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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:**

<b>Registrant</b>	<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</b>
<b>UNS Energy Corporation</b>	<b>Common Stock, no par value</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:**

<b>Registrant</b>	<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</b>
<b>Tucson Electric Power Company</b>	<b>Common Stock, without par value</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933.

UNS Energy Corporation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Tucson Electric Power Company	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act).

UNS Energy Corporation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucson Electric Power Company	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

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Tucson Electric Power Company	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of each registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

UNS Energy Corporation	Large Accelerated Filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>
	Smaller Reporting Company <input type="checkbox"/>		

Tucson Electric Power Company	Large Accelerated Filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Smaller Reporting Company <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Tucson Electric Power Company	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The aggregate market value of UNS Energy Corporation voting Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$1,574,040,179 based on the last reported sale price thereof on the consolidated tape on June 30, 2012.

At February 13, 2013, 41,386,469 shares of UNS Energy Corporation Common Stock, no par value (the only class of Common Stock), were outstanding.

At February 13, 2013, 32,139,434 shares of Tucson Electric Power Company's Common Stock, no par value, were outstanding, all of which were held by UNS Energy Corporation.

**Tucson Electric Power Company meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions (I)(1)(a) and (b) on Form 10-K and is therefore filing this report with the reduced disclosure format.**

Documents incorporated by reference: Specified portions of UNS Energy Corporation's Proxy Statement relating to the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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**DEFINITIONS**

The abbreviations and acronyms used in the 2012 Form 10-K are defined below:

1992 Mortgage	TEP's Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of December 1, 1992,
2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement	to the Bank of New York Mellon, successor trustee, as supplemented Reimbursement Agreement dated December 14, 2010 among TEP as borrower and a financial institution
ACC	Arizona Corporation Commission
AFUDC	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
AOCI	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
APS	Arizona Public Service Company
ARO	Asset Retirement Obligation
BART	Best Available Retrofit Technology
Base O&M	A non-GAAP financial measure that represents the fundamental level of operating and maintenance expense related to our business
Base Rates	The portion of TEP's and UNS Electric's Retail Rates attributed to generation, transmission, distribution costs, and customer charge; and UNS Gas delivery costs and customer charge. Base Rates exclude costs that are passed through to customers for fuel and purchased energy costs.
BHP	BHP Minerals International, Inc.
BMGS	Black Mountain Generating Station
Btu	British thermal unit(s)
Capacity	The ability to produce power; the most power a unit can produce or the maximum that can be taken under a contract; measured in megawatts
CC&N	Certificate of Convenience and Necessity
CCRs	Coal Combustion Residuals
Circuit Court	United States Court of Appeals
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
Common Stock	UNS Energy's common stock, without par value
Company or UNS Energy	UNS Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries
Convertible Senior Notes	UNS Energy Corporation's 4.5% Convertible Senior Notes
Cooling Degree Days	An index used to measure the impact of weather on energy usage calculated by subtracting 75 from the average of the high and low daily temperatures
DSM	Demand Side Management
ECA	Environmental Compliance Adjustor
EEIP	Energy Efficiency Implementation Plan
Electric EE Standards	Electric Energy Efficiency Standards
Emission Allowance(s)	An allowance issued by the Environmental Protection Agency which permits emission of one ton of sulfur dioxide or one ton of nitrogen oxide; allowances can be bought and sold



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Energy	The amount of power produced over a given period of time; measured in megawatt-hours
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EL Paso	El Paso Electric Company
EPNG	El Paso Natural Gas Company
EPS	Earnings Per Share
ESP	Electric Service Provider
FAA	Federal Arbitration Act
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Fixed CTC	Competition Transition Charge that was included in TEP's retail rate for the purpose of recovering TEP's Transition Recovery Asset; approximately \$58 million was credited to customers through the PPFAC
Four Corners	Four Corners Generating Station
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
Gas EE Standards	Gas Utility Energy Efficiency Standards

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GHG	Greenhouse Gases
GWh	Gigawatt-hour(s)
Heating Degree Days	An index used to measure the impact of weather on energy usage  calculated by subtracting the average of the high and low daily  temperatures from 65
IDBs	Industrial development revenue or pollution control revenue bonds
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
kV	Kilovolt(s)
kWh	Kilowatt-hour(s)
LFCR	Lost Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LOC	Letter of Credit
Long-Term Wholesale Margin Revenues	A non-GAAP measure that demonstrates the underlying profitability of TEP's long-term wholesale sales contracts
Luna	Luna Generating Station
Mark-to-Market Adjustments	Adjustments to forward energy sales and purchase contracts that are  considered to be derivatives and are adjusted monthly by recording  unrealized gains and losses to reflect the market prices at the end of each month
MATS	Mercury and Air Toxics Standards
Millennium	Millennium Energy Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of  UNS Energy
MMBtu	Million British Thermal Units
Mortgage Bonds	Mortgage Bonds issued under the 1992 Mortgage
MW	Megawatt(s)
MWh	Megawatt-hour(s)
Navajo	Navajo Generating Station
NERC	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen oxide
NSP	Negotiated Sales Program
NTUA	Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
PBI	Performance Based Incentives
PGA	Purchased Gas Adjuster
PNM	Public Service Company of New Mexico
PNMR	PNM Resources, Incorporated, PNM's parent company
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PPFAC	Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause
PV	Photovoltaic
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
REC	Renewable Energy Credit
RES	Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff
Retail Margin Revenues	A non-GAAP financial measure that demonstrates the underlying revenue trend and performance of our core utility businesses
Retail Rates	Rates designed to allow a regulated utility an opportunity to recover its  reasonable operating and capital costs and earn a return on its  utility plant in service. Retail Rates include the recovery of fuel and  purchased power costs, as well as other surcharges and adjustor

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Rules	mechanisms charged to retail customers.
San Carlos	Retail Electric Competition Rules established by the ACC in 1999
San Juan	San Carlos Resources Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of TEP
SERP	San Juan Generating Station
SCR	Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan
SES	Selective Catalytic Reduction
SO <sub>2</sub>	Southwest Energy Solutions, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Millennium
Springerville	Sulfur Dioxide
	Springerville Generating Station

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Springerville Coal Handling Facilities Leases	Leveraged lease arrangements relating to the coal handling facilities serving Springerville
Springerville Common Facilities Leases	Facilities at Springerville used in common by all four Springerville units
Springerville Unit 1 Leases	Leveraged lease arrangements relating to an undivided one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities
Springerville Unit 2	Unit 1 of the Springerville Generating Station
Springerville Unit 3	Leveraged lease arrangement relating to Springerville Unit 1 and an undivided one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities
Springerville Unit 4	Unit 2 of the Springerville Generating Station
SRP	Unit 3 of the Springerville Generating Station
Sundt	Unit 4 of the Springerville Generating Station
Sundt Lease	Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District
Sundt Unit 4	H. Wilson Sundt Generating Station
SWG	The leveraged lease arrangement relating to Sundt Unit 4
TEP	Unit 4 of the H. Wilson Sundt Generating Station
TEP Credit Agreement	Southwest Gas Corporation
	Tucson Electric Power Company, the principal subsidiary of UNS Energy Corporation
	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between TEP and a syndicate of banks, dated as of November 9, 2010 (as amended)
TEP Letter of Credit Facility	Letter of credit facility under the TEP Credit Agreement
TEP Revolving Credit Facility	Revolving credit facility under the TEP Credit Agreement
Therm	A unit of heating value equivalent to 100,000 Btus
Transwestern	Transwestern Pipeline Company
Tri-State	Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
UED	UniSource Energy Development Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of UNS Energy Corporation
UES	UniSource Energy Services, Inc., an intermediate holding company
	established to own UNS Gas and UNS Electric
UNS Credit Agreement	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between UNS Energy and a syndicate of banks, dated as of November 9, 2010 (as amended)
UNS Energy	UNS Energy Corporation (formerly known as UniSource Energy Corporation)
UNS Electric	UNS Electric, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of UES
UNS Electric Term Loan	Four-year \$30 million term loan agreement dated as of August 10, 2011
UNS Gas	UNS Gas, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of UES
UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver	Revolving credit facility under the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among UNS Gas and UNS Electric as borrowers, and UES as guarantor, and a syndicate of banks, dated as of November 9, 2010 (as amended)
Valencia	Valencia power plant owned by UNS Electric
VEBA	Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association
WAPA	Western Area Power Administration

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**PART I**

This combined Form 10-K is being filed separately by UNS Energy Corporation (UNS Energy) and Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) (collectively, the Registrants). Information contained herein relating to any individual registrant is filed by such registrant on its own behalf. TEP does not make any representation as to information relating to any other subsidiary of UNS Energy.

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You should read forward-looking statements together with the cautionary statements and important factors included elsewhere in this Form 10-K (See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements*). Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as anticipates, estimates, expects, intends, plans, predicts, projects, and similar expressions. We express our expectations, beliefs, and projections in good faith and believe them to have a reasonable basis. However, we make no assurances that management's expectations, beliefs, or projections will be achieved or accomplished. In addition, UNS Energy and TEP disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report.

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

**OVERVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED BUSINESS**

UNS Energy Corporation (UNS Energy), formerly UniSource Energy Corporation, is a utility services holding company engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the electric generation and energy delivery business. Each of UNS Energy's subsidiaries is a separate legal entity with its own assets and liabilities. UNS Energy owns 100% of Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), UniSource Energy Services, Inc. (UES), Millennium Energy Holdings, Inc. (Millennium), and UniSource Energy Development Company (UED).

TEP is a regulated public utility and UNS Energy's largest operating subsidiary, representing approximately 84% of UNS Energy's total assets as of December 31, 2012. TEP generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 406,000 retail electric customers in a 1,155 square mile area in southeastern Arizona. TEP also sells electricity to other utilities and power marketing entities, located primarily in the western United States. In addition, TEP operates Springerville Generating Station (Springerville) Unit 3 on behalf of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) and Springerville Unit 4 on behalf of Salt River Project Agriculture Improvement and Power District (SRP).

UES holds the common stock of two regulated public utilities, UNS Gas, Inc. (UNS Gas) and UNS Electric, Inc. (UNS Electric). UNS Gas is a regulated gas distribution company, which services approximately 149,000 retail customers in Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, and Navajo counties in northern Arizona, as well as in Santa Cruz County in southern Arizona. UNS Electric is a regulated public utility, which generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 92,000 retail customers in Mohave and Santa Cruz counties.

UED and Millennium's investments in unregulated businesses represent less than 1% of UNS Energy's assets as of December 31, 2012.

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The table below shows the contributions to our consolidated after-tax earnings by our three business segments.

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
TEP	\$ 65	\$ 85	\$ 108
UNS Gas	9	10	9
UNS Electric	17	18	15
Other Non-Reportable Segments and Adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>		(3)	(19)
<b>Consolidated Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>	<b>\$ 113</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes: UNS Energy parent company expenses, Millennium, UED, and intercompany eliminations. See Note 3 for additional financial information regarding our business segments.

References in this report to we and our are to UNS Energy and its subsidiaries, collectively.

**Rates and Regulation of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric**

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) regulates portions of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric's utility accounting practices and energy rates. The ACC has authority over rates charged to retail customers, the issuance of securities, and transactions with affiliated parties. Our regulated utility rates for retail electric and natural gas service are determined on a cost of service basis. Retail Rates are designed to provide, after recovery of allowable operating expenses, an opportunity for our utility businesses to earn a reasonable return on rate base. Rate base is generally determined by reference to the original cost (net of depreciation) of utility plant in service to the extent deemed used and useful, and to various adjustments for deferred taxes and other items, plus a working capital component. Over time, additions to utility plant in service increase rate base while depreciation and retirements of utility plant reduce rate base.

The rates charged to retail customers by TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric also include pass-through mechanisms that allow each utility to recover the actual costs of its fuel, transmission, and energy purchases.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the terms and prices of transmission services and wholesale electricity sales, wholesale transport and purchases of natural gas, and portions of our accounting practices. TEP and UNS Electric have FERC tariffs to sell power at market-based rates.

**TEP**

TEP was incorporated in the State of Arizona in 1963. TEP is the principal operating subsidiary of UNS Energy. In 2012, TEP's electric utility operations contributed 78% of UNS Energy's operating revenues and comprised 84% of its assets.

**SERVICE AREA AND CUSTOMERS**

TEP is a vertically integrated utility that provides regulated electric service to approximately 406,000 retail customers in southeastern Arizona. TEP's service territory covers 1,155 square miles and includes a population of approximately one million people in the greater Tucson metropolitan area in Pima County, as well as parts of Cochise County. TEP also sells electricity to other entities in the western United States.

**Retail Customers**

TEP provides electric utility service to a diverse group of residential, commercial, industrial, and public sector customers. Major industries served include copper mining, cement manufacturing, defense, health care, education, military bases, and other governmental entities. TEP's

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retail sales are influenced by several factors, including economic conditions, seasonal weather patterns, demand side management (DSM) initiatives and the increasing use of energy efficient products, and opportunities for customers to generate their own electricity.

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The table below shows the percentage distribution of TEP's energy sales by major customer class over the last three years. In 2013, the retail energy consumption by customer class is expected to be similar to the historical distribution.

	2012	2011	2010
Residential	41%	42%	42%
Commercial	21%	21%	21%
Non-mining Industrial	23%	23%	23%
Mining	12%	11%	12%
Public Authority	3%	3%	2%

Local, regional, and national economic factors can impact the growth in the number of customers in TEP's service territory. In 2012, 2011, and 2010, TEP's average number of retail customers increased by less than 1% in each year.

We expect the number of TEP's retail customers to increase at a rate of less than 1% in 2013 and 2014.

Two of TEP's largest retail customers are in the copper mining industry. TEP's kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales to mining customers depend on a variety of factors including the market price of copper, the electricity rate paid by mining customers, and the mines' potential development of their own electric generation resources. TEP's kWh sales to mining customers increased by 0.9% in 2012 and 0.3% in 2011 as a result of increased production due to high copper prices.

**Retail Sales Volumes**

During the past three years, economic conditions and state requirements for energy efficiency and distributed generation have negatively affected retail electricity sales. TEP's retail sales volumes in 2012 were approximately 9,265 Gigawatt-hours (GWh) or 1.1% below 2009.

**Energy Service Providers**

Although the Retail Electric Competition Rules established by the ACC in 1999 (Rules) contemplated that TEP's retail customers may be eligible to choose an alternative energy service provider (ESP), portions of those Rules have been invalidated by the Arizona courts and there are no ESPs currently authorized to provide alternative retail electric service to TEP's customers. See *Rates and Regulation*, below for more information regarding the status of retail competition in Arizona.

**Wholesale Business**

TEP's electric utility operations include the wholesale marketing of electricity to other utilities and power marketers. Wholesale sales transactions are made on both a firm and interruptible basis. A firm contract requires TEP to supply power on demand (except under limited emergency circumstances), while an interruptible contract allows TEP to stop supplying power under defined conditions. See *Generating and Other Resources, Purchases and Interconnections*, below.

Generally, TEP commits to future sales based on expected excess generating capability, forward prices, and generation costs, using a diversified portfolio approach to provide a balance between long-term, mid-term, and spot energy sales. TEP's wholesale sales consist primarily of two types of sales:

**Long-Term Sales**

Long-term wholesale sales contracts cover periods of more than one year. TEP typically uses its own generation to serve the requirements of its long-term wholesale customers. TEP's long-term contracts are described below:



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From January 1, 2012 through the end of the contract in May 2016, Salt River Project Agriculture Improvement and Power District (SRP) is required to purchase 500,000 MWh of on-peak energy per year. TEP does not receive a demand charge and the price of energy is based on a discount to the Palo Verde Market Index. Prior to June 1, 2011, TEP received an annual demand charge of approximately \$22 million.

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TEP's contract with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) expires in December 2015. TEP serves the portion of NTUA's load that is not served by the authority's allocation of federal hydroelectric power. Over the last three years, sales to NTUA averaged 225,000 MWh per year. Since 2010, the price of 50% of the MWh sales to NTUA from June to September has been based on the Palo Verde Market Index. In 2012, approximately 13% of the total energy sold to NTUA was priced based on the Palo Verde Market Index. The remaining power sales occur at a fixed price under TEP's contract with NTUA.

TEP's 2 MW contract with the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority expires in 2014.

**Short-Term Sales**

Forward contracts commit TEP to sell a specified amount of capacity or energy at a specified price over a given period of time, typically for one-month, three-month, or one-year periods. TEP also engages in short-term sales by selling energy in the daily or hourly markets at fluctuating spot market prices and making other non-firm energy sales. All revenues from short-term wholesale sales offset fuel and purchased power costs and are passed through to TEP's retail customers. TEP uses short-term wholesale sales as part of its hedging strategy to reduce customer exposure to fluctuating power prices. See *Rates and Regulation*, below.

See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power Company, Factors Affecting Results of Operations*, for additional discussion of TEP's wholesale marketing activities.

**GENERATING AND OTHER RESOURCES**

At December 31, 2012, TEP owned or leased 2,267 MW of net generating capability, as set forth in the following table:

Generating Source	Unit No.	Location	Date In Service	Resource Type	Net Capacity MW	Operating Agent	TEP's Share %	TEP's Share MW
Springerville Station <sup>(1)</sup>	1	Springerville, AZ	1985	Coal	401	TEP	100.0	401
Springerville Station	2	Springerville, AZ	1990	Coal	403	TEP	100.0	403
San Juan Station	1	Farmington, NM	1976	Coal	340	PNM	50.0	170
San Juan Station	2	Farmington, NM	1973	Coal	340	PNM	50.0	170
Navajo Station	1	Page, AZ	1974	Coal	750	SRP	7.5	56
Navajo Station	2	Page, AZ	1975	Coal	750	SRP	7.5	56
Navajo Station	3	Page, AZ	1976	Coal	750	SRP	7.5	56
Four Corners Station	4	Farmington, NM	1969	Coal	784	APS	7.0	55
Four Corners Station	5	Farmington, NM	1970	Coal	784	APS	7.0	55
Luna Generating Station	1	Deming, NM	2006	Gas	555	PNM	33.3	185
Sundt Station	1	Tucson, AZ	1958	Gas/Oil	81	TEP	100.0	81
Sundt Station	2	Tucson, AZ	1960	Gas/Oil	81	TEP	100.0	81
Sundt Station	3	Tucson, AZ	1962	Gas/Oil	104	TEP	100.0	104
Sundt Station	4	Tucson, AZ	1967	Coal/Gas	156	TEP	100.0	156
Sundt Internal Combustion Turbines		Tucson, AZ	1972-1973	Gas/Oil	50	TEP	100.0	50
DeMoss Petrie		Tucson, AZ	1972	Gas/Oil	75	TEP	100.0	75
North Loop		Tucson, AZ	2001	Gas	95	TEP	100.0	95
Springerville Solar Station		Springerville, AZ	2002-2010	Solar	6	TEP	100.0	6
Tucson Solar Projects		Tucson, AZ	2010-2012	Solar	12	TEP	100.0	12
<b>Total TEP Capacity <sup>(2)</sup></b>								<b>2,267</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Leased asset as of December 31, 2012.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes 683 MW of additional resources, which consist of certain capacity purchases and interruptible retail load. At December 31, 2012, total owned capacity was 1,866 MW and leased capacity was 401 MW.



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### **Springerville Generating Station**

TEP currently owns a 14% undivided interest in Unit 1 of the Springerville Generating Station (Springerville Unit 1) and the remainder is leased by TEP. Unit 2 of the Springerville Generating Station (Springerville Unit 2) is owned by San Carlos Resources, Inc. (San Carlos), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TEP. TEP's other interests in the Springerville Generating Station (Springerville) include leasehold interests in the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities and the facilities at Springerville used in common by all four Springerville units (Springerville Common Facilities).

#### **Springerville Unit 1 Leases**

The terms of the leveraged lease arrangement relating to Springerville Unit 1 and an undivided one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities (Springerville Unit 1 Leases), expire in 2015 but have optional fair market value renewal and purchase provisions. In 1985, TEP sold and leased back the remaining 50% interest in the Springerville Common Facilities.

In December 2011, TEP and the owner participants of the Springerville Unit 1 Leases completed a formal appraisal procedure to determine the fair market value purchase price. The formal appraisal process was completed in accordance with the Springerville Unit 1 lease agreements. The purchase price was determined to be \$478 per kW of capacity, based on a continuous capacity rating of 387 MW. TEP has until September 1, 2013 to give notice that it will exercise its purchase option, with the purchase occurring in January 2015. TEP can choose to exercise this option to purchase any or all of the lease interests not currently owned by TEP. If TEP chooses to purchase all of the remaining interests in Springerville Unit 1 from the owner participants, the aggregate purchase price would be \$159 million. See *Item 3. Legal Proceedings, Springerville Unit 1 Appraisal*.

#### **Springerville Common Facilities Leases**

The leveraged lease arrangements relating to an undivided one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities (Springerville Common Facilities Leases), which expire in 2017 and 2021, have optional fair market value renewal options as well as a fixed-price purchase provision. The fixed prices to acquire the leased interests in the Springerville Common Facilities are \$38 million in 2017 and \$68 million in 2021.

#### **Springerville Coal Handling Facilities Lease**

In 1984, TEP sold and leased back the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities. Since entering the lease, TEP purchased a 13% ownership interest in the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities. The terms of the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities Leases expire in April 2015 but have optional fixed-rate renewal options if certain conditions are satisfied as well as a fixed-price purchase provision of \$120 million.

See Note 6 and *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power Company, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Contractual Obligations*, for more information regarding the Springerville leases.

### **Sundt Generating Station**

The H. Wilson Sundt Generating Station (Sundt) and the internal combustion turbines located in Tucson are designated as must-run generation facilities. Must-run generation units are required to run in certain circumstances to maintain distribution system reliability and to meet local load requirements.

In 2010, TEP purchased 100% of the equity interest in the Sundt Unit 4 lease for approximately \$51 million, redeemed the outstanding Sundt Unit 4 lease debt of \$5 million, and terminated the lease agreement.

### **Renewable Energy Resources**

#### **Owned Resources**

As of December 31, 2012, TEP owned 18 MW of photovoltaic (PV) solar generating capacity. The Springerville solar system, which is located near the Springerville Generating Station, has a total capacity of 6 MW. TEP's remaining 12 MW of PV solar generating capacity is located in the City of Tucson.



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### Power Purchase Agreements

In order to meet the ACC's renewable energy requirements, TEP has power purchase agreements (PPAs) for 125 MW of capacity from solar resources, 50 MW of capacity from wind resources and 2 MW of capacity from a landfill gas generation plant. As of December 31, 2012, approximately 74 MW of contracted solar resources and 50 MW of contracted wind resources were operational. The remaining resources are expected to be developed over the next several years. The solar PPAs contain options that would allow TEP to purchase all or part of the related project at a future period. See *Rates and Regulation, Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff* below for more information.

### **Purchases and Interconnections**

TEP purchases power from other utilities and power marketers. TEP may enter into contracts: (a) to purchase energy under long-term contracts to serve retail load and long-term wholesale contracts, (b) to purchase capacity or energy during periods of planned outages or for peak summer load conditions, and (c) to purchase energy for resale to certain wholesale customers under load and resource management agreements.

TEP typically uses generation from its gas-fired units, supplemented by power purchases, to meet the summer peak demands of its retail customers. Some of these PPAs are price-indexed to natural gas prices. Due to its increasing seasonal gas and purchased power usage, TEP hedges a portion of its total natural gas exposure with fixed price contracts for a maximum of three years. TEP also purchases energy in the daily and hourly markets to meet higher than anticipated demands, to cover unplanned generation outages, or when doing so is more economical than generating its own energy.

TEP is a member of a regional reserve-sharing organization and has reliability and power sharing relationships with other utilities. These relationships allow TEP to call upon other utilities during emergencies, such as plant outages and system disturbances, and reduce the amount of reserves TEP is required to carry.

As a result of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, owners and operators of bulk power transmission systems, including TEP, are subject to mandatory reliability standards that are developed and enforced by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and subject to the oversight of the FERC. TEP periodically reviews its operating policies and procedures to ensure continued compliance with these standards.

### **Springerville Units 3 and 4**

Springerville Units 3 and 4 are each approximately 400 MW coal-fired generating facilities that are operated, but not owned by TEP. These facilities are located at the same site as TEP's Springerville Units 1 and 2. The owners of Springerville Units 3 and 4 compensate TEP for operating the facilities and pay an allocated portion of the fixed costs related to the Springerville Common Facilities and Coal Handling Facilities. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power Company, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, Springerville Units 3 and 4.*

### **Peak Demand and Resources**

<b>Peak Demand</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
			-MW-		
Retail Customers	2,290	2,334	2,333	2,354	2,376
Firm Sales to Other Utilities	286	322	340	385	394
Coincident Peak Demand (A)	2,576	2,656	2,673	2,739	2,770
Total Generating Resources	2,267	2,262	2,245	2,229	2,204
Other Resources <sup>(1)</sup>	683	1,009	799	781	966
Total TEP Resources (B)	2,950	3,271	3,044	3,010	3,170
Total Margin (B) (A)	374	615	371	271	400
Reserve Margin (% of Coincident Peak Demand)	15%	23%	14%	10%	14%

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- <sup>(1)</sup> Other Resources include firm power purchases and interruptible retail and wholesale loads. Additional firm power purchases were made in 2009 and 2010 to displace more expensive owned gas generation.

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Peak demand occurs during the summer months due to the cooling requirements of TEP's retail customers. Retail peak demand varies from year-to-year due to weather, economic conditions, and other factors. TEP's retail peak demand declined over the period of 2008 to 2012 due primarily to weak economic conditions and the implementation of energy efficiency programs.

The chart above shows the relationship over a five-year period between TEP's peak demand and its energy resources. TEP's total margin is the difference between total energy resources and coincident peak demand, and the reserve margin is the ratio of margin to coincident peak demand. TEP's reserve margin in 2012 was in compliance with reliability criteria set forth by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, a regional council of NERC.

Forecasted retail peak demand for 2013 is 2,243 MW, compared with actual peak demand of 2,290 MW in 2012 when Cooling Degree Days exceeded the ten-year average by 4.9%. TEP's 2013 estimated retail peak demand is based on normal weather patterns. TEP believes existing generation capacity and power purchase agreements are sufficient to meet expected demand in 2013.

**Future Generating Resources**

TEP will add generating resources and/or transmission import capability to meet forecasted retail and firm wholesale load. TEP expects to add approximately 65 MW of new solar PV resources in 2013.

**FUEL SUPPLY****Fuel Summary**

Fuel cost and usage information is provided below:

	Average Cost per MMBtu Consumed			Percentage of Total Btu Consumed		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
Coal	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.23	88%	92%	90%
Gas	\$ 3.92	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.69	12%	8%	10%
All Fuels	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.47	100%	100%	100%

**Coal**

TEP's principal fuel for electric generation is low-sulfur, bituminous or sub-bituminous coal from mines in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. More than 90% of TEP's coal supply is purchased under long-term contracts, which results in more predictable prices. The average cost per ton of coal, including transportation, was \$45.84 in 2012, \$46.64 in 2011, and \$41.99 in 2010.

Station	Coal Supplier	2012 Coal Consumption (tons in 000 s)	Contract Expiration	Avg. Sulfur Content	Coal Obtained From <sup>(1)</sup>
Springerville	Peabody Coalsales	3,287	2020	0.9%	Lee Ranch Coal Co.
Four Corners	BHP Billiton	400	2016	0.8%	Navajo Indian Tribe
San Juan	San Juan Coal Co.	1,098	2017	0.8%	Federal and State Agencies
Navajo	Peabody Coalsales	475	2019	0.4%	Navajo and Hopi Indian Tribes

<sup>(1)</sup> Substantially all of the suppliers' mining leases extend at least as long as coal is being mined in economic quantities.



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### **TEP Operated Generating Facilities**

TEP is the operator, and sole owner (or lessee), of the Springerville Units 1 and 2 and Sundt Unit 4. The coal supplies for Springerville Units 1 and 2 are transported approximately 200 miles by railroad from northwestern New Mexico. TEP expects coal reserves to be sufficient to supply the estimated requirements for Springerville Units 1 and 2 for their presently estimated remaining lives.

