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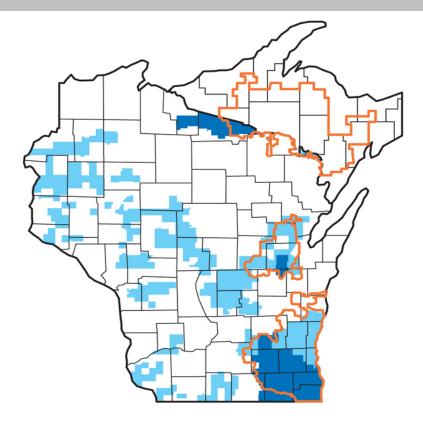
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### **Overview**

#### Retail Electric and Gas Utilities

- Largest electric and gas company in Wisconsin
  - 1.1 million electric customers
  - 1.1 million natural gas customers



- Wisconsin Electric Gas Service Area
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- Wisconsin Gas Service Area

### **Investment Thesis**

### An "Earn and Return" Company with a Low Risk Profile

- Positive free cash flow
- Targeted EPS growth of 4%-6%
- Best in class <u>dividend growth</u> moving to a 60% dividend payout ratio in 2014 and targeting 65%-70% in 2017
  - Implies 7%-10% dividend growth each year
- \$300 million share buyback program authorized through 2013
  - \$151.8 million completed through 2012
- Proven management team that has delivered strong financial results and operational excellence
- Constructive regulatory climate



### **Consistent Earnings and Dividend Growth**

Wisconsin Energy is the only company in the

- S&P Electric Index
- S&P Utilities Index
- Philadelphia Utility Index
- Dow Jones Utilities Average

that has grown earnings per share and dividends per share every year since 2003



### **Industry Leading Total Shareholder Returns**

|                             | One<br>Year | Three<br>Year | Five<br>Year | Ten<br>Year |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Wisconsin Energy            | 8.9%        | 63.0%         | 76.2%        | 285.2%      |
| S&P Utilities Index         | 1.3%        | 28.2%         | 1.9%         | 169.7%      |
| S&P Electric Index          | -0.5%       | 24.6%         | -4.5%        | 167.8%      |
| Philadelphia Utility Index  | -0.6%       | 25.3%         | 0.3%         | 166.6%      |
| Dow Jones Utilities Average | 1.4%        | 29.1%         | 4.8%         | 209.7%      |

Annualized returns for periods ending 12/31/2012

Source: Bloomberg; assumes all dividends are reinvested and returns are compounded daily



### Leading Reliability and Customer Satisfaction



- Named the most reliable utility in the Midwest
- Eighth time in the past 11 years
- During 2012, achieved highest customer satisfaction ratings in past decade ... likely best ever
- More than 350,000 proactive customer interactions annually



### Power the Future Investments – Natural Gas

### Meeting the Region's Energy Needs

Capacity 1,090 MW

Investment \$664 million

**ROE** 12.7%

Equity 53%

In Service Dates

Unit 1 – July 2005

Unit 2 – May 2008

Cost Per Unit of Capacity \$609/kW





### Power the Future Investments – Coal

### Meeting the Region's Energy Needs

Capacity 1,030 MW<sup>1</sup>

Investment \$2 billion<sup>1</sup>

**ROE** 12.7%

Equity 55%

In Service Dates



Unit 1 – February 2010, Unit 2 – January 2011

**Cost Per Unit** Approximately **of Capacity** \$1,950/kW



<sup>1</sup> 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.

### Dramatic Change in Environmental Performance

- From 2000 to 2013...
  - Power plant capacity

up 50%



**■** Emissions of

nitrogen oxide
sulfur dioxide
mercury
particulate matter

down 80%

## **State of the Art Emission Controls**



# **Strong Financial Foundation**

#### Positive Cash Flow ...

- Project more than \$500 million of free cash flow from 2013-2017
- Expect free cash annually after reaching 2017 dividend target

### Solid credit ratings ...

|     | Moody's | S&P | Fitch |
|-----|---------|-----|-------|
| WEC | A3      | A-  | A-    |
| WE  | A2      | A-  | А     |
| WG  | A2      | A-  | Α     |

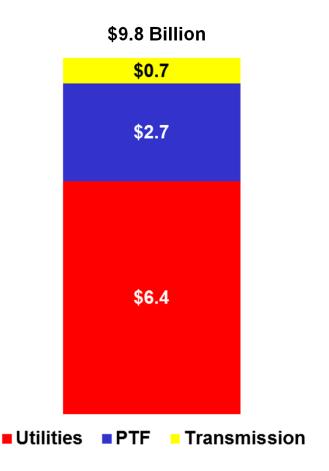
### Well Funded Pension ...

