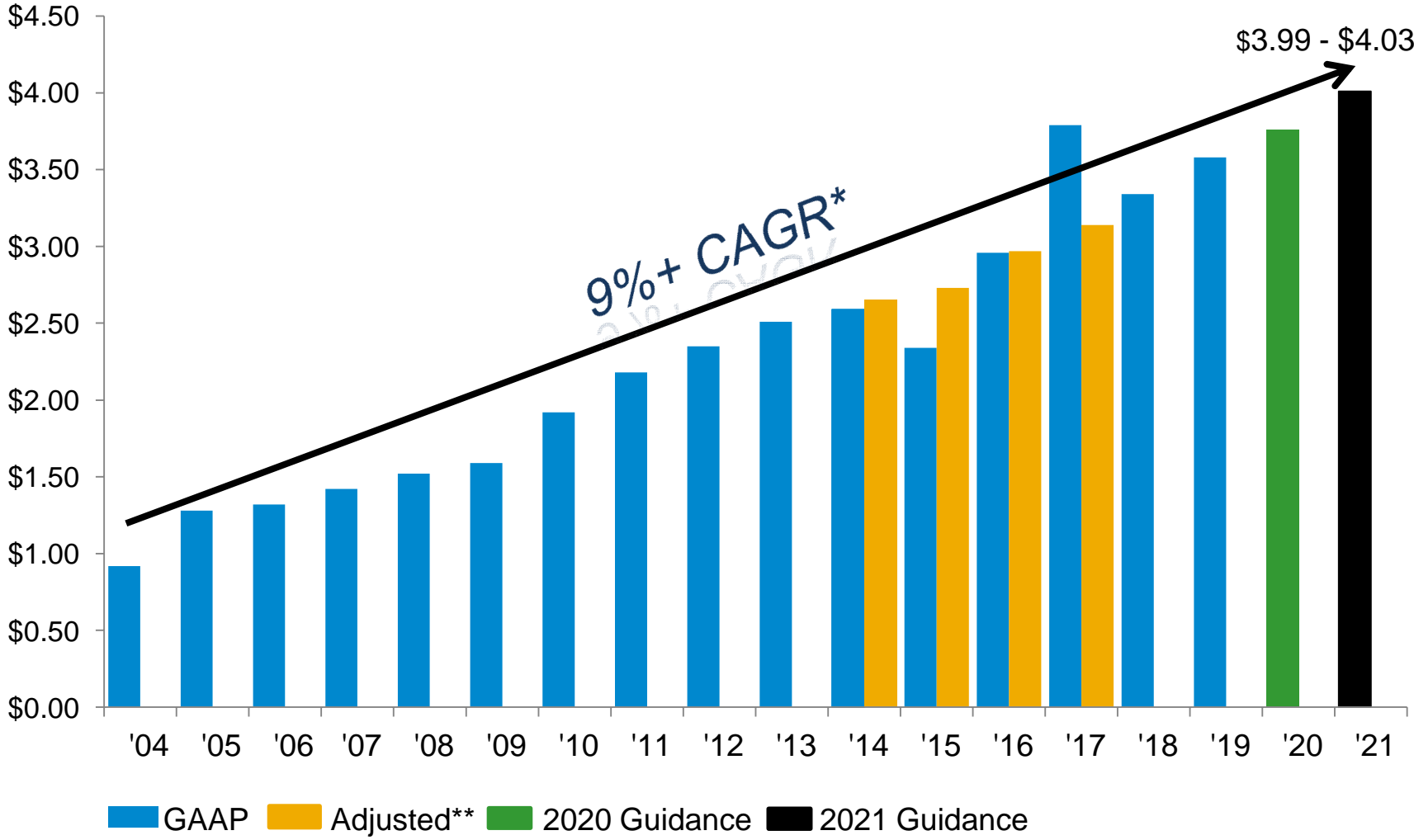
## Company Profile

- **\$29.0** billion market cap\*
- **4.5** million retail customers
- **60%** ownership of American Transmission Company
- **\$35.0** billion of assets



\* As of December 31, 2020

# A History of Quality Earnings Growth



\* Estimated based on 2021 guidance midpoint of \$4.01 per share

\*\* See Appendix for reconciliation of adjusted amounts to GAAP amounts



# Consistent Performance Over Time

The only utility to beat guidance every year for 16 years running

EPS Guidance		
2019	<i>Exceeded</i>	✓
2018	<i>Exceeded</i>	✓
2017	<i>Exceeded</i>	✓
2016	<i>Exceeded</i>	✓
2015	<i>Exceeded</i>	✓
2014	<i>Exceeded</i>	✓
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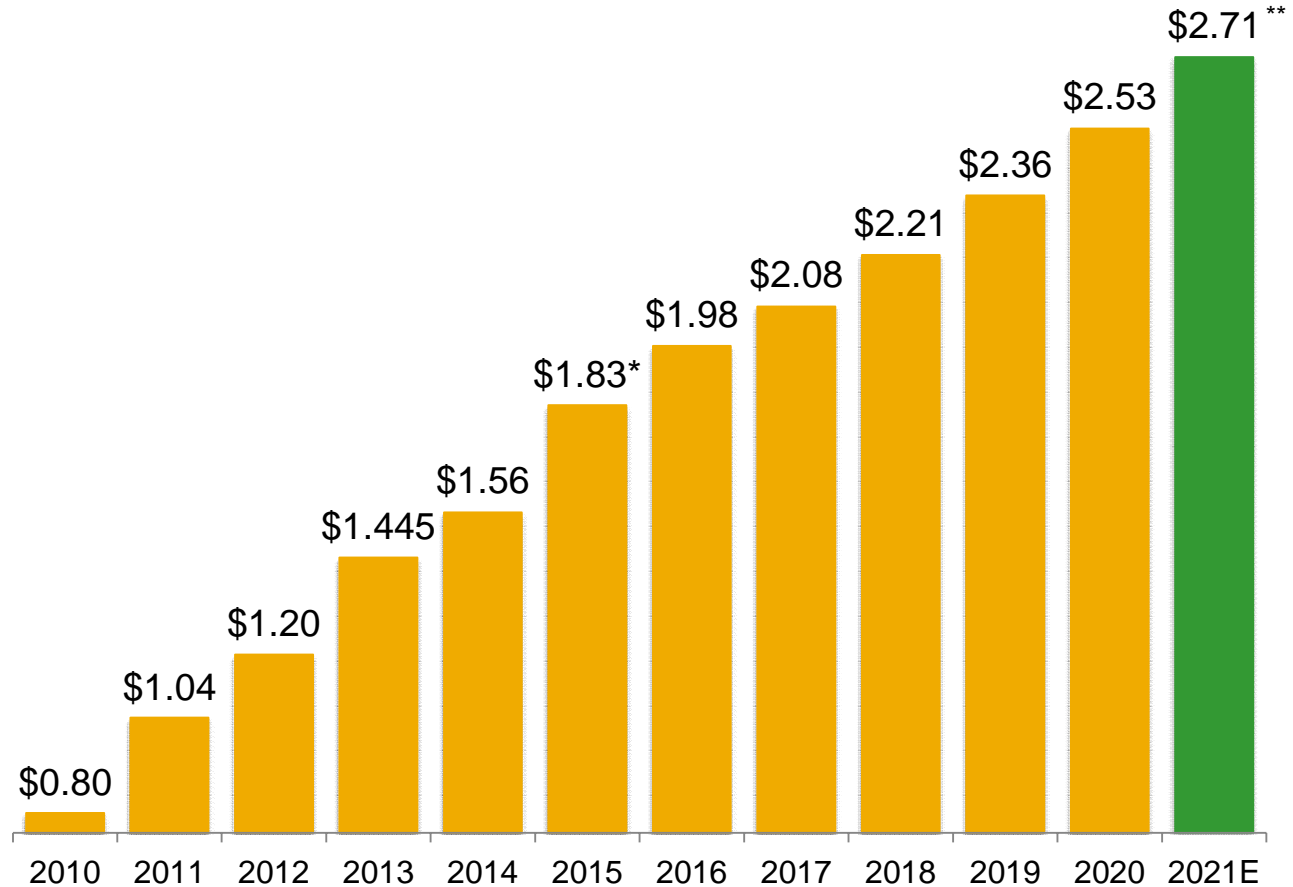
# Strong Dividend Growth Continues

## Annualized Dividends Per Share

The board of directors announced its plan to raise the dividend by **7.1%** to a new annual rate of **\$2.71** per share\*\*

Targeting dividend payout of **65-70%** of earnings

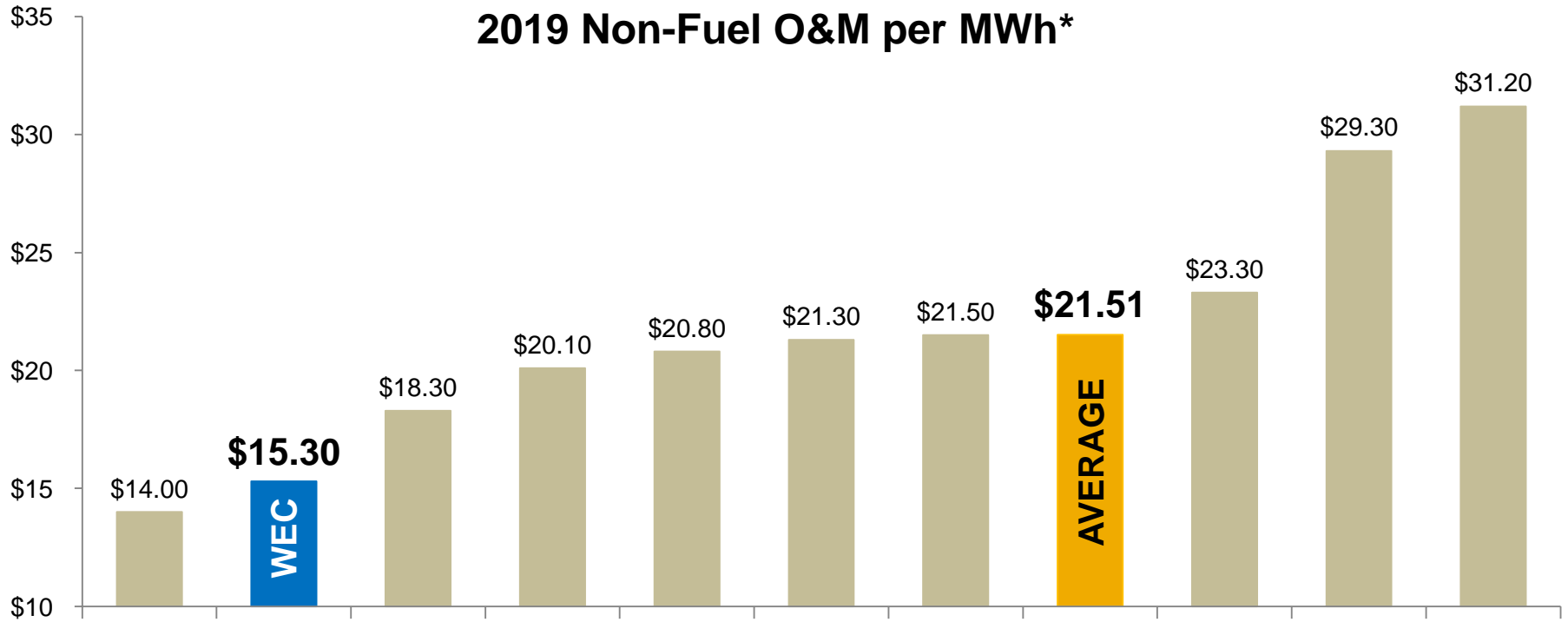
Projecting dividend growth in line with earnings growth



\*Annualized based on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015 dividend of \$0.4575

\*\*The board of directors announced December 3, 2020 that it is planning to raise the quarterly dividend on the company's common stock to 67.75 cents per share for the first quarter of 2021, which would be equivalent to an annual rate of \$2.71 per share.

