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NEW JERSEY RESOURCES REPORTS FISCAL 2017 FIRST-QUARTER RESULTS AND REAFFIRMS EARNINGS GUIDANCE

WALL, N.J. — New Jersey Resources (NYSE: NJR) today reported results for the first quarter of fiscal 2017 and reaffirmed net financial earnings (NFE) guidance for fiscal 2017 of \$1.65 to \$1.75 per share.

Net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2017 totaled \$34.9 million, or \$.41 per share, compared with \$50.3 million, or \$.59 per share, during the same period in fiscal 2016. First-quarter fiscal 2017 NFE totaled \$40.4 million, or \$.47 per share, compared with \$51.3 million, or \$.60 per share, during the first quarter of fiscal 2016.

“Our results for the first quarter were consistent with our expectations, and we are confident in our ability to achieve our fiscal 2017 earnings guidance,” said Laurence M. Downes, chairman and CEO of New Jersey Resources. “Our outlook is supported by our new base rates, continued customer growth and our growing portfolio of clean energy assets that will allow us to deliver expected performance this year.”

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A reconciliation of net income to NFE for the first quarter of fiscal years 2017 and 2016 is provided below.

<i>(Thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2016	2015
Net income	\$ 34,929	\$ 50,282
Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	28,302	(1,135)
Tax effect	(9,757)	413
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(17,939)	3,813
Tax effect	6,204	(1,385)
Net income to NFE tax adjustment	(1,356)	(721)
Net financial earnings	\$ 40,383	\$ 51,267
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding		
Basic	86,084	85,675
Diluted	86,855	86,676
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.59
Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	0.33	(0.01)
Tax effect	(0.11)	0.01
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(0.21)	0.04
Tax effect	0.07	(0.02)
Net income to NFE tax adjustment	(0.02)	(0.01)
Basic NFE per share	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.60

NFE is a financial measure not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) of the United States as it excludes all unrealized, and certain realized, gains and losses associated with derivative instruments, net of applicable tax adjustments. For further discussion of this financial measure, please see the explanation below under “Non-GAAP Financial Information.”

A table detailing NFE for the three months ended December 31 of fiscal years 2017 and 2016 is provided below.

<i>(Thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2016	2015
Net Financial Earnings		
New Jersey Natural Gas	\$ 30,348	\$ 30,926
NJR Energy Services	3,487	10,304
NJR Clean Energy Ventures	2,842	7,652
NJR Midstream	2,387	2,344
NJR Home Services and Other	1,542	259
Sub-total	40,606	51,485
Eliminations	(223)	(218)
Total	\$ 40,383	\$ 51,267

▪ **NJR Reaffirms Fiscal 2017 NFE Guidance**

NJR reaffirmed fiscal 2017 NFE guidance of \$1.65 to \$1.75 per share, subject to the risks and uncertainties identified below under “Forward-Looking Statements.” In providing fiscal 2017 NFE guidance, management is aware there could be differences between reported GAAP earnings and NFE due to matters such as, but not limited to, the positions of our energy-related derivatives. Management is not able to reasonably estimate the aggregate impact of these items on reported earnings and, therefore, is not able to provide a reconciliation to the corresponding GAAP equivalent for its operating earnings guidance without unreasonable efforts.

NJR expects its regulated businesses to generate between 60 to 75 percent of total NFE, with New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) continuing to be the largest contributor. The following chart represents NJR’s current expected contributions from its subsidiaries for fiscal 2017:

Company	Expected Fiscal 2017 Net Financial Earnings Contribution
New Jersey Natural Gas	55 to 65 percent
NJR Midstream	5 to 10 percent
<i>Total Regulated</i>	<i>60 to 75 percent</i>
NJR Clean Energy Ventures	15 to 25 percent
NJR Energy Services	5 to 15 percent
NJR Home Services	1 to 3 percent

▪ **New Jersey Natural Gas Reports Steady Performance; Expects Solid Year-Over-Year Growth**

NJNG, the company’s regulated utility, reported first-quarter fiscal 2017 NFE of \$30.3 million, compared with \$30.9 million during the same period in fiscal 2016. The modestly lower results were driven primarily by lower Basic Gas Service Supply (BGSS) incentive margin and higher operating and maintenance expenses, which were mostly offset by increases in utility gross margin from higher base rates and customer growth.