- More than 99% funded at year end 2012
- More than \$330 million in contributions in 2011 and 2012



# **Summary of our Core Business**

Rate Base and Power the Future Investment at 12/31/12



#### Retail Electric and Gas Utilities

- Wisconsin, Michigan, and FERC jurisdictions
- 48.5% to 53.5% equity for Wisconsin Electric
  - 10.4% allowed ROE
- 45% to 50% equity for Wisconsin Gas
  - 10.5% allowed ROE

#### Power the Future

- 53% to 55% equity levels in lease agreements
- 12.7% ROE fixed in lease agreements

#### Wholesale Electric Transmission

- FERC jurisdictional
- 50% equity level for rates
- 12.2% ROE with true-up

Note: Value for retail electric and gas utilities represents rate base. Power the Future value is book value of investment.

Wholesale electric transmission is 26.2% of ATC's rate base.



# Major Segment Earnings for 2011 – 2013

Projecting earnings per share growth of 4-6% annually from the 2011 base

|  | <u>2011A</u> | <u>2012A</u> | <u>2013E</u>        |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Electric and Gas Utilities             | \$1.44       | \$1.55       | \$1.55 to<br>\$1.65 |
| Power the Future (1)                   | \$0.66       | \$0.69       | \$0.71              |
| Wholesale Electric<br>Transmission (2) | \$0.16       | \$0.17       | \$0.18              |
| Unallocated holding company debt (3)   | (\$0.08)     | (\$0.06)     | (\$0.06)            |
|  | \$2.18       | \$2.35       | \$2.38 to<br>\$2.48 |

<sup>(1)</sup>Includes allocation of approximately \$375 million of 6.25% rate holding company debt

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes unallocated holding company debt and other miscellaneous corporate costs



<sup>(2)26.2%</sup> investment in ATC

# **Delivering the Future**

- From 2013 through 2017, our plan is to <u>invest</u> \$3.2 to \$3.5 billion in needed infrastructure projects that will:
  - Renew and modernize our grid
  - Meet new environmental standards
  - Add clean, renewable energy to our fleet

### **Delivering the Future – Electric Overview**

Between now and 2017, we plan to:

- Rebuild 2,000 miles of electric distribution lines that are more than 50 years old
- Replace:
  - 18,500 power poles
  - 20,000 transformers
  - Hundreds of substation components



# Delivering the Future – Gas Overview

Between now and 2017, we also plan to:

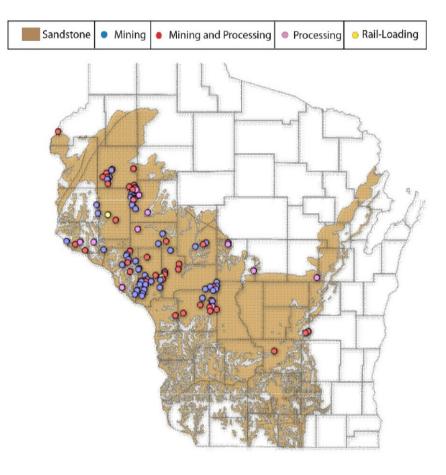
- Replace:
  - 1,250 miles of fiberglass, plastic and steel gas mains
  - 83,000 individual gas distribution lines
  - 233,000 meter sets



# Western Wisconsin Gas Expansion

- Additional natural gas capacity needed to address reliability and to meet growth in customer demand
  - Demand driven in part by propane conversion and frac sand mining
- Plan to seek approval from the Wisconsin Commission in 2013
- Expected initial investment: \$150 million