The coal supplies for Sundt Unit 4 are transported approximately 1,300 miles by railroad from Colorado. Prior to 2010, Sundt Unit 4 was predominantly fueled by coal; however, the generating station also can be operated with natural gas. Both fuels are combined with methane, a renewable energy resource, piped in from a nearby landfill. Since 2010, TEP has fueled Sundt Unit 4 with both coal and natural gas depending on which resource is most economic. In 2013, TEP expects to fuel Sundt Unit 4 with coal from inventory. See Note 4 for more information.

### **Generating Facilities Operated by Others**

TEP also participates in jointly-owned coal-fired generating facilities at the Four Corners Generating Station (Four Corners), the Navajo Generating Station (Navajo), and the San Juan Generating Station (San Juan). Four Corners, which is operated by Arizona Public Service (APS), and San Juan, which is operated by Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), are mine-mouth generating stations located adjacent to the coal reserves. Navajo, which is operated by SRP, obtains its coal supply from a nearby coal mine and a dedicated rail delivery system. The coal supplies are under long-term contracts administered by the operating agents. TEP expects coal reserves available to these three jointly-owned generating facilities to be sufficient for the remaining presently estimated lives of the stations.

### **Natural Gas Supply**

TEP typically uses generation from its facilities fueled by natural gas, in addition to energy from its coal-fired facilities and purchased power, to meet the summer peak demands of its retail customers and local reliability needs. TEP purchases gas from Southwest Gas Corporation under a retail tariff for North Loop's 95 MW of internal combustion turbines and receives distribution service under a transportation agreement for DeMoss Petrie, a 75 MW internal combustion turbine. TEP purchases capacity from El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) for transportation from the San Juan and Permian Basins to its Sundt plant under a contract that expires in April 2013, with right-of-first-refusal for continuation thereafter. TEP also buys gas from third-party suppliers for Sundt and DeMoss Petrie.

TEP purchases gas transportation for Luna Generating Station (Luna) from EPNG from the Permian Basin to the plant site under an agreement effective through January 2017, with right-of-first-refusal for continuation thereafter. TEP purchases gas for its share of Luna from various suppliers in the Permian Basin region.

### **TRANSMISSION ACCESS**

TEP has transmission access and power transaction arrangements with over 120 electric systems or suppliers. TEP also has various ongoing projects that are designed to increase access to the regional wholesale energy market and improve the reliability, capacity and efficiency of its existing transmission and distribution systems.

TEP is participating in the continuation of the 500 kV transmission line from the Pinal West substation to the Pinal Central substation. TEP has obtained ACC approval to build a 40-mile 500-kV transmission line from the Pinal Central substation to the Tortolita substation northwest of Tucson to further enhance its ability to access the region's energy resources. TEP expects the transmission lines to be in service in 2016. As a result of these high-voltage transmission additions, TEP expects that its ability to import energy into its service territory would increase by at least 250 MW.

### **Tucson to Nogales Transmission Line**

TEP and UNS Electric are parties to a project development agreement for the joint construction of a 60-mile transmission line from Tucson, Arizona to Nogales, Arizona. This project was initiated in response to an order by the ACC to UNS Electric to improve the reliability of electric service in Nogales. TEP had previously capitalized \$11 million related to the project, including \$2 million to secure land and land rights. UNS Electric had previously capitalized \$0.4 million related to the project.

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TEP and UNS Electric expect to abandon the project based on the cost of the proposed 345-kV line, the difficulty in reaching agreement with the Forest Service on a path for the line, and concurrence by the ACC of recent transmission plans filed by TEP and UNS Electric supporting the elimination of this project. In TEP's pending rate case proceeding before the ACC, TEP entered into a proposed settlement agreement in which it agrees to seek recovery of the project costs from FERC before seeking rate recovery from the ACC. In the fourth quarter of 2012, TEP and UNS Electric wrote off a portion of the capitalized costs believed not probable of recovery and recorded a regulatory asset for the balance deemed probable of recovery. TEP and UNS Electric believe it is probable that we will recover at least \$5 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, of costs incurred through 2012. See Note 4 and see *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 TEP Rate Case*, for more information.

## **RATES AND REGULATION**

### **2012 TEP Rate Case**

In July 2012, TEP filed an application for a base rate increase with the ACC. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 TEP Rate Case*, for more information.

### **Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause**

The Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause (PPFAC) allows TEP to recover its fuel, transmission, and purchased power costs, including demand charges, and the prudent costs of contracts for hedging fuel and purchased power costs from its retail customers. The PPFAC consists of a forward component and a true-up component.

The forward component is updated on April 1 of each year. The forward component is based on the forecasted fuel and purchased power costs for the 12-month period from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

The true-up component will reconcile any over/under collected amounts from the preceding 12-month period and will be credited to or recovered from customers in the subsequent year.

As part of the reconciliation of fuel and purchased power costs and PPFAC revenues, TEP credits, among other things, 100% of short-term wholesale revenues against the recoverable costs.

In March 2012, the ACC approved a PPFAC rate of 0.77 cents per kWh effective April 2012 to recover \$77 million of under-collected fuel and purchased power costs. At December 31, 2012, TEP had under-collected fuel and purchased power costs on a billed-to-customer basis of \$12 million.

A proposed settlement agreement in TEP's pending rate case proceeding includes certain modifications to TEP's PPFAC. In February 2013, TEP filed a request with the ACC to defer the effective date of resetting the PPFAC until the effective date of new rates in TEP's pending rate case. This request is consistent with a provision of the settlement agreement. TEP cannot predict if or when the ACC will respond to its request. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 TEP Rate Case, PPFAC Modifications*, for more information.

### **Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff**

The ACC's Renewable Energy Standard (RES) requires TEP, UNS Electric, and other affected utilities to increase their use of renewable energy each year until it represents at least 15% of their total annual retail energy requirements in 2025. Affected utilities must file annual RES implementation plans for review and approval by the ACC. The approved cost of carrying out those plans is recovered from retail customers through the RES surcharge. Any RES surcharge collections above or below the costs incurred to implement the plans are deferred and reflected in TEP's financial statements as a regulatory asset or liability.

In 2010, the ACC approved a funding mechanism that allows TEP to recover operating costs, depreciation, property taxes, and a return on investments in company-owned solar projects through RES funds until such costs are reflected in TEP's Base Rates.



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In 2011, the ACC approved TEP's RES implementation plan including investments of \$28 million in 2012 and \$8 million in 2013 for company-owned solar projects. In 2012, TEP's solar energy investments totaled \$28 million. During 2012, TEP earned approximately \$2 million pre-tax on its non-rate base investments in solar projects. In 2012, TEP spent \$30 million on its 2012 RES implementation plan and met the 2012 renewable energy target of 3.5% of retail kWh sales.

In January 2013, the ACC approved TEP's 2013 RES implementation plan. Under the plan, TEP expects to collect approximately \$36 million from retail customers during 2013. The plan includes an investment of \$28 million in 2013 for company-owned solar projects, of which \$8 million was previously approved by the ACC, as well as the continuation of the funding mechanism for company-owned solar projects. In accordance with the funding mechanism approved by the ACC, TEP could earn approximately \$4 million pre-tax in 2013 on solar investments made in 2010, 2011, and 2012. TEP expects to meet the 2013 renewable energy target of 4.0% of retail kWh sales.

### **Electric Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling**

In August 2010, the ACC approved new Electric Energy Efficiency Standards (Electric EE Standards) designed to require TEP, UNS Electric, and other affected electric utilities to implement cost-effective programs to reduce customers' energy consumption. In 2012, the Electric EE Standards target total kWh savings of 3% of 2011 retail kWh sales; in 2013, the Electric EE Standards target total kWh savings of 5% of 2012 retail kWh sales. The Electric EE Standards increase annually thereafter up to a targeted cumulative annual reduction in retail kWh sales of 22% by 2020. The cumulative annual energy savings from TEP's energy efficiency and DSM programs equaled approximately 2.5% of its 2011 retail kWh sales.

New and existing DSM programs, direct load control programs, and energy efficient building codes are acceptable means to meet the Electric EE Standards as set forth by the ACC. The Electric EE Standards provide for the recovery of costs incurred to implement DSM programs. TEP's programs, and the rates charged to customers for such programs, are subject to annual review and approval by the ACC.

A proposed settlement agreement in TEP's pending rate case proceeding includes a new mechanism for recovery of costs incurred to implement DSM programs. See *Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Result of Operations, Tucson Electric Power, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 TEP Rate Case, Energy Efficiency Resource Plan*.

### **Decoupling**

In 2010, the ACC issued a policy statement recognizing the need to adopt rate decoupling or another mechanism to make Arizona's Electric EE Standards viable. A decoupling mechanism is designed to encourage energy conservation by restructuring utility rates to separate the recovery of fixed costs from the level of energy consumed. The policy statement allows affected utilities to file rate decoupling proposals in their next general rate case. A proposed settlement agreement in TEP's pending rate case proceeding includes a partial decoupling mechanism. See *Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Result of Operations, Tucson Electric Power, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 TEP Rate Case, Lost Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism*.

### **Retail Electric Competition Rules**

In 1999, the ACC approved the Rules that provided a framework for the introduction of retail electric competition in Arizona. Certain portions of the ACC Rules that enabled Electric Service Providers (ESPs) to compete in the retail market were invalidated by an Arizona Court of Appeals decision in 2004. In 2008, the ACC opened an administrative proceeding to address the Rules but has since taken no action. During 2012, a small number of companies filed applications for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N) with the ACC to provide competitive retail electric services in TEP's service territory as an ESP. Unless and until the ACC clarifies the Rules and/or grants a CC&N to an ESP, it is not possible for TEP's retail customers to use an alternative ESP. We cannot predict what changes, if any, the ACC will make to the Rules or if the ACC will grant a CC&N to an ESP.

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	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Generation and Purchased Power kWh (000)</b>					
Remote Generation	10,284,612	10,005,127	9,077,032	9,134,183	10,438,864
Local Tucson Generation (Oil, Gas, & Coal)	803,146	906,496	1,492,885	1,131,399	1,016,254
Renewable Generation	44,930	28,049	24,511	23,712	33,776
Purchased Power	2,328,420	2,686,918	2,846,005	3,809,890	3,358,577
<b>Total Generation and Purchased Power</b>	<b>13,461,108</b>	<b>13,626,590</b>	<b>13,440,443</b>	<b>14,099,184</b>	<b>14,847,471</b>
Less Losses and Company Use	789,613	822,220	879,423	936,206	953,036
<b>Total Energy Sold</b>	<b>12,671,495</b>	<b>12,804,370</b>	<b>12,561,010</b>	<b>13,162,978</b>	<b>13,894,435</b>
<b>Sales kWh (000)</b>					
Residential	3,820,637	3,888,011	3,869,540	3,905,696	3,852,707
Commercial	1,973,931	1,972,526	1,963,469	1,988,356	2,034,453
Industrial	2,132,214	2,145,163	2,138,749	2,160,946	2,263,706
Mining	1,092,518	1,083,071	1,079,327	1,064,830	1,095,962
Public Authorities	245,519	243,336	240,703	250,915	255,817
<b>Total Electric Retail Sales</b>	<b>9,264,819</b>	<b>9,332,107</b>	<b>9,291,788</b>	<b>9,370,743</b>	<b>9,502,645</b>
Electric Wholesale Sales	3,406,676	3,472,263	3,269,222	3,792,235	4,391,790
<b>Total Electric Sales</b>	<b>12,671,495</b>	<b>12,804,370</b>	<b>12,561,010</b>	<b>13,162,978</b>	<b>13,894,435</b>
<b>Operating Revenues (000)</b>					
Residential	\$ 387,840	\$ 383,908	\$ 372,212	\$ 377,761	\$ 351,079
Commercial	228,940	223,621	217,032	219,694	211,639
Industrial	166,739	164,024	159,937	163,720	164,849
Mining	66,158	65,720	62,112	61,033	55,619
Public Authorities	20,910	20,024	19,128	19,865	19,146
RES and DSM	45,292	46,633	37,767	25,443	2,781
Other					415
<b>Total Electric Retail Sales</b>	<b>915,879</b>	<b>903,930</b>	<b>868,188</b>	<b>867,516</b>	<b>805,528</b>
CTC To Be Refunded					(58,092)
Wholesale Revenue- Long-Term	24,910	41,056	55,653	48,249	57,493
Wholesale Revenue- Short-Term	71,257	72,798	71,435	84,410	197,754
California Power Exchange Provision for Wholesale Refunds			(2,970)	(4,172)	
Transmission	15,793	16,392	20,863	18,974	17,173
Other Revenues	133,821	122,210	112,098	84,361	72,292
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,161,660</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,125,267</b>	<b>\$ 1,099,338</b>	<b>\$ 1,092,148</b>
<b>Customers (End of Period)</b>					
Residential	369,480	367,396	366,217	365,157	363,861
Commercial	36,214	36,203	35,877	35,759	35,432
Industrial	632	636	635	629	633
Mining	2	2	2	2	2
Public Authorities	62	62	62	61	61
<b>Total Retail Customers</b>	<b>406,390</b>	<b>404,299</b>	<b>402,793</b>	<b>401,608</b>	<b>399,989</b>

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Average Retail Revenue per kWh Sold (cents)					
Residential	10.2	9.9	9.6	9.7	9.1
Commercial	11.6	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.4
Industrial and Mining	7.2	7.1	6.9	7.0	6.6
Average Retail Revenue per kWh Sold (excludes RES and DSM)	9.4	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.4
Average Revenue per Residential Customer	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,045	\$ 1,016	\$ 1,035	\$ 965
Average kWh Sales per Residential Customer	10,341	10,583	10,566	10,696	10,588

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

#### **Clean Air Act Requirements**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) limits the amount of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>), particulate matter, mercury and other emissions released into the atmosphere by power plants. TEP capitalized \$2 million in 2012, \$8 million in 2011, and \$18 million in 2010 in construction costs to comply with environmental requirements, including TEP's share of new pollution control equipment installed at San Juan. TEP expects to capitalize environmental compliance costs of \$10 million in 2013 and \$27 million in 2014. In addition, TEP recorded Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expense of \$15 million in 2012, \$12 million in 2011, and \$14 million in 2010 related to environmental compliance. TEP expects environmental O&M expenses to be \$16 million in 2013.

TEP may incur added costs to comply with future changes in federal and state environmental laws, regulations, and permit requirements at its power plants. Complying with these changes may reduce operating efficiency. TEP expects to recover the cost of environmental compliance from its retail customers.

TEP has sufficient emission allowances to comply with acid rain SO<sub>2</sub> regulations.

#### **Hazardous Air Pollutant Requirements**

The Clean Air Act requires the EPA to develop emission limit standards for hazardous air pollutants that reflect the maximum achievable control technology. In February 2012, the EPA issued final rules called the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) setting limits for mercury emissions and other hazardous air pollutants from power plants.

#### **Navajo**

Based on the EPA's final standards, Navajo may need mercury and particulate matter emission control equipment by 2015. TEP's share of the estimated capital cost of this equipment is less than \$1 million for mercury control and about \$43 million if the installation of baghouses to control particulates is necessary. TEP expects its share of the annual operating costs for mercury control and baghouses to be less than \$1 million each. The operator of Navajo is currently analyzing the need for baghouses under various regulatory scenarios, which includes the regional haze final Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) rules.

#### **San Juan**

TEP expects San Juan's current emission controls to be adequate to comply with the EPA's final standards.

#### **Four Corners**

Based on the EPA's final standards, Four Corners may need mercury emission control equipment by 2015. TEP's share of the estimated capital cost of this equipment is less than \$1 million. We expect TEP's share of the annual operating cost of the mercury emission control equipment to be less than \$1 million.

#### **Springerville Generating Station**

Based on the EPA's final standards, Springerville Units 1 and 2 may need mercury emission control equipment by 2015. The estimated capital cost of this equipment for Springerville Units 1 and 2 is about \$5 million. TEP expects the annual operating cost of the mercury emission control equipment to be about \$3 million.

#### **Sundt Generating Station**

TEP expects the final EPA standards will have little effect on capital expenditures at Sundt.

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### **Climate Change**

In 2007, the Supreme Court ruled in *Commonwealth of Massachusetts, et al. v. EPA* that carbon dioxide and other Greenhouse Gases (GHG) are air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. In 2009, the EPA issued a final Endangerment Finding stating that GHGs endanger public health and welfare. The EPA issued final GHG regulations for new motor vehicles in 2010 triggering GHG permitting requirements for power plants under the Clean Air Act. As of January 2011, air quality permits for new sources and modifications of existing sources must include an analysis for GHG controls. In the near term, based on our current construction plans, we do not expect the new permitting requirements to impact TEP or UNS Electric.

In March 2012, the EPA released its proposed new source performance standard for GHGs. TEP does not anticipate this standard will have any material impact on its existing facilities.

Based on the competing proposals to regulate GHG emissions by federal, state, and local regulatory and legislative bodies and uncertainty in the regulatory and legislative processes, the scope of such requirements and initiatives and their effect on our operations cannot be determined at this time.

### **Regional Haze Rules**

The EPA's regional haze rules require emission controls known as BART for certain industrial facilities emitting air pollutants that reduce visibility. The rules call for all states to establish goals and emission reduction strategies for improving visibility in national parks and wilderness areas. States must submit these goals and strategies to the EPA for approval. Because Navajo and Four Corners are located on the Navajo Indian Reservation, they are not subject to state oversight. The EPA oversees Regional Haze planning for these power plants.

Complying with the EPA's BART findings, and with other future environmental rules, may make it economically impractical to continue operating the Navajo, San Juan, and Four Corners power plants or for individual owners to continue to participate in these power plants. TEP cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these matters.

### **Navajo**

In January 2013, the EPA proposed an alternative BART determination that would require the installation of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology on all three units at Navajo by 2023. If SCR technology is ultimately required at Navajo, TEP estimates its share of the capital cost will be \$42 million. Also, the installation of SCR technology at Navajo could increase the power plant's particulate emissions which may require that baghouses be installed. TEP estimates that its share of the capital expenditure for baghouses would be about \$43 million. TEP's share of annual operating costs are estimated at less than \$1 million for each of the control technologies (SCR and baghouses).

### **San Juan**

In August 2011, the EPA issued a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) establishing new emission limits for air pollutants at San Juan. These requirements are more stringent than those proposed by the State of New Mexico. The FIP requires the installation of SCR technology with sorbent injection on all four units within five years to reduce NOx and control sulfuric acid emissions by September 2016. TEP estimates its share of the cost to install SCR technology with sorbent injection to be between \$180 million and \$200 million. TEP expects its share of the annual operating costs for SCR technology to be approximately \$6 million.

In 2011, PNM filed a petition for review of and a motion to stay the FIP with the Tenth Circuit United States Court of Appeals (Circuit Court). In addition, PNM filed a request for reconsideration of the rule with the EPA and a request to stay the effectiveness of the rule pending the EPA's reconsideration and the review by the Circuit Court. The State of New Mexico filed similar motions with the Circuit Court and the EPA. Several environmental groups were granted permission to join in opposition to PNM's petition to review in the Circuit Court. In addition, WildEarth Guardians filed a separate appeal against the EPA challenging the FIP's five-year implementation schedule. PNM was granted permission to join in opposition to that appeal. In March 2012, the Circuit Court denied PNM's and the State of New Mexico's motion for stay. Oral argument on the appeal was heard in October 2012 and the parties are currently awaiting the Court's decision.



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In February 2013, the State of New Mexico released a proposed plan that it presented to the EPA as an alternative to the FIP. The proposed plan includes: the retirement of San Juan Units 2 and 3 by December 31, 2017; the replacement of those units with non-coal generation sources; and the installation of selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) technology on San Juan Units 1 and 4 by January 31, 2016. TEP estimates its share of the cost to install SNCR technology on San Juan Unit 1 would be approximately \$25 million.

TEP owns 340 MW, or 50%, of San Juan Units 1 and 2. At December 31, 2012, the book value of TEP's share of San Juan Units 1 and 2 was \$217 million. If Unit 2 is retired early, we expect to request ACC approval to recover, over a reasonable time period, all costs associated with the early closure of the unit. We are evaluating various replacement resources. Any decision regarding early closure and replacement resources will require various actions by third parties as well as UNS Energy board and regulatory approvals.

If the proposed plan is not accepted and agreed to by the EPA, New Mexico Environmental Department, the San Juan participants, and various other regulatory entities, TEP may begin making capital expenditures to install SCRs on San Juan Units 1 and 2 in 2013 to meet the FIP compliance deadline. TEP cannot predict the outcome of this matter.

## Four Corners

In August 2012, the EPA finalized the Regional Haze FIP for Four Corners. The final FIP requires SCR technology to be installed on all five units by 2017. However, the FIP also includes an alternative plan that allows APS to close their wholly owned Units 1, 2, and 3 and install SCR technology on Units 4 and 5. This option allows the installation of SCR technology to be delayed until July 2018. In either case, TEP's estimated share of the capital costs to install SCR technology is about \$35 million. TEP's share of annual operating costs for SCR is estimated at \$2 million.

## Springerville

Regional Haze regulations requiring emission control upgrades do not apply to Springerville currently and are not likely to impact Springerville operations until after 2018.

## Sundt

In December 2012, the EPA issued a proposed rule on provisions, that had not been previously addressed, in the Arizona State Implementation Plan related to regional haze. Contrary to the Arizona plan the EPA disapproved, among other things, the determination that Sundt Unit 4 is not subject to the BART provisions of the regional haze rule and is therefore subject to BART requirements. If the BART eligibility determination stands, Sundt Unit 4 will be required to reduce certain emissions within five years of the final EPA BART rule which is likely to be completed in October 2013. The EPA is expected to release a proposed BART requirement for Sundt Unit 4 in March 2013.

**Table of Contents****Environmental Investments and Expenses**

The table below provides a summary of the estimated impact of pending environmental regulations on TEP's annual O&M expense and capital expenditures.

Generating Station	Estimated		Regulation (Compliance Date)	Upgrades
	Annual O&M Expense	Estimated Capital Expenditures		
San Juan Units 1 & 2	\$ 6	\$ 180	Regional Haze/BART (2016)	SCRs <sup>(1)</sup>
Navajo Units 1-3	\$ 3	\$ 86	MATS (2015)	Mercury Controls; SCRs; Baghouses
Four Corners Units 4 & 5	\$ 3	\$ 36	Regional Haze/BART (2023) MATS (2015)	Mercury Controls; SCR
Springerville Units 1 & 2	\$ 3	\$ 5	Regional Haze/BART (2018) MATS (2015)	Mercury Controls

<sup>(1)</sup> If SNCR technology is installed on San Juan Unit 1, TEP estimates its share of the cost would be approximately \$25 million. See *Regional Haze Rules, San Juan*, above.

**Coal Combustion Residuals**

In 2010, the EPA proposed a rule to regulate the handling and disposal of coal ash and other Coal Combustion Residuals (CCRs). The EPA has proposed regulating CCRs as either non-hazardous solid waste or hazardous waste. The hazardous waste alternative would require additional capital investments and operational costs for both storage and handling at plants and transportation to disposal locations. Both the hazardous waste and non-hazardous solid waste alternatives would require liners for new ash landfills or expansions to existing ash landfills. The rules will apply to CCRs produced by all of TEP's coal-fired generating assets. San Juan may also be subject to separate regulations being drafted by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement because it disposes of CCRs in surface mine pits.

The EPA has not yet indicated a preference for an alternative. Each option would allow CCRs to be beneficially reused or recycled as components of other products. We expect the EPA to issue a final rule in 2013 or 2014. TEP cannot determine the financial impact of this rulemaking at this time.

**UNS GAS****SERVICE TERRITORY AND CUSTOMERS**

UNS Gas is a gas distribution company serving approximately 149,000 retail customers in Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, and Navajo counties in northern Arizona, as well as Santa Cruz County in southeastern Arizona. These counties comprise approximately 50% of the territory in the state of Arizona, with a population of approximately 700,000. UNS Gas' customer base is primarily residential. Sales to residential customers provided approximately 58% of total revenues in 2012.

UNS Gas' annual retail customer growth rate was less than 1% from 2010 through 2012. In 2013, we expect UNS Gas' retail customer base to increase by approximately 0.4%.

**GAS SUPPLY AND TRANSMISSION**

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UNS Gas directly manages its gas supply and transportation contracts. The market price for gas varies based upon the period during which the commodity is purchased and is affected by weather, supply issues, the economy, and other factors. UNS Gas hedges its gas supply prices by entering into fixed price forward contracts and financial swaps at various times during the year to provide more stable prices to its customers. These purchases and hedges are made up to three years in advance with the goal of hedging at least 45% of the expected monthly gas consumption with fixed prices prior to entering into the month.

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UNS Gas buys most of the gas it distributes from the San Juan Basin. The gas is delivered on the EPNG and Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) interstate pipeline systems under firm transportation agreements with combined capacity sufficient to meet UNS Gas' customers' demands.

With EPNG, the average daily capacity right of UNS Gas is approximately 655,000 therms per day, with an average of 1,095,000 therms per day in the winter season (November through March) to serve its northern and southern Arizona service territories. UNS Gas has capacity rights of 250,000 therms per day on the San Juan Lateral and Mainline of the Transwestern pipeline. The Transwestern pipeline principally delivers gas to the portion of UNS Gas' distribution system serving customers in Flagstaff and Kingman and also the Griffith Power Plant in Mohave County.

UNS Gas signed a separate agreement with Transwestern for transportation capacity rights on the Phoenix Lateral Extension Line that expires in 2024. UNS Gas' average daily capacity right is 126,100 therms per day, with an average of 221,900 therms per day in the winter season.

See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Gas, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Contractual Obligations, UNS Gas Supply Contracts*, for more information.

## **RATES AND REGULATION**

### **2012 UNS Gas Rate Order**

In April 2012, the ACC approved a Base Rate increase of \$2.7 million as well as a Lost Fixed Cost Recovery (LFCR) mechanism to enable UNS Gas to recover lost fixed cost revenues as a result of implementing the Gas Energy Efficiency Standards (Gas EE Standards). The LFCR is expected to recover lost fixed cost revenues of less than \$0.1 million in 2013, based on estimated lost retail therm sales from May through December 2012. The new rates became effective on May 1, 2012. The impact of the Base Rate increase on customers' bills was offset by a temporary credit adjustment to the PGA. See *Purchased Gas Adjustor*, below, for more information.

### **2010 UNS Gas Rate Order**

The ACC authorized a Base Rate increase of \$3 million, or 2%, effective in April 2010.

### **Purchased Gas Adjustor**

The PGA mechanism is intended to address the volatility of natural gas prices and allow UNS Gas to recover its actual commodity costs, including transportation, through a price adjustor. The difference between UNS Gas' actual monthly gas and transportation costs and the rolling 12-month average cost of gas and transportation is deferred and recovered or returned to customers through the PGA mechanism.

The PGA mechanism has two components, the PGA factor and the PGA surcharge or credit. The PGA factor is a mechanism that calculates the 12-month rolling weighted average gas cost and automatically adjusts monthly, subject to limitations on how much the price per therm may change in a 12-month period. The annual cap on the maximum increase in the PGA factor is 15 cents per therm in a 12-month period.

At any time UNS Gas' PGA balancing account, called the PGA bank balance, is under-recovered, UNS Gas may request a PGA surcharge with the goal of collecting the amount deferred from customers over a period deemed appropriate by the ACC. When the PGA bank balance reaches an over-collected balance of \$10 million on a billed-to-customer basis, UNS Gas is required to make a filing with the ACC to determine how the over-collected balance should be returned to customers.

In April 2012, the ACC approved a temporary PGA credit adjustment of 4.5 cents per therm which became effective on May 1, 2012. At December 31, 2012, the PGA bank balance was over-collected by \$10 million on a billed-to-customer basis.