Through our Conservation Incentive Program (CIP) rate mechanism, which insulates the company from declines in utility gross margin related to weather and customer usage, NJNG earns gross margin on the basis of throughput. As such, approximately 65 percent of utility firm gross margin is earned during the heating season of November through March. NJNG generated 28 percent of its utility gross margin during the first quarter. NJNG typically earns approximately 42 percent of its utility gross margin during the second fiscal quarter. As a result, the majority of the benefit of the base rate case will be realized in the second fiscal quarter.

For fiscal 2017, using the midpoint of our guidance range for NJNG, compared with the prior year’s financial results, we expect to achieve year-over-year NFE growth of approximately 10 to 15 percent.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2017, NJNG added 1,866 new customers compared with 2,046 during the same period of fiscal 2016. The slightly lower customer additions, compared with the prior year, reflects timing associated with adding planned residential conversion customers. For fiscal 2017, NJNG plans to

invest \$33.3 million to add 8,300 new and conversion customers, who are expected to contribute approximately \$5 million annually to utility gross margin.

NJNG expects to invest between \$100 million to \$110 million to add a total of 24,000 to 27,000 new customers between fiscal 2017 and 2019, representing an annual new customer growth rate of approximately 1.6 percent and an increase in utility gross margin of approximately \$15 million. For more information on utility gross margin, please see “Non-GAAP Financial Information” below.

- **Infrastructure Update**

Safety Acceleration and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Program II

During the first quarter of fiscal 2017, NJNG invested \$8.6 million in SAFE II, a five-year program designed to replace the remaining 276 miles of unprotected steel main and associated services in its distribution system. As part of this program, NJNG will earn an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction rate on its invested capital during construction, and request rate increases for the approved \$157.5 million of SAFE II spending in annual filings, which is consistent with the company’s other regulatory programs. As a condition of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ (BPU) approval, NJNG is required to file a base rate case no later than November 2019.

New Jersey Reinvestment in System Enhancement (NJ RISE) Program

NJ RISE, a five-year, \$102.5 million investment, consists of six capital projects that will strengthen the overall safety, reliability and resiliency of NJNG’s natural gas distribution systems and improve its service disruption response. Since the inception of NJ RISE in 2014, NJNG has invested \$19 million in the program, including those expenditures made during the first quarter of fiscal 2017. These system enhancements are designed to help reduce the impact of future major weather events and align with New Jersey’s directive for improved energy resiliency and preparedness.

As part of the six capital projects, NJNG has installed nearly 7,600 of an expected 35,000 excess flow valves in storm-prone areas of its service territory to date. These valves restrict the flow of natural gas when there is a change in pressure on the service line. In addition, construction of a secondary feed into Sea Bright is expected to be completed in fiscal 2017. The remaining four projects are in the design and/or permitting phases with all projects scheduled for completion by fiscal 2019.

Southern Reliability Link (SRL)

The SRL, approved by the BPU in Board Orders issued in January and March 2016, continues to progress through the permitting process. The 30-mile transmission pipeline project will serve as a second major feed into NJNG’s system to support the safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers. The SRL will diversify NJNG’s supplier base and strengthen overall system resiliency, benefiting over one million people in Ocean, Monmouth and Burlington counties.

- **The SAVEGREEN Project[®] (SAVEGREEN) Saves Customers Energy and Money**

In the first quarter of fiscal 2017, SAVEGREEN, NJNG’s energy-efficiency program, invested \$3.7 million in grants and financing options to help customers make affordable upgrades to high-efficiency natural gas

equipment. Since its inception in 2009, NJNG has invested \$140.3 million in SAVEGREEN, helping more than 46,000 NJNG customers reduce energy consumption and lower their bills. The program runs through December 31, 2018 and directly supports New Jersey's Energy Master Plan. In addition, SAVEGREEN has generated over \$345 million in economic activity by working with the more than 2,500 contractors who have participated in the project.