# One of the Top Performers in Operating Efficiency



The top 10 vertically integrated electric utilities by market cap

Source: FERC Form 1 Reports

\*For all companies, excluded 1) pensions and other employee benefits, 2) costs reported as "transmission of electricity by others" to neutralize differences in ownership of the transmission utilized by each utility, and 3) costs reported as "rents" within the production section to control for difference in how power plants are owned and financed



# ESG Progress Plan



# Our ESG Progress Plan

**Investing \$16.1 billion for:**

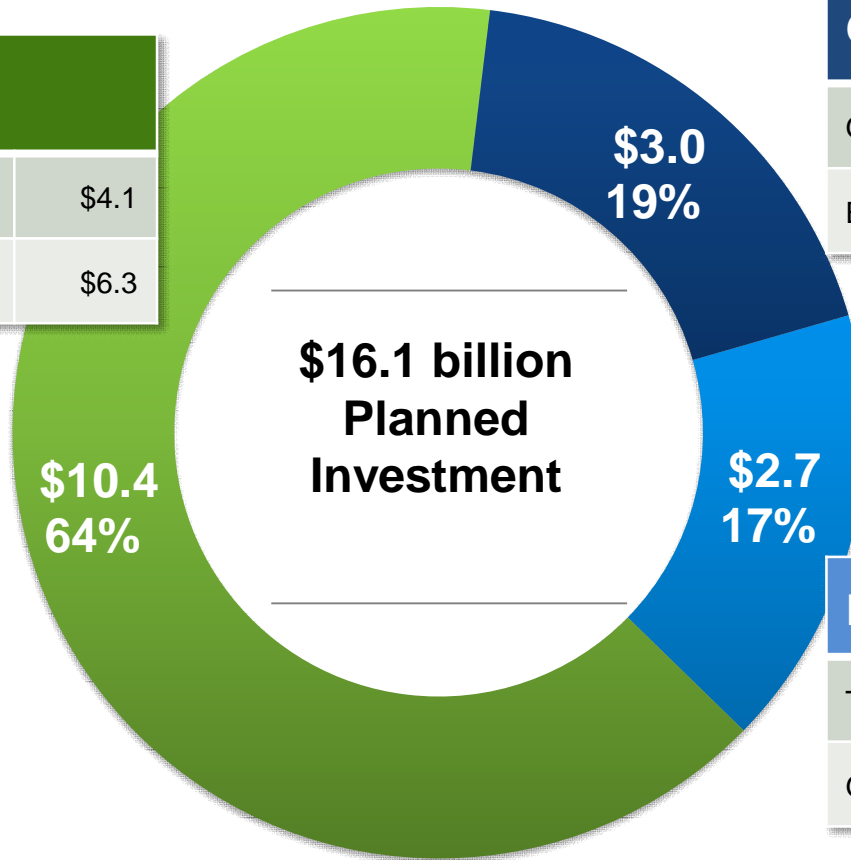
Efficiency

Sustainability

Growth

# Investing in Efficiency and Sustainability Drives Growth

Sustainability	
Renewables	\$4.1
Grid and fleet reliability	\$6.3

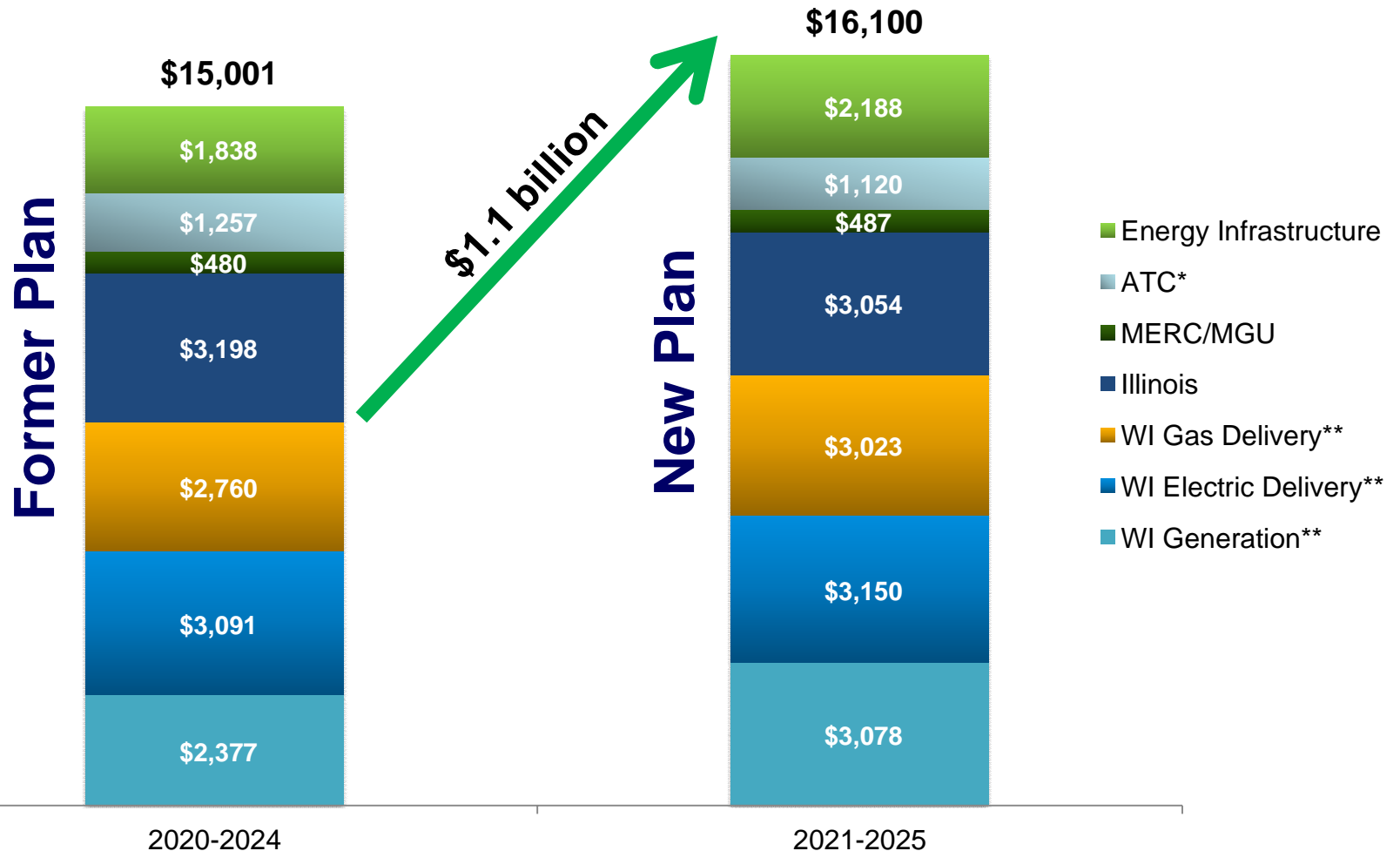


Growth	
Gas distribution	\$1.6
Electric (G,T&D)	\$1.4

Efficiency	
Technology	\$1.0
Grid and fleet modernization	\$1.7

ESG Progress Plan Continues to Support 5-7% EPS Growth

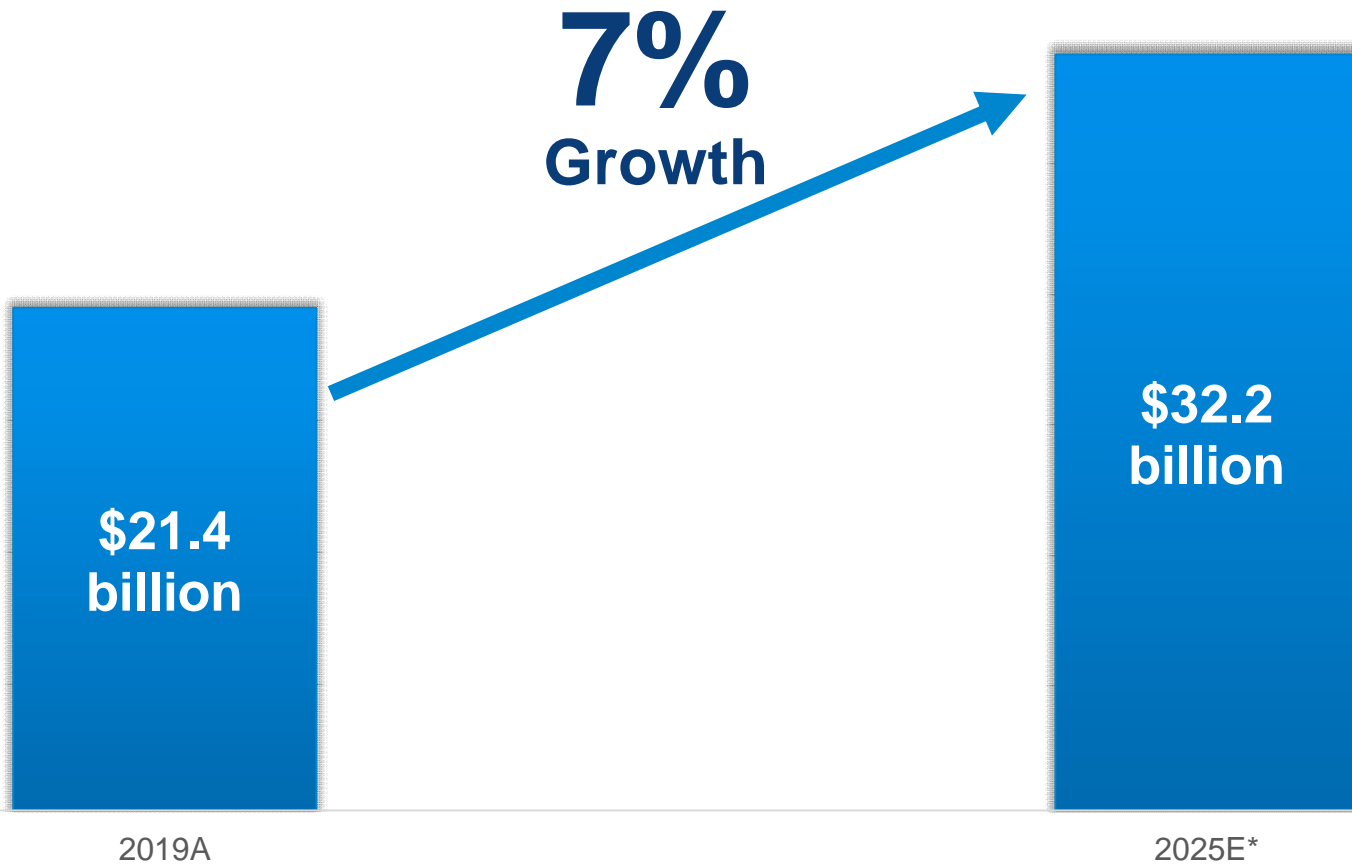
# Increasing Five-Year Capital Plan by \$1.1 Billion