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### **Gas Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling**

In 2010, the ACC approved Gas EE Standards which are designed to require UNS Gas and other affected utilities to implement cost-effective DSM programs. In 2012, the Gas EE Standards targeted total retail therm savings equal to 1.2% of 2011 sales; in 2013, the Gas EE Standards target total therm savings of 1.8% of 2012 retail therm sales. Targeted savings increase annually in subsequent years until they reach a cumulative annual reduction in retail therm sales of 6% by 2020. UNS Gas programs, during 2011 and 2012, saved cumulative energy equal to approximately 0.35% of its 2011 retail therm sales.

New and existing DSM programs, renewable energy technology that displaces gas, and certain energy efficient building codes are acceptable means to meet the Gas EE Standards. The Gas EE Standards provide for the recovery of costs incurred to implement DSM programs. UNS Gas DSM programs and rates charged to retail customers for these programs are subject to ACC approval.

In 2011, UNS Gas filed its 2011-2012 Gas Energy Efficiency implementation plan and subsequently filed an update in September 2011 which requested a waiver of the Gas EE Standards. In 2012, UNS Gas filed a request to amend its plan to include its 2013 Energy Efficiency plan and for a modified waiver of the Gas EE Standards. We cannot predict when the ACC will rule on the Energy Efficiency plan or the subsequent requests.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

UNS Gas is subject to environmental regulation of air and water quality, resource extraction, waste disposal, and land use by federal, state, and local authorities. UNS Gas facilities are in substantial compliance with existing regulations. See *Item. 1 Business, TEP, Environmental Matters*, for more information.

### **UNS ELECTRIC**

#### **SERVICE TERRITORY AND CUSTOMERS**

UNS Electric is a vertically integrated electric utility company serving approximately 92,000 retail customers in Mohave and Santa Cruz counties. These counties have a combined population of approximately 250,000. UNS Electric's annual retail customer growth rate was less than 1% from 2010 through 2012. We estimate that UNS Electric's retail customer base will increase by approximately 0.8% in 2013. UNS Electric's customer base is primarily residential, with some commercial and industrial customers. Peak demand for 2012 was 437 MW.

#### **POWER SUPPLY AND TRANSMISSION**

##### **Purchased Energy**

UNS Electric relies on a portfolio of long, intermediate, and short-term purchases to meet customer load requirements.

##### **Generating Resources**

UNS Electric owns and operates Black Mountain Generating Station (BMGS), a 90 MW gas-fired facility located near Kingman, Arizona. In July 2011, UNS Electric purchased BMGS from UED. UNS Gas purchases and transports natural gas to BMGS for UNS Electric under long-term natural gas transportation and sales agreements. See *Rates and Regulation, 2010 UNS Electric Rate Order*, below for more information.

UNS Electric also owns and operates the Valencia Power Plant (Valencia), located in Nogales, Arizona. Valencia consists of four gas and diesel-fueled combustion turbine units and provides approximately 62 MW of peaking resources. The facility is directly interconnected with the distribution system serving the city of Nogales and the surrounding areas.

##### **Renewable Energy Resources**

UNS Electric agreed to purchase the output of a combined wind farm and solar generating facility located near Kingman. The above-market cost of energy purchased through the 20-year PPA will be recovered through the RES surcharge. For more information see *Rates and Regulation, Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff* below.



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### **Future Generating Resources**

UNS Electric invested \$5 million in 2012 in company-owned solar PV capacity and expects to invest approximately \$5 million in 2013 and 2014 in company-owned solar PV capacity. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Electric, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff* for more information.

### **Transmission**

UNS Electric imports the power generated at BMGS into its Mohave County and Santa Cruz County service territories over Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) transmission lines. UNS Electric has transmission service agreements with WAPA for its transmission capacity that expire in June 2016.

UNS Electric is upgrading its existing 115 kV transmission line serving Santa Cruz County to 138 kV to improve service reliability. This upgrade is expected to be completed by October 2014 and is included in UNS Electric's current capital expenditures forecast. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Electric, Liquidity and Capital Resources* for more information.

## **RATES AND REGULATION**

### **2012 UNS Electric Rate Filing**

In December 2012, UNS Electric filed an application for a base rate increase with the ACC. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Electric, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 UNS Electric Rate Filing*, for more information.

### **2010 UNS Electric Rate Order**

In 2010, the ACC authorized a Base Rate increase of \$7.4 million, or 4%, effective in October 2010.

The 2010 UNS Electric Rate Order approved UNS Electric's purchase of BMGS from UED.

The 2010 UNS Electric Rate Order also approved a plan for UNS Electric to invest \$5 million each year from 2011 through 2014 in solar projects that would be owned by UNS Electric.

In compliance with the 2010 Rate Order, UNS Electric filed a rate case application in December 2012. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Electric, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 UNS Electric Rate Filing*, for more information.

### **Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause**

The PPFAC allows UNS Electric to recover its fuel, transmission, and purchased power costs, including demand charges and the prudent costs of contracts for hedging fuel and purchased power costs from its retail customers. The PPFAC consists of a forward component and a true-up component.

The forward component is updated on June 1 of each year. The forward component is based on the forecasted fuel, transmission, and purchased power costs for the 12-month period from June 1 of the current year to May 31 of the following year, less the base fuel, transmission, and purchased power costs embedded in Base Rates. The cap on the PPFAC forward component, over the 6.77 cents per kWh in Base Rates, is 1.845 cents per kWh.

The true-up component will reconcile any over/under collected amounts from the preceding 12-month period and will be credited to or recovered from customers in the subsequent year.

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At December 31, 2012, UNS Electric's PPFAC bank balance was under-collected by \$11 million on a billed-to-customer basis.

### **Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff**

The ACC's RES requires UNS Electric, TEP, and other affected utilities to increase their use of renewable energy each year until it represents at least 15% of their total annual retail energy requirements in 2025. Affected utilities must file annual RES implementation plans for review and approval by the ACC. The approved costs of carrying out those plans are recovered from retail customers through the RES surcharge. Any surcharge collections above or below the costs incurred to implement the plans are deferred and reflected in UNS Electric's financial statements as a regulatory asset or liability.

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As part of the 2010 UNS Electric rate order, the ACC authorized UNS Electric to recover operating costs, depreciation, property taxes, and a return on its investment in company-owned solar projects through RES funds until these costs are reflected in its Base Rates. Under these terms, UNS Electric expects to invest \$5 million annually in 2013 and 2014 in solar photovoltaic projects.

In January 2013, the ACC approved UNS Electric's 2013 RES implementation plan. UNS Electric will collect approximately \$7 million from customers during 2013, a portion of which is expected to provide recovery of operating costs and a return on investment to UNS Electric for company-owned solar projects.

### **Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling**

In 2010, the ACC approved Electric EE Standards designed to require UNS Electric, TEP, and other affected electric utilities to implement cost effective DSM programs. For more information, see *TEP, Rates and Regulation, Electric Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling*, above. UNS Electric's programs, during 2011 and 2012, saved cumulative energy equal to approximately 2.5% of its 2011 retail kWh sales.

UNS Electric filed a general rate case in December 2012 which included a request for a partial decoupling mechanism. See *Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Electric, Factors Affecting Results of Operations, 2012 UNS Electric Rate Case, Lost Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism*.

In June 2012, UNS Electric filed its 2013 Energy Efficiency implementation plan with the ACC. The proposal includes a request for a 2013 performance incentive of approximately \$1 million. UNS Electric requested a waiver from complying with the 2013 Electric EE Standards. UNS Electric is unable to predict when the ACC will issue a final order in this matter.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

UNS Electric is subject to environmental regulation of air and water quality, resource extraction, waste disposal, and land use by federal, state, and local authorities. UNS Electric believes that its facilities are in substantial compliance with all existing regulations and will be in compliance with expected environmental regulations. See *Item 1 Business, TEP, Environmental Matters*, for more information.

### **OTHER NON-REPORTABLE SEGMENTS**

#### **Millennium**

As of December 31, 2012, Millennium had assets of \$7 million, including cash and cash equivalents of \$4 million. In total, Millennium's assets represented less than 1% of UNS Energy's total consolidated assets. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Other Non-Reportable Business Segments*, for more information.

#### **SES**

SES, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Millennium, provides electrical contracting and meter reading services in Arizona, as well as other services at Springerville.

#### **EMPLOYEES (As of December 31, 2012)**

TEP had 1,392 employees, of which approximately 49% are represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local No. 1116. A new collective bargaining agreement between the IBEW and TEP was entered into in January 2013 and expires in January 2016.

UNS Gas had 186 employees, of which 110 employees were represented by IBEW Local No. 1116 and 5 employees were represented by IBEW Local No. 387. The agreements with the IBEW Local No. 1116 and No. 387 expire in June 2015 and February 2014, respectively.

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UNS Electric had 148 employees, of which 30 employees were represented by the IBEW Local No. 387 and 88 employees were represented by the IBEW Local No. 769. The existing agreements with the IBEW Local No. 387 and No. 769 expire in February 2014 and June 2013, respectively.

SES had 253 employees, of which 226 are represented by IBEW Local No. 1116 and 16 by IBEW Local No. 570. These agreements expire in December 2014 and May 2013, respectively.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANTS****Executive Officers UNS Energy and TEP**

Executive Officers of UNS Energy and TEP, who are elected annually by UNS Energy's Board of Directors and TEP's Board of Directors, are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position(s) Held</b>	<b>Executive Officer Since</b>
Paul J. Bonavia	61	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2009
David G. Hutchens	46	President	2007
Michael J. DeConcini	48	Senior Vice President, Operations	1999
Kevin P. Larson	56	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer <sup>(1)</sup>	2000
Philip J. Dion III	44	Vice President, Public Policy	2008
Kentton C. Grant	54	Vice President, Finance and Rates <sup>(2)</sup>	2007
Todd C. Hixon	46	Vice President and General Counsel	2011
Arie Hoekstra	65	Vice President, Generation	2007
Karen G. Kissinger	58	Vice President, Controller and Chief Compliance Officer	1998
Mark Mansfield	57	Vice President, Generation	2012
Thomas A. McKenna	64	Vice President, Engineering	2007
Catherine E. Ries	53	Vice President, Human Resources	2007
Herlinda H. Kennedy	51	Corporate Secretary	2006

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Larson is also Treasurer at UNS Energy.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Grant is also Treasurer at TEP.

***Paul J. Bonavia***

Mr. Bonavia has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of UNS Energy and TEP since January 2009. He also served as President from January 2009 to December 2011. Prior to joining UNS Energy, Mr. Bonavia served as President of the Utilities Group of Xcel Energy. Mr. Bonavia previously served as President of Xcel Energy's Commercial Enterprises business unit and President of the company's Energy Markets unit.

***David G. Hutchens***

Mr. Hutchens has served as President of UNS Energy and TEP since December 2011. In March 2011, Mr. Hutchens was named Executive Vice President of UNS Energy and TEP. In May 2009, Mr. Hutchens was named Vice President of Energy Efficiency and Resource Planning. In January 2007, Mr. Hutchens was elected Vice President of Wholesale Energy at UNS Energy and TEP. Mr. Hutchens joined TEP in 1995.

***Michael J. DeConcini***

Mr. DeConcini has served as Senior Vice President, Operations of UNS Energy since May 2010 and Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of TEP from May 2009 to December 2011 when his title at TEP was changed to Senior Vice President, Operations. Mr. DeConcini joined TEP in 1988 and was elected Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Energy Resources business unit of TEP, effective January 2003. In August 2006, he was named Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Transmission and Distribution.

***Kevin P. Larson***

Mr. Larson has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of UNS Energy and TEP since September 2005. Mr. Larson is also Treasurer of UNS Energy. Mr. Larson joined TEP in 1985 and thereafter held various positions in its finance department and investment subsidiaries. He was elected Treasurer in August 1994 and Vice President in March 1997. In October 2000, he was elected Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.



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<b><i>Philip J. Dion III</i></b>	Mr. Dion has served as Vice President of Public Policy of UNS Energy and TEP since April 2010. Mr. Dion joined UNS Energy in February 2008 as Vice President of Legal and Environmental Services. Prior to joining UNS Energy, Mr. Dion was chief of staff and chief legal advisor to Commissioner Marc Spitzer of the FERC. Mr. Dion previously worked in various roles at the ACC, including as an administrative law judge and as an advisor to Mr. Spitzer, prior to his appointment to the FERC.
<b><i>Kentton C. Grant</i></b>	Mr. Grant has served as Vice President of Finance and Rates of UNS Energy and TEP since January 2007. Mr. Grant also serves as Treasurer of TEP. Mr. Grant joined TEP in 1995.
<b><i>Todd C. Hixon</i></b>	Mr. Hixon has served as Vice President and General Counsel of UNS Energy and TEP since May 2011. Mr. Hixon joined TEP's legal department in 1998 and served in a variety of capacities, most recently serving as Associate General Counsel.
<b><i>Arie Hoekstra</i></b>	Mr. Hoekstra has served as Vice President of Generation of UNS Energy and TEP since January 2007. Mr. Hoekstra joined TEP in 1979 and thereafter served in various positions at TEP's generating stations in Tucson and Springerville.
<b><i>Karen G. Kissinger</i></b>	Ms. Kissinger has served as Vice President, Controller and Principal Accounting Officer of UNS Energy and TEP since January 1998 and has served as Chief Compliance Officer since 2003. Ms. Kissinger joined TEP as Vice President and Controller in January 1991.
<b><i>Mark Mansfield</i></b>	Mr. Mansfield is Vice President of Generation. He joined the company in 2008, most recently serving as Senior Director of Generation. Prior to joining TEP, Mr. Mansfield held various leadership positions at PacifiCorp Energy.
<b><i>Thomas A. McKenna</i></b>	Mr. McKenna has served as Vice President of Engineering of UNS Energy and TEP since January 2007. Mr. McKenna joined Nations Energy Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Millennium) in 1998.
<b><i>Catherine E. Ries</i></b>	Ms. Ries has served as Vice President of Human Resources of UNS Energy and TEP since June 2007. Prior to joining UNS Energy, Ms. Ries worked for Clopay Building Products, a division of Griffon Corporation, from 2000 to 2007, and held the position of Vice President of Human Resources.
<b><i>Herlinda H. Kennedy</i></b>	Ms. Kennedy has served as Corporate Secretary of UNS Energy and TEP since September 2006. Ms. Kennedy joined TEP in 1980 and was named assistant Corporate Secretary in 1999.

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### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The business and financial results of UNS Energy and TEP are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including those set forth below and in other documents we file with the SEC. These risks and uncertainties fall primarily into five major categories: revenues, regulatory, environmental, financial, and operational.

#### **REVENUES**

**National and local economic conditions can have a significant impact on the results of operations, net income, and cash flows at TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric.**

Economic conditions have contributed significantly to a reduction in TEP's retail customer growth and lower energy usage by the company's residential, commercial, and industrial customers. As a result of weak economic conditions, TEP's average retail customer base grew by less than 0.4% in each year from 2008 through 2012 compared with average increases of approximately 2% in each year from 2003 to 2007. In 2012, total retail kWh sales were 0.7% below 2011 levels. TEP estimates that a 1% change in annual retail sales could impact pre-tax net income and pre-tax cash flows by approximately \$6 million.

Similar impacts were felt at UNS Gas and UNS Electric. Annual average increases in the number of retail customers at both companies remained below 1% in 2008 through 2012 compared with average annual growth rates of 3% from 2003 to 2007. We estimate that a 1% change in annual retail sales at UNS Gas and UNS Electric could impact pre-tax net income and pre-tax cash flows by approximately \$1 million.

**New technological developments and the implementation of new Energy Efficiency Standards will continue to have a significant impact on retail sales, which could negatively impact UNS Energy's results of operations, net income, and cash flows.**

Heightened awareness of energy costs has increased demand for products intended to reduce consumers' use of electricity. TEP and UNS Electric also are promoting DSM programs designed to help customers reduce their energy use, and these efforts will increase significantly under energy efficiency rules approved in 2010 by the ACC. Unless the ACC makes a specific provision for the recovery of usage-based revenues lost to these energy efficiency programs, the reduced retail sales that would result from the success of these efforts would negatively impact the results of operations, net income, and cash flows of TEP and UNS Electric.

**The revenues, results of operations, and cash flows of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric are seasonal, and are subject to weather conditions and customer usage patterns, which are beyond the companies' control.**

TEP typically earns the majority of its operating revenue and net income in the third quarter because retail customers increase their air conditioning usage during the summer. Conversely, TEP's first quarter net income is typically limited by relatively mild winter weather in its retail service territory. UNS Electric's earnings follow a similar pattern, while UNS Gas's sales peak in the winter during home heating season. Cool summers or warm winters may reduce customer usage at all three companies, adversely affecting operating revenues, cash flows, and net income by reducing sales. TEP estimates that a 1% impact in annual retail sales would impact pre-tax net income and pre-tax cash flows by approximately \$6 million. We estimate that a 1% change in annual retail sales at UNS Gas and UNS Electric would impact pre-tax net income and pre-tax cash flows by approximately \$1 million.

#### **REGULATORY**

**TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric are subject to regulation by the ACC, which sets the companies' Retail Rates and oversees many aspects of their business in ways that could negatively affect the companies' results of operations, net income, and cash flows.**

The ACC is a constitutionally created body composed of five elected commissioners. Commissioners are elected state-wide for staggered four-year terms and are limited to serving a total of two terms. As a result, the composition of the commission, and therefore its policies, are subject to change every two years.

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The ACC is charged with setting retail electric and gas rates that provide utility companies with an opportunity to recover their costs of service and earn a reasonable rate of return. The decisions these elected officials make on such matters impact the net income and cash flows of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric.

### **Changes in federal energy regulation may negatively affect the results of operations, net income, and cash flows of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric.**

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric are subject to the impact of comprehensive and changing governmental regulation at the federal level that continues to change the structure of the electric and gas utility industries and the ways in which these industries are regulated. UNS Energy's electric utility subsidiaries are subject to regulation by the FERC. The FERC has jurisdiction over rates for electric transmission in interstate commerce and rates for wholesale sales of electric power, including terms and prices of transmission services and sales of electricity at wholesale prices.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

### **UNS Energy's utility subsidiaries are subject to numerous environmental laws and regulations that may increase their cost of operations or expose them to environmentally-related litigation and liabilities. Many of these regulations could have a significant impact on TEP due to its reliance on coal as its primary fuel for energy generation.**

Numerous federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations affect present and future operations. Those laws and regulations include rules regarding air emissions, water use, wastewater discharges, solid waste, hazardous waste, and management of coal combustion residuals.

These laws and regulations can contribute to higher capital, operating, and other costs, particularly with regard to enforcement efforts focused on existing power plants and new compliance standards related to new and existing power plants. These laws and regulations generally require us to obtain and comply with a wide variety of environmental licenses, permits, authorizations, and other approvals. Both public officials and private individuals may seek to enforce applicable environmental laws and regulations. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in litigation, and the imposition of fines, penalties, and a requirement for costly equipment upgrades by regulatory authorities.

We cannot provide assurance that existing environmental laws and regulations will not be revised or that new environmental laws and regulations will not be adopted or become applicable to our facilities. Increased compliance costs or additional operating restrictions from revised or additional regulation could have an adverse effect on our results of operations, particularly if those costs are not fully recoverable from our customers. TEP's obligation to comply with the EPA's BART determinations as a participant in the San Juan, Four Corners, and Navajo plants, coupled with the financial impact of future climate change legislation, other environmental regulations and other business considerations, could jeopardize the economic viability of these plants or the ability of individual participants to meet their obligations and continue their participation in these plants. TEP cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these matters.

TEP also is contractually obligated to pay a portion of the environmental reclamation costs incurred at generating stations in which it has a minority interest and is obligated to pay similar costs at the mines that supply these generating stations. While TEP has recorded the portion of its costs that can be determined at this time, the total costs for final reclamation at these sites are unknown and could be substantial.

### **New federal regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions could increase TEP's cost of operations and result in a change in the composition of TEP's coal-dominated generating fleet.**

Based on the finding by the EPA in December 2009 that emissions of greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare, the agency is in the process of regulating greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, there are proposals and ongoing studies at the state, federal, and international levels to address global climate change that could also result in the regulation of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases. Any future regulatory actions taken to address global climate change represent a business risk to our operations. In 2012, 72% of TEP's total energy resources came from its coal-fueled generating facilities.

Reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the levels specified by some proposals could be materially adverse to our financial position or results of operations if associated costs of control or limitation cannot be recovered from customers. Any future legislation or regulation addressing climate change could produce a number of other results including costly modifications to, or reexamination of the economic viability of, our existing coal plants; changes in the overall fuel mix of our generating fleet; or additional costs to fund energy efficiency activities. The impact of legislation or regulation to address global climate change would depend on the specific terms of those measures and cannot be determined at this time.



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**FINANCIAL**

**Volatility or disruptions in the financial markets may increase our financing costs, limit our access to the credit markets, and increase our pension funding obligations, which may adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to carry out our financial strategy.**

We rely on access to the bank markets and capital markets as a significant source of liquidity and for capital requirements not satisfied by the cash flow from our operations. Market disruptions such as those experienced over the last four years in the United States and abroad may increase our cost of borrowing or adversely affect our ability to access sources of liquidity needed to finance our operations and satisfy our obligations as they become due. These disruptions may include turmoil in the financial services industry, including substantial uncertainty surrounding particular lending institutions and counterparties we do business with, unprecedented volatility in the markets where our outstanding securities trade, and general economic downturns in our utility service territories. If we are unable to access credit at competitive rates, or if our borrowing costs dramatically increase, our ability to finance our operations, meet our short-term obligations, and execute our financial strategy could be adversely affected.

Changing market conditions could negatively affect the market value of assets held in our pension and other retiree plans and may increase the amount and accelerate the timing of required future funding contributions.

**UNS Energy's net income and cash flows can be adversely affected by rising interest rates.**

As of February 13, 2013, TEP had \$215 million of tax-exempt variable rate debt obligations, \$50 million of which was hedged with a fixed-for-floating interest rate swap through September 2014. The interest rates are set weekly with maximum interest rates of 20% on \$178 million of debt obligations and 10% on the remaining \$37 million. The average weekly interest rate ranged from 0.06% to 0.26% in 2012. A 100 basis point increase in the average interest rates on this debt over a twelve-month period would increase TEP's interest expense by approximately \$2 million.

UNS Energy, TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric also are subject to risk resulting from changes in the interest rate on their borrowings under revolving credit facilities. Revolving credit borrowings may be made on a spread over London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) or an Alternate Base Rate. Each of these agreements is a committed facility and expires in November 2016.

If capital market conditions result in rising interest rates, the resulting increase in the cost of variable rate borrowings would negatively impact UNS Energy's, TEP's, UNS Gas's, and UNS Electric's results of operations, net income, and cash flows.

**TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric may be required to post margin under their power and fuel supply agreements, which could negatively impact their liquidity.**

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric secure power and fuel supply resources to serve their respective retail customers. The agreements under which we contract for such resources include requirements to post credit enhancement in the form of cash or letters of credit (LOCs) under certain circumstances, including changes in market prices which affect contract values, or a change in creditworthiness of the respective companies.

In order to post such credit enhancement, TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric would have to use available cash, draw under their revolving credit agreements, or issue LOCs under their revolving credit agreements.

The maximum amount TEP may use under its revolving credit facility is \$200 million. As of February 13, 2013, TEP had \$169 million available to borrow under its revolving credit facility. The maximum amount UNS Gas or UNS Electric may borrow is \$70 million, so long as the combined amount drawn by both companies does not exceed \$100 million (the size of their combined borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility). As of February 13, 2013, UNS Gas had \$70 million and UNS Electric had \$70 million, available to borrow under their revolving credit facility. From time to time, TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric use their respective revolving credit facilities to post collateral. If additional collateral is required, it may negatively impact TEP, UNS Gas, and/or UNS Electric's ability to fund their capital requirements. As of December 31, 2012, TEP and UNS Electric each had posted less than \$1 million with counterparties in the form of cash or LOCs.



**Table of Contents****UNS Energy and its subsidiaries have debt which could adversely affect their business and results of operations.**

UNS Energy has no operations of its own and derives all of its revenues and cash flow from its subsidiaries. At December 31, 2012, the ratio of total debt (including capital lease obligations net of investments in lease debt) to total capitalization for UNS Energy and its subsidiaries was 63%. This debt level:

requires UNS Energy and its subsidiaries to dedicate a substantial portion of their cash flow to pay principal and interest on their debt, which could reduce the funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes; and

could limit UNS Energy and its subsidiaries' ability to borrow additional amounts for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividends, debt service requirements, execution of its business strategy, or other purposes.

**The cost of purchasing TEP's leased assets, or the cost of procuring alternate sources of generation or purchased power in 2015, could require significant outlays of cash in one year, which could be difficult to finance.**

TEP leases the following generation facilities under separate sale and leaseback arrangements that expire in 2015:

Leased Asset	Expiration	Purchase Option
Springerville Unit 1	2015	Fair market value purchase option of \$159 million
Springerville Coal Handling Facilities	2015	Fixed price purchase option of \$120 million

TEP may renew the leases or purchase the assets when the leases expire in 2015. The renewal and purchase options for Springerville Unit 1 are for fair market value, with the fair market value purchase price having been determined in December 2011 through an appraisal process to be \$159 million. The owner participants of Springerville Unit 1 have disputed the appraisal price; however, TEP believes that the appraisal procedure was properly conducted in accordance with the lease agreements and that the results are final and binding.

The Springerville Coal Handling Facilities can be purchased in 2015 for a fixed price of \$120 million. TEP also leases a 50% undivided interest in Springerville Common Facilities with primary lease terms ending in 2017 and 2021. Upon expiration of the Springerville Coal Handling and Common Facilities Leases (whether at the end of the initial term or any renewal term), TEP has the obligation under agreements with the owners of Springerville Units 3 and 4 to purchase such facilities. Upon acquisition by TEP, the owner of Springerville Unit 3 has the option and the owner of Springerville Unit 4 has the obligation to purchase from TEP a 14% interest in the Common Facilities and a 17% interest in the Coal Handling Facilities.

**Regulatory rules and other restrictions could limit the ability of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric to make distributions to UNS Energy.**

As a holding company, UNS Energy is dependent on the earnings and distributions of funds from its subsidiaries to service its debt and pay dividends to shareholders.

Restrictions include:

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric are restricted from lending to affiliates or issuing securities without ACC approval;

The Federal Power Act states that an electric utility's dividends shall not be paid out of funds properly included in capital accounts. TEP has an accumulated deficit rather than positive retained earnings. Although the terms of the Federal Power Act are unclear, we believe there is a reasonable basis for TEP to pay dividends from current year earnings; and

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TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric must be in compliance with their respective debt agreements to make dividend payments to UNS Energy.

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### **Unanticipated financing needs or reductions to net income could adversely impact our ability to comply with financial covenants in the UNS Energy, TEP, and UES Credit Agreements.**

The UNS Energy, TEP, and UES credit and reimbursement agreements include a maximum leverage ratio. The leverage ratios are calculated as the ratio of total indebtedness to total capital. The ability to comply with these covenants could be adversely impacted by unanticipated borrowing needs or unexpected charges to earnings or shareholder equity. In the event that we seek to renegotiate these provisions to provide additional flexibility, we may need to pay fees or increased interest rates on borrowings as a condition to any amendments or waivers.

## **OPERATIONAL**

### **The operation of electric generating stations involves risks that could result in unplanned outages or reduced generating capability that could adversely affect TEP's or UNS Electric's results of operations, net income, and cash flows.**

The operation of electric generating stations involves certain risks, including equipment breakdown or failure, interruption of fuel supply, and lower than expected levels of efficiency or operational performance. Unplanned outages, including extensions of planned outages due to equipment failure or other complications, occur from time to time and are an inherent risk of our business. If TEP's or UNS Electric's generating stations operate below expectations, TEP or UNS Electric could be adversely affected.

### **The operation of electric transmission and distribution systems involves a risk of significant unplanned outages that could adversely affect TEP's and UNS Electric's businesses, results of operations, net income, and cash flows.**

The operation of electric transmission and distribution systems involves certain risks, including equipment failure and damage caused by storms, fires, or other hazards. Unplanned outages occur from time to time and are an inherent risk of our business. If TEP's or UNS Electric's transmission and distribution systems experience a significant failure, TEP or UNS Electric could be adversely affected.