Over the life of the program, NJNG has approval to invest nearly \$220 million in SAVEGREEN and is authorized to earn an overall return on its investments, ranging from 6.69 to 7.76 percent, with a return on equity (ROE) that ranges from 9.75 to 10.3 percent. The recovery period varies from two to 10 years, depending on the type of investment.

▪ **Basic Gas Supply Service Incentive Programs Contribute to Earnings**

In the first quarter of fiscal 2017, NJNG's gross margin-sharing BGSS incentive programs, which include off-system sales, capacity release and storage incentives, contributed \$3.8 million to utility gross margin, compared with \$4.5 million during the same period in fiscal 2016. The lower results were due to a decrease in the value of capacity and lower volumes associated with the capacity release program, compared with the previous year.

NJNG shares the utility gross margin earned from these incentive programs with customers and shareowners, following formula authorized by the BPU. Since their inception in 1992, these incentive programs have saved customers approximately \$894 million and added an average of \$.05 per share annually.

▪ **NJR Energy Services Annual Results Expected Within Guidance Range**

NJR Energy Services (NJRES), NJR's wholesale energy services provider, reported first-quarter fiscal 2017 NFE of \$3.5 million, compared with \$10.3 million during the same period in fiscal 2016. The weather in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 was approximately 6 percent warmer than normal, which combined with the timing of hedges, led to the quarter-over-quarter decline.

We remain confident that NJRES will contribute to NFE within its fiscal 2017 guidance range.

▪ **NJR Clean Energy Ventures Contributes to Earnings; Strong Demand for Residential Solar Continues**

NJR Clean Energy Ventures (NJRCEV), the unregulated clean energy subsidiary of NJR, reported NFE of \$2.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 compared with \$7.7 million during the same period in fiscal 2016. The results for the quarter reflect higher depreciation and interest expense, as well as the timing of tax credits recognized compared with the same period last year. A further discussion of tax credits, which is the largest contributor to the decline, and NJR's effective tax rate are provided below.

NJRCEV expects solar-related capital expenditures for investment tax credit (ITC) eligible projects during fiscal 2017 to be between \$90 million and \$110 million, compared with \$85.6 million ITC-eligible projects during fiscal 2016. The higher level of solar capital investment will deliver increased ITCs for fiscal 2017.

Importantly, nearly all of the solar renewable energy credit (SREC) sales in fiscal 2017 from our in-service solar facilities are hedged. NJRCEV expects fiscal 2017 revenue from SREC sales to be 17 percent higher, compared with fiscal 2016.

Taken together, our increasing number of SRECs, tax credits, hedging strategy and earnings from wind investments, support our belief that NJRCEV will perform within the expected guidance range for fiscal 2017, representing year-over-year growth of approximately 5 to 10 percent.

NJRCEV's commercial solar capital expenditures for fiscal 2017 are fully committed and construction has begun on a series of new commercial solar projects for the Brick Township Board of Education in Ocean County, New Jersey. In total, the \$6.6 million investment represents 2.5 megawatts (MWs) of capacity and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2017. Additionally, three new commercial projects, totaling 24.4 MW, are planned for completion during fiscal 2017.

Demand remains strong for NJRCEV's residential solar program. The Sunlight Advantage[®] added 314 residential customers during the first three months of fiscal 2017, totaling 2.8 MWs of capacity, compared with 84 customers and 0.7 MWs of capacity during the same period in fiscal 2016. The Sunlight Advantage currently provides savings to approximately 5,400 eligible homeowners through both roof- and ground-mounted solar systems, with no upfront installation or maintenance costs. NJRCEV plans to invest \$35.4 million in residential solar systems in fiscal 2017, compared with \$34.3 million in fiscal 2016.

▪ **Ringer Hill Wind Farm Completed**

Construction was completed at the Ringer Hill Wind Farm in December 2016. NJRCEV invested \$88.9 million to construct, own and operate the Somerset County, Pennsylvania wind farm, which consists of 14 General Electric turbines, with a total capacity of 39.9 MWs. The majority of the energy produced is hedged under a 15-year agreement. We expect to earn a total return of approximately 15 percent on this investment. NJRCEV's onshore wind capacity now totals 126.6 MWs.