#### Sand Plants - Wisconsin





# **Valley Power Plant**

- In 2012 announced plans to convert Valley from coal to natural gas
- Targeting completion of the conversion for late 2015 or early 2016
  - Follows completion of a \$26 million gas pipeline upgrade project expected to begin in 2013 and complete in 2014

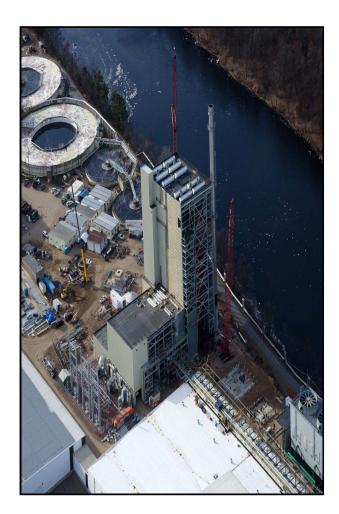


- Conversion cost estimated at \$60 to \$65 million
  - Included in our 2013–2017 capital budget



# Renewable Energy Investments

- Biomass Plant
  - 50MW
  - Projected investment of \$245-\$255 million
  - Approved by Wisconsin commission and Domtar Inc.
  - Targeting completion by the end of 2013
- Montfort Wind Energy Center
  - 30MW
  - Purchased from a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc.
  - Purchase price of \$27 million
  - Approved by Wisconsin Commission and completed in December 2012
- We've also completed several renewable energy transactions. We expect to be in compliance with the Wisconsin renewable portfolio standard through 2019





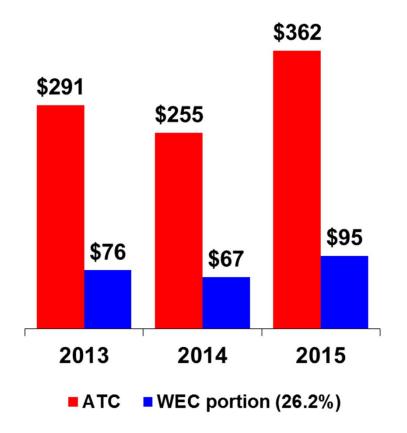
### Wolverine Joint Venture at Presque Isle Power Plant

- Signed joint venture agreement with Wolverine Power Cooperative for environmental upgrades at the Presque Isle Power Plant
  - Wolverine will invest \$130-\$140 million for sulphur dioxide and NO<sub>x</sub> controls
  - In return, Wolverine will receive a pro rata ownership share in the plant
  - We will continue to be the majority owner and operator of the facility
- Joint Venture would reduce our ownership in the plant, but would not reduce rate base
- Plan to seek regulatory approvals in 2013
- Work is scheduled to begin in 2014 and be completed by 2016



### **Growth at American Transmission Company**

# Projected Capital Expenditures (Millions of Dollars)



#### **Key Assumptions**

- ATC rate base at year end 2013 is projected to be about \$2.8 billion
- ATC projects a need for \$3.9-\$4.8 billion of transmission improvements in its footprint from 2012 to 2021
- Implies average \$43 million effective annual rate base growth for WEC from 2013 to 2015
- Excludes potential transmission projects outside ATC's traditional footprint

### Multiple Opportunities Being Evaluated

- Additional capital for fuel blending at the Oak Creek Expansion units
- Divestiture of energy assets by the State of Wisconsin
- New transmission projects outside of Wisconsin and Michigan through our 26.2 percent ownership of American Transmission Company
- Investment required to meet future EPA rules

### **Industry Leading Dividend Growth**

- The directors raised the quarterly dividend in January to 34 cents a share – equivalent to an annual rate of \$1.36 a share
  - 13.3 percent increase over the 2012 amount
- We're targeting a 60 percent payout ratio in 2014
  - Supports a double digit increase next year
- The directors also approved a target payout ratio of 65-70 percent in 2017
  - Supports 7-8 percent increases from 2015-2017

### Financial Flexibility for Share Repurchases

- Board has authorized management to purchase up to \$300 million of Wisconsin Energy common stock through end of 2013
- Buyback program was 50% complete at the end of 2012
  - Repurchased 4.65 million shares at an average price of \$32.63 a share
  - Spent \$151.8 million