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\*\*Includes UMERC

# Robust Growth in Asset Base



\*Estimated year-end average asset base



# Investing in Carbon-Free Generation

**Build and own 1,800 MW of new solar, wind, and battery storage**



## Currently Under Development or In-Service

- 200 MW solar – WPS\*
- 100 MW solar – We Energies



## New Planned Clean Energy Additions

- 800 MW solar
- 100 MW wind
- 600 MW battery storage



\* 100MW in-service November 2, 2020

# Modernizing Our Gas-Fueled Generation Fleet

## Retiring

- 400 MW of older, less-efficient gas generation expected

## Building

- 100 MW of RICE generation planned

## Investing

- West Riverside Energy Center (now operational)\*
  - 200 MW - combined cycle
  - \$180 million investment expected
  - 2023 – 2024

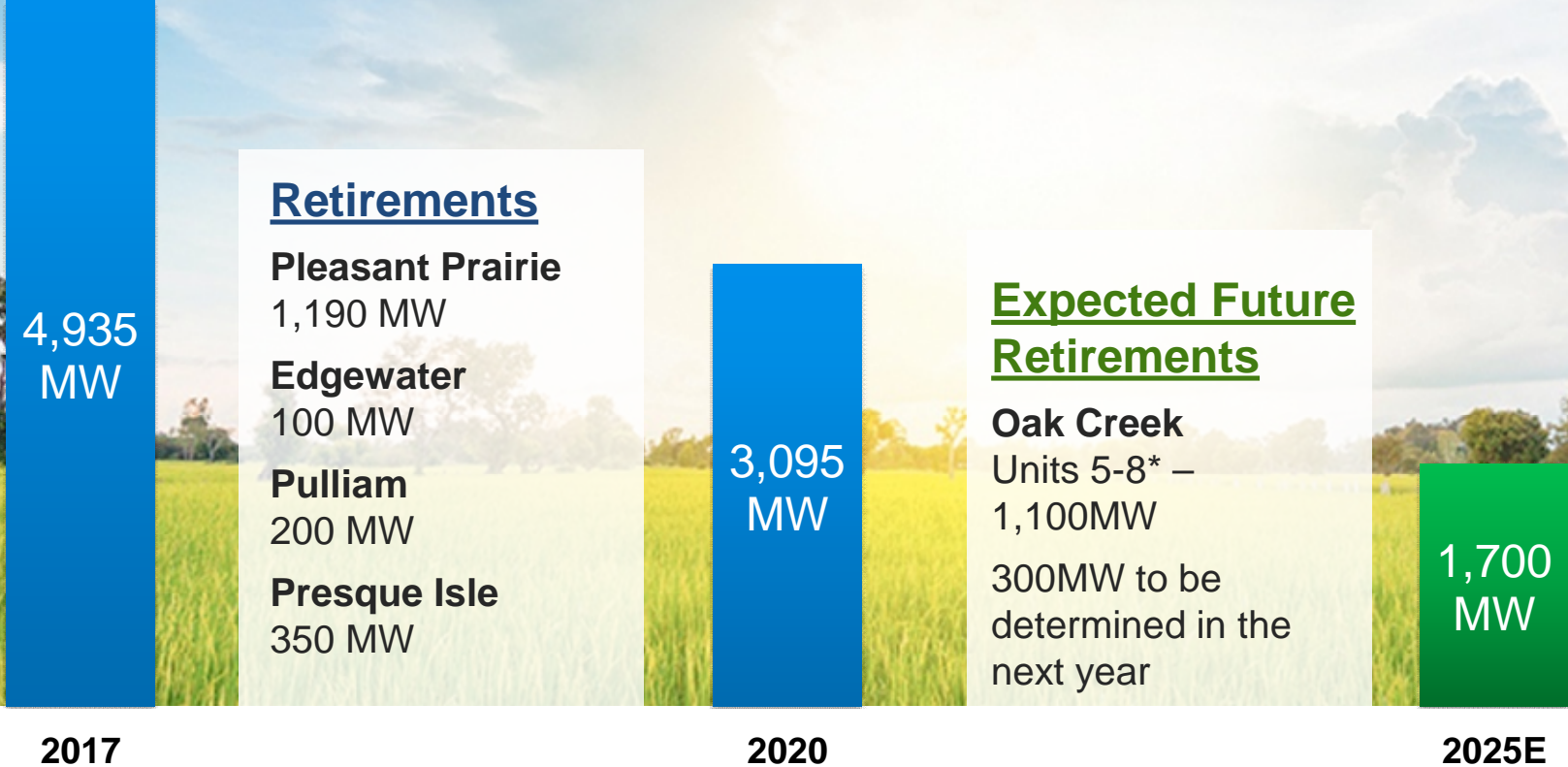


Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) are modular, run on natural gas and allow for reliable and flexible operations.

\* Pending due diligence and regulatory approval

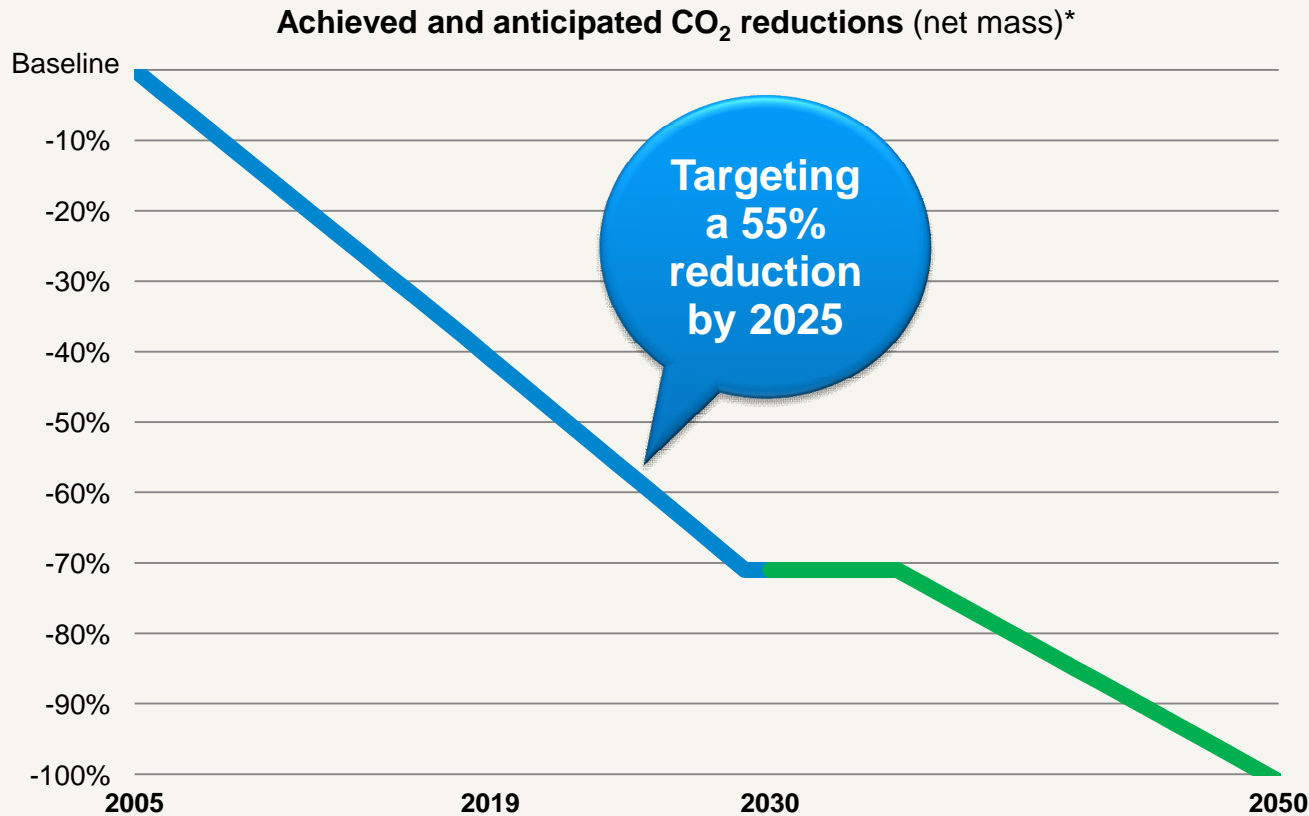
# Aggressively Reducing Coal-Fueled Generation

*Plant retirements have lowered costs and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions*



\* Expected retirement in 2023 - 2024

# New Carbon Reduction Goals – Electric Generation



Reduction goals:

**70%**  
below 2005  
levels by 2030

**Net carbon  
neutral**  
by 2050

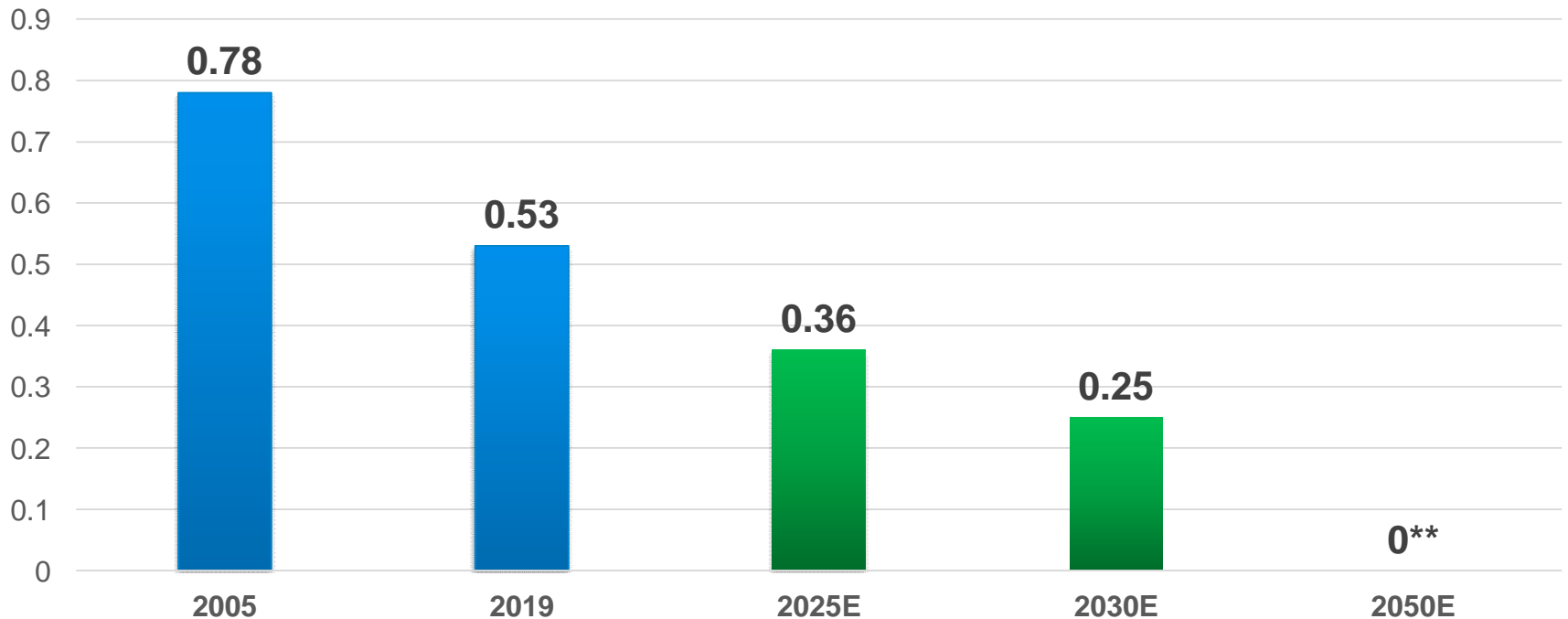
Goals aligned with the  
Paris Climate Accord

*Our capital investment plan aligns with and fully supports our carbon reduction goals.*

\*Includes projection of potential carbon offsets by 2050

# Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

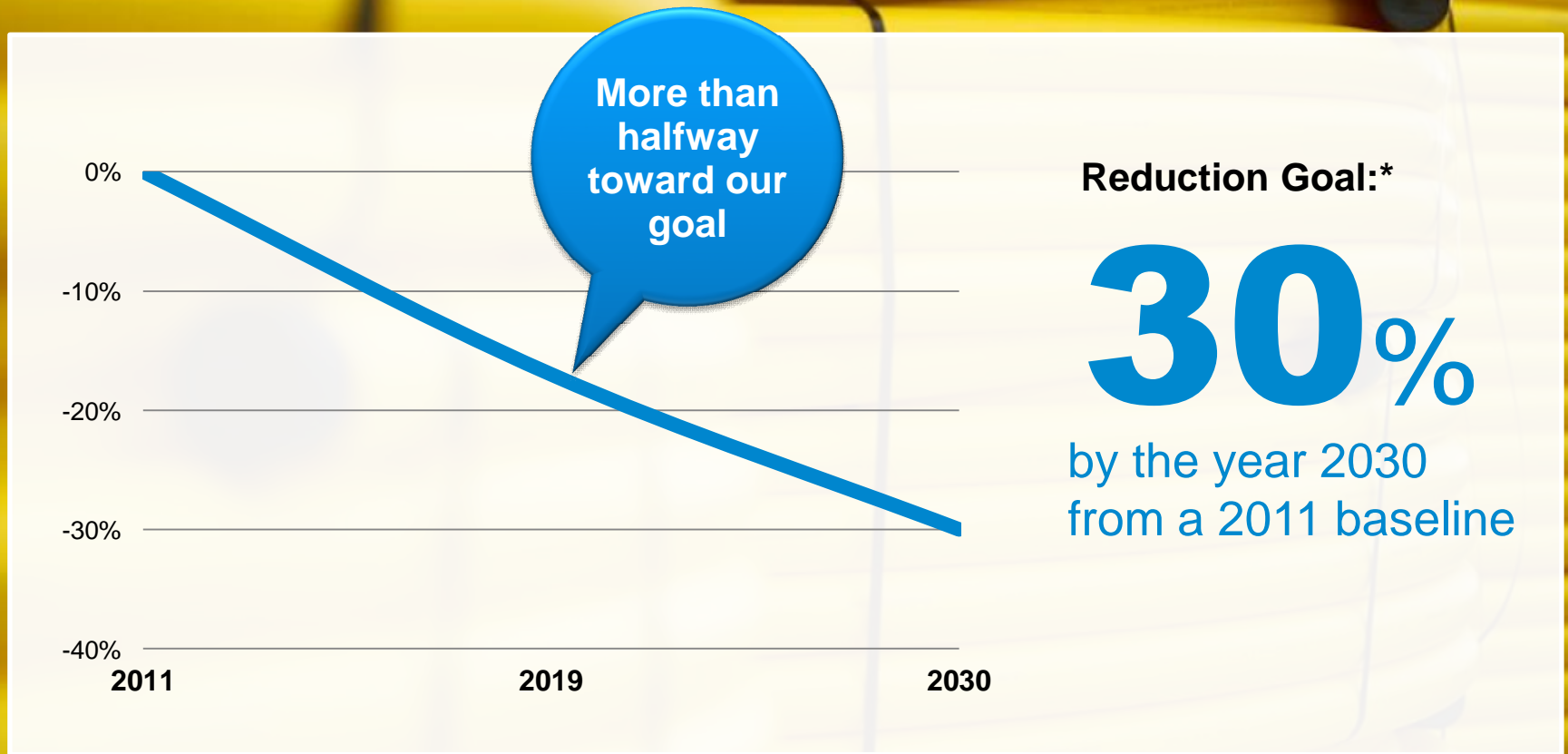
**Greenhouse gas intensity\***  
(metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh)



\*Includes owned electric generation, purchased power and WEC Infrastructure

\*\*Includes projection of potential carbon offsets by 2050

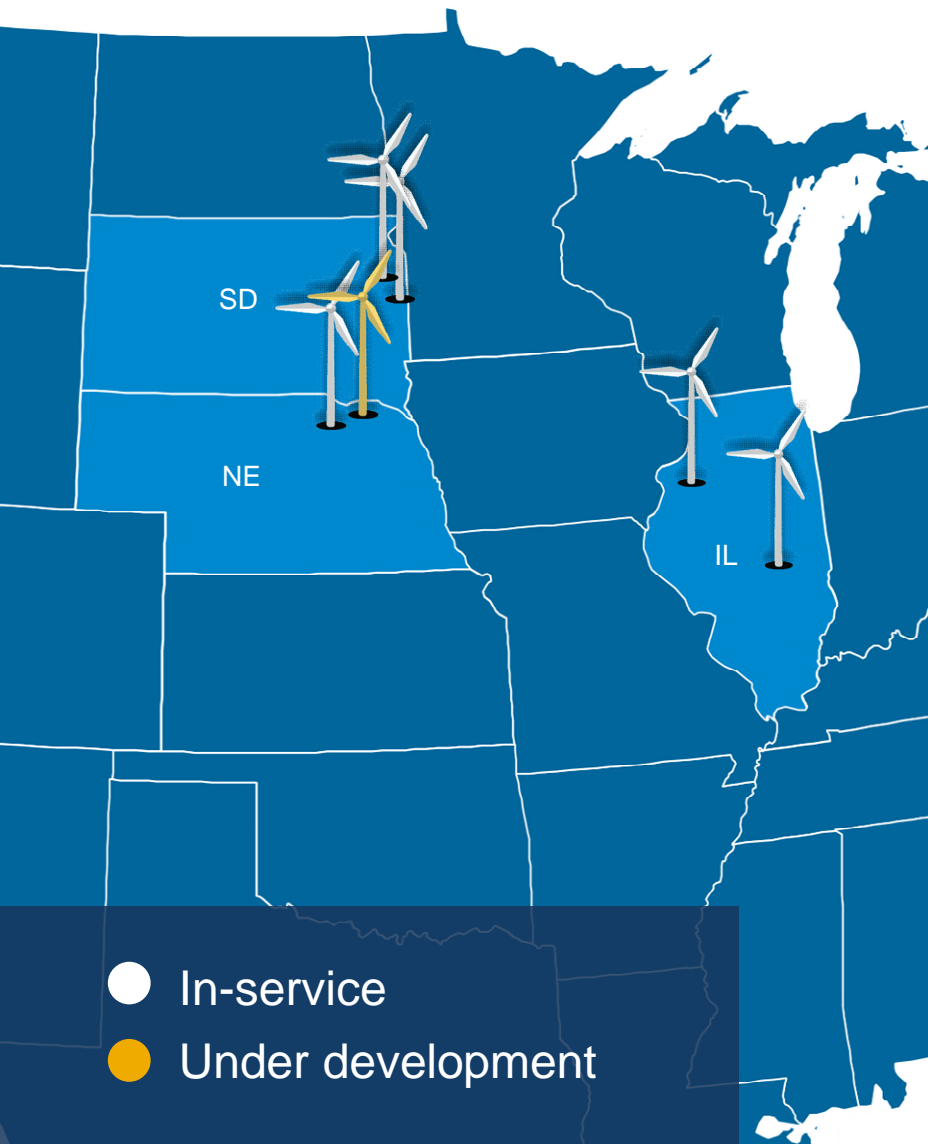
# Methane Reduction Goal



\*This goal represents a decrease in the rate of methane emissions from the natural gas distribution lines in our network of 30% per mile by the year 2030 from a 2011 baseline.