▪ **Steady NJR Midstream Results**

NJR Midstream, the company's natural gas midstream asset segment, reported NFE of \$2.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2017, compared with \$2.3 million during the same period in fiscal 2016. These results were due primarily to slightly higher dividend income from its investment in Dominion Midstream Partners, LP (NYSE: DM), a master limited partnership that owns several Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)-regulated assets.

NJR Midstream's investments include its 50 percent equity ownership in Steckman Ridge, jointly owned with Spectra Energy, as well as a 20 percent interest in the proposed PennEast Pipeline. This 120-mile pipeline is designed to bring lower cost natural gas produced in the Marcellus Shale region to homes and businesses in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and provide greater system reliability for local utilities. PennEast filed a formal application with FERC in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 and currently estimates the system will be in service by the first quarter of fiscal 2019. Based on FERC's most recent schedule for the completion of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for PennEast, FERC has scheduled the Notice of Availability of the final EIS for April 7, 2017, and the 90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline for July 7, 2017.

▪ **NJR Home Services Reports Results**

NJR Home Services (NJRHS), the company's unregulated retail and appliance service subsidiary, reported a net financial loss of \$848,000 in the first quarter of fiscal 2017, compared with a net financial loss of \$443,000 during the same period in fiscal 2016. Net financial losses are typical for NJRHS during the first six months of the fiscal year due to the timing of service contract revenue recognition.

NJRHS offers home comfort solutions including service contracts for heating and cooling systems, HVAC installations, plumbing and electrical services, standby generators and solar lease and purchase plans. NJRHS' service territory includes Monmouth, Ocean, Middlesex, Morris, Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon counties in New Jersey.

▪ **Tax Credits and NJR's Effective Tax Rate**

NJR's effective tax rate is significantly impacted by the amount of tax credits that are forecasted to be earned during the fiscal year. GAAP requires NJR to estimate its annual effective tax rate and use this rate to calculate its year-to-date tax provision. Based on projects completed in the first quarter, NJRCEV's forecast of projects to be completed for the balance of the fiscal year and related ITCs, as well as projected GAAP pre-tax income for the year, NJR's estimated annual effective tax rate is 8.7 percent, compared with 14.7 percent during the same period the previous year. Accordingly, \$7.4 million related to tax credits, net of deferred taxes, were recognized in the first quarter of fiscal 2017, compared with \$10.1 million, net of deferred taxes, in the same period last year.

For NFE purposes, the effective tax rate for fiscal 2017 is estimated at 14.7 percent and \$7.1 million of tax credits were recognized in the first fiscal quarter, compared with \$9.6 million last year. For a further discussion of this tax adjustment and reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measure, please see the explanation below under "Non-GAAP Financial Information."

The estimated effective tax rate is based on information and assumptions that are subject to change, and may have a material impact on quarterly and annual NFE. Factors considered by management in estimating completion of projects during the fiscal year include, but are not limited to, board of directors' approval, regulatory approval, execution of various contracts, including power purchase agreements, construction logistics, permitting and interconnection completion. See the "Forward-Looking Statements" section of this news release for further information regarding the inherent risks associated with solar investments.

Webcast Information

NJR will host a live webcast to discuss its financial results today at 10 a.m. EST. A few minutes prior to the webcast, go to njresources.com and select "Investor Relations," then scroll down to the "Events & Presentations" section and click on the webcast link.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. New Jersey Resources (NJR or the Company) cautions readers that the assumptions forming the basis for forward-looking statements include many factors that are beyond NJR's ability to control or estimate precisely, such as estimates of future market conditions and the behavior of other market participants. Words such as "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "may," "will," "intends," "plans," "believes," "should" and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements and such forward-looking statements are made based upon management's current expectations, assumptions and beliefs as of this date concerning future developments and their potential effect upon NJR. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with management's expectations, assumptions and beliefs or that the effect of future developments on NJR will be those anticipated by management. Forward-looking statements in this release include, but are not limited to, certain statements regarding NJR's NFE guidance for fiscal 2017, forecasted contribution of business segments to fiscal 2017 NFE, future NJNG customer growth, future NJNG capital expenditures and infrastructure investments, NJRCEV's onshore wind and solar investments, the results of future base rate cases, earnings growth, and the PennEast Pipeline project.