### **The nature of our gas operations presents inherent risks of loss that could adversely affect our results of operations.**

The operation of UNS Gas transmission and distribution systems involves certain risks, including gas leaks, fires, natural disasters, catastrophic accidents, explosions, pipeline ruptures, and other hazards and risks that may cause unforeseen interruptions, personal injury, or property damage. Any such incident could have an adverse effect on UNS Gas.

### **TEP could be subject to higher costs and the possibility of significant penalties as a result of mandatory transmission standards.**

As a result of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, owners and operators of bulk power transmission systems, including TEP, are subject to mandatory transmission standards developed and enforced by NERC and subject to the oversight of FERC. Compliance with modified or new transmission standards may subject TEP to higher operating costs and increased capital costs. Failure to comply with the mandatory transmission standards could subject TEP to sanctions, including substantial monetary penalties.

### **We may be subject to cyber attacks and information security risks.**

As operators of critical energy infrastructure, we may face a heightened risk of cyber attack, and our corporate and informational technology systems may be vulnerable to disability or failures as a result of unauthorized access due to hacking, viruses, acts of war or terrorism, and other causes. In addition, our utility business requires access to sensitive customer data, including personal and credit information, in the ordinary course of business. If, despite our security measures, a significant or widely publicized breach occurred, we could have our operations disrupted, property damaged, and customer information stolen; experience substantial loss of revenues, response costs, and other financial loss; and be subject to increased regulation, litigation, and damage to our reputation, any of which could have a negative impact on our business and results of operations.

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**TEP or UNS Electric might not be able to secure adequate right-of-way to construct transmission lines and distribution-related facilities, and could be required to find alternate ways to provide adequate sources of energy and maintain reliable service for their customers.**

TEP and UNS Electric rely on federal, state, and local governmental agencies to secure right-of-way and siting permits to construct transmission lines and distribution-related facilities. If adequate right-of-way and siting permits to build new transmission lines cannot be secured:

TEP and UNS Electric may need to rely on more costly alternatives to provide energy to their customers;

TEP and UNS Electric may not be able to maintain reliability in their service areas; or

TEP and UNS Electric's ability to provide electric service to new customers may be negatively impacted.

### **ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

#### **TEP PROPERTIES**

TEP's transmission facilities, located in Arizona and New Mexico, transmit the output from TEP's remote electric generating stations at Four Corners, Navajo, San Juan, Springerville, and Luna to the Tucson area for use by TEP's retail customers (see *Item 1. Business, TEP, Generating and Other Resources*). The transmission system is interconnected at various points in Arizona and New Mexico with other regional utilities. TEP has arrangements with approximately 140 companies to interchange generation capacity and transmission of energy.

As of December 31, 2012, TEP owned or participated in an overhead electric transmission and distribution system consisting of:

564 circuit-miles of 500-kV lines;

1,088 circuit-miles of 345-kV lines;

405 circuit-miles of 138-kV lines;

481 circuit-miles of 46-kV lines; and

2,612 circuit-miles of lower voltage primary lines.

TEP's underground electric distribution system includes 4,410 cable-miles. TEP owns approximately 76% of the poles on which its lower voltage lines are located. Electric substation capacity consists of 103 substations with a total installed transformer capacity of 13,269,950 kilovolt amperes.

Substantially all of the utility assets owned by TEP are subject to the lien of the 1992 Mortgage. Springerville Unit 2, which is owned by San Carlos, a wholly-owned subsidiary of TEP, is not subject to the lien.

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The electric generating stations (except as noted below), administrative headquarters, warehouse and service center are located on land owned by TEP. The electric distribution and transmission facilities owned by TEP are located:

on property owned by TEP;

under or over streets, alleys, highways, and other places in the public domain, as well as in national forests and state lands, under franchises, easements, or other rights which are generally subject to termination;

under or over private property as a result of easements obtained primarily from the record holder of title; or

over American Indian reservations under grant of easement by the Secretary of Interior or lease by American Indian tribes.

It is possible that some of the easements, and the property over which the easements were granted, may have title defects or may be subject to mortgages or liens existing at the time the easements were acquired.

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Springerville is located on property held by TEP under a long-term surface ownership agreement with the State of Arizona.

Four Corners and Navajo are located on properties held under easements from the United States and under leases from the Navajo Nation. TEP, individually and in conjunction with PNM in connection with San Juan, has acquired land rights, easements and leases for the plant, transmission lines and a water diversion facility located on land owned by the Navajo Nation. TEP also has acquired easements for transmission facilities related to San Juan, Four Corners, and Navajo across the Zuni, Navajo, and Tohono O'odham American Indian Reservations. TEP, in conjunction with PNM and Freeport McMoRan, holds an undivided ownership interest in the property on which Luna is located.

TEP's rights under these various easements and leases may be subject to defects such as:

possible conflicting grants or encumbrances due to the absence of, or inadequacies in, the recording laws or record systems of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the American Indian tribes;

possible inability of TEP to legally enforce its rights against adverse claimants and the American Indian tribes without Congressional consent; or

failure or inability of the American Indian tribes to protect TEP's interests in the easements and leases from disruption by the U.S. Congress, Secretary of the Interior, or other adverse claimants.

These possible defects have not interfered, and are not expected to materially interfere, with TEP's interest in and operation of its facilities.

TEP, under separate sale and leaseback arrangements, leases the following generation facilities (which do not include land):

Springerville Coal Handling Facilities;

a 50% undivided interest in the Springerville Common Facilities; and

Springerville Unit 1 and the remaining 50% undivided interest in the Springerville Common Facilities.

See Note 6 and Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Tucson Electric Power Company, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Contractual Obligations*, for additional information on TEP's capital lease obligations.

## **UES PROPERTIES**

### **UNS Gas**

As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas's transmission and distribution system consisted of approximately 31 miles of steel transmission mains, 4,229 miles of steel and plastic distribution piping, and 137,705 customer service lines.

### **UNS Electric**

As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric's transmission and distribution system consisted of approximately 56 circuit-miles of 115-kV transmission lines, 274 circuit-miles of 69-kV transmission lines, and 3,648 circuit-miles of underground and overhead distribution lines. UNS Electric also owns the 62 MW Valencia plant, the 90 MW BMGS, as well as 40 substations having a total installed capacity of 1,504,000 kilovolt amperes.

The gas and electric distribution and transmission facilities owned by UNS Gas and UNS Electric are located:

on property owned by UNS Gas or UNS Electric;

under or over streets, alleys, highways, and other places in the public domain, as well as national forests and state lands, under franchises, easements, or other rights which are generally subject to termination; or

under or over private property as a result of easements obtained primarily from the record holder of title.

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**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

**Right of Way Matters**

TEP was a defendant in a class action filed in February 2009 in the United States District Court in Albuquerque, New Mexico by members of the Navajo Nation. The plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that the rights of way for defendants' transmission lines on Navajo lands were improperly granted and that the compensation paid for such rights of way was inadequate. The plaintiffs were requesting, among other things, that the transmission lines on these lands be removed. In June 2009, TEP and the other defendants filed motions to dismiss the lawsuit on procedural grounds. In March 2010, the court granted several of the defendants' motions to dismiss and entered a final judgment dismissing the case in April 2010. The plaintiffs filed a Notice of Appeal with the BIA in May 2010, appealing the BIA's decision to grant the rights of way that were the subject of the now-dismissed complaint. In June 2010, the BIA found that the Notice of Appeal failed to meet the minimum filing requirements. In September 2010, the plaintiffs filed new Notices of Appeal concerning the same rights of way. The appeals are currently pending. TEP cannot predict the outcome of these appeals.

**Springerville Unit 1 Appraisal**

Springerville Unit 1 is leased by TEP under leases which expire in 2015 and which provide TEP with an option to purchase the lease interests upon the lease expiration at fair market value. In December 2011, TEP and the owner participants of the Springerville Unit 1 Leases completed a formal appraisal procedure with three appraisers in accordance with the lease agreements to determine the fair market value purchase price. The lease agreements provide that the purchase price determined through the appraisal procedure will be final and binding upon the parties. The aggregate purchase price for the owner participants' lease interests was determined to be \$159 million.

On April 26, 2012, TEP filed a petition to confirm the appraisal in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona naming the owner participants (Daimler Capital Services LLC, LDVFI TEP LLC, Alterna Springerville LLC, MWR Capital Inc., and Pacific Harbor Capital Inc.) and the owner trustee and co-trustee (Wilmington Trust Company and William J. Wade) as respondents. The petition states that TEP filed the petition since neither the owner participants nor the owner trustee and co-trustee have acknowledged that the purchase price determined by the appraisal procedure in December 2011 is final and binding and that TEP seeks an order from the court confirming the appraisal as an arbitration award under the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA).

On June 1, 2012, the owner participants filed a response in opposition to TEP's petition. In their response, the owner participants allege that the appraisal procedure failed to yield a legitimate purchase price for the lease interests, stating, among other things, that not all of the three appraisers performed their appraisals in accordance with required standards. The owner participants requested that the court dismiss the action and deny TEP's petition on the grounds that there is not a present controversy for the court to decide, since, among other things, TEP has not exercised the purchase option. The owner participants also dispute TEP's position that the appraisal procedure should be treated as an arbitration award for purposes of judicial review. In January 2013, the court denied TEP's petition on the grounds that the court is without jurisdiction under the FAA to confirm the appraisal.

On February 12, 2013, TEP appealed the matter to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

TEP believes that the appraisal procedure was properly conducted in accordance with the lease agreements and that the results are final and binding. TEP intends to continue vigorously pursuing its legal remedies to confirm the results of the appraisal procedure.

In addition, see legal proceedings described in Note 4.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.



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UNS Energy's Common Stock is traded under the ticker symbol UNS and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. On February 13, 2013, the closing price was \$46.42 with 7,881 shareholders of record.

TEP's common stock is wholly-owned by UNS Energy and is not listed for trading on any stock exchange.

**Dividends****UNS Energy**

UNS Energy's Board of Directors expects to continue to pay regular quarterly cash dividends on our Common Stock; however, such dividends are subject to the Board's evaluation of our financial condition, earnings, cash flows, and dividend policy.

On February 25, 2013, UNS Energy declared a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.435 per share of Common Stock. The first quarter dividend, totaling approximately \$18 million, will be paid March 25, 2013 to shareholders of record at the close of business March 13, 2013. The table below summarizes UNS Energy's dividends paid in 2010 through 2012.

	2012	2011	2010
Quarterly Dividend Per Common Share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.39
Annual Dividend Per Common Share	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.56
Common Stock Dividends Paid	\$ 70 million	\$ 62 million	\$ 57 million

UNS Energy relies on dividends from its subsidiaries, primarily TEP, to declare and pay dividends.

**TEP**

TEP paid \$30 million of dividends to UNS Energy in 2012. TEP did not pay any dividends to UNS Energy in 2011. TEP paid \$60 million of dividends to UNS Energy in 2010.

TEP can pay dividends if it maintains compliance with the TEP Credit Agreement and certain financial covenants. As of December 31, 2012, TEP was in compliance with the terms of the TEP Credit Agreement.

The Federal Power Act states that dividends shall not be paid out of funds properly included in capital accounts. TEP has an accumulated deficit rather than positive retained earnings. Although the terms of the Federal Power Act are unclear, we believe that there is a reasonable basis for TEP to pay dividends from current year earnings.

**UNS Gas**

UNS Gas paid dividends to UNS Energy of \$20 million in 2012, and \$10 million in both 2011 and 2010. UNS Gas's ability to pay future dividends will depend on the cash needs for capital expenditures and various other factors.

The note purchase agreement for UNS Gas contains restrictions on dividends. UNS Gas may pay dividends so long as (a) no default or event of default exists and (b) it could incur additional debt under the debt incurrence test. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas was in compliance with the terms of its note purchase agreement.

**UNS Electric**

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UNS Electric paid dividends to UNS Energy of \$10 million in 2012. UNS Electric did not pay any dividends to UNS Energy in 2011 or 2010. UNS Electric's ability to pay future dividends will depend on the cash needs for capital expenditures and various other factors.

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The note purchase agreement for UNS Electric contains restrictions on dividends. UNS Electric may pay dividends so long as (a) no default or event of default exists and (b) it could incur additional debt under the debt incurrence test. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric was in compliance with the terms of its note purchase agreement.

**Other Non-Reportable Segments**

In 2012, Millennium paid dividends of \$14 million to UNS Energy. In 2011 and 2010, Millennium paid dividends of \$3 million and \$8 million to UNS Energy, respectively.

UED did not pay any dividends to UNS Energy in 2012. In 2011 and 2010 UED paid dividends to UNS Energy of \$39 million and \$9 million, respectively. Of those dividends paid by UED, the portions representing a return of capital were \$28 million in 2011 and \$4 million in 2010.

See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Energy Consolidated, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Dividends on Common Stock.*

**Common Stock Dividends and Price Ranges**

Quarter:	2012			2011		
	Market Price per Share of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>		Dividends Declared	Market Price per Share of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>		Dividends Declared
	High	Low		High	Low	
First	\$ 38.66	\$ 36.31	\$ 0.43	\$ 37.74	\$ 34.84	\$ 0.42
Second	38.86	35.66	0.43	38.71	35.47	0.42
Third	42.71	39.08	0.43	38.55	34.36	0.42
Fourth	43.56	39.02	0.43	39.25	34.28	0.42
Total			\$ 1.72			\$ 1.68

<sup>(1)</sup> UNS Energy's Common Stock price as reported by the New York Stock Exchange.

**Convertible Senior Notes**

In March 2005, UNS Energy issued \$150 million of 4.50% Convertible Senior Notes due in 2035. In 2012, holders of approximately \$147 million of the Convertible Senior Notes outstanding converted their interests into approximately 4.3 million shares of Common Stock. The remaining \$3 million of outstanding Convertible Senior Notes were redeemed at par for cash. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Energy Consolidated, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Convertible Senior Notes*, below, for more information.

**Issuer Purchases of Common Equity**

UNS Energy did not purchase any shares of Common Stock during 2012, 2011, or 2010.

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	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	- In Thousands -				
	(Except per Share Data)				
<b>Summary of Operations <sup>(1)</sup></b>					
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,461,766	\$ 1,478,702	\$ 1,425,947	\$ 1,396,606	\$ 1,410,407
Net Income	\$ 90,919	\$ 109,975	\$ 112,984	\$ 105,901	\$ 16,955
Basic Earnings per Share:					
Net Income	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.98	\$ 3.10	\$ 2.95	\$ 0.47
Diluted Earnings per Share:					
Net Income	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.73	\$ 0.53
Shares of Common Stock Outstanding:					
Weighted Average	40,362	36,962	36,415	35,858	35,632
End of Year	41,344	36,918	36,542	35,851	35,458
Year-end Book Value per Share	\$ 25.77	\$ 24.07	\$ 22.73	\$ 21.18	\$ 19.35
Cash Dividends Declared per Share	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.96
<b>Financial Position</b>					
Total Utility Plant Net	\$ 3,300,363	\$ 3,182,263	\$ 2,961,498	\$ 2,785,714	\$ 2,617,693
Total Investments in Lease Debt and Equity	\$ 45,457	\$ 65,829	\$ 103,844	\$ 132,168	\$ 126,672
Other Investments and Other Property	\$ 36,537	\$ 34,205	\$ 61,676	\$ 60,239	\$ 64,096
Total Assets	\$ 4,140,429	\$ 3,989,279	\$ 3,796,246	\$ 3,615,211	\$ 3,510,608
Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,498,442	\$ 1,517,373	\$ 1,352,977	\$ 1,307,795	\$ 1,313,615
Non-Current Capital Lease Obligations	262,138	352,720	429,074	488,349	513,517
Common Stock Equity	1,065,465	888,474	830,756	759,329	686,090
Total Capitalization	\$ 2,826,045	\$ 2,758,567	\$ 2,612,807	\$ 2,555,473	\$ 2,513,222
<b>Selected Cash Flow Data</b>					
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	\$ 348,109	\$ 337,320	\$ 346,920	\$ 347,310	\$ 273,767
Capital Expenditures	\$ (307,277)	\$ (374,122)	\$ (330,629)	\$ (294,020)	\$ (354,080)
Other Investing Cash Flows <sup>(2)</sup>	44,378	47,034	25,569	(2,624)	(95,493)
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities	\$ (262,899)	\$ (327,088)	\$ (305,060)	\$ (296,644)	\$ (449,573)
Net Cash Flows From Financing Activities	\$ (37,682)	\$ (1,441)	\$ (51,183)	\$ (28,916)	\$ 140,605
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges <sup>(3)</sup>	2.32	2.46	2.64	2.48	1.28

**Table of Contents****TEP**

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	-Thousands of Dollars-				
<b>Summary of Operations</b>					
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,161,660	\$ 1,156,386	\$ 1,125,267	\$ 1,099,338	\$ 1,092,148
Net Income	\$ 65,470	\$ 85,334	\$ 108,260	\$ 90,688	\$ 7,206
<b>Financial Position</b>					
Total Utility Plant Net	\$ 2,750,421	\$ 2,650,652	\$ 2,410,077	\$ 2,261,325	\$ 2,120,619
Total Investments in Lease Debt and Equity	45,457	65,829	103,844	132,168	126,672
Other Investments and Other Property	35,091	32,313	43,588	31,813	31,291
Total Assets	\$ 3,461,046	\$ 3,277,661	\$ 3,078,411	\$ 2,924,108	\$ 2,852,195
Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,223,442	\$ 1,080,373	\$ 1,003,615	\$ 903,615	\$ 903,615
Non-Current Capital Lease Obligations	262,138	352,720	429,074	488,311	513,370
Common Stock Equity	860,927	824,943	709,884	650,591	589,613
Total Capitalization	\$ 2,346,507	\$ 2,258,036	\$ 2,142,573	\$ 2,042,517	\$ 2,006,598
<b>Selected Cash Flow Data</b>					
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	\$ 267,919	\$ 268,294	\$ 302,483	\$ 268,064	\$ 265,756
Capital Expenditures	\$ (252,782)	\$ (351,890)	\$ (277,309)	\$ (240,079)	\$ (291,990)
Other Investing Cash Flows <sup>(2)</sup>	24,901	39,879	24,273	(9,522)	(95,814)
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities	\$ (227,881)	\$ (312,011)	\$ (253,036)	\$ (249,601)	\$ (387,804)
Net Cash Flows From Financing Activities	\$ 11,987	\$ 51,452	\$ (51,882)	\$ (29,320)	\$ 128,713
<b>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	2.12	2.42	2.76	2.58	1.18

(1) See Note 1 for revisions to prior period financial statements.

(2) Other Investing Cash Flows in 2008 includes the \$133 million deposit to Trustee for Repayment of Collateral Trust Bonds.

(3) For purposes of this computation, earnings are defined as pre-tax earnings from continuing operations before minority interest, or income/loss from equity method investments, plus interest expense and amortization of debt discount and expense related to indebtedness. Fixed charges are interest expense, including amortization of debt discount, interest on operating lease payments, and expense on indebtedness.

See Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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**ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Management's Discussion and Analysis explains the results of operations, the general financial condition, and the outlook for UNS Energy and its three primary business segments and includes the following:

outlook and strategies;

operating results during 2012 compared with 2011, and 2011 compared with 2010;

factors which affect our results and outlook;

liquidity, capital needs, capital resources, and contractual obligations;

dividends; and

critical accounting policies.

UNS Energy is a utility services holding company engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the electric generation and energy delivery business. Each of UNS Energy's subsidiaries is a separate legal entity with its own assets and liabilities. UNS Energy owns 100% of Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), UniSource Energy Services, Inc. (UES), Millennium Energy Holdings, Inc. (Millennium), and UniSource Energy Development Company (UED).

TEP is a regulated public utility and UNS Energy's largest operating subsidiary, representing approximately 84% of UNS Energy's total assets as of December 31, 2012. TEP generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 406,000 retail electric customers in a 1,155 square mile area in southeastern Arizona. TEP also sells electricity to other utilities and power marketing entities, located primarily in the western U.S. In addition, TEP operates Springerville Generating Station (Springerville) Unit 3 on behalf of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) and Springerville Unit 4 on behalf of Salt River Project Agriculture Improvement and Power District (SRP).

UES holds the common stock of UNS Gas, Inc. (UNS Gas) and UNS Electric, Inc. (UNS Electric). UNS Gas is a regulated gas distribution company with approximately 149,000 retail customers in Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, and Navajo counties in northern Arizona, as well as in Santa Cruz County in southern Arizona. UNS Electric is a regulated vertically integrated public utility with approximately 92,000 retail customers in Mohave and Santa Cruz counties.

UED developed the Black Mountain Generating Station (BMGS) in northwestern Arizona. The facility includes two natural gas-fired combustion turbines. Prior to July 2011, UNS Electric received energy from BMGS through a power sales agreement with UED. In July 2011, UNS Electric purchased BMGS from UED, leaving UED with no significant remaining assets. The transaction had no impact on UNS Energy's consolidated financial statements.

Millennium's investments in unregulated businesses represent less than 1% of UNS Energy's assets as of December 31, 2012.

Our business is comprised of three reporting segments – TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric.

References to we and our are to UNS Energy and its subsidiaries, collectively.

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**OUTLOOK AND STRATEGIES**

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Our financial prospects and outlook are affected by many factors including: the outcome of TEP's pending rate proceeding before the ACC; national, regional, and local economic conditions; volatility in the financial markets; environmental laws and regulations; and other regulatory factors. Our plans and strategies include the following:

Focusing on our core utility businesses through operational excellence, investing in utility rate base, emphasizing customer satisfaction, and maintaining a strong community presence.

Strengthening the underlying financial condition of our utility subsidiaries by achieving constructive regulatory outcomes, evaluating our capital structure, improving our credit ratings, and promoting economic development in our service territories.

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Developing strategic responses to new environmental regulations and potential new legislation, including potential limits on greenhouse gas emissions. We are evaluating TEP's existing mix of generation resources and defining steps to achieve environmental objectives that protect the financial stability of our utility businesses.

Developing a long-term diversification strategy for our generating portfolio. We are evaluating several energy resource options including coal, natural gas, and renewable generating resources. The focus of our resource strategy is to provide long-term rate stability for our customers, mitigate environmental impacts, comply with regulatory requirements, and leverage our existing utility infrastructure.

Expanding TEP's and UNS Electric's portfolio of renewable energy resources and programs to meet Arizona's Renewable Energy Standard (RES) while creating ownership opportunities for renewable energy projects that benefit customers, shareholders, and the communities we serve.

Developing strategic responses to Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards that protect the financial stability of our utility businesses and provide benefits to our customers.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Contribution by Business Segment**

We conduct our business through three primary business segments: TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric. The table below shows the contributions to our consolidated after-tax earnings by these business segments.

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
<b>TEP</b>	\$ 65	\$ 85	\$ 108
<b>UNS Gas</b>	9	10	9
<b>UNS Electric</b>	17	18	15
<b>Other Non-Reportable Segments and Adjustments<sup>(1)</sup></b>		(3)	(19)
<b>Consolidated Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>	<b>\$ 113</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes: UNS Energy parent company expenses, Millennium, and UED.

**Revision for Prior Period Financial Statements**

In the fourth quarter of 2012, we identified that we had incorrectly reported UNS Electric's sales and purchase contracts which did not result in the physical delivery of energy. The transactions were reported on a gross basis rather than on a net basis during the first three quarters of 2012, as well as the calendar years 2011 and 2010. This error resulted in an equal and offsetting overstatement of Electric Wholesale Sales and Purchased Energy in the income statements of \$31 million in 2011, and \$28 million in 2010. This error had no impact to operating income, net income, retained earnings, or cash flows. We assessed the impact of these errors on prior period financial statements and concluded they were not material to any period. However, the errors were significant to the individual line items. As a result, in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin 108, we have revised the 2011 and 2010 financial statements included herein to correct these errors. See Note 1.

**Executive Overview**2012 Compared with 2011

TEP



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TEP reported net income of \$65 million in 2012 compared with \$85 million in 2011. The decrease in net income was due primarily to: a decrease in retail kWh sales and margin revenues due in part to fewer Cooling Degree Days during the summer months compared with 2011, as well as the effects of the ACC's energy efficiency and distributed generation requirements; a decrease in long-term wholesale margin revenues related to a change in the price of energy sold under TEP's largest wholesale sales contract; higher depreciation and amortization expense due to an increase in plant-in-service; and a partial write-off of transmission-related assets. These factors were partially offset by a decrease in TEP's Base O&M, resulting primarily from fewer planned generating plant outages. Net income in 2011 included the recognition of a gain related to the settlement of a dispute with El Paso Electric. See *Tucson Electric Power, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

### *UNS Gas and UNS Electric*

UNS Gas reported net income of \$9 million in 2012 compared with net income of \$10 million in 2011. See *UNS Gas, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

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UNS Electric reported net income of \$17 million in 2012 compared with net income of \$18 million in 2011. See *UNS Electric, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

*Other Non-Reportable Segments*

Millennium's financial results are included in UNS Energy's Other Non-Reportable Segments. Millennium reported net income of \$2 million in both 2012 and 2011. See *Other Non-Reportable Segments, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

**2011 Compared with 2010***TEP*

TEP reported net income of \$85 million in 2011 compared with \$108 million in 2010. The decrease in net income was due primarily to: a decline in long-term wholesale margin revenues due to a change in the price of energy sold under TEP's largest wholesale sales contract; a decrease in wholesale transmission revenues due in part to a temporary increase in wholesale transmission revenues in 2010; an increase in Base O&M due in part to an increase in planned generating plant outages; higher depreciation expense related to an increase in plant-in-service; and an increase in interest expense. Those factors were partially offset by the recognition of a gain in 2011 related to the settlement of a dispute with El Paso Electric. See *Tucson Electric Power, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

*UNS Gas and UNS Electric*

UNS Gas reported net income of \$10 million in 2011 compared with net income of \$9 million in 2010. See *UNS Gas, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

UNS Electric reported net income of \$18 million in 2011 compared with net income of \$15 million in 2010. The increase is due in part to a Base Rate increase that took effect in October 2010. See *UNS Electric, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

*Other Non-Reportable Segments*

Millennium's financial results are included in UNS Energy's Other Non-Reportable Segments. Millennium reported net income of \$2 million in 2011 compared with a net loss of \$13 million in 2010. Millennium's results in the 2010 reflect losses related to the write-off of deferred taxes and impairment losses. See *Other Non-Reportable Segments, Results of Operations*, below, for more information.

**O&M**

The table below summarizes the items included in UNS Energy's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expense.

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
UNS Energy Base O&M (non-GAAP) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 266	\$ 271	\$ 265
Reimbursed Expenses Related to Springerville Units 3 & 4	72	63	65
Expenses Related to Customer-Funded Renewable Energy and Demand Side Management Programs	46	45	40
Total UNS Energy O&M (GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 384	\$ 379	\$ 370

<sup>(1)</sup> Base O&M, a non-GAAP financial measure, should not be considered as an alternative to Other O&M, which is determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We believe Base O&M provides useful information to investors because it represents the fundamental level of operating and maintenance expense related to our core business. Base O&M excludes expenses that are directly offset by revenues collected from customers and other third parties.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Millennium, UED, and UNS Energy stand-alone O&M, and inter-company eliminations.

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Dividends from UNS Energy's subsidiaries represent the parent company's primary source of liquidity. Under UNS Energy's tax sharing agreement, subsidiaries make income tax payments to UNS Energy, which makes payments on behalf of the consolidated group to taxing authorities. See *Income Tax Position*, below, for more information.

The table below provides a summary of the liquidity position of UNS Energy and each of its segments:

Balances as of February 13, 2013	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Borrowings under Revolving Credit Facility <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount Available under Revolving Credit Facility
		-Millions of Dollars-	
UNS Energy Stand-Alone	\$ 1	\$ 45	\$ 80
TEP	44	31	169
UNS Gas	43		70 <sup>(2)</sup>
UNS Electric	9		70 <sup>(2)</sup>
Other	4 <sup>(3)</sup>	N/A	N/A
Total	\$ 101		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Letters of Credit (LOCs) issued under revolving credit facilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Either UNS Gas or UNS Electric may borrow up to a maximum of \$70 million; the total combined amount borrowed by both companies cannot exceed \$100 million.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes cash and cash equivalents at Millennium and UED.