# Allocating \$2.2 Billion 2021-2025 Infrastructure Portfolio



In-Service	Capacity (MW)	Investment (in millions)
Upstream	200	\$307
Bishop Hill III	132	\$166
Coyote Ridge	97	\$145
Blooming Grove	250	\$389
Tatanka Ridge	<u>155</u>	<u>\$240</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>\$1,247</b>

Under Development	Capacity	Investment
Thunderhead*	<b>300</b>	<b>\$381</b>

Expect an additional \$1.8 billion of investment over the five-year period

\*Investment part of the 2021-2025 capital plan

# Regional Economy





# Powering Industry Leaders in our Region

**FOXCONN**<sup>®</sup>



**HARIBO**

*Milwaukee*<sup>®</sup>

**ULINE**



**FRESENIUS  
KABI**

caring for life



NEXUS

**amazon**

**MOLSON** *Coors*



**KOMATSU**

**FINCANTIERI**  
MARINETTE MARINE

# Broad Ranging Growth Driving Longer-Term Sales Forecast

## Sales Growth Forecast *(weather-normalized)*

### Year-over-Year

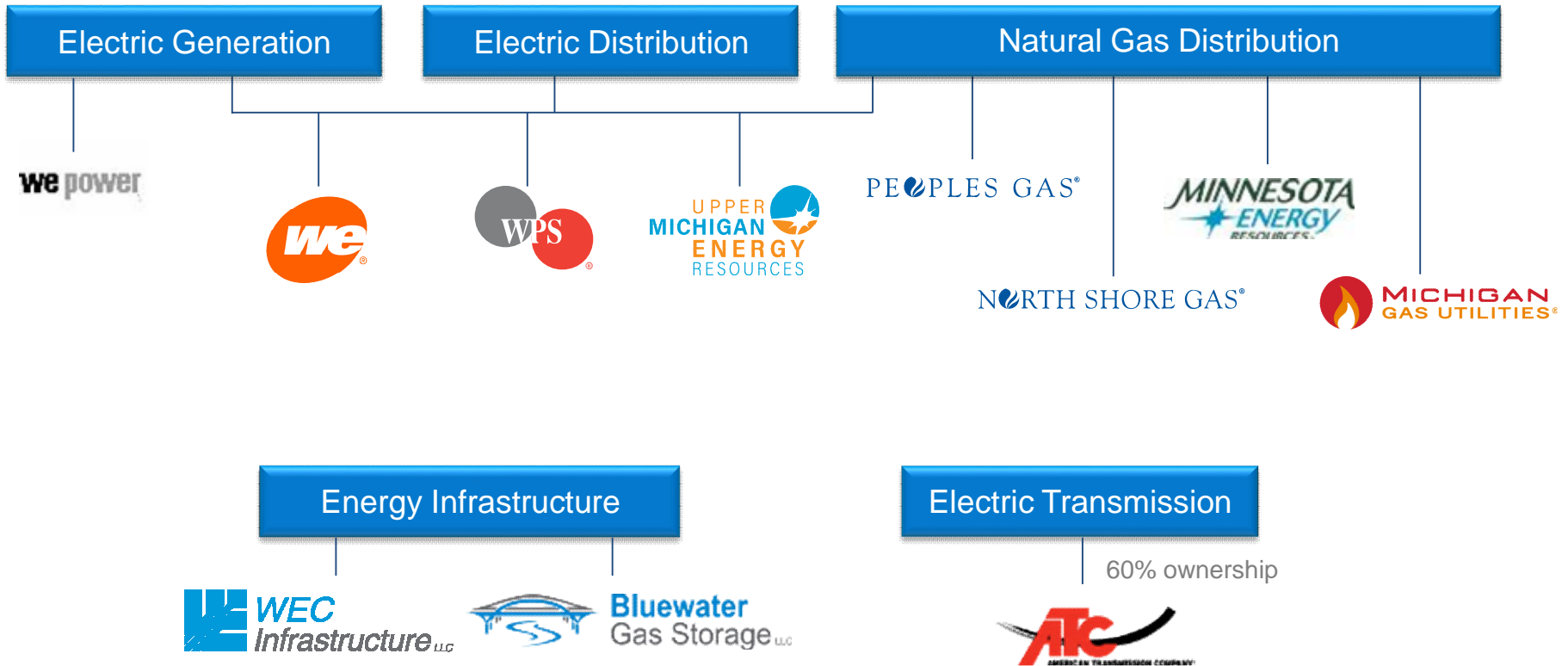
	2022 - 2025
Electric	1.0% - 1.3%
Gas	1.0% - 1.3%

# Key Takeaways for WEC Energy Group

- Track record of exceptional performance
- ESG Progress Plan supports 5-7% EPS growth with minimal impact on customer rates
- 100% of capital allocated to regulated businesses or contracted renewables
- Dividend growth projected to be in line with earnings growth
- No need to issue additional equity through forecast period
- Poised to deliver among the best risk-adjusted returns in the industry

# Appendix

# WEC Energy Group



# Office of the Chair

“Working together as a team, we will leverage the strengths of each individual as we write the next chapter of the company’s growth, development and service to our customers.”

- **Gale Klappa**, Executive Chairman



**Scott Lauber**  
Senior Executive Vice  
President and Chief  
Operating Officer



**Kevin Fletcher**  
President and CEO



**Xia Liu**  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

# Environmental, Social & Governance Focus

## Carbon Goals

Met and exceeded our 2030 target in 2019. Set new goals to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from electric generation by 70% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to be net carbon neutral by 2050.

## Methane Reduction Goal

Reduce the rate of methane emissions by 30% per mile from a 2011 baseline by 2030

15.7 million metric tons

Amount of combustion products for beneficial use provided over the past two decades

\$1.9 billion

Planned utility renewable investments (2021-2025)

\$2.2 billion

Planned investment in contracted energy infrastructure (2021-2025)

\$20 million

Contributed by our companies and foundations to nonprofit organizations in 2019

46% diversity

Board of directors who are diverse based on gender and/or race

\$282.6 million

Spent with certified minority-, women-, service disabled- and veteran-owned businesses in 2019

\$124.4 million

Spent on energy efficiency and conservation in 2019



# Carbon-Free Generation Currently Under Development



- Solar generation technology has improved in efficiency, become more cost-effective and complements our summer demand curve.
- Wisconsin Electric, Wisconsin Public Service and Madison Gas & Electric are partnering on major solar initiatives.
- In addition, Wisconsin Electric is moving forward on two innovative renewable pilot programs for 185 MW of carbon-free generation.

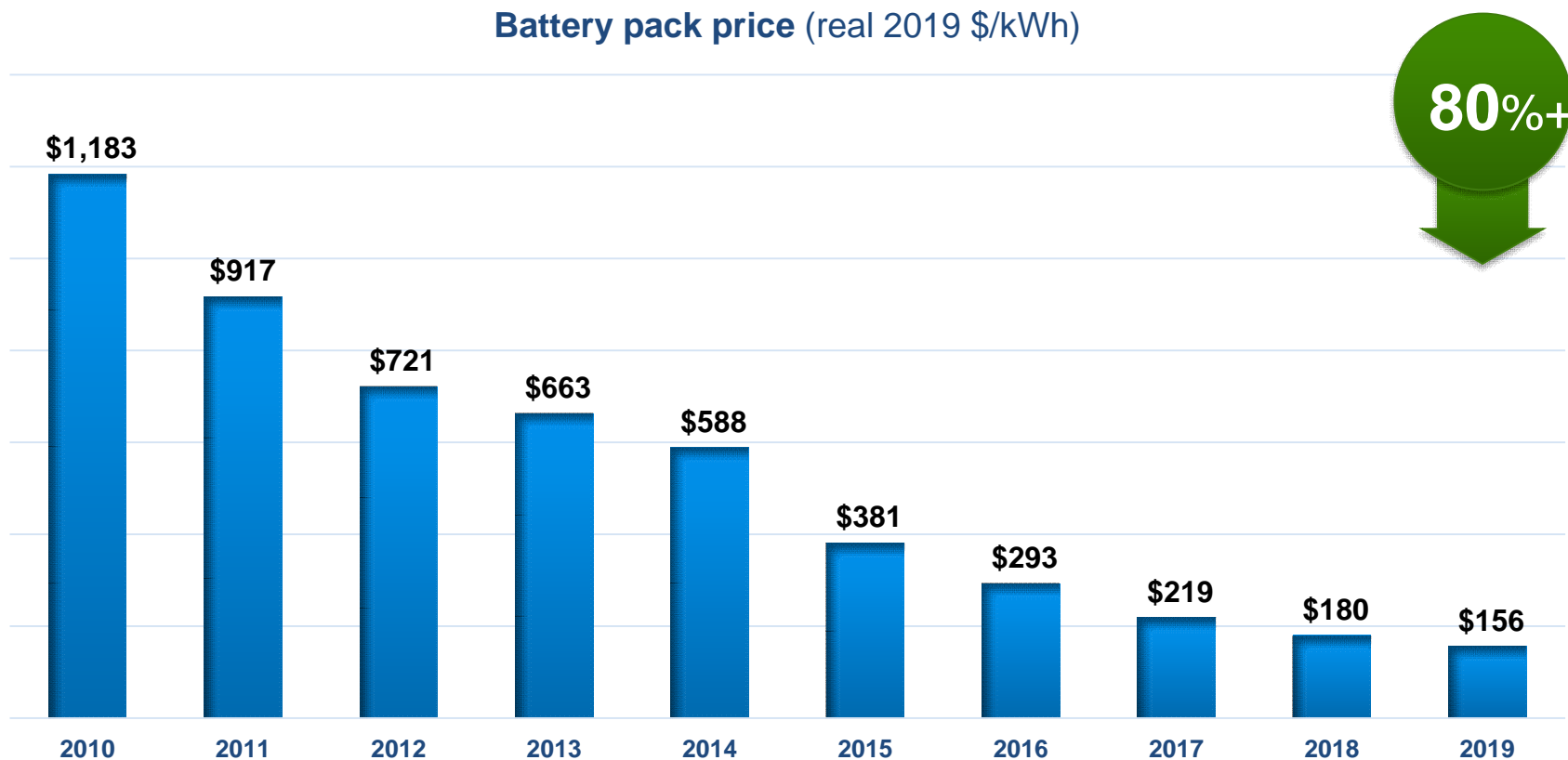
Project	Utility	Location	Investment	Capacity*	Timing
Two Creeks Solar Project	WPS	Two Rivers, WI	\$130M	100MW	In Service: November, 2020
Badger Hollow I Solar Park	WPS	Iowa County, WI	\$130M	100MW	Targeted in-service: April, 2021
Badger Hollow II Solar Park	WE	Iowa County, WI	\$130M	100MW	Targeted in-service: December, 2022

\*Madison Gas & Electric will own an additional 50 MW at each site



# Since 2010, Lithium-Ion Battery Prices Have Fallen Over 80%

Battery pack price (real 2019 \$/kWh)



Source: BloombergNEF

# New Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities

Taking steps to maintain reliable and affordable service for our customers

LNG provides a solution for Southeastern Wisconsin to meet peak customer demand on the coldest days of the year



- We Energies is seeking approval for two LNG facilities to address the need for additional natural gas supply in Wisconsin
- Total expected investment: \$370 million
- If approved, construction is expected to begin fall of 2021
- Targeted in-service date: Late 2023

# Efficiency, Growth and Sustainability Progress



## Electric Delivery Redesign / Resilience

- Addressing aging infrastructure
- Enhancing efficiencies and reducing operating costs
- Expect to spend \$2.9 billion (2021-2025)