The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from NJR's expectations include, but are not limited to, weather and economic conditions; demographic changes in NJR's service territory and their effect on NJR's customer growth; volatility of natural gas and other commodity prices and their impact on NJNG customer usage, NJNG's BGSS incentive programs, NJRES operations and on our risk management efforts; changes in rating agency requirements and/or credit ratings and their effect on availability and cost of capital to our Company; the impact of volatility in the credit markets on our access to capital; the ability to comply with debt covenants; the impact to the asset values and resulting higher costs and funding obligations of our pension and postemployment benefit plans as a result of potential downturns in the financial markets, lower discount rates, revised actuarial assumptions or impacts associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; accounting effects and other risks associated with hedging activities and use of derivatives contracts; commercial and wholesale credit risks, including the availability of creditworthy customers and counterparties, and liquidity in the wholesale energy trading market; the ability to obtain governmental and regulatory approvals such as the PennEast Pipeline project, land-use rights, electric grid connection (in the case of clean energy projects) and/or financing for the construction, development and operation of our unregulated energy investments and NJNG's infrastructure projects in a timely manner; risks associated with the management of our joint ventures and partnerships, and investment in a master limited partnership; risks associated with our investments in clean energy projects, including the availability of regulatory and tax incentives, the availability of viable projects, our eligibility for ITCs and PTCs, the future market for Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) and electricity prices, and operational risks related to projects in service; timing of qualifying for ITCs and PTCs due to delays or failures to complete planned solar and wind energy projects and the resulting effect on our effective tax rate and earnings; the level and rate at which NJNG's costs and expenses are incurred and the extent to which they are allowed to be recovered from customers through the regulatory process, including through future base rate case filings; access to adequate supplies of natural gas and dependence on third-party storage and transportation facilities for natural gas supply; operating risks incidental to handling, storing, transporting and providing customers with natural gas; risks related to our employee workforce; the

regulatory and pricing policies of federal and state regulatory agencies; the costs of compliance with present and future environmental laws, including potential climate change-related legislation; the impact of a disallowance of recovery of environmental-related expenditures and other regulatory changes; environmental-related and other litigation and other uncertainties; risks related to cyber-attack or failure of information technology systems; and the impact of natural disasters, terrorist activities and other extreme events on our operations and customers. The aforementioned factors are detailed in the “Risk Factors” sections of our Form 10-K that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on November 22, 2016, which is available on the SEC’s website at sec.gov. Information included in this release is representative as of today only, and while NJR periodically reassesses material trends and uncertainties affecting NJR’s results of operations and financial condition in connection with its preparation of management’s discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition contained in its Quarterly and Annual Reports filed with the SEC, NJR does not, by including this statement, assume any obligation to review or revise any particular forward-looking statement referenced herein in light of future events.

Non-GAAP Financial Information

This news release includes the non-GAAP financial measures NFE (losses), financial margin and utility gross margin. A reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and reported in accordance with GAAP can be found below. As an indicator of the NJR’s operating performance, these measures should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net income or operating revenues as determined in accordance with GAAP. This information has been provided pursuant to the requirements of SEC Regulation G.

NFE (losses) and financial margin exclude unrealized gains or losses on derivative instruments related to the company’s unregulated subsidiaries and certain realized gains and losses on derivative instruments related to natural gas that has been placed into storage at NJRES, net of applicable tax adjustments as described below. Volatility associated with the change in value of these financial instruments and physical commodity contracts is reported on the income statement in the current period. In order to manage its business, NJR views its results without the impacts of the unrealized gains and losses, and certain realized gains and losses, caused by changes in value of these financial instruments and physical commodity contracts prior to the completion of the planned transaction because it shows changes in value currently instead of when the planned transaction ultimately is settled. An annual estimated effective tax rate is calculated for NFE purposes and any necessary quarterly tax adjustment is applied to NJRCEV, as such adjustment is related to tax credits generated by NJRCEV.