**Short-term Investments**

UNS Energy's short-term investment policy governs the investment of excess cash balances. We regularly review and update this policy in response to market conditions. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Energy's short-term investments included highly-rated and liquid money market funds and certificates of deposit. These short-term investments are classified as Cash and Cash Equivalents on the Balance Sheet.

**Access to Revolving Credit Facilities**

We have access to working capital through revolving credit agreements with lenders. Each of these agreements is a committed facility that expires in November 2016. The TEP and UNS Gas/UNS Electric Credit Agreements may be used for revolving borrowings as well as to issue LOCs. TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric each issue LOCs from time to time to provide credit enhancement to counterparties for their energy procurement and hedging activities. The UNS Credit Agreement also may be used to issue LOCs for general corporate purposes.

We believe that we have sufficient liquidity under our revolving credit facilities to meet short-term working capital needs and to provide support, as necessary, under energy procurement and hedging agreements. See *Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, Credit Risk*, below.

**UNS Energy Consolidated Cash Flows**

2012      2011      2010

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	-Millions of Dollars-		
Operating Activities	\$ 348	\$ 337	\$ 347
Investing Activities	(263)	(327)	(305)
Financing Activities	(38)	(1)	(51)

UNS Energy's operating cash flows are generated primarily by the retail and wholesale energy sales at TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric, net of the related payments for fuel and purchased energy. Generally, cash from operations is lowest in the first quarter and highest in the third quarter due to TEP's summer-peaking load. UNS Energy, TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric use their revolving credit facilities to fund their business activities during periods when sales are seasonally lower.

Capital expenditures at TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric represent the primary use of cash for investing activities.

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Cash used for investing and financing activities can fluctuate year-to-year depending on capital expenditures, repayments and borrowings under revolving credit facilities, debt issuances or retirements, capital lease payments by TEP, and dividends paid by UNS Energy to its shareholders.

**Operating Activities**

In 2012, net cash flows from operating activities were \$11 million higher than they were in 2011. The following items impacted the year-over-year change in operating cash flows: an increase in cash receipts from electric and gas sales, net of fuel and purchased energy costs, due in part to lower purchased power costs at TEP and UNS Electric, and the collection of under-recovered fuel and purchased energy costs at TEP and UNS Gas; and a decrease in capital lease interest paid due to lower capital lease obligation balances.

These increases in cash were partially offset by: a decrease in income tax refunds received due to overestimated payments made in 2010 and refunded in 2011; lower interest received due to lower balances in investments in lease debt; and an increase in property tax payments due to higher rates and property values.

**Investing Activities**

Net cash flows used for investing activities decreased by \$64 million in 2012. Capital expenditures during 2012 were \$307 million compared with \$374 million in 2011. TEP's capital expenditures in 2011 included \$85 million related to construction of a new administrative headquarters.

*Capital Expenditures Forecast*

	<b>Actual</b>			<b>Estimated</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
	-Millions of Dollars-					
TEP	\$ 253	\$ 323	\$ 296	\$ 331	\$ 287	\$ 278
UNS Gas	16	12	14	14	15	17
UNS Electric	38	58	29	34	31	38
UNS Energy Consolidated	\$ 307	\$ 393	\$ 339	\$ 379	\$ 333	\$ 333

TEP's estimated capital expenditures exclude the potential purchase of interests in Springerville Unit 1 for \$159 million and the potential purchase of interests in the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities for \$120 million upon the expiration of their respective leases in 2015.

TEP's estimated capital expenditures include approximately \$25 million for TEP's share of potential environmental expenditures related to the installation of SNCR at San Juan Unit 1. TEP estimates its share of capital expenditures would be approximately \$200 million if SCR technology were to be installed at San Juan Units 1 and 2 instead of SNCR at San Juan Unit 1. See *Item. 1 Business, TEP, Environmental Matters, Regional Haze Rules, San Juan*, for more information.

These estimates are subject to continuing review and adjustment. Actual capital expenditures may differ from these estimates due to changes in business conditions, construction schedules, environmental requirements, state or federal regulations and other factors.

For more information regarding TEP's capital expenditures, see *Tucson Electric Power Company, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Investing Activities, Capital Expenditures*, below.

**Financing Activities**

Net cash flows used for financing activities were \$36 million higher in 2012 compared with 2011 due to a decrease in borrowings (net of repayments) under revolving credit facilities, an increase in scheduled payments on capital lease obligations, and an increase in Common Stock dividends paid due to an increased number of shares outstanding from the conversion of the Convertible Senior Notes. These cash outflows were partially offset by an increase in proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt (net of long-term debt repayments and issuance/retirement costs) at TEP.



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### **Capital Contributions**

UNS Energy made no capital contributions to its subsidiaries in 2012.

In July 2011, UNS Energy contributed \$20 million in capital to UNS Electric to help fund its purchase of BMGS from UED.

In December 2011, UNS Energy contributed \$30 million in capital to TEP to help fund the purchase of TEP's headquarters building.

In 2010, UED paid UNS Energy a \$9 million dividend, of which \$4 million represented a return of capital distribution. UNS Energy contributed \$15 million in capital to TEP in 2010 to help fund the purchase of Sundt Unit 4.

See *Other Non-Reportable Business Segments, UED and Tucson Electric Power Company, Liquidity and Capital Resources*, below, for more information.

### **UNS Credit Agreement**

The UNS Credit Agreement, which expires in November 2016, consists of a \$125 million revolving credit and LOC facility. As of December 31, 2012, there was \$45 million outstanding at a weighted average interest rate of 1.96%.

The UNS Credit Agreement restricts additional indebtedness, liens, mergers, and sales of assets. The UNS Credit Agreement also requires UNS Energy to meet a minimum cash flow to interest coverage ratio determined on a UNS Energy stand-alone basis. Additionally, UNS Energy cannot exceed a maximum leverage ratio determined on a consolidated basis. Under the terms of the UNS Credit Agreement, UNS Energy may pay dividends so long as it maintains compliance with the agreement. UNS Energy's obligations under the agreement are secured by a pledge of the common stock of Millennium, UES, and UED. As of December 31, 2012, we were in compliance with the terms of the UNS Credit Agreement.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

UNS Energy is subject to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on its borrowings under the revolving credit facility. The interest paid on revolving credit borrowings is variable. UNS Energy may be required to pay higher rates of interest on borrowings under its revolving credit facility if the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and other benchmark interest rates increase. See *Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, Credit Risk*, below.

### **Convertible Senior Notes**

In March 2005, UNS Energy issued \$150 million of 4.50% Convertible Senior Notes due in 2035. Between December 2011 and May 2012, UNS Energy issued a series of separate notices of partial redemption of the Convertible Senior Notes by calling all \$150 million outstanding. Holders of the called Convertible Senior Notes had the option of converting their interests to Common Stock or receiving the redemption price of par plus accrued interest for the Convertible Senior Notes. The notes were convertible into shares of Common Stock at a conversion rate applicable at the time of each notice. During the first half of 2012, holders of approximately \$147 million of the Convertible Senior Notes outstanding converted their interests into approximately 4.3 million shares of Common Stock. The remaining \$3 million of outstanding Convertible Senior Notes were redeemed for cash.



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The following chart displays UNS Energy's consolidated contractual obligations by maturity and by type of obligation as of December 31, 2012:

**UNS Energy's Contractual Obligations**

- Millions of Dollars -

Payment Due in Years

Ending December 31,	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 and after	Other	Total
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>								
Principal <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	\$ 37	\$ 130	\$ 223	\$	\$ 1,109	\$	\$ 1,499
Interest <sup>(2)</sup>	68	68	67	61	58	538		860
Capital Lease Obligations <sup>(3)</sup>	121	194	23	17	18	42		415
Operating Leases	2	2	2	1	1	10		18
<b>Purchase Obligations:</b>								
Fuel <sup>(4)</sup>	91	78	58	53	43	77		400
Purchased Power <sup>(5)</sup>	105	91	43	34	33	466		772
Transmission	7	5	5	4	3	22		46
RES Performance-Based Incentives <sup>(6)</sup>	4	4	4	4	4	42		62
Solar Equipment <sup>(7)</sup>	12							12
Solar Project <sup>(8)</sup>	4	4						8
Service Agreement	2	2						4
<b>Other Long-Term Liabilities<sup>(9)</sup>:</b>								
Pension & Other Post Retirement Obligations <sup>(10)</sup>	31	6	6	6	6	33		88
Acquisition of Springerville Coal Handling and Common Facilities <sup>(11)</sup>			120		38	68		226
Unrecognized Tax Benefits							30	30
<b>Total Contractual Cash Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 447</b>	<b>\$ 491</b>	<b>\$ 458</b>	<b>\$ 403</b>	<b>\$ 204</b>	<b>\$ 2,407</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>	<b>\$ 4,440</b>

(1) TEP's variable rate industrial development revenue or pollution control revenue bonds (IDBs) are secured by LOCs issued pursuant to the TEP Credit Agreement, which expires in 2016, and the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement, which expires in 2014. Although the \$215 million of variable rate IDBs mature between 2018 and 2032, the above maturity reflects a redemption or repurchase of such bonds as though the LOCs terminate without replacement upon expiration of the TEP Credit Agreement in 2016 (that supports \$178 million of IDBs) and the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement in 2014 (that supports \$37 million of IDBs).

(2) Excludes interest on revolving credit facilities.

(3) Effective with commercial operation of Springerville Unit 3 in July 2006 and Unit 4 in December 2009, Tri-State and SRP are reimbursing TEP for various operating costs related to the common facilities on an ongoing basis, including a total of \$14 million annually related to the Springerville Common and Springerville Coal Handling Facilities Leases. TEP remains the obligor under these capital leases, and Capital Lease Obligations do not reflect any reduction associated with this reimbursement.

(4) Excludes TEP's liability for final environmental reclamation at the coal mines which supply the Navajo, San Juan and Four Corners generating stations as the timing of payment has not been determined. See Note 4.

(5) Purchased Power includes TEP's six long-term Purchase Power Agreements (PPAs) and UNS Electric's two long-term PPAs with renewable energy generation producers to meet compliance under the RES tariff. The facilities achieved commercial operation in 2011 and 2012. TEP and UNS Electric are obligated to purchase 100% of the output from these facilities. The table above includes estimated future payments based on expected power deliveries under these contracts through 2032. TEP and UNS Electric have entered into additional long-term renewable PPAs to comply with the RES; however, TEP's and UNS Electric's obligation to accept and pay for electric power under these agreements does not begin until the facilities are constructed and operational.

(6) TEP has entered into REC purchase agreements to purchase the environmental attributes from retail customers with solar installations. Payments for the RECs are termed Performance Based Incentives (PBIs) and are paid in contractually agreed upon intervals (usually

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- quarterly) based on metered renewable energy production. PBIs are recoverable through the RES tariff. See Note 2.
- (7) TEP committed to purchase 9 MW of photovoltaic equipment through December 2013. The ACC approved this purchase under TEP's RES Implementation Plan.
- (8) In December 2012, UNS Electric entered into an agreement for the construction of a 7.182 MW solar photovoltaic power plant that will be constructed in two phases. The first phase will result in a 4.2 MW plant that UNS Electric expects to be operational in June of 2013. The balance of the project will be completed in 2014. UNS Electric invested \$5 million in this project in 2012. The contract requires additional investments of \$4 million in each of 2013 and 2014. This is an approved project under UNS Electric's RES implementation plan. See Note 2.
- (9) Excludes asset retirement obligations expected to occur through 2066.

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- (10) These obligations represent TEP's and UES' expected contributions to pension plans in 2013, TEP's expected benefit payments for its unfunded Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) and TEP's expected retiree benefit costs to cover medical and life insurance claims as determined by the plans' actuaries. TEP and UES do not know and have not included pension contributions beyond 2013 for their funded pension plans due to the significant impact that returns on plan assets and changes in discount rates might have on such amounts. TEP previously funded the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. In 2009, TEP established a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust to partially fund expected future benefits for union employees. Disbursements from the VEBA Trust began in 2012. The 2013 obligation includes expected VEBA contributions. VEBA contributions for periods beyond 2013 cannot be determined at this time.
- (11) TEP has agreed with the owners of Springerville Units 3 and 4 that, prior to expiration of the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities and Common Leases, TEP will either renew such leases or exercise its fixed price purchase option under such leases and acquire the leased facilities. TEP has the option of purchasing the facilities at the end of the initial lease term or after one or more renewal periods through 2025 for the Springerville Common Facilities and through 2035 for the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities. The table above reflects the purchase as if TEP exercised the fixed price purchase option at the end of the initial lease term. Upon such acquisitions by TEP, the owners of Springerville Unit 3 have the option and the owner of Springerville Unit 4 has the obligation to purchase from TEP a 17% interest in the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities and a 14% interest in the Springerville Common Facilities.

We have reviewed our contractual obligations and provide the following additional information:

We do not have any provisions in any of our debt or lease agreements that would cause an event of default or cause amounts to become due and payable in the event of a credit rating downgrade.

None of our contracts or financing arrangements contains acceleration clauses or other consequences triggered by changes in our stock price.

**Dividends on Common Stock**

On February 25, 2013, UNS Energy declared a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.435 per share of Common Stock. The first quarter dividend, totaling approximately \$18 million, will be paid March 25, 2013 to shareholders of record at the close of business March 13, 2013. The table below summarizes UNS Energy's dividends paid in 2010 through 2012.

	2012	2011	2010
Quarterly Dividend Per Common Share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.39
Annual Dividend Per Common Share	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.56
Common Stock Dividends Paid	\$ 70 million	\$ 62 million	\$ 57 million

**Income Tax Position**

The 2010 Federal Tax Relief Act includes provisions that make qualified property placed into service between September 8, 2010 and January 1, 2012 eligible for 100% bonus depreciation for tax purposes. The same law makes qualified property placed in service during 2012 eligible for 50% bonus depreciation for tax purposes. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended 50% bonus depreciation for tax purposes on qualified property placed in service during 2013. This is an acceleration of tax benefits UNS Energy otherwise would have received over 20 years. As a result of these provisions, UNS Energy did not pay any federal income taxes for tax years 2011 and 2012, and does not expect to pay any federal income taxes through 2015. See Note 8 for additional information.

**TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY****RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Executive Summary**

TEP's financial condition and results of operations are the principal factors affecting the financial condition and results of operations of UNS Energy. The following discussion relates to TEP's utility operations, unless otherwise noted.



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### **2012 Compared with 2011**

TEP recorded net income of \$65 million in 2012 compared with \$85 million in 2011. The following factors contributed to the decrease in TEP's net income:

a \$7 million decline in retail margin revenues resulting from lower retail kWh sales due to milder summer weather than 2011, as well as the effects of the ACC's energy efficiency and distributed generation requirements;

an \$8 million decline in long-term wholesale margin revenues resulting primarily from a change in the pricing of energy sold under the SRP wholesale contract effective June 1, 2011;

a \$3 million decrease in pre-tax income related to an unplanned outage at Springerville Unit 3;

a \$7 million pre-tax gain recorded in 2011 related to the settlement of a dispute with El Paso Electric;

an \$11 million increase in depreciation and amortization expense as a result of an increase in utility plant-in-service; and

a \$5 million decrease in pre-tax income as a result of the write-off of a portion of the planned Tucson to Nogales transmission line; partially offset by

a \$4 million decrease in Base O&M primarily due to lower planned generating plant maintenance expense at San Juan.

### **2011 Compared with 2010**

TEP recorded net income of \$85 million in 2011 compared with \$108 million in 2010. The following factors contributed to the decrease in TEP's net income:

a \$15 million decline in long-term wholesale margin revenues resulting primarily from a change in the pricing of energy sold under the SRP wholesale contract effective June 1, 2011;

a \$5 million decrease in wholesale transmission revenues. In the first quarter of 2010, transmission revenues benefitted from the temporary sale of transmission capacity to SRP;

a \$10 million increase in Base O&M primarily due to TEP's share of planned generating plant maintenance expense at San Juan; and

a \$5 million increase in depreciation expense as a result of an increase in utility plant-in-service; partially offset by

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a \$7 million pre-tax gain related to the settlement of a dispute with El Paso Electric; and

a \$3 million loss recorded in 2010 related to the settlement of disputed wholesale power transactions.

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**Table of Contents****Utility Sales and Revenues**

Customer growth, weather, economic conditions, energy efficiency, distributed generation, and other consumption factors affect retail sales of electricity. Electric wholesale revenues are affected by prices in the wholesale energy market, the availability of TEP's generating resources, and the level of wholesale forward contract activity.

The table below provides trend information on retail sales by major customer class over the last three years as well as weather data for TEP's service territory.

	2012 vs.			2011 vs.		
	2011			2010		
Energy Sales, kWh (in millions)	2012	2011	% Change*	2010		% Change*
<b><u>Electric Retail Sales:</u></b>						
Residential	3,821	3,888	(1.7%)	3,870		0.5%
Commercial	1,974	1,973	0.1%	1,963		0.5%
Industrial	2,132	2,145	(0.6%)	2,139		0.3%
Mining	1,093	1,083	0.9%	1,079		0.3%
Public Authorities	245	243	0.9%	241		1.1%
<b>Total Electric Retail Sales</b>	<b>9,265</b>	<b>9,332</b>	<b>(0.7%)</b>	<b>9,292</b>		<b>0.4%</b>
<b><u>Retail Margin Revenues (in millions):</u></b>						
Residential	\$248	\$252	(1.4%)	\$252		0.2%
Commercial	160	160	0.1%	159		0.6%
Industrial	93	95	(2.5%)	97		(2.1%)
Mining	30	32	(3.8%)	31		1.9%
Public Authorities	13	12	2.4%	12		0.8%
<b>Total Retail Margin Revenues (Non-GAAP) <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$544</b>	<b>\$551</b>	<b>(1.2%)</b>	<b>\$551</b>		<b>0.0%</b>
<b>PPFAC Revenues</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>279</b>		<b>9.6%</b>
<b>RES and DSM Revenues</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>(2.6%)</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>23.3%</b>
<b>Total Retail Revenues (GAAP)</b>	<b>\$916</b>	<b>\$904</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>\$868</b>		<b>4.1%</b>
<b><u>Avg. Retail Margin Revenue (cents / kWh):</u></b>						
Residential	6.50	6.48	0.3%	6.50		(0.3%)
Commercial	8.12	8.11	0.1%	8.10		0.1%
Industrial	4.33	4.42	(2.0%)	4.53		(2.4%)
Mining	2.78	2.92	(4.8%)	2.87		1.7%
Public Authorities	5.13	5.05	1.6%	5.07		(0.4%)
<b>Avg. Retail Margin Revenue / kWh</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>(0.5%)</b>	<b>5.93</b>		<b>(0.5%)</b>
<b>Avg. PPFAC Revenue / kWh</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>3.29</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>3.01</b>		<b>9.3%</b>
<b>Avg. RES &amp; DSM Revenue / kWh</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>(2.0%)</b>	<b>0.41</b>		<b>22.0%</b>

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<b>Total Avg. Retail Revenue / kWh</b>	9.88	9.69	2.0%	9.35	3.7%
<b>Cooling Degree Days</b>					
Actual	1,556	1,528	1.8%	1,543	(1.0%)
10-Year Average	1,484	1,473	NM	1,468	NM
<b>Heating Degree Days</b>					
Actual	1,201	1,597	(24.8%)	1,469	8.7%
10-Year Average	1,394	1,417	NM	1,430	NM

\* Percent change calculated on un-rounded data; may not correspond to data shown in table.

(1) Retail Margin Revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, should not be considered as an alternative to Net Electric Retail Sales, which is determined in accordance with GAAP. Retail Margin Revenues exclude: (i) revenues collected from retail customers that are directly offset by expenses recorded in other line items; and (ii) revenues collected from third parties that are unrelated to kWh sales to retail customers. We believe the change in Retail Margin Revenues between periods provides useful information to investors because it demonstrates the underlying revenue trend and performance of our core utility business. Retail Margin Revenues represents the portion of retail operating revenues available to cover the operating expenses of our core utility business.

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### **Residential**

In 2012, residential kWh sales decreased by 1.7% compared with 2011 due in part to a decrease in the number of Cooling Degree Days during the summer months of 2012 compared with 2011. Other factors affecting TEP's 2012 retail sales volumes included the ACC's Electric EE Standards and distributed generation requirements, as well as the pace of economic recovery. Residential margin revenues in 2012 decreased by \$4 million when compared with 2011.

### **Commercial**

Commercial kWh sales increased by 0.1% compared with 2011 due primarily to a 0.4% increase in the number of commercial customers. Commercial margin revenues increased by less than \$1 million, or 0.1%, compared with 2011.

### **Industrial**

Industrial kWh sales decreased by 0.6% in 2012 compared with 2011, while margin revenues declined by 2.5%. The decline in margin revenues resulted from a change in usage patterns by certain industrial customers that reduced their demand charges paid to TEP.

### **Mining**

The continuation of high copper prices led to increased mining activity, resulting in a 0.9% increase in sales volumes in 2012 compared with 2011. However, margin revenues from mining customers decreased by 3.8% compared with 2011, due to changing usage patterns which resulted in lower demand charges paid to TEP.

## **2011 Compared with 2010**

### **Residential**

In 2011, residential kWh sales increased by 0.5% compared with 2010 due in part to a 0.2% increase in the number of residential customers. Residential margin revenues in 2011 were unchanged compared with 2010.

### **Commercial**

Commercial kWh sales increased by 0.5% compared with 2010 due primarily to a 0.6% increase in the number of commercial customers. Commercial margin revenues increased by \$1 million, or 0.6%, compared with 2010.

### **Industrial**

Industrial kWh sales increased by 0.3% in 2011 compared with 2010, while margin revenues declined by 2.1%. The decline in margin revenues, despite higher kWh sales, resulted from a change in usage patterns by certain industrial customers that reduced their demand charges paid to TEP.

### **Mining**

The continuation of high copper prices led to increased mining activity, resulting in a 0.3% increase in sales volumes in 2011 compared with 2010. Margin revenues from mining customers increased by 1.9% over 2010 due to higher energy consumption and changing usage patterns which resulted in higher demand charges paid to TEP.

**Table of Contents****Wholesale Sales and Transmission Revenues**

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
<b>Long-Term Wholesale Revenues:</b>			
Long-Term Wholesale Margin Revenues (Non-GAAP)*	\$ 5	\$ 13	\$ 28
Fuel and Purchased Power Expense Allocated to Long-Term Wholesale Revenues	20	28	28
Total Long-Term Wholesale Revenues	\$ 25	\$ 41	\$ 56
Transmission Revenues	16	16	21
Short-Term Wholesale Revenues	70	73	64
<b>Electric Wholesale Sales (GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 111</b>	<b>\$ 130</b>	<b>\$ 141</b>

\* Long-Term Wholesale Margin Revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, should not be considered as an alternative to Electric Wholesale Sales, which is determined in accordance with GAAP. We believe the change in Long-Term Wholesale Margin Revenues between periods provides useful information to investors because it demonstrates the underlying profitability of TEP's long-term wholesale sales contracts. Long-Term Wholesale Margin Revenues represents the portion of long-term wholesale revenues available to cover the operating expenses of our core utility business.

In 2012, long-term wholesale margin revenues from long-term wholesale contracts were \$8 million lower than in 2011. The decrease was due primarily to a change in the pricing of energy sold under the SRP contract. See *Factors Affecting Results of Operations, Long-Term Wholesale Sales, Salt River Project*, below, for more information.

Wholesale transmission revenues in 2012 were the same as 2011. Unlike 2012 and 2011, in 2010 TEP provided short-term transmission capacity to SRP for Springerville Unit 4.

TEP credits all revenues from short-term wholesale sales and 90% of the margin on wholesale trading activity against the fuel and purchased power costs eligible for recovery in the Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause (PPFAC). There was no wholesale trading activity in 2010, 2011, and 2012.

In April 2010, TEP settled all remaining claims arising from certain of its transactions with the California Power Exchange (CPX) and the California Independent System Operator (CISO) during the California energy crisis of 2000 and 2001. As a result of this settlement, TEP recorded a \$3 million pre-tax charge against income in the first quarter of 2010.

**Other Revenues**

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Revenue related to Springerville Units 3 and 4 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 101	\$ 97	\$ 97
Other Revenue	33	26	22
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 134</b>	<b>\$ 123</b>	<b>\$ 119</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents reimbursements for expenses incurred by TEP related to the operation of Springerville Units 3 and 4.

In addition to reimbursements related to Springerville Units 3 and 4, TEP's other revenues include inter-company revenues from UNS Gas and UNS Electric for corporate services provided by TEP and miscellaneous service-related revenues such as power pole attachments, damage claims, and customer late fees.



**Table of Contents****Operating Expenses****2012 Compared with 2011****Fuel and Purchased Power Expense**

TEP's fuel and purchased power expense and energy resources for 2012, 2011, and 2010 are detailed below:

TEP	Generation and Purchased Power			Fuel and Purchased Power Expense		
	2012	2011	2010	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of kWh-			-Millions of Dollars-		
Coal-Fired Generation	9,702	9,946	9,481	\$ 247	\$ 254	\$ 217
Gas-Fired Generation	1,435	929	1,078	65	55	60
Renewable Generation	45	28	25			
Total Generation	11,182	10,903	10,584	312	309	277
Purchased Power	2,328	2,687	2,846	80	106	119
Reimbursed Fuel Expense				7	8	7
Transmission				6	(1)	3
Increase (Decrease) to Reflect PPFAC Treatment				31	(6)	(21)
Total Resources	13,510	13,590	13,430	\$ 436	\$ 416	\$ 385
Less Line Losses and Company Use	(839)	(786)	(869)			
Total Energy Sold	12,671	12,804	12,561			

**Generation**

Total generating output increased during 2012 compared with 2011. The higher output was due primarily to increased gas usage at Sundt Unit 4, a dual-fuel unit capable of using either coal or natural gas.

**Purchased Power**

Purchased power volumes decreased in 2012 compared with 2011. The lower volume of power purchases was primarily due to the increased usage of TEP's gas-fired generating resources.

The table below summarizes TEP's cost per kWh generated or purchased.

	2012	2011	2010
	-Cents Per kWh Generated-		
Coal	2.54	2.56	2.29
Gas	4.54	5.99	5.58
Purchased Power	3.44	3.94	4.17
All Sources	3.19	3.30	3.24

**Market Prices**

As a participant in the western U.S. wholesale power markets, TEP is affected by changes in market conditions. We cannot predict whether changes in various factors that influence demand and supply will cause prices to change during 2013. The table below shows the average wholesale market price for power and natural gas.



**Table of Contents****Average Market Price for Around-the-Clock Energy**

<b>(Dow Jones Palo Verde Index)</b>	<b>\$/MWh</b>
2012	\$ 26
2011	\$ 30
2010	\$ 34

**Average Market Price for Natural Gas**

<b>(Permian Basin)</b>	<b>\$/MMBtu</b>
2012	\$ 2.67
2011	\$ 3.89
2010	\$ 4.18

**O&M**

The table below summarizes the items included in TEP's O&M expense.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Base O&M (Non-GAAP) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 234	\$ 238	\$ 228
O&M recorded in Other Expense	(6)	(8)	(7)
Reimbursed expenses related to Springerville Units 3 and 4	72	63	65
Expenses related to customer funded renewable energy and DSM programs	35	38	31
<b>Total O&amp;M (GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 335</b>	<b>\$ 331</b>	<b>\$ 317</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Base O&M, a non-GAAP financial measure, should not be considered as an alternative to O&M, which is determined in accordance with GAAP. We believe Base O&M provides useful information to investors because it represents the fundamental level of operating and maintenance expense related to our business. Base O&M excludes expenses that are directly offset by revenues collected from customers and other third parties.

TEP's Base O&M expense in 2012 was \$4 million lower than 2011 primarily due to fewer scheduled generating plant outages.

**Income Tax Expense**

In 2012, TEP's effective tax rate was 37% compared with 38% in 2011. See Note 8 for more information.