## Natural Gas System Modernization

### Illinois

- Expected replacement of 2,000 miles of piping for safety and reliability in Chicago
- Project \$280-300 million annual average investment
- Illinois law authorizes rider through 2023

### Wisconsin

- Increasing quantity and reliability of natural gas service in Southeastern Wisconsin



## Technology Enhancements

- Implementing advanced metering
- Installing new customer information system
- Project to spend \$1.0 billion (2021 – 2025)

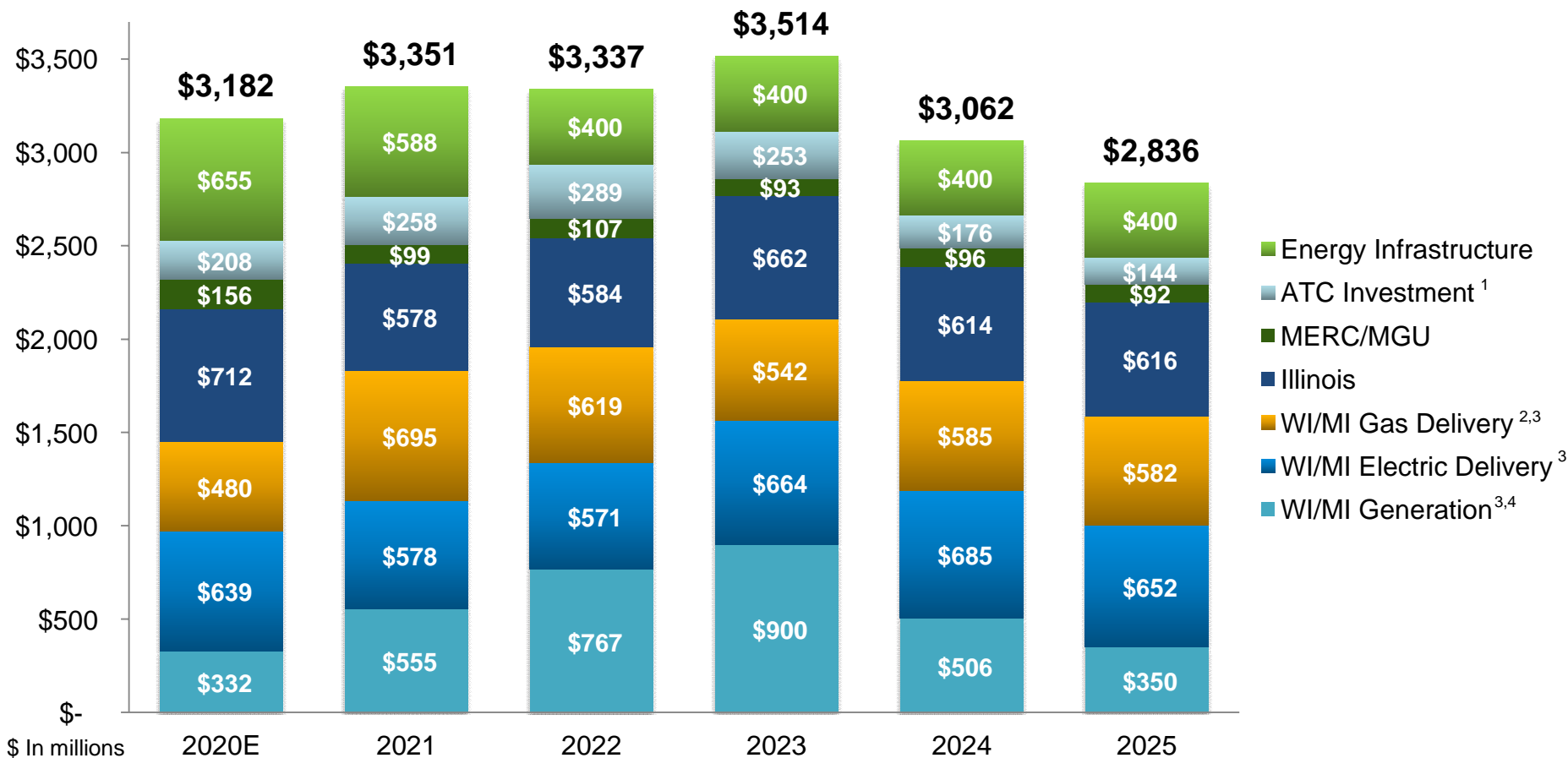
# Wind Infrastructure Investment Summary

Project	Developer	Location	Investment	Offtake Agreement	WEC Commercial Operations	Capacity
Bishop Hill III Wind Energy Center	Invenergy	Henry County, Illinois	\$166M for 90% ownership	WPPI Energy 22-years	80% on 8/31/18 Incremental 10% on 12/5/18	~132MW
Upstream Wind Energy Center	Invenergy	Antelope County, Nebraska	\$307M for 90% ownership	Affiliate of Allianz 10-years	80% on 1/10/19 10% on 4/8/20	~200MW
Coyote Ridge Wind Farm	Avangrid Renewables	Brookings County, South Dakota	\$145M for 80% ownership and 99% of tax benefits	Google Energy LLC 12-years	12/20/19	~97MW
Blooming Grove Wind Farm	Invenergy	McLean County, Illinois	\$389M for 90% ownership	Verizon and Saint-Gobain North America 12-years	12/8/2020	~250MW
Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm	Avangrid Renewables	Deuel County, South Dakota	\$240M for 85% ownership and 99% of tax benefits	Google Energy 12-years Dairyland Power 10-years	1/5/2021	~155MW
Thunderhead Wind Energy Center	Invenergy	Wheeler and Antelope Counties, Nebraska	\$381M expected for 90% ownership	AT&T 12-years	Projected: 2021	~300MW

*Projected Returns Higher than Regulated Business*

\$16.1 billion projected capital spend from 2021-2025

# Low-Risk Capital Plan Drives 5% to 7% EPS Growth



Depreciation at the utilities expected to average \$1.1 billion annually, and \$132 million at ATC, over the 2021-2025 period

- 1) ATC is accounted for using the equity method; this represents WEC's portion of the investment
- 2) Gas delivery includes capital spend at Bluewater
- 3) Includes UMERC
- 4) Generation includes capital spend at We Power

## By Company

# Capital Plan Projections (\$ in millions)

	2020E	2021	2022	2023
Wisconsin Electric	\$678.2	\$933.5	\$1,032.0	\$1,375.3
Wisconsin Gas	\$169.9	\$234.4	\$256.2	\$234.4
Wisconsin Public Service	\$534.1	\$578.8	\$537.6	\$443.8
Upper Michigan Energy Corp	\$17.6	\$16.7	\$18.8	\$16.7
<b>Wisconsin Segment</b>	<b>\$1,399.8</b>	<b>\$1,763.4</b>	<b>\$1,844.6</b>	<b>\$2,070.2</b>
Peoples Gas	\$650.1	\$509.5	\$517.2	\$598.6
North Shore Gas	\$56.5	\$64.4	\$64.6	\$62.3
<b>Illinois Segment</b>	<b>\$706.6</b>	<b>\$573.9</b>	<b>\$581.8</b>	<b>\$660.9</b>
Minnesota Energy Resources Corp	\$90.4	\$58.8	\$49.2	\$48.3
Michigan Gas Utilities	\$64.2	\$39.6	\$57.6	\$44.2
<b>Other States Segment</b>	<b>\$154.6</b>	<b>\$98.4</b>	<b>\$106.8</b>	<b>\$92.5</b>
WE Power	\$14.3	\$26.1	\$99.2	\$32.2
Infrastructure Investments*	\$675.5	\$613.9	\$405.7	\$401.9
<b>Nonutility Energy Infrastructure</b>	<b>\$689.8</b>	<b>\$640.0</b>	<b>\$504.9</b>	<b>\$434.1</b>
<b>Corporate and Other</b>	<b>\$22.7</b>	<b>\$17.1</b>	<b>\$10.1</b>	<b>\$3.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,973.5</b>	<b>\$3,092.8</b>	<b>\$3,048.2</b>	<b>\$3,261.4</b>

\* Infrastructure investments include capital spend at Bluewater

# Composition of Asset Base

Total 2019 Average Asset Base of \$21.4 billion

Company	Asset Base - \$B	% of Total
Wisconsin Electric	\$6.3	29.4%
Wisconsin Gas	1.5	7.0
Wisconsin Public Service	3.4	15.9
Upper Michigan Energy Resources	0.4	1.9
Peoples Gas	3.0	14.0
North Shore Gas	0.3	1.4
Minnesota Energy Resources	0.3	1.4
Michigan Gas Utilities	0.3	1.4
We Power	3.0	14.0
Bluewater	0.2	1.0
WEC Infrastructure	0.4	1.9
American Transmission Company	2.3	10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21.4</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Note: We Power value represents investment book value*



# Power the Future Investments<sup>1</sup>

	Natural Gas	Coal
Capacity	1,090 MW	1,030 MW <sup>2</sup>
Investment	\$664 million	\$2 billion <sup>2</sup>
ROE	12.7%	12.7%
Equity	53%	55%
In Service Dates	Unit 1 – July 2005 Unit 2 – May 2008	Unit 1 – February 2010 Unit 2 – January 2011
Lease Terms	25 years	30 years
Cost Per Unit of Capacity	\$609/kW	\$1,950/kW