NJNG’s utility gross margin represents the results of revenues less natural gas costs, sales, expenses and other taxes and regulatory rider expenses, which are key components of NJR’s operations that move in relation to each other. Natural gas costs, sales, expenses and other taxes and regulatory rider expenses are passed through to customers and, therefore, have no effect on gross margin. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures as supplemental measures to other GAAP results to provide a more complete understanding of NJR’s performance. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures are more reflective of NJR’s business model, provide transparency to investors and enable period-to-period comparability of financial performance. A reconciliation of all non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and reported in accordance with GAAP, can be found

below. For a full discussion of NJR's non-GAAP financial measures, please see NJR's 2016 Form 10-K, Item 7.

About New Jersey Resources

New Jersey Resources (NYSE: NJR) is a Fortune 1000 company that, through its subsidiaries, provides safe and reliable natural gas and clean energy services, including transportation, distribution, asset management and home services. NJR is comprised of five primary businesses:

- **New Jersey Natural Gas**, NJR's principal subsidiary, operates and maintains over 7,300 miles of natural gas transportation and distribution infrastructure to serve over half a million customers in New Jersey's Monmouth, Ocean and parts of Burlington, Morris and Middlesex counties.
- **NJR Energy Services** manages a diversified portfolio of natural gas transportation and storage assets and provides physical natural gas services and customized energy solutions to its customers across North America.
- **NJR Clean Energy Ventures** invests in, owns and operates solar and onshore wind projects with a total capacity of nearly 280 megawatts, providing residential and commercial customers with low-carbon solutions.
- **NJR Midstream** serves customers from local distributors and producers to electric generators and wholesale marketers through its 50 percent equity ownership in the Steckman Ridge natural gas storage facility and its stake in Dominion Midstream Partners, L.P., as well as its 20 percent equity interest in the PennEast Pipeline Project.
- **NJR Home Services** provides service contracts as well as heating, central air conditioning, water heaters, standby generators, solar and other indoor and outdoor comfort products to residential homes throughout New Jersey.

NJR and its more than 1,000 employees are committed to helping customers save energy and money by promoting conservation and encouraging efficiency through Conserve to Preserve[®] and initiatives such as The SAVEGREEN Project[®] and The Sunlight Advantage[®].

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NEW JERSEY RESOURCES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended	
	December 31,	
	2016	2015
<i>(Thousands, except per share data)</i>		
OPERATING REVENUES		
Utility	\$ 185,556	\$ 151,606
Nonutility	355,472	292,652
Total operating revenues	<u>541,028</u>	<u>444,258</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Gas purchases		
Utility	61,320	46,665
Nonutility	337,932	254,088
Related parties	2,111	2,074
Operation and maintenance	52,228	46,233
Regulatory rider expenses	12,601	9,628
Depreciation and amortization	19,260	16,482
Energy and other taxes	14,101	9,637
Total operating expenses	<u>499,553</u>	<u>384,807</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>41,475</u>	59,451
Other income, net	3,776	1,924
Interest expense, net	<u>10,615</u>	<u>6,777</u>
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF AFFILIATES	<u>34,636</u>	54,598
Income tax provision	2,018	6,722
Equity in earnings of affiliates	2,311	2,406
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 34,929</u>	<u>\$ 50,282</u>
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE		
Basic	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.59
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.58</u>
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	<u>\$ 0.255</u>	<u>\$ 0.240</u>
AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING		
Basic	86,084	85,675
Diluted	<u>86,855</u>	<u>86,676</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP PERFORMANCE MEASURES

<i>(Thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended	
	December 31,	
	2016	2015
NEW JERSEY RESOURCES		
A reconciliation of net income, the closest GAAP financial measurement, to net financial earnings, is as follows:		
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Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	28,302	(1,135)
Tax effect	(9,757)	413
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(17,939)	3,813
Tax effect	6,204	(1,385)
Net income to NFE tax adjustment	(1,356)	(721)
Net financial earnings	\$ 40,383	\$ 51,267
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding		
Basic	86,084	85,675
Diluted	86,855	86,676
A reconciliation of basic earnings per share, the closest GAAP financial measurement, to basic net financial earnings per share, is as follows:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.59
Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.01)
Tax effect	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.01
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.04
Tax effect	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.02)
Net income to NFE tax adjustment	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.01)
Basic NFE per share	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.60
NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION		
A reconciliation of operating revenue, the closest GAAP financial measurement, to utility gross margin is as follows:		
Operating revenues	\$ 185,556	\$ 151,606
Less:		
Gas purchases	64,186	45,243
Energy and other taxes	10,882	6,908
Regulatory rider expense	12,601	9,628
Utility gross margin	\$ 97,887	\$ 89,827