**2011 Compared with 2010****Generation**

Total generating output increased during 2011 compared with 2010. The higher output was primarily due to the increased availability of TEP's largest coal-fired generating plants, Springerville Units 1 and 2. In 2010, Springerville Units 1 and 2 experienced unplanned outages, in addition to a planned maintenance outage at Springerville Unit 1.

**Purchased Power**

Purchased power volumes decreased in 2011 compared with 2010. The lower volume of power purchases was primarily due to the increased availability of TEP's coal-fired generating resources.

**O&M**

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TEP's Base O&M expense in 2011 was \$238 million, or \$10 million above 2010. The increase is due primarily to unplanned outages at San Juan in 2011.

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**FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**2012 TEP Rate Case**

In February 2013, TEP, ACC Staff, and other parties to TEP's pending rate case proceeding entered into a settlement agreement (2013 Settlement Agreement). The 2013 Settlement Agreement requires the approval of the ACC before new rates can become effective.

The terms of the 2013 Settlement Agreement include, but are not limited to:

an increase in non-fuel retail Base Rates of approximately \$76 million over adjusted test year revenues;

an Original Cost Rate Base (OCRB) of approximately \$1.5 billion and a Fair Value Rate Base (FVRB) of approximately \$2.3 billion;

a return on equity of 10.0%, a long-term cost of debt of 5.18%, and a short-term cost of debt of 1.42%, resulting in a weighted average cost of capital of 7.26%;

a 0.68% return on the fair value increment of rate base (the fair value increment of rate base represents the difference between OCRB and FVRB of approximately \$800 million);

a capital structure of approximately 43.5% equity, 56.0% long-term debt, and 0.5% short-term debt; and

an agreement by TEP to seek recovery of costs related to the Nogales transmission line from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before seeking rate recovery from the ACC.

The 2013 Settlement Agreement also includes cost adjustment mechanisms, an energy efficiency resource plan and modifications to TEP's PPFAC, which are described below.

**Lost Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism**

A Lost Fixed Cost Recovery mechanism (LFCR) would allow TEP to recover certain non-fuel costs that would otherwise go unrecovered due to lost kWh sales attributed to compliance with the ACC's Electric EE Standards and distributed generation requirements under the RES. The LFCR rate would be adjusted annually and be subject to ACC approval and a year-over-year cap of 1% of TEP's total retail revenues.

**Environmental Compliance Adjustor**

An Environmental Compliance Adjustor (ECA) mechanism would allow TEP to recover the costs of complying with environmental standards required by federal or other governmental agencies between rate cases. The ECA would be adjusted annually to recover environmental compliances costs, subject to a cap equal to 0.25% of TEP's total retail revenues.

**Energy Efficiency Resource Plan**

The Energy Efficiency Resource Plan (EERP) would allow TEP to invest in cost-effective energy efficiency programs approved by the ACC. Investments under the EERP would be considered regulatory assets and amortized over five-years. If certain thresholds are met as established in the EE implementation plans and approved by the ACC, TEP would recover its costs associated with the EERP, including a return on and a return of its investments, through TEP's existing demand-side management surcharge.

**Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause**



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A new PPFAC rate, which includes a one-time credit of approximately \$3 million related to sulfur credits and a \$9.7 million deferral of certain costs, will be effective at the same time new Base Rates are approved by the ACC. TEP's existing PPFAC mechanism will continue with certain modifications, including the recovery of the following costs and/or credits: lime costs; sulfur credits; broker fees; and 100% of the proceeds from the sale of SO<sub>2</sub> allowances.

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**Table of Contents****Procedural Schedule**

Hearings before the ACC administrative law judge assigned to TEP's rate case proceeding are scheduled to begin on March 6, 2013. The judge will issue a recommended opinion and order following the conclusion of hearings. That recommendation is then subject to approval by the ACC.

The parties to the 2013 Settlement Agreement agreed to ask the ACC (1) to find that the terms and conditions of the 2013 Settlement Agreement are just and reasonable and in the public interest, along with any and all other necessary findings, and (2) to approve the 2013 Settlement Agreement such that it and the rates contained therein may become effective on July 1, 2013.

TEP cannot predict if the 2013 Settlement Agreement will be approved or modified by the ACC.

**Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause**

See *Item 1. Business, TEP, Rates and Regulation, Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause.*

**Springerville Units 3 and 4**

TEP operates and receives annual benefits in the form of rental payments and other fees and cost savings from operating Springerville Unit 3 on behalf of Tri-State and Unit 4 on behalf of SRP.

In 2012, the annual impact to TEP's pre-tax income resulting from operating Springerville Units 3 and 4 was approximately \$21 million compared with \$24 million in 2011. The decrease is related to an unplanned outage that occurred at Springerville Unit 3 in 2012. TEP recorded a pre-tax loss of \$2 million in 2012 because the outage prevented TEP from meeting certain availability requirements under the terms of TEP's operating agreement with Tri-State.

The table below summarizes the income statement line items in which TEP records revenues and expenses related to Springerville Units 3 and 4:

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Other Revenues	\$ 101	\$ 97	\$ 97
Fuel Expense	(7)	(8)	(7)
O&M	(72)	(63)	(65)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	(1)	(2)	(1)
<b>Total Pre-Tax Income</b>	<b>\$ 21</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>	<b>\$ 24</b>

**Tucson to Nogales Transmission Line**

See *Item 1. Business, TEP, Transmission Access, Tucson to Nogales Transmission Line.*

**Pension and Retiree Benefit Expense**

The table below summarizes TEP's pension and other retiree benefit expenses charged to O&M in 2012, 2011, and 2010. See Note 9 for more information.

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Pension Expense Charged to O&M	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 9
Other Retiree Benefit Expense Charged to O&M	5	4	4

Total	\$ 15	\$ 14	\$ 13
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In 2013, TEP expects to charge \$10 million of pension and \$5 million of other retiree benefit expense to O&M.

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### **Long-Term Wholesale Sales**

TEP's margin on long-term wholesale sales was \$5 million in 2012 and \$13 million in 2011. TEP's two primary long-term wholesale contracts are with SRP and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA).

#### **Salt River Project**

Prior to June 1, 2011, under the terms of the SRP contract, TEP received a monthly demand charge of approximately \$1.8 million, or \$22 million annually, and sold the energy at a price based on TEP's average fuel cost. From June 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, SRP was required to purchase 73,000 MWh per month. From January 1, 2012 through the end of the contract in May 2016, SRP is required to purchase 500,000 MWh of on-peak energy per year. TEP does not receive a demand charge and the price of energy is based on a discount to the price of on-peak power on the Palo Verde Market Index. As of February 13, 2013, the average forward price of on-peak power on the Palo Verde Market Index for the calendar year 2013 was \$36 per MWh. In 2012, the average on-peak price of power on the Palo Verde Market Index was approximately \$29 per MWh.

#### **Navajo Tribal Utility Authority**

TEP serves the portion of NTUA's load that is not served from NTUA's allocation of federal hydroelectric power. Over the last three years, sales to NTUA averaged 225,000 MWh. Since 2010, the price of 50% of the MWh sales from June to September has been based on the Palo Verde Market Index. In 2012, approximately 13% of the total energy sold to NTUA was priced based on the Palo Verde Market Index. The remaining power sales occur at a fixed price under TEP's contract with NTUA.

For more information on long-term wholesale sales see *Item 1 Business, TEP, Service Area and Customers, Wholesale Business*.

### **Electric Energy Efficiency Standards**

See *Item 1. Business, TEP, Rates and Regulation, Electric Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling*.

### **Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff**

See *Item 1. Business, TEP, Rates and Regulation, Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff*.

### **Retail Electric Competition Rules**

See *Item 1. Business, TEP, Rates and Regulation, Retail Electric Competition Rules*.

### **Competition**

New technological developments and the implementation of Electric EE Standards may reduce energy consumption by TEP's retail customers. TEP's customers also have the ability to install renewable energy technologies and conventional generation units that could reduce their reliance on TEP's services. Self-generation by TEP's customers has not had a significant impact to date. In the wholesale market, TEP competes with other utilities, power marketers, and independent power producers in the sale of electric capacity and energy. See *Item 1. Business, TEP, Rates and Regulation, Electric Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling* for more information.

### **Sales to Mining Customers**

Continued pricing of copper above \$3 per pound triggered an increase in mining activity at the copper mines operating in TEP's service area. TEP's mining customers have indicated they are taking initial steps to increase production either through expansion of their current mining operations or by the re-opening of non-operational mine sites. If efforts to increase production are successful, TEP's mining load could increase by up to 100 MW over the next several years. The market price for copper and the ability to obtain necessary permits could affect the mining industry's expansion plans.

In 2012, sales to TEP's mining customers increased 0.9% compared with 2011 and represented 12% of TEP's total retail kWh sales and 6% of total retail margin revenues.



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In addition to the mining customers that TEP currently serves, Augusta Resources Corporation filed a plan of operations with the United States Forest Service in 2007 for the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine near Tucson, Arizona. The Rosemont Copper Mine requires electric service from TEP via a 138 kilo-volt (kV) transmission line for the construction and ongoing operation of the mine. A certificate of environmental compatibility (CEC) from the state line siting committee was approved in 2011 for the 138 kV transmission line. In 2012, the ACC finalized the CEC. If the Rosemont Copper Mine were to reach full production, it would be expected to become TEP's largest retail customer, with TEP serving approximately 90 MW of the mine's total estimated load of approximately 100 MW.

TEP cannot predict if or when existing mines will expand operations or new or re-opened mines will commence operations.

**Interest Rates**

TEP is exposed to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on certain of its variable rate debt obligations, as well as borrowings under its revolving credit facility. As a result, TEP may be required to pay significantly higher rates of interest on outstanding variable rate debt and borrowings under its revolving credit facility. At December 31, 2012, TEP had \$215 million in tax-exempt variable rate debt outstanding. The interest rates on TEP's tax-exempt variable rate debt are reset weekly by its remarketing agents. The maximum interest payable under the indentures for the bonds is 20% on \$178 million of bonds and 10% on the other \$37 million. During 2012, the average rates paid ranged from 0.06% to 0.26%. At February 13, 2013, the average rate on the debt was 0.12%.

TEP has a fixed-for-floating interest rate swap in place to hedge \$50 million of its variable rate IDBs.

TEP is also subject to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on its borrowings under the revolving credit facility. The interest paid on revolving credit borrowings is variable. If LIBOR and other benchmark interest rates increase, TEP may be required to pay higher rates of interest on borrowings under its revolving credit facility. See Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, Interest Rate Risk.*

**Fair Value Measurements**

TEP's income statement exposure to risk is mitigated as TEP reports the change in fair value of energy contract derivatives as a regulatory asset or a regulatory liability, or as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) rather than in the income statement. See Note 11 for more information.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****TEP Cash Flows**

The table below shows the cash available to TEP after capital expenditures, scheduled debt payments, and payments on capital lease obligations:

	2012	2011	2010
Net Cash Flows Operating Activities (GAAP)	\$ 268	\$ 268	\$ 302
Amounts from Statements of Cash Flows:			
Less: Capital Expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	(253)	(352)	(277)
Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures (Non-GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	15	(84)	25
Amounts From Statements of Cash Flows:			
Less: Retirement of Capital Lease Obligations	(89)	(74)	(56)
Plus: Proceeds from Investment in Lease Debt	19	38	26
Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures and Required Payments on Debt and Capital Lease Obligations (Non-GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ (55)	\$ (120)	\$ (5)

<sup>(1)</sup> 2010 includes a \$51 million payment for the purchase of Sundt Unit 4 lease equity.

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	2012	2011	2010
Net Cash Flows Operating Activities (GAAP)	\$ 268	\$ 268	\$ 302
Net Cash Flows Investing Activities (GAAP)	(228)	(312)	(253)
Net Cash Flows Financing Activities (GAAP)	12	51	(52)
Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures (Non-GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	15	(84)	25
Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures and Required Payments on Debt and Capital Lease Obligations (Non-GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	(55)	(120)	(5)

- <sup>(2)</sup> Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures and Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures and Required Payments on Debt and Capital Lease Obligations, both non-GAAP measures of liquidity, should not be considered as alternatives to Net Cash Flows Operating Activities, which is determined in accordance with GAAP. We believe that Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures and Net Cash Flows after Capital Expenditures and Required Payments on Debt and Capital Lease Obligations provide useful information to investors as measures of TEP's ability to fund capital requirements, make required principal payments on debt and capital lease obligations (net), and pay dividends to UNS Energy.

**Liquidity Outlook**

During 2013, TEP expects to generate sufficient internal cash flows to fund the majority of its capital expenditures and operating activities. Cash flows may vary during the year, with cash flow from operations typically the lowest in the first quarter and highest in the third quarter due to TEP's summer peaking load. As a result of the varied seasonal cash flow, TEP will use, as needed, its revolving credit facility to fund its business activities.

**Operating Activities**

In 2012, net cash flows from operating activities were the same when compared with 2011. Net operating cash flows in 2012 were impacted by: the collection of under-recovered fuel and purchased power costs; a decrease in purchased power costs due in part to lower market prices for power; lower O&M costs due in part to fewer scheduled outages at TEP's generating facilities; a decrease in income tax refunds received due to overestimated payments made in 2010 and refunded in 2011; higher fuel costs paid due in part to an increase in coal inventory at Sundt Unit 4 and an increase in the output of gas-fired generating units; an increase in property tax payments due to higher rates and property values; and a decrease in interest received due to the declining balance of TEP's investment in lease debt.

**Investing Activities**

Net cash flows used for investing activities decreased by \$84 million in 2012 compared with 2011. A decrease in capital expenditures of \$99 million was partially offset by a \$19 million decrease in proceeds from the return of investment in Springerville lease debt.

**Capital Expenditures**

TEP's forecasted capital expenditures are summarized below:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	-Millions of Dollars-				
Transmission and Distribution	\$ 156	\$ 116	\$ 161	\$ 108	\$ 89
Generation Facilities	88	83	68	56	82
Renewable Energy Generation	35	36	35	36	36
Environmental	5	23	35	50	38
General and Other	39	38	32	37	33
Total	\$ 323	\$ 296	\$ 331	\$ 287	\$ 278

TEP's estimated capital expenditures in 2015 exclude the potential \$159 million purchase of interests in Springerville Unit 1 and the potential \$120 million purchase of interests in Springerville Coal Handling Facilities upon the expiration of their respective leases in 2015. See *Capital Lease Obligations*, below, for more information.



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TEP's estimated capital expenditures include approximately \$25 million for TEP's share of potential environmental expenditures related to the installation of SNCR at San Juan Unit 1. TEP estimates its share of capital expenditures would be approximately \$200 million if SCR technology were to be installed at San Juan Units 1 and 2 instead of SNCR at San Juan Unit 1. See *Item. 1 Business, TEP, Environmental Matters, Regional Haze Rules, San Juan*, for more information.

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All of these estimates are subject to continuing review and adjustment. Actual capital expenditures may be different from these estimates due to changes in business conditions, construction schedules, environmental requirements, state or federal regulations, and other factors.

### **Financing Activities**

In 2012, net cash from financing activities was \$39 million lower than in 2011 due to: higher dividends paid to, and lower capital contributions from, UNS Energy; lower borrowings (net of repayments) made under TEP's Revolving Credit Facility; and an increase in scheduled payments on TEP's capital lease obligations. These cash outflows were partially offset by an increase in proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt (net of repayments).

#### **TEP Credit Agreement**

The TEP Credit Agreement consists of a \$200 million revolving credit and revolving letter of credit facility and a \$186 million letter of credit facility to support tax-exempt bonds. The TEP Credit Agreement expires in November 2016 and is secured by \$386 million of Mortgage Bonds. As of December 31, 2012, there were no outstanding borrowings and less than \$1 million of LOCs issued under the TEP Revolving Credit Facility.

In 2011, TEP reduced its LOC facility from \$341 million to \$186 million, following the repurchase of \$150 million of variable rate IDBs and the cancellation of \$155 million of LOCs supporting those bonds. See *2011 Bond Issuances, Purchase and Redemptions*, below.

The TEP Credit Agreement contains restrictions on liens, mergers, and sale of assets. The TEP Credit Agreement also requires TEP not to exceed a maximum leverage ratio. If TEP complies with the terms of the TEP Credit Agreement, TEP may pay dividends to UNS Energy. As of December 31, 2012, TEP was in compliance with the terms of the TEP Credit Agreement.

#### **2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement**

In 2010, TEP entered into a four-year \$37 million reimbursement agreement (2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement). A \$37 million LOC was issued pursuant to the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement. The LOC supports \$37 million aggregate principal amount of variable rate tax-exempt pollution control bonds that were issued on behalf of TEP in 2010.

The 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement contains substantially the same restrictive covenants as the TEP Credit Agreement described above. As of December 31, 2012, TEP was in compliance with the terms of the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement.

#### **Capital Contribution from UNS Energy**

In 2011, UNS Energy contributed \$30 million of capital to TEP. TEP used the proceeds to partially fund the purchase of its headquarters building.

In 2010, UNS Energy contributed \$15 million of capital to TEP. TEP used the proceeds to partially fund the purchase of Sundt Unit 4.

#### **2012 Bond Issuances and Redemptions**

In March 2012, \$177 million of unsecured tax-exempt pollution control bonds were issued on behalf of TEP. The bonds bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.50%, mature in March 2030 and may be redeemed at par on or after March 1, 2022. In April 2012, the proceeds of the bond issuance, as well as \$7 million of internal cash, were used to redeem \$184 million of unsecured tax-exempt bonds with interest rates of 5.85% and 5.875%, and maturity dates ranging from 2026 to 2033. See Note 6.

In June 2012, approximately \$16 million of unsecured tax-exempt IDBs were issued on behalf of TEP. The bonds bear interest at a fixed rate of 4.50%, mature in June 2030 and may be redeemed at par on or after June 1, 2022.

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In July 2012, the proceeds of the bond issuance were used to redeem approximately \$16 million of unsecured tax-exempt bonds with interest rates of 5.85% and 5.875%, and maturity dates ranging from 2026 to 2033. See Note 6.

In September 2012, TEP issued \$150 million of 3.85% unsecured notes due March 2023. TEP may call the debt prior to December 15, 2022, with a make-whole premium plus accrued interest. After December 15, 2022, TEP may call the debt at par plus accrued interest. The unsecured notes contain a limitation on the amount of secured debt that TEP may have outstanding. TEP used the net proceeds to repay approximately \$72 million outstanding on the revolving credit facility, with the remaining proceeds used for general corporate purposes. See Note 6.

### 2011 Bond Issuances, Purchases, and Redemptions

In November 2011, TEP issued \$250 million of 5.15% Notes due November 2021. TEP may call the debt anytime before August 15, 2021, with a make-whole premium plus accrued interest. After August 15, 2021, the debt is callable at par plus accrued interest. TEP used the net proceeds from the sale to: repurchase \$150 million of variable rate bonds; redeem \$22 million of 6.1% fixed rate bonds; and repay \$78 million of outstanding revolving credit facility balances.

The \$150 million of tax-exempt variable rate debt purchased by TEP was not retired but will be held in treasury and may be reissued or refunded in the future. See Note 6.

### 2010 Bond Issuances

In 2010, \$137 million of tax-exempt bonds were issued on behalf of TEP, with \$37 million of such bonds being applied to redeem a corresponding amount of outstanding tax-exempt bonds. In addition, in 2010 TEP converted the interest rate mode on \$130 million of tax-exempt bonds from a variable rate to a fixed rate.

### Tax-Exempt Bonds

TEP has financed a substantial portion of utility plant assets with revenue bonds issued by governmental entities on TEP's behalf. The interest on these bonds is excluded from gross income of the bondholder for federal income tax purposes. The proceeds of the bonds are loaned to TEP, with TEP agreeing to repay the loans by making payments in amounts and at times to enable payments of principal and of interest on the tax-exempt bonds to be paid when due. Of the \$824 million of tax-exempt bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2012, \$609 million are unsecured and bear interest at fixed rates and \$215 million are variable rate bonds. The variable rate bonds accrue interest at a weekly rate, with bondholders having the right to require their bonds to be purchased upon demand at a purchase price of par plus accrued interest. Variable rate bonds which have been put for purchase are generally remarketed to third parties to pay the purchase price. Payments of principal, interest, and purchase price on the variable rate bonds are supported by direct-pay LOCs, with TEP being required to reimburse the LOC banks for drawings on the LOCs. See *TEP Credit Agreement* and *TEP Reimbursement Agreement* for more information.

### Mortgage Indenture

TEP's mortgage indenture creates a lien on and security interest in most of TEP's utility plant assets. Springerville Unit 2, which is owned by San Carlos, is not subject to this lien and security interest. The mortgage indenture allows TEP to issue additional mortgage bonds on the basis of a percentage of net utility property additions and/or the principal amount of retired mortgage bonds. The amount of bonds that TEP may issue is also subject to a net earnings test under the mortgage indenture.

At December 31, 2012, TEP had a total of \$423 million in outstanding Mortgage Bonds, consisting of \$386 million in bonds securing the TEP Credit Agreement and \$37 million in bonds securing the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement.

**Table of Contents****Capital Lease Obligations**

At December 31, 2012, TEP had \$353 million of total capital lease obligations on its balance sheet. The table below provides a summary of the outstanding lease amounts in each of the obligations:

Leases	Capital Lease Obligation Balance -Millions of Dollars-	Expiration	Renewal/Purchase Option
Springerville Unit 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 197	2015	Fair market value purchase option of \$159 million <sup>(2)</sup>
Springerville Coal Handling Facilities	48	2015	Fixed price purchase option of \$120 million <sup>(3)</sup>
Springerville Common Facilities <sup>(3)</sup>	108	2017 and 2021	Fixed price purchase option of \$106 million <sup>(4)</sup>
Total Capital Lease Obligations	\$ 353		

<sup>(1)</sup> The Springerville Unit 1 Leases cover both Unit 1 and an undivided one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> See *Item 3. Legal Proceedings, Springerville Unit 1 Appraisal* for information on a dispute related to the purchase option.

<sup>(3)</sup> TEP agreed with Tri-State, the lessee of Springerville Unit 3 and SRP, the owner of Springerville Unit 4, that if the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities and Common Leases are not renewed, TEP will exercise the purchase options under these contracts. SRP will then be obligated to buy a portion of these facilities and Tri-State will then be obligated to either (1) buy a portion of these facilities; or (2) continue making payments to TEP for the use of these facilities.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Springerville Common Facilities Leases cover an undivided one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities. TEP's capital lease obligation balances decline over time due to the normal capital lease payments made by TEP. See Note 6 for more information about the fixed purchase price amounts.

**Table of Contents****Contractual Obligations**

The following chart displays TEP's contractual obligations as of December 31, 2012 by maturity and by type of obligation:

## TEP's Contractual Obligations

- Millions of Dollars -

Payment Due in Years

Ending December 31,	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 and after	Other	Total
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>								
Principal	\$	\$ 37	\$	\$ 178	\$	\$ 1,009	\$	\$ 1,224
Interest	55	55	54	54	51	493		762
Capital Lease Obligations	121	194	23	17	18	42		415
Operating Leases	2	2	2	1	1	10		18
<b>Purchase Obligations:</b>								
Fuel (including Transportation)	65	65	50	47	39	60		326
Purchased Power	50	41	29	28	28	386		562
Transmission	3	3	3	3	3	22		37
RES Performance-Based Incentives	4	4	4	4	4	42		62
Solar Equipment	12							12
Service Agreement	2	2						4
<b>Other Long-Term Liabilities:</b>								
<b>Pension &amp; Other Post-</b>								
Retirement Obligations	29	6	6	6	6	33		86
Acquisition of Springerville Coal Handling and Common Facilities			120		38	68		226
Unrecognized Tax Benefits							23	23
<b>Total Contractual Cash Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 343</b>	<b>\$ 409</b>	<b>\$ 291</b>	<b>\$ 338</b>	<b>\$ 188</b>	<b>\$ 2,165</b>	<b>\$ 23</b>	<b>\$ 3,757</b>

See *UNS Energy Consolidated, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Contractual Obligations*, above, for a description of these obligations.

We have reviewed our contractual obligations and provide the following additional information:

TEP's Credit Agreement contains pricing based on TEP's credit ratings. A change in TEP's credit ratings can cause an increase or decrease in the amount of interest TEP pays on its borrowings, and the amount of fees it pays for its LOCs and unused commitments. A downgrade in TEP's credit ratings would not cause a restriction in TEP's ability to borrow under its revolving credit facility.

TEP's Credit Agreement contains certain financial and other restrictive covenants, including a leverage test. Failure to comply with these covenants would entitle the lenders to accelerate the maturity of all amounts outstanding. At December 31, 2012, TEP was in compliance with these covenants. See *TEP Credit Agreement*, above.

TEP conducts its wholesale marketing and risk management activities under certain master agreements whereby TEP may be required to post credit enhancements in the form of cash or an LOC due to exposures exceeding unsecured credit limits provided to TEP, changes in contract values, a change in TEP's credit ratings, or if there has been a material change in TEP's creditworthiness. As of December 31, 2012, TEP had posted less than \$1 million in LOCs as collateral with counterparties for credit enhancement.

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**Table of Contents****Dividends on Common Stock**

TEP paid \$30 million of dividends to UNS Energy in 2012. TEP did not pay any dividends to UNS Energy in 2011. TEP paid \$60 million of dividends to UNS Energy in 2010.

TEP can pay dividends if it maintains compliance with the TEP Credit Agreement, the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement, and certain financial covenants. As of December 31, 2012, TEP was in compliance with the terms of the TEP Credit Agreement and the 2010 TEP Reimbursement Agreement.

The Federal Power Act states that dividends shall not be paid out of funds properly included in capital accounts. TEP has an accumulated deficit rather than positive retained earnings. Although the terms of the Federal Power Act are unclear, we believe that there is a reasonable basis for TEP to pay dividends from current year earnings.

**UNS GAS****RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

UNS Gas reported net income of \$9 million in 2012, \$10 million in 2011, and \$9 million in 2010. We expect operations at UNS Gas to vary with the seasons, with peak energy usage occurring in the winter months.

The table below provides summary financial information for UNS Gas:

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Gas Revenues	\$ 128	\$ 148	\$ 146
Other Revenues	5	3	4
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>150</b>
Purchased Gas Expense	74	90	91
O&M	25	25	26
Depreciation and Amortization	9	8	8
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	4	4	3
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>
Interest Expense	6	7	7
Income Tax Expense	6	7	6
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>

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The table below shows UNS Gas therm sales and revenues:

	2012	2011	Increase (Decrease)		2010
			Amount	Percent(1)	
<b>Energy Sales, Therms (in millions):</b>					
<b>Gas Retail Sales:</b>					
Residential	67	74	(7)	(9.1%)	73
Commercial	29	31	(2)	(5.7%)	30
Industrial	2	2		(15.1%)	2
Public Authorities	6	7	(1)	(13.0%)	7
<b>Total Gas Retail Sales</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>(8.5%)</b>	<b>112</b>
Negotiated Sales Program (NSP)	32	26	6	21.2%	28
<b>Total Gas Sales</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(3.02%)</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Gas Revenues (in millions):</b>					
<b>Retail Margin Revenues:</b>					
Residential	\$ 38	\$ 40	\$ (2)	(3.5%)	\$ 39
Commercial	11	11		0.9%	10
Public Authorities	2	2		(4.5%)	2
<b>Total Retail Margin Revenues (Non-GAAP)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(2.7%)</b>	<b>51</b>
Transport and NSP	16	17	(1)	(4.2%)	17
DSM	1	1		%	1
Retail Fuel Revenues	60	77	(17)	(22.5%)	77
<b>Total Gas Revenues (GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 128</b>	<b>\$ 148</b>	<b>\$ (20)</b>	<b>(13.2%)</b>	<b>\$ 146</b>
<b>Weather Data:</b>					
<b>Heating Degree Days</b>					
Year Ended December 31,	19,026	21,484	(2,458)	(11.4%)	21,188
10-Year Average	20,567	20,759	NM	NM	20,704

(1) Percent change calculated on unrounded data and may not correspond exactly to data shown in table.