# Key Takeaways on Wisconsin Energy

An "Earn and Return" Company with a Low Risk Profile

- Power the Future program now complete
  - Highly visible earnings and strong cash flow
  - Have received final regulatory approvals and rate treatment is in place
- Well managed utility franchises with rate base growth
- Investment in American Transmission Company provides an additional regulated growth opportunity
- Positioned to deliver among the best risk-adjusted returns in the industry
  - Positive free cash flow
  - Best in class dividend growth story



# **Appendix**

### Wisconsin Jurisdiction Rate Case Summary

- Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) authorized 2.6% increase in net customer bills in 2013 and 2014 (after applying expected proceeds from a renewable energy tax grant)
  - Non-fuel rate increase prior to credits:
    - 4.8% or \$133 million in 2013 and 1.0% or \$28 million in 2014
- Final costs approved for Oak Creek Expansion
  - Over 99.5% of total actual project costs recovered
  - \$24 million for fuel flexibility deferred
- 2013 fuel cost plan approved
- Next Cases:
  - 2014 fuel cost plan
  - 2015 base rate case

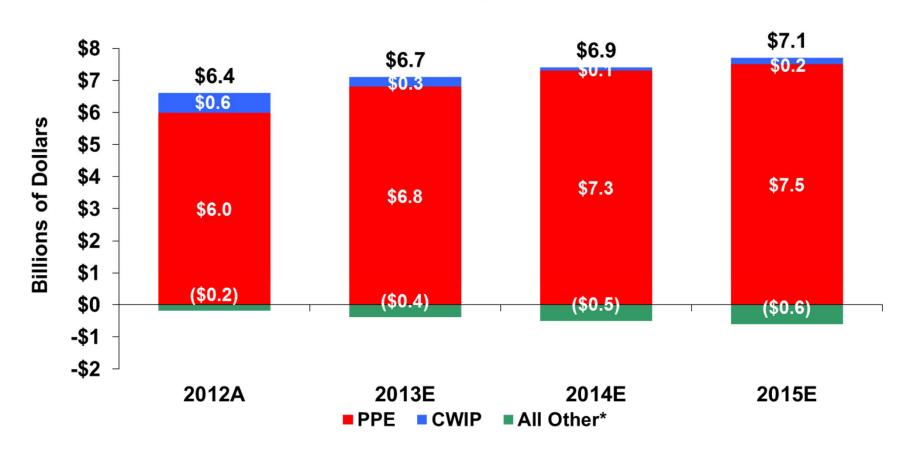


### Reconciliation of 2013 O&M to 2012

- Reinstatement of amortization holiday adds \$148 million to O&M for 2013
- However, the 2013 Wisconsin rate order includes several offsets to O&M:
  - Extension of recovery period for certain regulatory assets
  - Significant reduction of escrowed bad debt expense
- Overall, we expect our 2013 O&M costs to be flat to approximately 2 percent higher than our actual O&M for 2012

# **Projected Rate Base**

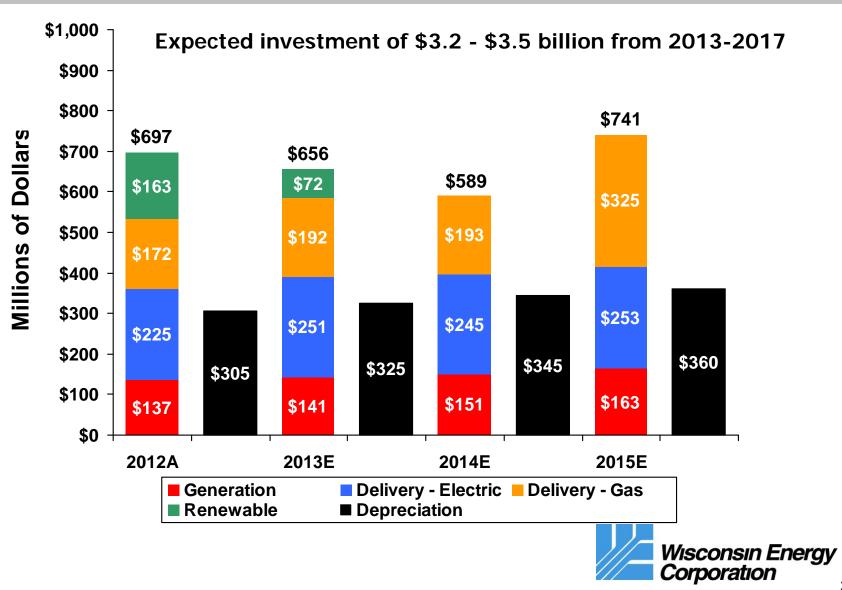
#### **Average Total Utility Rate Base**