Three Months Ended
December 31,
2016 2015

(Thousands)

NJR ENERGY SERVICES

The following table is a computation of financial margin:

Operating revenues	\$ 337,181	\$ 278,693
Less: Gas purchases	339,087	260,239
Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	30,592	(2,387)
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(17,939)	3,813
Financial margin	\$ 10,747	\$ 19,880

A reconciliation of operating income, the closest GAAP financial measurement, to financial margin is as follows:

Operating (loss) income	\$ (7,395)	\$ 14,437
Add:		
Operation and maintenance expense	5,018	3,757
Depreciation and amortization	16	23
Other taxes	455	237
Subtotal	(1,906)	18,454
Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	30,592	(2,387)
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas inventory	(17,939)	3,813
Financial margin	\$ 10,747	\$ 19,880

A reconciliation of net income to net financial earnings, is as follows:

Net (loss) income	\$ (4,790)	\$ 9,396
Add:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments and related transactions	30,592	(2,387)
Tax effect	(10,580)	867
Effects of economic hedging related to natural gas, net of taxes	(17,939)	3,813
Tax effect	6,204	(1,385)
Net financial earnings	\$ 3,487	\$ 10,304

CLEAN ENERGY VENTURES

A reconciliation of net income to net financial earnings, is as follows:

Net income	\$ 4,198	\$ 8,373
Add:		
Net income to NFE tax adjustment	(1,356)	(721)
Net financial earnings	\$ 2,842	\$ 7,652

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<i>(Thousands, except per share data)</i>	2016	2015
NEW JERSEY RESOURCES		
Operating Revenues		
Natural Gas Distribution	\$ 185,556	\$ 151,606
Energy Services	337,181	278,693
Clean Energy Ventures	7,567	7,794
Midstream	—	—
Home Services and Other	10,006	9,573
Sub-total	540,310	447,666
Eliminations	718	(3,408)
Total	\$ 541,028	\$ 444,258
Operating Income (Loss)		
Natural Gas Distribution	\$ 51,372	\$ 47,707
Energy Services	(7,395)	14,437
Clean Energy Ventures	(4,293)	(1,426)
Midstream	(156)	(151)
Home Services and Other	(1,456)	(1,030)
Sub-total	38,072	59,537
Eliminations	3,403	(86)
Total	\$ 41,475	\$ 59,451
Equity in Earnings of Affiliates		
Midstream	\$ 3,331	\$ 3,545
Eliminations	(1,020)	(1,139)
Total	\$ 2,311	\$ 2,406
Net Income (Loss)		
Natural Gas Distribution	\$ 30,348	\$ 30,926
Energy Services	(4,790)	9,396
Clean Energy Ventures	4,198	8,373
Midstream	2,387	2,344
Home Services and Other	1,542	259
Sub-total	33,685	51,298
Eliminations	1,244	(1,016)
Total	\$ 34,929	\$ 50,282
Net Financial Earnings		
Natural Gas Distribution	\$ 30,348	\$ 30,926
Energy Services	3,487	10,304
Clean Energy Ventures	2,842	7,652
Midstream	2,387	2,344
Home Services and Other	1,542	259
Sub-total	40,606	51,485
Eliminations	(223)	(218)
Total	\$ 40,383	\$ 51,267
Throughput (Bcf)		
NJNG, Core Customers	32.8	30.0
NJNG, Off System/Capacity Management	43.6	55.9
NJRES Fuel Mgmt. and Wholesale Sales	126.2	132.7
Total	202.6	218.6
Common Stock Data		
Yield at December 31	2.9%	2.9%
Market Price		
High	\$ 37.30	\$ 34.07
Low	\$ 30.46	\$ 28.02
Close at December 31	\$ 35.50	\$ 32.96
Shares Out. at December 31	86,196	85,809
Market Cap. at December 31	\$ 3,059,966	\$ 2,828,268