1. PTF provides approximately \$200 million in positive cash flow annually.

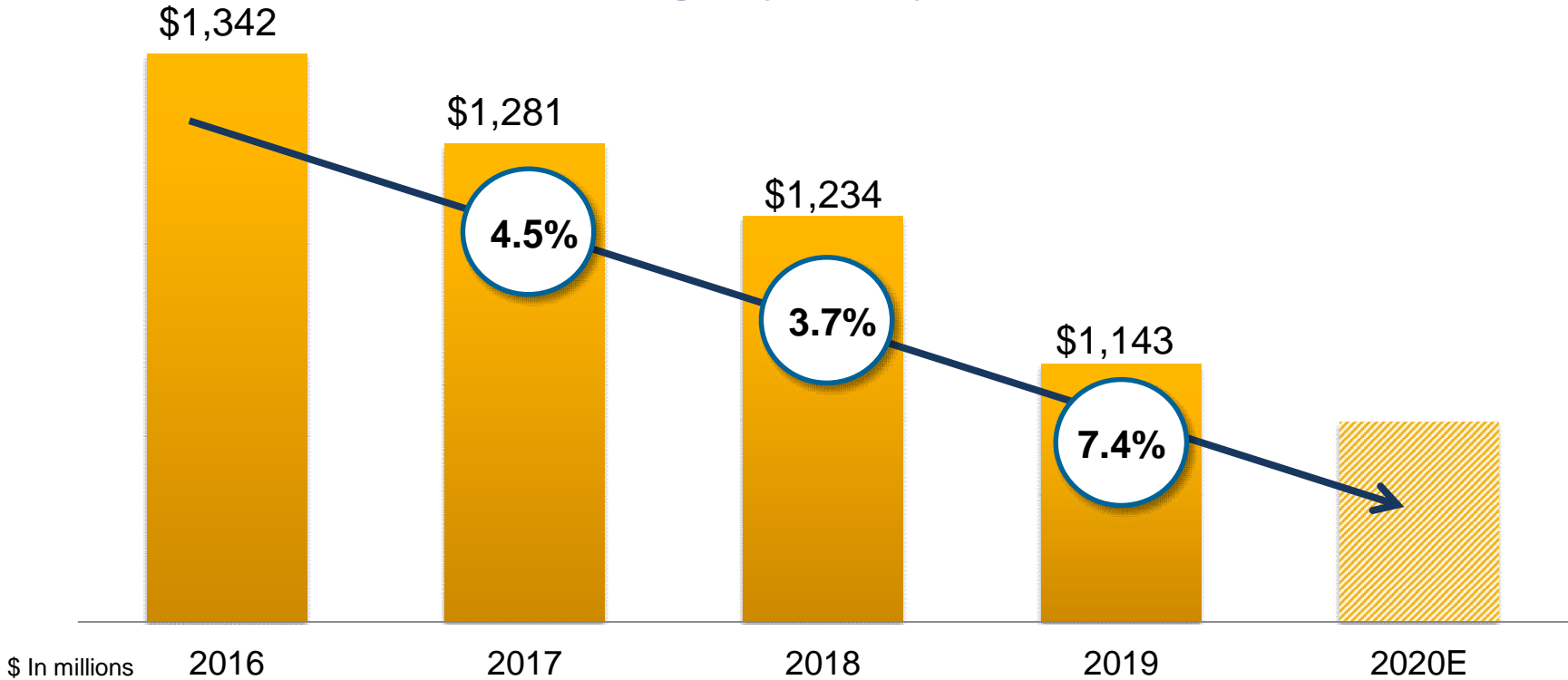
2. All capacity and investment amounts reflect WEC ownership only.

Demonstrated capacity for the coal units is 1,056 MW – value shown in table is amount guaranteed in lease agreement.



# Focused on Efficiency

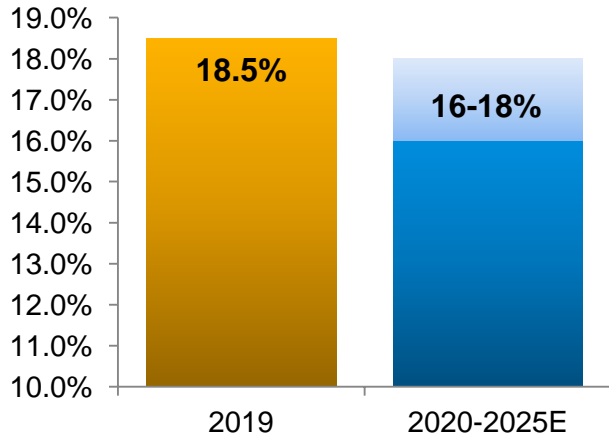
## Reducing Day-to-Day O&M Expense\*



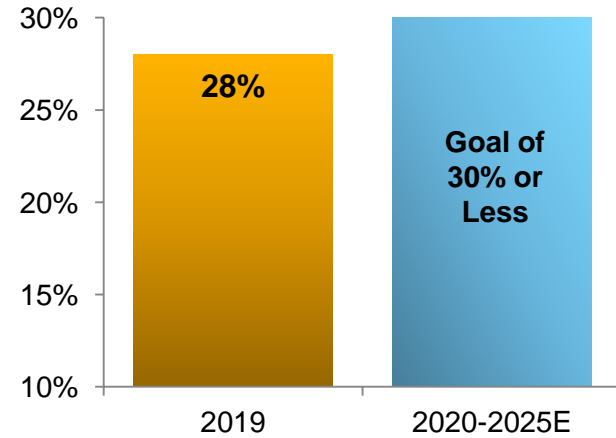
\*Excludes costs that have a revenue offset such as operation and maintenance costs associated with the We Power generation units, transmission expenses that are collected in rates, regulatory amortizations, riders, and other pass through expenses.

# Balance Sheet Remains Strong

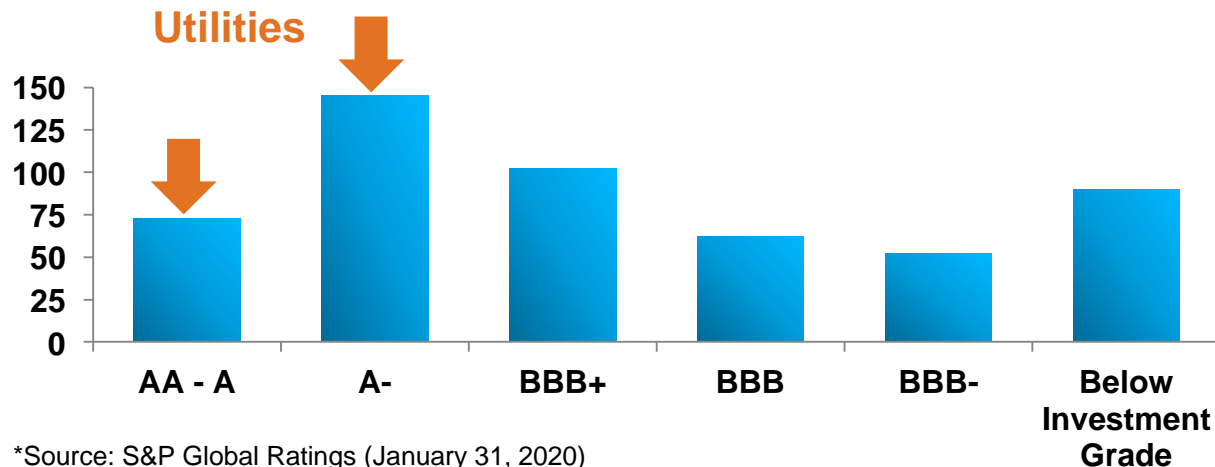
## Funds from Operations/Debt



## Holding Company Debt to Total Debt



## Electric and Gas Utilities Credit Ratings Distribution\*

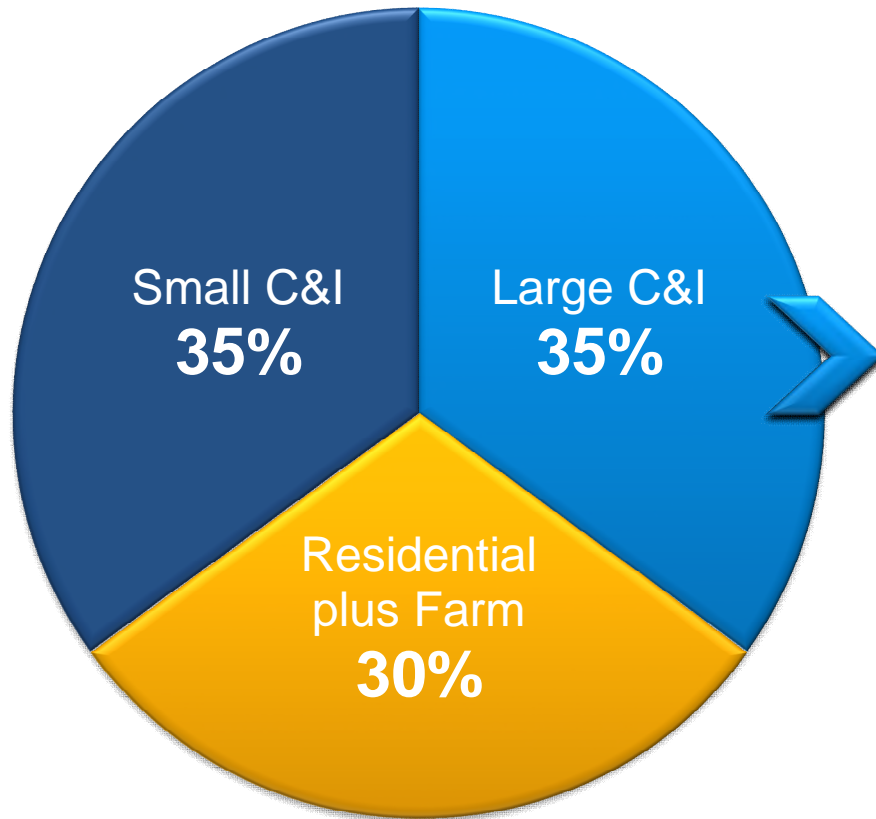


Utility	Rating
Wisconsin Electric	A-
Wisconsin Gas	A
Wisconsin Public Service	A-
Peoples Gas	A-

\*Source: S&P Global Ratings (January 31, 2020)

# Balanced Sales Mix

2019 Retail MWh Deliveries Mix\*



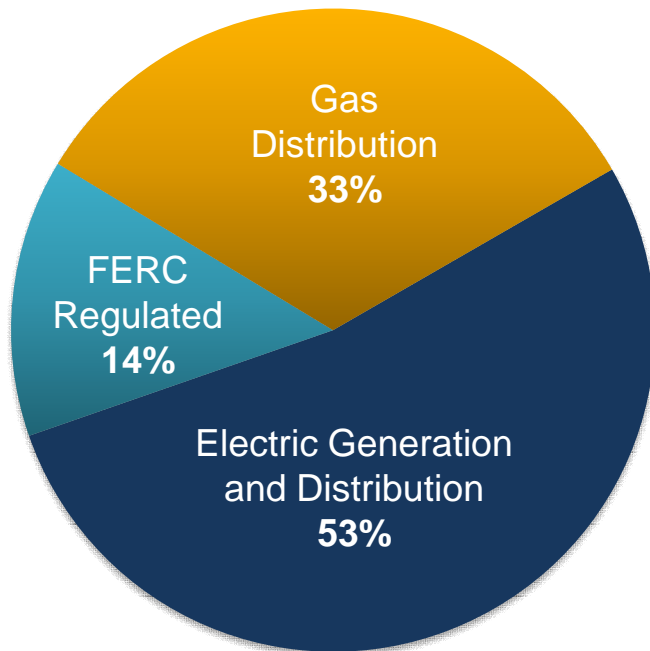
## 35% Large C&I by Segment

Paper	23%
Foundry (SIC 33)	11%
Mining/Minerals	11%
Food/Agriculture	9%
Other Manufacturing	8%
Metal (SIC 34,35,37)	7%
Medical	5%
Education	4%
Chemical	4%
Printing	3%
Office	2%
Other	13%