(2) Retail Margin Revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, should not be considered as an alternative to Total Gas Revenues, which is determined in accordance with GAAP. Retail Margin Revenues excludes revenues collected from retail customers that are directly offset by expenses recorded in other line items. We believe the change in Retail Margin Revenues between periods provides useful information to investors because it demonstrates the underlying revenue trend and performance of our core utility business. Retail Margin Revenues represents the portion of retail operating revenues available to cover the operating expenses of our core utility business.

Retail therm sales during 2012 decreased by 8.5% compared with 2011 due in part to an 11.4% decrease in Heating Degree Days. Retail margin revenues decreased by 2.7%, or \$2 million. UNS Gas had approximately 149,000 retail customers, which represents an increase of less than 1% compared with the end of 2011.

UNS Gas supplies natural gas to some of its large transportation customers. Approximately one half of the margin earned on these NSP sales is retained by UNS Gas while the remainder benefits retail customers through a credit to the Purchase Gas Adjustor (PGA) mechanism which reduces the gas commodity price.

**FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Competition**



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New technological developments and the implementation of Gas EE Standards may reduce energy consumption by UNS Gas retail customers. Customers of UNS Gas also have the ability to switch from gas to an alternate energy source that could reduce their reliance on services provided by UNS Gas. See *Item 1. Business, UNS Gas, Rates and Regulation, Gas Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling*, above, for more information.

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**Table of Contents****Rates****2012 UNS Gas Rate Order**

In April 2012, the ACC approved a Base Rate increase of \$2.7 million as well as a LFCR mechanism to enable UNS Gas to recover lost fixed cost revenues as a result of implementing the Gas EE Standards. The LFCR is expected to recover lost fixed cost revenues of less than \$0.1 million in 2013, based on estimated lost retail therm sales from May through December 2012.

The new rates became effective on May 1, 2012. The impact of the Base Rate increase on customers' bills is offset by a temporary credit adjustment to the PGA. See *Item 1. Business, UNS Gas, Rates and Regulation, Purchased Gas Adjustor*.

**Purchased Gas Adjustor**

See *Item 1. Business, UNS Gas, Rates and Regulation, Purchased Gas Adjustor*.

**Interest Rates**

UNS Gas is subject to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on its borrowings under its revolving credit facility. The interest paid on revolving credit borrowings is variable. If LIBOR or other benchmark interest rates increase, UNS Gas may be required to pay higher rates of interest on borrowings under its revolving credit facility. See *Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, Interest Rate Risk*, below.

**Fair Value Measurements**

UNS Gas' income statement exposure to risk is mitigated as UNS Gas reports the change in fair value of energy contract derivatives as a regulatory asset or a regulatory liability rather than in the income statement. See Note 11 for more information.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****Liquidity Outlook**

UNS Gas' capital requirements consist primarily of capital expenditures. In 2012, capital expenditures were \$16 million. UNS Gas expects operating cash flows to fund its future operating activities and a large portion of its construction expenditures. If natural gas prices rise and UNS Gas is not allowed to recover its projected gas costs or PGA bank balance on a timely basis, UNS Gas may require additional funding to meet operating and capital requirements. Sources of funding future capital expenditures could include draws on the revolving credit facility, additional credit lines, the issuance of long-term debt, or capital contributions from UNS Energy.

**Operating Cash Flow**

The table below provides summary cash flow information for UNS Gas:

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Cash Provided By (Used In):			
Operating Activities	\$ 28	\$ 32	\$ 18
Investing Activities	(15)	(12)	(9)
Financing Activities	(20)	(11)	(11)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(7)	9	(2)
Beginning Cash	38	29	31
Ending Cash	\$ 31	\$ 38	\$ 29

Operating Activities

Operating cash flows decreased by \$4 million in 2012 when compared with 2011 due in part to a \$4 million decrease in total gas revenues.

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### **Investing Activities**

UNS Gas incurred capital expenditures of \$16 million in 2012 compared with \$13 million in 2011.

### **Financing Activities**

Cash used for financing activities at UNS Gas was \$9 million higher in 2012 than in 2011 due in part to an increase of \$10 million in dividends paid to UNS Energy.

### **UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver**

The UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver consists of a \$100 million unsecured revolving credit and revolving letter of credit facility. Either company can borrow up to a maximum of \$70 million as long as the combined amount borrowed does not exceed \$100 million. The UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver expires in November 2016.

UNS Gas is only liable for UNS Gas borrowings, and similarly, UNS Electric is only liable for UNS Electric's borrowings under the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver. UNS Gas expects to draw upon the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver from time to time for seasonal working capital purposes, to fund a portion of its capital expenditures, or to issue LOCs to provide credit enhancement for its natural gas procurement and hedging activities. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas had no outstanding borrowings or LOCs under the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver.

The UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver restricts additional indebtedness, liens, and mergers. It also requires each borrower not to exceed a maximum leverage ratio. Each borrower may pay dividends so long as it maintains compliance with the agreement. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas and UNS Electric each were in compliance with the terms of the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver.

### **Senior Unsecured Notes**

UNS Gas has \$100 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding, of which \$50 million matures in 2015 and \$50 million matures in 2026.

All of UNS Gas senior unsecured notes are guaranteed by UES. The note purchase agreements for UNS Gas restrict transactions with affiliates, mergers, liens, restricted payments, and incurrence of indebtedness. The agreements also contain a minimum net worth test. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas was in compliance with the terms of its note purchase agreements.

UNS Gas must meet a leverage test and an interest coverage test to issue additional debt or to pay dividends. However, UNS Gas may, without meeting these tests, refinance existing debt and incur up to \$5 million in short-term debt.

### **Note Issuance**

In August 2011, UNS Gas issued \$50 million of 5.39% senior unsecured notes. The proceeds were used to pay off \$50 million of senior unsecured notes that matured in August 2011.

### **Contractual Obligations**

#### **UNS Gas Supply Contracts**

UNS Gas directly manages its gas supply and transportation contracts. The market price for gas varies based upon the period during which the commodity is purchased. UNS Gas has firm transportation agreements with capacity sufficient to meet its current load requirements. These contracts expire in various years between 2013 and 2024. These costs are passed through to UNS Gas customers via the PGA.

UNS Gas hedges its gas supply prices by entering into fixed price forward contracts and financial swaps at various times during the year to provide more stable prices to its customers. These purchases and hedges are made up to three years in advance with the goal of hedging at least 45% of the expected monthly gas consumption with fixed prices prior to entering into the month. UNS Gas hedged approximately 55% of its expected monthly consumption for the 2012/2013 winter season (November through March). Additionally, UNS Gas has approximately 37% of its expected gas consumption hedged for April through October 2013, and 30% hedged for the 2013/2014 winter season.



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The following table displays UNS Gas contractual obligations as of December 31, 2012 by maturity and by type of obligation:

Payment Due in Years	UNS Gas Contractual Obligations							Other	Total
	-Millions of Dollars-								
Ending December 31,	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 and after			
<b>Long Term Debt</b>									
Principal	\$	\$	\$ 50	\$	\$	\$ 50	\$	\$ 100	
Interest	6	6	6	3	3	24		48	
Purchase Obligations - Fuel	26	13	8	6	4	17		74	
Pension & Other Postretirement Obligations	1							1	
<b>Total Contractual Cash Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 33</b>	<b>\$ 19</b>	<b>\$ 64</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ 7</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 223</b>	

UNS Gas conducts certain of its gas procurement and risk management activities under agreements whereby UNS Gas may be required to post margin due to changes in contract values, a change in UNS Gas creditworthiness, or exposures exceeding credit limits provided to UNS Gas. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas had not posted any such credit enhancements.

**Dividends on Common Stock**

UNS Gas paid dividends to UNS Energy of \$20 million in 2012, and \$10 million in both 2011 and 2010. UNS Gas ability to pay future dividends will depend on the cash needs for capital expenditures and various other factors.

The note purchase agreement for UNS Gas contains restrictions on dividends. UNS Gas may pay dividends so long as (i) no default or event of default exists and (ii) it could incur additional debt under the debt incurrence test. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas was in compliance with the terms of its note purchase agreement. See *Senior Unsecured Notes*, above.

**UNS ELECTRIC****RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

UNS Electric had net income of \$17 million in 2012, compared with net income of \$18 million in 2011.

As with TEP, UNS Electric's operations are generally seasonal in nature, with peak energy demand occurring in the summer months.

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The table below provides summary financial information for UNS Electric:

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Retail Electric Revenues	\$ 171	\$ 182	\$ 183
Wholesale Electric Revenues	17	6	2
Other Revenues	2	2	2
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>187</b>
Fuel and Purchased Energy Expense	101	106	109
O&M	31	27	29
Depreciation and Amortization	18	17	16
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	4	4	4
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>158</b>
Operating Income	36	36	29
Other Income			3
Interest Expense	8	7	7
Income Tax Expense	11	11	10
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 17</b>	<b>\$ 18</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>

The table below summarizes UNS Electric's kWh sales and margin revenues:

	2012	2011	Increase (Decrease)		2010
			Amount	Percent <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Energy Sales, kWh (in millions)</b>					
<b>Electric Retail Sales:</b>					
Residential	836	828	8	1.0%	820
Commercial	614	602	12	2.0%	606
Industrial	213	221	(8)	(3.5%)	219
Mining	91	200	(109)	(54.8%)	210
Public Authorities	2	2		(1.7%)	2
<b>Total Electric Retail Sales</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>(5.3%)</b>	<b>1,857</b>
<b>Electric Retail Revenues (in millions):</b>					
<b>Retail Margin Revenues:</b>					
Residential	\$ 32	\$ 31	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 27
Commercial	29	29		%	27
Industrial	9	9		%	9
Mining	7	7		(1.5%)	6
Public Authorities				(33.3%)	
<b>Total Retail Margin Revenues (Non-GAAP)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 77</b>	<b>\$ 76</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>\$ 69</b>
Retail Fuel Revenues	83	99	(16)	(15.9%)	105
DSM and RES Revenues	11	7	4	71.2%	9
<b>Total Retail Revenues (GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 171</b>	<b>\$ 182</b>	<b>\$ (11)</b>	<b>(5.8%)</b>	<b>\$ 183</b>

**Weather Data:****Cooling Degree Days**

Year Ended December 31,	9,639	9,092	547	6.0%	8,821
10-Year Average	9,052	8,994	NM	NM	9,031

(1) Percent change calculated on unrounded data and may not correspond exactly to data shown in table.

(2) Retail Margin Revenues, a non-GAAP financial measure, should not be considered as an alternative to Total Retail Revenues, which is determined in accordance with GAAP. Retail Margin Revenues exclude revenues collected from retail customers that are directly offset by expenses recorded in other line items. We believe the change in Retail Margin Revenues between periods provides useful information to investors because it demonstrates the underlying revenue trend and performance of our core utility business. Retail Margin Revenues represents the portion of retail operating revenues available to cover the operating expenses of our core utility business.

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In 2012, retail kWh sales decreased by 5.3% compared with 2011 due to a large customer generating a portion of its own electricity needs.

As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric had approximately 92,000 retail customers, which was an increase of less than 1% compared with 2011.

Wholesale revenues increased by \$11 million in 2012 due to an increase in short-term wholesale sales. All revenues from wholesale sales are credited against costs recovered through UNS Electric's PPFAC.

## **FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **2012 UNS Electric Rate Case**

In December 2012, UNS Electric filed a rate case application with the ACC as required by the ACC in UNS Electric's 2010 Rate Order.

The key provisions of UNS Electric's rate request include:

an increase in non-fuel retail Base Rates of \$7.5 million, or 4.6%, over adjusted test year revenues;

an original cost rate base of approximately \$217 million, which includes approximately \$13 million of post test year adjustments for utility plant that is expected to be in service by June 30, 2013;

a capital structure of approximately 47% debt and 53% equity; and

a cost of long-term debt of 5.97% and return on equity of 10.50%.

### **Lost Fixed Cost Recovery Mechanism**

UNS Electric proposed a LFCR mechanism that would allow UNS Electric to recover non-fuel costs that would otherwise go unrecovered due to lost kWh sales attributed to compliance with the ACC's Electric EE Standards and distributed generation requirements under the ACC's RES. The LFCR is not a full decoupling mechanism and is not intended to recover lost fixed costs attributable to weather or economic conditions.

### **Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism**

UNS Electric proposed a Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism (TCA) that would allow UNS Electric to recover, on a more timely basis, transmission costs associated with serving retail customers. UNS Electric's proposed retail Base Rates include a transmission cost reflective of the current FERC rate. As the FERC rate changes, the TCA will result in a corresponding adjustment to the transmission component of retail Base Rates.

### **Energy Efficiency Resource Plan**

UNS Electric proposed a three-year pilot program that would allow it to invest in energy efficiency programs in order to meet the ACC's Electric EE Standards in the most cost-effective manner. Electric EE Standards investments would be considered regulatory assets and amortized over a four-year period. UNS Electric would earn a return on its investments and recover the return and amortization expense through the existing demand-side management surcharge.

UNS Electric requested new rates be effective no later than January 1, 2014. We cannot predict the outcome of this proceeding or whether UNS Electric's rate request will be adopted by the ACC in whole or in part.

## **Competition**

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New technological developments and the implementation of Electric EE Standards may reduce energy consumption by UNS Electric's retail customers. UNS Electric's customers also have the ability to install renewable energy technologies and conventional generation units that could reduce their reliance on UNS Electric's services. Self-generation by UNS Electric's customers has not had a significant impact to date. See *Item 1. Business, UNS Electric, Rates and Regulation, Energy Efficiency Standards and Decoupling*, above, for more information.

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**Table of Contents****Rates**

See *Item 1. Business, UNS Electric, Rates and Regulation, 2010 UNS Electric Rate Order.*

**Large Customers**

One of UNS Electric's largest retail customers began generating a portion of its own electricity needs in 2011. Due to UNS Electric's retail rate structure and the customer's peak electric demand, the margin revenues from this customer in 2012 were near the same level as 2011. Another large retail customer shut down its operations in UNS Electric's service territory. As a result of these two events, we estimate UNS Electric's non-residential retail margin revenues will be approximately \$4 million lower in 2013 than in 2012.

**Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff**

See *Item 1. Business, UNS Electric, Rates and Regulation, 2010 Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff.*

**Interest Rates**

UNS Electric is subject to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on its borrowings under its revolving credit facility. The interest paid on revolving credit borrowings is variable. If LIBOR or other benchmark interest rates increase, UNS Electric may be required to pay higher rates of interest on borrowings under its revolving credit facility. See *Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, Interest Rate Risk*, below.

**Fair Value Measurements**

UNS Electric's income statement exposure to risk is mitigated as UNS Electric reports the change in fair value of energy contract derivatives as a regulatory asset or a regulatory liability rather than in the income statement. See Note 11 for more information.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****Liquidity Outlook**

In 2012, UNS Electric's capital expenditures were \$38 million. In 2011, UNS Electric had capital expenditures of \$96 million, which included the purchase of BMGS for \$63 million from an affiliate, UED. Going forward, UNS Electric expects operating cash flows to fund a large portion of its construction expenditures. Additional sources of funding future capital expenditures could include draws on the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver, additional credit lines, the issuance of long-term debt, or capital contributions from UNS Energy.

**Operating Cash Flow**

The table below provides summary cash flow information for UNS Electric:

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
<b>Cash Provided By (Used In):</b>			
Operating Activities	\$ 50	\$ 43	\$ 34
Investing Activities	(37)	(93)	(23)
Financing Activities	(10)	44	(10)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>1</b>
Beginning Cash	5	11	10
<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>\$ 11</b>

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities increased by \$7 million in 2012 compared with 2011 due primarily to higher cash receipts from electric sales (net of fuel and purchased energy costs paid) partially offset by higher operations and maintenance costs.

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### **Investing Activities**

UNS Electric had capital expenditures of \$38 million in 2012 compared with \$96 million in 2011. Capital expenditures in 2011 included \$63 million related to the acquisition of BMGS from UED.

### **Financing Activities**

Cash provided by financing activities at UNS Electric in 2012 decreased by \$54 million compared with 2011. Financing activities in 2012 included \$10 million in dividends paid to UNS Energy. Financing activities in 2011 included the following items related to the acquisition of BMGS: the issuance of \$30 million of long-term debt; a \$20 million equity investment from UNS Energy; and a \$6 million payment to UED.

### **UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver**

See *UNS Gas, Liquidity and Capital Resources, UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver*, above, for a description of UNS Electric's unsecured revolving credit agreement.

UNS Electric expects to draw upon the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver from time to time for seasonal working capital purposes, to fund a portion of its capital expenditures, or to issue LOCs to provide credit enhancement for its energy procurement and hedging activities. At December 31, 2012, UNS Electric had less than \$1 million of outstanding LOCs under the UNS Gas/UNS Electric Revolver.

### **Senior Unsecured Notes**

UNS Electric has \$100 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding, consisting of \$50 million of 6.50% notes due in 2015 and \$50 million of 7.10% notes due in August 2023. The notes are guaranteed by UES. The note purchase agreement for UNS Electric contains certain restrictive covenants, including restrictions on transactions with affiliates, mergers, liens to secure indebtedness, restricted payments, and incurrence of indebtedness. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric was in compliance with the terms of its note purchase agreement.

Under the note purchase agreement, UNS Electric must meet a leverage test and an interest coverage test to issue additional debt or to pay dividends. However, UNS Electric may, without meeting these tests, refinance existing debt and incur up to \$5 million in short-term debt.

### **UNS Electric Credit Agreement**

In August 2011, UNS Electric entered into a four-year \$30 million variable rate term loan credit agreement. UNS Electric used the \$30 million in proceeds to repay borrowings under its revolving credit facility. The interest rate currently in effect is three-month LIBOR plus 1.125%. At the same time, UNS Electric entered into a fixed-for-floating interest rate swap in which UNS Electric will pay a fixed rate of 0.97% and receive a three-month LIBOR rate on a \$30 million notional amount over a four-year period ending in August 2015. The UNS Electric term loan credit agreement, included in Long-Term Debt on the balance sheet, is guaranteed by UES.

The term loan credit agreement contains certain restrictive covenants for UNS Electric and UES. The covenants include restrictions on transactions with affiliates, restricted payments, additional indebtedness, liens, and mergers. UNS Electric must meet an interest coverage ratio to issue additional debt. However, UNS Electric may, without meeting these tests, refinance indebtedness and incur short-term debt in an amount not to exceed \$5 million. The credit agreement also requires UNS Electric to maintain a maximum leverage ratio and allows UNS Electric to pay dividends so long as it maintains compliance with the credit agreement. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric was in compliance with the terms of the credit agreement.

### **Contractual Obligations**

#### **UNS Electric Power Supply and Transmission Contracts**

UNS Electric enters into various power supply agreements for periods of one to five years. Certain of these contracts are at a fixed price per MW and others are indexed to natural gas prices.

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UNS Electric's power purchase contracts and risk management activities are subject to master agreements that may require UNS Electric to post margin due to changes in contract values or if there has been a material change in UNS Electric's creditworthiness, or exposures exceeding credit limits provided to UNS Electric. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric had posted less than \$1 million of such credit enhancements in the form of LOCs.

UNS Electric imports the power it purchases over the Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) transmission lines. See *Item 1. Business, UNS Electric, Power Supply and Transmission, Transmission* for more information.

The following table displays UNS Electric's contractual obligations as of December 31, 2012 by maturity and by type of obligation:

## UNS Electric Contractual Obligations

Payment Due in Years	-Millions of Dollars-							Total
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 and after	Other	
Ending December 31, Long Term Debt:								
Principal	\$	\$	\$ 80	\$	\$	\$ 50	\$	\$ 130
Interest	7	7	7	4	4	21		50
Purchase Obligations:								
Purchased Power	55	50	14	6	5	80		210
Transmission	4	2	2	1				9
Solar Project	4	4						8
Pension & Other Postretirement Obligations	1							1
Unrecognized Tax Benefits							6	6
Total Contractual Cash Obligations	\$ 71	\$ 63	\$ 103	\$ 11	\$ 9	\$ 151	\$ 6	\$ 414

See *UNS Energy Consolidated, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Contractual Obligations*, above, for a description of these obligations.

**Dividends on Common Stock**

UNS Electric paid \$10 million of dividends to UNS Energy in 2012. UNS Electric's ability to pay future dividends will depend on the cash needs for capital expenditures and various other factors.

The note purchase agreement for UNS Electric contains restrictions on dividends. UNS Electric may pay dividends so long as (i) no default or event of default exists and (ii) it could incur additional debt under the debt incurrence test. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric was in compliance with the terms of its note purchase agreement. See *Senior Unsecured Notes*, above.

**OTHER NON-REPORTABLE BUSINESS SEGMENTS****RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The table below summarizes the income (loss) for the other non-reportable segments in the last three years:

	2012	2011	2010
	- Millions of Dollars -		
Millennium	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ (13)
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	(5)	(6)

Total Other Net Loss	\$	\$ (3)	\$ (19)
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(1) Includes parent company expenses, UED, and reconciling adjustments.

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### **Millennium**

Millennium's net loss in 2010 resulted primarily from the write-off of deferred tax assets and impairment losses on certain investments.

### **UNS Energy Parent Company**

UNS Energy parent company expenses in 2012, 2011, and 2010 primarily include interest expense (net of tax) related to the UNS Energy Convertible Senior Notes and the UNS Credit Agreement. During the first six months of 2012, UNS Energy converted or redeemed all \$150 million of outstanding Convertible Senior Notes.

### **UED**

In its September 2010 UNS Electric rate order, the ACC approved UNS Electric's purchase of BMGS from UED, subject to FERC approval and other conditions. The FERC approved the purchase in June 2011, and UNS Electric completed the purchase of BMGS for \$63 million in July 2011.

UED did not pay any dividends to UNS Energy in 2012. In 2011, UED paid a \$39 million dividend to UNS Energy, of which \$28 million represented a return of capital. In 2010, UED paid a \$9 million dividend to UNS Energy, of which \$4 million represented a return of capital.

## **FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Millennium Investments**

At December 31, 2012, Millennium had assets of \$7 million including a cash balance of \$4 million.

In July 2011, Millennium sold a building for \$3 million resulting in an after-tax gain of approximately \$1 million.

### **Note Receivable**

In 2009, Millennium sold an equity investment, receiving an upfront payment of \$5 million in 2009 and a \$15 million promissory note. Millennium received the remaining principal amount of \$15 million in 2012.

### **Dividends on Common Stock**

Millennium made \$14 million in dividend payments to UNS Energy in 2012, \$3 million in 2011, and \$8 million in 2010. All of these dividends represented return of capital distributions.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to apply accounting policies and make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. UNS Energy considers the areas described in the Critical Accounting Policies as those that could yield materially different financial statement results based on application and interpretation of accounting policy. Since making estimates and assumptions are subjective and complex, actual results could differ in subsequent periods. For additional information on UNS Energy's other significant accounting policies and recently issued accounting standards see Note 1.

### **Accounting for Rate Regulation**

We generally use the same accounting policies and practices used by unregulated companies for financial reporting under GAAP. However, sometimes these principles require special accounting treatment for regulated companies to show the effect of regulation. For example, the ACC can determine that we are allowed to recover certain expenses at a designated time in the future. In this situation, we defer these items as regulatory assets on the balance sheet and then reflect the costs as expenses when we are allowed to recover the costs from customers. Similarly, certain revenue items may be deferred as regulatory liabilities and not reflected as revenue until the rates charged to retail customers are reduced. We evaluate regulatory assets each period and believe recovery is probable.



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If in the future a portion of operations no longer meets regulatory accounting criteria, the impact would be material to the financial statements. If we stopped applying regulatory accounting to all our regulated operations, we would write off the related balances of regulatory assets as an expense and record the regulatory liabilities as revenue in the income statement or in AOCI.

At December 31, 2012, regulatory liabilities net of regulatory assets totaled \$50 million at TEP and \$35 million at UNS Gas. Regulatory assets net of regulatory liabilities totaled \$5 million at UNS Electric. We regularly assess whether we can continue to apply regulatory accounting to cost-based rate regulated operations. Expectations of future recovery are generally based on orders issued by regulatory commissions and historical experience. There are no current or expected proposals or changes in the regulatory environment that impact the probability of future recovery of these assets. See Note 2.

**Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations****TEP**

TEP is required to record the fair value of a liability for a legal obligation to retire a long-lived tangible asset in the period in which the liability is incurred. This includes obligations resulting from conditional future events. TEP incurs legal obligations as a result of environmental and other governmental regulations, contractual agreements and other factors. To estimate the liability, management must use significant judgment and assumptions in: determining whether a legal obligation exists to remove assets; estimating the probability of a future event for a conditional obligation; estimating the fair value of the cost of removal; estimating when final removal will occur; and estimating the credit-adjusted risk-free interest rates to be used to discount the future liabilities. Changes that may arise over time with regard to these assumptions and determinations will change amounts recorded in the future as expense for asset retirement obligations.

A liability for the fair value of a legal asset retirement obligation (ARO) is recognized in the period in which it is incurred if it can be reasonably estimated, with the offsetting associated asset retirement costs capitalized as a part of the carrying amount of the long-lived assets. The asset retirement cost is subsequently charged to depreciation expense over the useful life of related tangible assets, or when applicable the terms of a lease subject to ARO requirements. Upon retirement of the asset, TEP either settles the obligation for its recorded amount or incurs a gain or loss if the actual costs differ from the recorded amount.

TEP identified legal obligations to retire generation plant assets specified in land leases for its jointly-owned Navajo and Four Corners Generating Stations. The land on which these stations reside is leased from the Navajo Nation. The provisions of the leases require the lessees to remove the facilities upon request of the Navajo Nation at the expiration of the leases. Additionally, TEP entered into ground lease agreements with certain land owners for the installation of photovoltaic (PV) assets. The provisions of the PV ground leases require TEP to remove the PV facilities upon expiration of the leases. The ARO related to the PV assets is estimated to be approximately \$9 million at the retirement date. TEP also has certain environmental obligations at the Luna, San Juan, Sundt and Springerville Generating Stations. TEP estimated that its share of the cost to remove the Navajo and Four Corners facilities and settle the Luna, San Juan, Sundt and Springerville environmental obligations will be approximately \$159 million at the retirement dates. No other legal obligations to retire generation plant assets were identified.

TEP has various transmission and distribution lines that operate under leases and rights-of-way that contain end dates and restorative clauses. TEP operates its transmission and distribution lines as if they will be operated in perpetuity and would continue to be used or sold without land remediation. As such, there are no AROs for these assets. However, TEP has identified in its distribution equipment certain AROs for which the accrual amount is less than \$1 million at December 31, 2012.

The total net present value of the ARO accrual was \$14 million and reported in Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities - Other on the balance sheets at December 31, 2012.

Nevertheless, included in the revenue requirement underlying TEP's retail electric service rates is a component of depreciation expense intended to enable TEP to accrue the future costs of retiring assets for which no legal obligations exist. The accumulated balance of \$231 million at December 31, 2012 representing non-legal asset retirement obligation accruals, less actual removal costs incurred, net of salvage proceeds realized, was included in Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities, Regulatory Liabilities - Noncurrent on TEP's balance sheet. See Note 2 for details regarding net cost of removal for interim retirements.

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**Table of Contents****UNS Gas and UNS Electric**

UNS Gas and UNS Electric have various transmission and distribution lines that operate under land leases and rights-of-way that contain end dates and restorative clauses. UNS Gas and UNS Electric operate their transmission and distribution lines as if they will be operated in perpetuity and would continue to be used or sold without land remediation. As a result, UNS Gas and UNS Electric are not recognizing the cost of final removal of the transmission and distribution lines in the financial statements.

The net present value of AROs related to the Generation and PV assets of UNS Electric was included in the Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities, Other on UNS Energy's consolidated balance sheet on December 31, 2012. Both UNS Electric and UNS Gas accrue the future costs of retiring assets, for which no legal obligation exist through their own rate recovery mechanisms. The total accumulated balance of \$36 million including UNS Electric's and UNS Gas's non-legal asset retirement obligation accruals, less actual removal costs incurred, net of salvage proceeds realized, was reported in Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities, Regulatory Liabilities - Noncurrent on UNS Energy's consolidated balance sheet on December 31, 2012. See Note 2.