Three Months Ended
December 31,
2016 2015

(Unaudited)

(Thousands, except customer & weather data)

NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION

	2016	2015
Utility Gross Margin		
Operating revenues	\$ 185,556	\$ 151,606
Less:		
Gas purchases	64,186	45,243
Energy and other taxes	10,882	6,908
Regulatory rider expense	12,601	9,628
Total Utility Gross Margin	\$ 97,887	\$ 89,827
Utility Gross Margin, Operating Income and Net Income		
Residential	\$ 62,498	\$ 55,076
Commercial, Industrial & Other	13,696	13,279
Firm Transportation	16,285	15,547
Total Firm Margin	92,479	83,902
Interruptible	1,624	1,390
Total System Margin	94,103	85,292
Off System/Capacity Management/FRM/Storage Incentive	3,784	4,535
Total Utility Gross Margin	97,887	89,827
Operation and maintenance expense	33,218	29,628
Depreciation and amortization	12,030	11,238
Other taxes not reflected in gross margin	1,267	1,254
Operating Income	\$ 51,372	\$ 47,707
Net Income	\$ 30,348	\$ 30,926
Throughput (Bcf)		
Residential	12.6	8.9
Commercial, Industrial & Other	2.4	1.7
Firm Transportation	4.5	3.4
Total Firm Throughput	19.5	14.0
Interruptible	13.3	16.0
Total System Throughput	32.8	30.0
Off System/Capacity Management	43.6	55.9
Total Throughput	76.4	85.9
Customers		
Residential	451,587	441,464
Commercial, Industrial & Other	27,995	27,240
Firm Transportation	45,847	47,536
Total Firm Customers	525,429	516,240
Interruptible	34	35
Total System Customers	525,463	516,275
Off System/Capacity Management*	30	27
Total Customers	525,493	516,302
*The number of customers represents those active during the last month of the period.		
Degree Days		
Actual	1,494	1,082
Normal	1,589	1,629
Percent of Normal	94.0%	66.4%

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ENERGY SERVICES

Operating Income		
Operating revenues	\$ 337,181	\$ 278,693
Less:		
Gas purchases	339,087	260,239
Operation and maintenance expense	5,018	3,757
Depreciation and amortization	16	23
Energy and other taxes	455	237
Operating (Loss) Income	\$ (7,395)	\$ 14,437
Net (Loss) Income	\$ (4,790)	\$ 9,396
Financial Margin	\$ 10,747	\$ 19,880
Net Financial Earnings	\$ 3,487	\$ 10,304
Gas Sold and Managed (Bcf)	126.2	132.7

CLEAN ENERGY VENTURES

Operating Revenues		
SREC sales	\$ 2,486	\$ 4,604
Electricity sales	3,789	2,133
Other	1,292	1,057
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 7,567	\$ 7,794
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 7,041	\$ 5,110
Operating (Loss)	\$ (4,293)	\$ (1,426)
Income Tax Benefit	\$ 11,887	\$ 11,734
Net Income	\$ 4,198	\$ 8,373
Net Financial Earnings	\$ 2,842	\$ 7,652
Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Generated	41,443	35,014
Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Sold	10,319	21,182
Solar Megawatts Eligible for ITCs	2.8	0.7
Solar Megawatts Under Construction	3.9	18.8
Wind Megawatts Installed/Acquired	39.9	50.7
Wind Megawatts Under Construction	—	39.9

MIDSTREAM

Equity in Earnings of Affiliates	\$ 3,331	\$ 3,545
Other Income	\$ 917	\$ 632
Income tax provision	\$ 1,649	\$ 1,640
Net Income	\$ 2,387	\$ 2,344

HOME SERVICES AND OTHER

Operating Revenues	\$ 10,006	\$ 9,573
Operating (Loss)	\$ (1,456)	\$ (1,030)
Other income, net	\$ 2,827	\$ 159
Net Income	\$ 1,542	\$ 259
Total Service Contract Customers at December 31	113,285	116,099