<sup>\*</sup>All other is comprised of customer advances, def. taxes, inventory and implied working capital.



### Strong capital investment in the retail utility



### **DATC**

- Non-exclusive joint venture between Duke Energy and ATC (DATC) announced in April 2011
  - Adds potential investment opportunities outside ATC's current footprint
  - Ownership is split 50/50 between Duke and ATC
- DATC has proposed transmission projects to MISO's Midwest Transmission Expansion Plan
  - Seven new transmission lines, located in five Midwestern states
  - Total cost of approximately \$4 billion
  - Phased in over the next 10 years
  - FERC has approved an ROE at the MISO rate of 12.38%
  - Projects are subject to MISO and regulatory approval
- Potential impact on WEC
  - No significant capital deployment expected until 2015
  - Earnings impact anticipated in 2015 and beyond

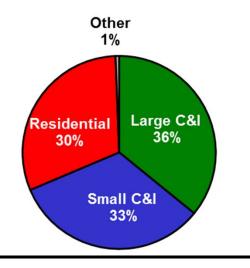


## **Forecast of Electric Sales**

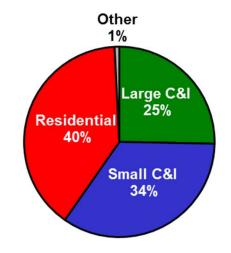
|                       | 2013 Forecast vs.<br>2012 Actual | 2013 Forecast vs.<br>2012 Normalized |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Residential           | -2.3%                            | 0.1%                                 |
| Small C&I             | 0.2%                             | 0.3%                                 |
| Large C&I (ex. Mines) | -0.9%                            | 0.2%                                 |
| Total Large C&I       | -3.2%                            | -2.4%                                |
| Total Retail          | -1.8%                            | -0.7%                                |

### **Electric Retail Customer Base**

#### 2012 Retail KWh Sales Mix



#### 2012 Retail Revenues



| C&I Sector Small & Large | % of 2012<br>Electric<br>C&I Sales |  |  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Office                   | 12.1%                              |  |  |
| Mining                   | 11.1%                              |  |  |
| Retail                   | 6.4%                               |  |  |
| Primary Metals           | 6.0%                               |  |  |
| Health Care              | 5.7%                               |  |  |
| Food                     | 5.0%                               |  |  |
| Paper & Products         | 4.7%                               |  |  |
| Education                | 4.6%                               |  |  |



# **Regulatory Environment**

- Wisconsin Commission
  - 3 Commissioners
  - Gubernatorial appointment, Senate confirmation
  - Chairman: Gubernatorial appointment
  - Terms
    - 6 year—staggered terms

| Wisconsin Commissioners        |       |                  |              |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------|
| Name                           | Party | Began<br>Serving | Term<br>Ends |
| Phil<br>Montgomery<br>Chairman | R     | 03/2011          | 03/2017      |
| Eric Callisto                  | D     | 05/2008          | 03/2015      |
| Ellen Nowak                    | R     | 07/2011          | 03/2019      |

- Michigan Commission
  - 3 Commissioners
  - Gubernatorial appointment, Senate confirmation
  - Chairman: Gubernatorial appointment
  - Terms
    - 6 year—staggered terms

| Michigan Commissioners             |       |                  |              |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------|
| Name                               | Party | Began<br>Serving | Term<br>Ends |
| John D.<br>Quackenbush<br>Chairman | R     | 10/2011          | 07/2017      |
| Greg R. White                      | I     | 12/2009          | 07/2015      |
| Orjiakor Isiogu                    | D     | 8/2007           | 07/2013      |