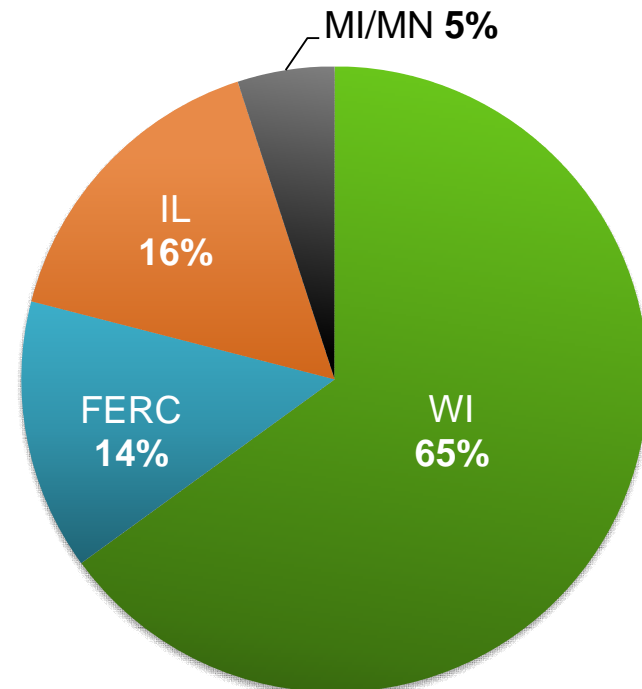
\*Wisconsin segment includes Michigan electric and retail choice customers in the Upper Peninsula

# Diverse Portfolio of Regulated Businesses

## By Business



## By Jurisdiction



Based on 2019 average asset base.  
Excludes wind investments in our Energy Infrastructure segment

# Regulatory Environment

## Wisconsin

- Governor Tony Evers (D)
- Commission
  - Gubernatorial appointment, Senate confirmation
  - Chairman: Gubernatorial appointment
  - 6-year staggered terms

Wisconsin Commissioners			
Name	Party	Began Serving	Term Ends
<b>Rebecca Valcq</b> <i>Chair</i>	D	01/2019	03/2025
<b>Ellen Nowak</b>	R	12/2018	03/2023
<b>Tyler Huebner</b>	D	03/2020	03/2021

## Illinois

- Governor J.B. Pritzker (D)
- Commission
  - Gubernatorial appointment, Senate confirmation
  - Chairman: Gubernatorial appointment
  - 5-year staggered terms

Illinois Commissioners			
Name	Party	Began Serving	Term Ends
<b>Carrie Zalewski</b> <i>Chair</i>	D	03/2019	01/2024
<b>Sadzi Martha Oliva</b>	R	01/2017	01/2022
<b>D. Ethan Kimbrel</b>	D	01/2018	01/2023
<b>Maria Soledad Bocanegra</b>	I	04/2019	01/2023
<b>Michael Carrigan</b>	D	01/2020	01/2025

# Rate-Making Parameters by Company

Utility	Equity Layer <sup>(1)</sup>	Authorized ROE
Wisconsin Electric	50.0%-55.0%	10.0%
Wisconsin Public Service	50.0%-55.0%	10.0%
Wisconsin Gas	50.0%-55.0%	10.2%
Peoples Gas	50.33%	9.05%
North Shore Gas	50.48%	9.05%
Minnesota Energy Resources	50.9%	9.7%
Michigan Gas Utilities	52%	9.9%
We Power	53%-55%	12.7%
American Transmission Company	50%	10.52% <sup>(2)</sup>

- Constructive regulatory environments
- Earnings sharing mechanism at all Wisconsin utilities

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the equity component of capital; rates are set at the midpoint of any range

<sup>(2)</sup> Raised from 10.38% pursuant to FERC decision on May 21, 2020

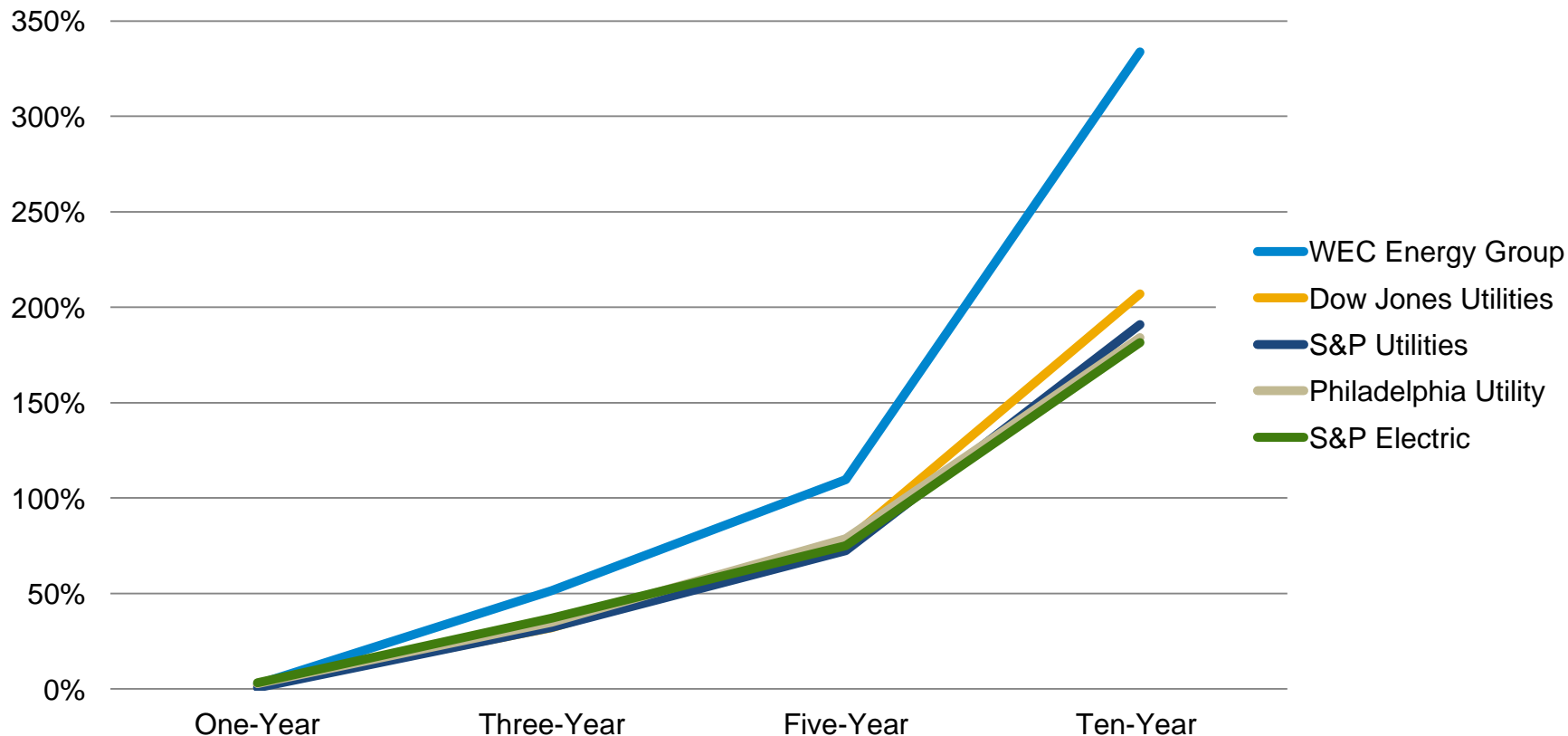


# Key Rate Making Components

Area	Illinois-Gas	Minnesota-Gas	Michigan-Electric & Gas	Wisconsin-Gas	Wisconsin-Electric
Gas Pipeline Replacement Rider	PGL				
Bad Debt Rider	✓				
Bad Debt Escrow Accounting				Residential	Residential
Decoupling	✓	✓			
Fuel Cost Recovery	1 for 1 recovery of prudent fuel costs				+/- 2% band
Manufactured Gas Plant Site Clean Up Recovery	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Invested Capital Tax Rider	✓				
Forward-looking test years	✓	✓	✓	2 years	2 years
Gas Utility Infrastructure Cost Rider Surcharge		✓			
Earnings sharing				No sharing on first 25 bp above allowed ROE, 50/50 on next 50bp, 100% to customers beyond 75 bp	

# Industry Leading Total Shareholder Returns\*

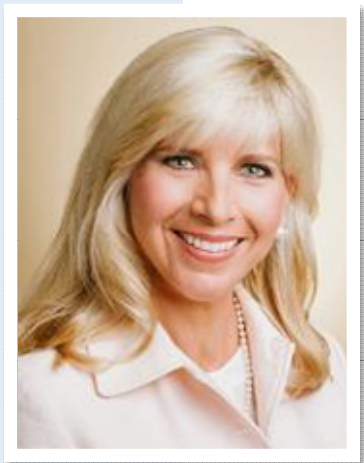
Over the past decade, WEC Energy Group has consistently delivered among the best total returns in the industry



\* Total return including reinvested dividends for the periods ended December 31, 2020

Source: Bloomberg

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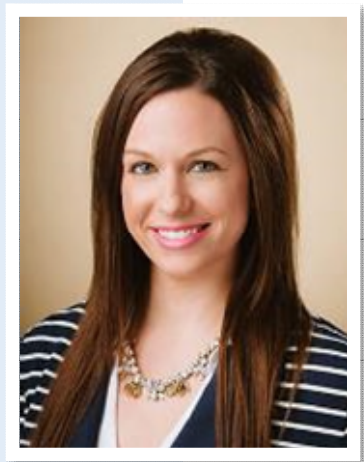


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# Reconciliation of Reported EPS (GAAP) to Adjusted EPS (Non-GAAP)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Reported EPS – GAAP basis	\$2.34	\$2.59	\$ 2.96	\$ 3.79
Acquisition Costs	\$0.39	\$0.06	\$ 0.01	–
Integrys Earnings		\$(0.47)		
Impact of Additional Shares		\$0.47		
Tax benefit related to Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017	–	–	–	\$ (0.65)
Adjusted EPS – Non-GAAP basis*	\$2.73	\$2.65	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.14

\* WEC Energy Group has provided adjusted earnings per share (non-GAAP earnings per share) as a complement to, and not as an alternative to, reported earnings per share presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted earnings per share exclude, as applicable, (1) a one-time reduction in income tax expense related to a revaluation of our deferred taxes as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; (2) costs related to the acquisition of Integrys Energy Group; (3) the results of operations of Integrys and its subsidiaries; and (4) the additional shares of WEC Energy Group common stock that were issued as part of the acquisition. None of these items are indicative of WEC Energy Group's operating performance. Therefore, WEC Energy Group believes that the presentation of adjusted earnings per share is relevant and useful to investors to understand the company's operating performance. Management uses such measures internally to evaluate the company's performance and manage its operations.