**Pension and Other Retiree Benefit Plan Assumptions**

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric record plan assets, obligations, and expenses related to pension and other retiree benefit plans based on actuarial valuations, which include key assumptions on discount rates, expected returns on plan assets, compensation increases, and health care cost trend rates. These actuarial assumptions are reviewed annually and modified as appropriate. The effect of modifications is generally recorded or amortized over future periods. We believe that the assumptions used in recording obligations are reasonable based on prior experience, market conditions, and the advice of plan actuaries. Note 9 discusses the rate of return and discount rate used in the calculation of pension plan and other retiree plan obligations for TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric.

TEP is required to recognize the underfunded status of its defined benefit pension and other retiree plans as a liability. The underfunded status is the difference between the fair value of the plans assets and the projected benefit obligation for pension plans or accumulated retiree benefit obligation for other retiree benefit plans. As the funded status, discount rates, and actuarial facts change, the liability will vary significantly in future years. TEP records the underfunded amount for its pension and other retiree obligations as a liability and a regulatory asset to reflect expected recovery of pension and other retiree obligations through the rates charged to retail customers.

At December 31, 2012, TEP discounted its future pension plan obligations at 4.1% and its other retiree plan obligations at a rate of 3.8%. The discount rate for future pension plan and other retiree plan obligations is determined annually based on the rates currently available on high-quality, non-callable, long-term bonds. The discount rate is based on a corporate yield curve using an average yield between the 60<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of AA-graded U.S. corporate bonds with future cash flows that match the timing and amount of expected future benefit payments. For TEP's pension plans, a 25-basis point change in the discount rate would increase or decrease the Projected Benefit Obligation (PBO) by approximately \$12 million and the 2013 plan expense by \$1 million. For TEP's other retiree benefit plan, a 25-basis point change in the discount rate would increase or decrease the Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation (APBO) by approximately \$2 million. A 25-basis point change in the discount rate would impact plan expense by \$1 million.

TEP calculates the market-related value of pension plan assets using the fair value of the assets on the measurement date. TEP assumed that its pension plans' assets would generate a long-term rate of return of 7% at December 31, 2012. In establishing its assumption as to the expected return on assets, TEP reviews the asset allocation and develops return assumptions for each asset class based on advice from an investment consultant and the pension's actuary that includes both historical performance analysis and forward-looking views of the financial markets. Pension expense decreases as the expected rate of return on assets increases. A 25-basis point change in the expected return on assets would impact pension expense in 2013 by \$1 million.

TEP used a current year health care cost trend rate of 6.9% in valuing its retiree benefit obligation at December 31, 2012. This rate reflects both market conditions and historical experience. Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for health care plans. A one-percentage point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would change the retiree benefit obligation by approximately \$5 million and the related plan expense in 2013 by \$1 million.

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In 2013, TEP will incur pension costs of approximately \$14 million and other retiree benefit costs of approximately \$6 million. TEP expects to charge approximately \$15 million of these costs to O&M expense, \$4 million to capital, and \$1 million to Other Expense. TEP expects to make pension plan contributions of \$22 million in 2013. In 2009, TEP established a VEBA trust to fund its other retiree benefit plan. In 2013, TEP expects to make benefit payments to retirees under the retiree benefit plan of approximately \$4 million and contributions to the VEBA trust of \$3 million.

UNS Gas and UNS Electric discounted their future pension plan obligations using a rate of 4.3% at December 31, 2012. For UNS Gas and UNS Electric's pension plan, a 25-basis point change in the discount rate would impact the benefit obligation and 2013 pension expense by less than \$1 million. UNS Gas and UNS Electric will record pension expense of \$2 million in 2013, of which less than \$1 million will be capitalized. UNS Gas and UNS Electric expect to make combined pension plan contributions of \$2 million in 2013.

UNS Gas and UNS Electric discounted their other retiree plan obligations using a rate of 3.8% at December 31, 2012. UNS Gas and UNS Electric will record retiree medical benefit expense and make benefit payments to retirees under the retiree benefit plan of less than \$0.5 million in 2013.

## **Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

### **Commodity Derivative Contracts**

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric enter into forward contracts to purchase or sell capacity or energy at contract prices over a given period of time, typically for one month, three months, or one year, within established limits to take advantage of favorable market opportunities. In general, TEP enters into forward purchase contracts when market conditions provide the opportunity to purchase energy for its load at prices that are below the marginal cost of its supply resources or to supplement its own resources (e.g., during plant outages and summer peaking periods). TEP enters into forward sales contracts when it forecasts that it has excess supply and the market price of energy exceeds its marginal cost. TEP and UNS Gas enter into forward gas commodity price swap agreements to lock in fixed prices on a portion of forecasted summer gas purchases.

Unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivative contracts entered into for retail customer load are recorded as either a regulatory asset or regulatory liability on the balance sheets of TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric. There are no current or expected proposals or changes in the regulatory environment that impact the probability of future recovery of these assets through the PPFAC or PGA mechanisms.

The market prices used to determine fair values for TEP's, UNS Gas's, and UNS Electric's derivative instruments at December 31, 2012, are estimated based on various factors including broker quotes, exchange prices, over the counter prices, and time value.

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric manage the risk of counterparty default by performing financial credit reviews, setting limits, monitoring exposures, requiring collateral when needed, and using a standardized agreement, which allows for the netting of current period exposures to and from a single counterparty.

### **Interest Rate Swaps**

TEP hedges the cash flow risk associated with unfavorable changes in the variable interest rates tied to LIBOR on the Springerville Common Facilities Lease. As of December 31, 2012, approximately \$25 million of variable rate lease debt for the Springerville Common Facilities Lease had been hedged through an interest rate swap agreement through July 1, 2014, and \$34 million had been hedged through January 2, 2020. In August 2009, TEP entered into a swap that had the effect of converting \$50 million of variable-rate IDBs to a fixed rate from September 2009 through September 2014.

In August 2011, UNS Electric entered into an interest rate swap with the effect of converting the variable interest rate for their \$30 million term loan to a fixed rate from August 2011 through August 2015. See Note 6.

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### **Commodity Cash Flow Hedge**

TEP hedges the cash flow risk associated with a six-year power wholesale supply agreement using a six-year power purchase swap agreement. Unrealized gains and losses are recorded in AOCI. See Note 1 for additional details regarding cash flow hedges. See *Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, Commodity Price Risk.*

### **Unbilled Revenue**

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric's retail revenues, which are recognized in the period that electricity or energy is delivered and consumed by customers, include unbilled revenue based on an estimate of MWh/therms delivered at the end of each period. Unbilled revenues are dependent upon a number of factors that require management's judgment including estimates of retail sales and customer usage patterns. The unbilled revenue is estimated by comparing the estimated MWh/therms delivered to the MWh/therms billed to our retail customers. The excess of estimated MWh/therms delivered over MWh/therms billed is then allocated to the retail customer classes based on estimated usage by each customer class. We then record revenue for each customer class based on the various Retail Rates for each customer class. Due to the seasonal fluctuations of TEP and UNS Electric's actual load, the unbilled revenue amount increases during the spring and summer and decreases during the fall and winter. Conversely the unbilled revenue amount for UNS Gas sales increases during the fall and winter and decreases during the spring and summer. A provision for uncollectible accounts is recorded as a component of O&M expense.

### **Plant Asset Depreciable Lives**

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric have significant investments in electric generation assets and electric and natural gas transmission and distribution assets. We calculate depreciation expense based on our estimate of the useful lives of our plant assets and expected net removal costs. Useful life of plant assets is further detailed in Note 5. Changes to depreciation estimates resulting from a change of estimated service life or removal costs could have a significant impact on the amount of depreciation expense recorded in the income statements. The ACC approves depreciation rates for all generation and distribution assets. Depreciation rates for such assets cannot be changed without ACC approval. For current approved ACC depreciation rates see Note 1. TEP and UNS Electric transmission assets are subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC.

In January 2010, TEP obtained an updated depreciation study which indicated that its transmission assets' depreciable lives should be extended. As a result, TEP adopted new transmission depreciation rates effective January 2010, which have the effect of reducing depreciation expense by approximately \$14 million annually.

### **Income Taxes**

Due to the differences between GAAP and income tax laws, many transactions are treated differently for income tax purposes than they are in the financial statements. We account for this difference by recording deferred income tax assets and liabilities using the effective income tax rate at our balance sheet date.

Consolidated income tax liabilities are allocated to subsidiaries based on their taxable income and deductions as reported in the consolidated tax return.

A valuation allowance is established against deferred tax assets for which management believes it is more likely than not that the deferred asset will not be realized. In making this judgment, management evaluates all available evidence and gives more weight to objective verifiable evidence. At December 31, 2012, UNS Energy had a \$7 million valuation allowance. The valuation allowances related to unregulated investments' losses are treated as capital losses for income tax purposes. If UNS Energy incurs additional capital losses in the future, a valuation allowance will be recorded against the deferred tax asset unless management can identify future capital gains to offset the losses. For additional information see Note 8.

### **RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance that will require entities to disclose both gross and net information about instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statement of financial position as well as instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. In addition, the standard requires disclosure of collateral received and posted in connection with master netting arrangements. We will be required to comply in the first quarter of 2013 and do not expect this pronouncement to have a material impact on our disclosures.



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The FASB issued authoritative guidance which amends the guidance for impairment testing of indefinite-lived intangible assets. An entity will have the option to perform qualitative analysis to determine whether an indefinite-lived intangible asset may be impaired. If the qualitative assessment does not result in likely impairment, an entity will not be required to perform the quantitative impairment test. We will be required to comply in the first quarter of 2013; however, we do not expect this pronouncement to have a material impact on our financial statements as our indefinite-lived intangible assets, RECs, are currently recoverable under the RES as we use RECs to comply with renewable resources requirements.

The FASB decided to require new disclosures on items reclassified from AOCI. Companies will be required to disclose, in a single location, amounts reclassified from each component of AOCI based on its source and the income statement line items affected by the reclassification. This information can be presented parenthetically on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes. We plan to present this information in a footnote. We will be required to comply in the first quarter of 2013 and do not expect this decision to have a material impact on our financial statements.

## **SAFE HARBOR FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. UNS Energy and TEP are including the following cautionary statements to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any forward-looking statements made by or for UNS Energy or TEP in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, and underlying assumptions and other statements that are not statements of historical facts. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as anticipates, estimates, expects, intends, plans, predicts, projects, and similar expressions. From time to time, we may publish or otherwise make available forward-looking statements of this nature. All such forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, and whether made by or on behalf of UNS Energy or TEP, are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements and any other cautionary statements which may accompany the forward-looking statements. In addition, UNS Energy and TEP disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report.

Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. We express our expectations, beliefs, and projections in good faith and believe them to have a reasonable basis. However, we make no assurances that management's expectations, beliefs, or projections will be achieved or accomplished. We have identified the following important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in our forward-looking statements. These may be in addition to other factors and matters discussed in Item 1A. *Risk Factors*, Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, and other parts of this report: state and federal regulatory and legislative decisions and actions; regional economic and market conditions which could affect customer growth and energy usage; weather variations affecting energy usage; the cost of debt and equity capital and access to capital markets; the performance of the stock market and changing interest rate environment, which affect the value of our pension and other retiree benefit plan assets and the related contribution requirements and expense; unexpected increases in O&M expense; resolution of pending litigation matters; changes in accounting standards; changes in critical accounting estimates; the ongoing restructuring of the electric industry; changes to long-term contracts; the cost of fuel and power supplies; cyber attacks or challenges to our information security; and the performance of TEP's generating plants.

## **ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

### **Market Risks**

We are exposed to various forms of market risk. Changes in interest rates, returns on marketable securities, and changes in commodity prices may affect our future financial results.

For additional information concerning risk factors, including market risks, see *Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements*, above.

**Table of Contents****Risk Management Committee**

We have a Risk Management Committee responsible for the oversight of commodity price risk and credit risk related to the wholesale energy marketing activities of TEP and the fuel and power procurement activities at TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric. Our Risk Management Committee, which meets on a quarterly basis and as needed, consists of officers from the finance, accounting, legal, wholesale marketing, transmission and distribution operations, and generation operations departments of UNS Energy. To limit TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric's exposure to commodity price risk, the Risk Management Committee sets trading and hedging policies and limits, which are reviewed frequently to respond to constantly changing market conditions. To limit TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric's exposure to credit risk, the Risk Management Committee reviews counterparty credit exposure as well as credit policies and limits.

**Interest Rate Risk****Long-Term Debt**

TEP is exposed to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on certain of its variable rate debt obligations. TEP had \$215 million at December 31, 2012 in tax-exempt variable rate debt outstanding. The interest rates on TEP's tax-exempt variable rate debt are reset weekly by its remarketing agents. The maximum interest rate payable under the indentures for these bonds is 10% for \$37 million of variable rate IDBs, and 20% on the remaining \$178 million in variable rate IDBs. The average interest rate on TEP's variable rate debt (excluding letter of credit fees) was 0.17% in 2012 and 0.18% in 2011. The average weekly interest rate ranged from 0.06% to 0.26% in 2012 and 0.05% to 0.34% during 2011. Although short-term interest rates have been relatively low and stable in 2012 and 2011, TEP may still be subject to volatility in its tax-exempt variable rate debt. A 100 basis point increase in average interest rates on this debt, over a twelve month period, would result in a decrease in TEP's pre-tax net income of approximately \$2 million.

TEP manages its exposure to variable interest rate risk by entering into interest rate swaps and financing transactions to rebalance its mix of variable rate and fixed rate long-term debt.

TEP has fixed-for-floating interest rate swaps in place to hedge floating rate interest rate risk associated with \$59 million of Springerville Common Facilities lease debt and \$50 million of its variable rate IDBs. TEP also entered into the following transactions to change its mix of fixed and floating rate debt.

TEP issued \$250 million of 5.15% fixed-rate unsecured notes in 2011, and used a portion of the proceeds to repurchase \$150 million of variable rate IDBs to hold in treasury.

In 2010, TEP converted the interest rate on \$130 million of IDBs from a variable rate to a fixed rate of 5.75% through maturity in 2029.

As a result of these transactions, TEP's un-hedged variable rate debt comprised approximately 13% of its total long-term debt at December 31, 2012 and 15% at December 31, 2011.

In August 2011, UNS Electric entered into a fixed-for-floating interest rate swap in which UNS Electric will pay a fixed rate of 0.97% and receive a three-month LIBOR rate on a \$30 million notional amount through August 2015 to hedge the interest rate risk associated with its \$30 million credit agreement.

**Interest Rate Swaps**

To adjust the value of TEP's interest rate swaps, classified as cash flow hedges, to fair value in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), TEP recorded the following net unrealized gains (losses):

	2012	2011	2010
	-In Millions-		
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ (2)	\$ (5)	\$ (8)



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### **Revolving Credit Facilities**

UNS Energy, TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric are also subject to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on their borrowings under revolving credit facilities. Revolving credit borrowings may be made on the basis of a spread over LIBOR or an Alternate Base Rate. As a result, UNS Energy, TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric may experience significant volatility in the rates paid on LIBOR borrowings under their revolving credit facilities.

### **Marketable Securities Risk**

UNS Energy has a short-term investment policy which governs the investment of excess cash balances by UNS Energy and its subsidiaries. We review this policy periodically in response to market conditions to adjust, if necessary, the maturities and concentrations by investment type and issuer in the investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Energy's short-term investments consisted of liquid, highly-rated money market funds and certificates of deposit. These short-term investments are classified as Cash and Cash Equivalents on the balance sheet.

TEP had marketable securities comprised of investments in lease debt and equity with an estimated fair value of \$32 million at December 31, 2012, and \$50 million at December 31, 2011. At December 31, 2012, the carrying value exceeded fair value by \$13 million. No impairment was recorded as TEP expects to recover the full carrying value of its lease equity investment in future rates charged to retail customers. At December 31, 2011, the fair value exceeded the carrying value by \$16 million. These securities represent TEP's investments in lease debt and equity underlying certain of TEP's capital lease obligations. Changes in the fair value of such debt securities do not present a material risk to TEP, as TEP intends to hold these investments to maturity.

### **Commodity Price Risk**

#### **TEP**

TEP is exposed to commodity price risk primarily relating to changes in the market price of electricity, natural gas, and coal. This risk is mitigated through a PPFAC mechanism which fully recovers the actual retail fuel and purchased power costs incurred on a timely basis from TEP's retail customers. The PPFAC mechanism has a forward component and a true-up component. The forward component of the PPFAC rate is based on forecasted fuel and purchased power costs. The true-up component reconciles actual fuel and purchased power costs with the amounts collected in the prior year and any amounts under/over-collected will be collected from/credited to customers. If the actual price of power is higher than the forecasted PPFAC rate, TEP is exposed to the price difference until the subsequent 12-month period when the true-up component is adjusted to allow the recovery of this difference.

### **Purchases and Sales of Energy**

To manage its exposure to energy price risk, TEP enters into forward contracts to buy or sell energy at a specified price and future delivery period. Generally, TEP commits to future sales based on expected excess generating capability, forward prices and generation costs, using a diversified market approach to provide a balance between long-term, mid-term, and spot energy sales. TEP generally enters into forward purchases during its summer peaking period to ensure it can meet its load and reserve requirements, and account for other contracts and resource contingencies. TEP also enters into limited forward purchases and sales to optimize its resource portfolio and take advantage of geographical differences in price. These positions are managed on both a volumetric and dollar basis and are closely monitored using risk management policies and procedures overseen by the Risk Management Committee. For example, the risk management policies provide that TEP should not take a short physical position in the third quarter and must have owned generation backing up all physical forward sales positions at the time the sale is made. TEP's risk management policies also restrict entering into forward positions with maturities extending beyond the end of the next calendar year except for approved hedging purposes.

TEP's risk management policies also allow for financial purchases and sales of energy subject to specified risk parameters established and monitored by the Risk Management Committee. These include financial trades in a futures account on an exchange, with the intent of optimizing market opportunities.

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TEP enters into forward contracts considered to be normal purchases and sales of electric energy and are therefore not accounted for as derivatives. TEP records revenues on its normal sales and expenses on its normal purchases in the period in which the energy is delivered. TEP also enters into forward contracts that are not considered to be normal purchases and sales and therefore are accounted for as derivatives. When TEP has derivative forward contracts, it marks them to market using actively quoted prices obtained from brokers for power traded over-the-counter at Palo Verde and at other Southwestern U.S. trading hubs. TEP believes that these broker quotations used to calculate the mark-to-market values represent accurate measures of the fair values of TEP's positions because of the short-term nature of TEP's positions, as limited by risk management policies, and the liquidity in the short-term market.

**Long-Term Wholesale Sales**

Prior to June 1, 2011, under the terms of the SRP contract, TEP received a monthly demand charge of approximately \$1.8 million, or \$22 million annually, and sold the energy at a price based on TEP's average fuel cost. From June 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, SRP was required to purchase 73,000 MWh per month. From January 1, 2012 through the end of the contract in May 2016, SRP is required to purchase 500,000 MWh of on-peak energy per year. TEP does not receive a demand charge and the price of energy is based on a discount to the price of on-peak power on the Palo Verde Market Index. As of February 13, 2013, the average forward price of on-peak power on the Palo Verde Market Index for the calendar year 2013 was \$36 per MWh.

The chart below summarizes the annual change in pre-tax income if the market price of on-peak power on the Palo Verde Market Index changes by \$5 per MWh.

	Change in Per MWh Price	
	\$5 Increase	\$5 Decrease
	-Millions of Dollars-	
Change in Pre-Tax Income	\$ 3	\$ (3)
<b><u>Natural Gas</u></b>		

TEP is also subject to commodity price risk from changes in the price of natural gas. In addition to energy from its coal-fired facilities, TEP typically uses power purchases, supplemented by generation from its gas-fired units to meet the summer peak demands of its retail customers and to meet local reliability needs. Some of these purchased power contracts are price indexed to natural gas prices. Short-term and spot power purchase prices are also closely correlated to natural gas prices. Due to its increasing seasonal gas and purchased power usage, TEP hedges a portion of its total natural gas exposure from plant fuel, gas-indexed power purchases, and spot market purchases with fixed price contracts for a maximum of three years. TEP purchases its remaining gas fuel needs and purchased power in the spot and short-term markets.

As required by fair value accounting rules, for the year ended December 31, 2012, TEP considered the impact of non-performance risk in the measurement of fair value of its derivative assets and derivative liabilities net of collateral posted. The adjustment required for TEP was less than \$0.5 million at December 31, 2012.

To adjust the value of its commodity derivatives to fair value in regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities, TEP recorded the following net unrealized gains (losses):

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 6	\$ (2)	\$ 4

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The chart below displays the valuation methodologies and maturities of TEP's power and gas derivative contracts.

Source of Fair Value at Dec. 31, 2012	Unrealized Gain (Loss) of TEP's				Total Unrealized Gain (Loss)
	Hedging Activities - Millions of Dollars -				
	Maturity 0 months	6 Maturity 6 months	12 months	Maturity over 1 yr.	
Prices Actively Quoted	\$ (2)	\$ (2)		\$	\$ (4)
Prices Based on Models and Other Valuation Methods	1		1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>

**Sensitivity Analysis of Derivatives**

TEP uses sensitivity analysis to measure the impact of favorable and unfavorable changes in market prices on the fair value of its derivative forward contracts. TEP records unrealized gains and losses as either a regulatory asset or regulatory liability. As contracts settle, the unrealized gains and losses are reversed and realized gains or losses are recorded to the PPFAC. The chart below summarizes the change in unrealized gains or losses if market prices increase or decrease by 10%.

Change in Market Price As of December 31, 2012	- Millions of Dollars -	
	10% Increase	10% Decrease
<b>Non-Cash Flow Hedges</b>		
Forward Power Sales and Purchase Contracts	\$ 1	\$ (1)
Forward Gas Swaps and Collars Contracts	2	(2)

**Coal**

TEP is subject to commodity price risk from changes in the price of coal used to fuel its coal-fired generating plants.

In 2003, TEP amended and extended the long-term coal supply contract for Springerville Units 1 and 2 through 2020 and expects coal reserves to be sufficient to supply the estimated requirements for Units 1 and 2 for their presently estimated remaining lives. During the extension period from 2011 through 2020, the coal price is determined by the cost of Powder River Basin coal delivered to Springerville Unit 3 subject to a floor and ceiling. This range would be from \$19.30 to \$26.15 per ton.

TEP does not have a long-term coal supply contract for Sundt Unit 4. TEP purchases coal for Sundt Unit 4 on the spot market and can supply that unit with natural gas when the price is competitive with coal. Coal burned at Sundt Unit 4 represents less than 10% of TEP's total coal consumption. In December 2011, the take-or-pay obligations under a coal transportation agreement previously effective through December 2015 were terminated. As a result, TEP was relieved of a \$4 million obligation recognized under this contract in December 2010. TEP reversed a \$4 million regulatory asset.

TEP also participates in jointly-owned generating facilities at Four Corners, Navajo, and San Juan, where coal supplies are under long-term contracts administered by the operating agents. TEP expects coal reserves available to these three jointly-owned generating facilities to be sufficient for the remaining lives of the stations.

The contracts to purchase coal for use at the jointly-owned facilities require TEP to purchase minimum amounts of coal at an estimated average annual cost of \$21 million for the next five years. See *Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, UNS Energy Consolidated, Liquidity and Capital Resources, Contractual Obligations* and Note 4.

**UNS Gas**

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UNS Gas is subject to commodity price risk, primarily from the changes in the price of natural gas purchased for its customers. This risk is mitigated through the PGA mechanism which provides an adjustment to UNS Gas Retail Rates to recover the actual costs of gas and transportation. UNS Gas further reduces this risk by purchasing forward fixed price contracts or entering into financial gas swaps for a portion of its projected gas needs under its Price Stabilization Plan. UNS Gas purchases at least 45% of its estimated gas needs in this manner.

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As required by fair value accounting rules, for the year ended December 31, 2012, UNS Gas considered the impact of non-performance risk in the measurement of fair value of its derivative assets and derivative liabilities net of collateral posted. The adjustment required for UNS Gas was less than \$0.5 million at December 31, 2012.

To adjust the value of its commodity derivatives to fair value in regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities, UNS Gas recorded the following net unrealized gains (losses):

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ (2)

For UNS Gas forward gas purchase contracts, a 10% decrease in market prices would result in an increase in unrealized net losses reported as a regulatory asset of \$2 million, while a 10% increase in market prices would result in a decrease in unrealized net losses reported as a reduction in regulatory assets of \$2 million.

**UNS Electric**

UNS Electric is exposed to commodity price risk from changes in the price for electricity and natural gas. This risk is mitigated through a PPFAC mechanism which allows for the recovery of costs from retail customers. The PPFAC mechanism has a forward component and a true-up component. The forward component of the PPFAC rate is based on forecasted fuel and purchased power costs. The true-up component reconciles actual fuel and purchased power costs with the amounts collected in the prior year and any amounts under/over-collected will be collected from/credited to customers. If the actual price of power is higher than the forecasted PPFAC rate, UNS Electric is exposed to the price difference until the subsequent 12-month period when the true-up component is adjusted to allow the recovery of this difference.

UNS Electric enters into various power supply agreements for periods of one to five years. Certain of these contracts are at a fixed price per MW and others are indexed to natural gas prices. Because a portion of the costs under these contracts will vary from period to period based on the market price of gas, the PPFAC, as currently structured, may not provide recovery of the costs incurred under these new contracts on a timely basis.

For UNS Electric's forward power sales and purchase contracts, a 10% decrease in market prices would result in an increase in unrealized net losses reported as a regulatory asset of \$5 million, while a 10% increase in market prices would result in a decrease in unrealized net losses reported as a reduction in regulatory assets of \$5 million.

UNS Electric hedges a portion of its natural gas exposure from gas-indexed purchased power agreements with fixed price contracts. In addition, UNS Electric hedges a portion of its anticipated natural gas exposure from plant fuel. UNS Electric currently has approximately 45% of this aggregate summer exposure hedged for the summer of 2013. UNS Electric will satisfy its remaining gas and purchased power needs through a combination of additional forward purchases and purchases in the short-term and spot markets.

As required by fair value accounting rules, for the year ended December 31, 2012, UNS Electric considered the impact of non-performance risk in the measurement of fair value of its derivative assets and derivative liabilities net of collateral posted. The adjustment required for UNS Electric was less than \$0.5 million at December 31, 2012.

To adjust the value of its commodity derivatives to fair value in regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities, UNS Electric recorded the following net unrealized gains (losses):

	2012	2011	2010
	-Millions of Dollars-		
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	\$ 9	\$ (1)	\$ (2)

For UNS Electric's forward gas purchase contracts, a 10% decrease in market prices would result in an increase in unrealized net losses reported as a regulatory asset of \$1 million, while a 10% increase in market prices would result in a decrease in unrealized net losses reported as a reduction in regulatory assets of \$1 million.



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### **Credit Risk**

UNS Energy is exposed to credit risk in its energy-related marketing activities related to potential non-performance by counterparties. We manage the risk of counterparty default by performing financial credit reviews, setting limits, monitoring exposures, requiring collateral when needed, and using standard agreements which allow for the netting of current period exposures to and from a single counterparty. We calculate counterparty credit exposure by adding any outstanding receivable (net of amounts payable if a netting agreement exists) to the mark-to-market value of any forward contracts. A positive number means that we are exposed to the creditworthiness of our counterparties. If exposure exceeds credit limits or contractual collateral thresholds, we may request that a counterparty provide credit enhancement in the form of cash collateral or a letter of credit. Conversely, a negative exposure means that a counterparty is exposed to the creditworthiness of TEP, UNS Gas, or UNS Electric. If such exposure exceeds credit limits or collateral thresholds, we may be required to post collateral in the form of cash or LOCs.

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric each have entered into short-term and long-term transactions with several financial institution counterparties with terms of one month through five years. As of December 31, 2012, the combined credit exposure to TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric from financial institution counterparties was approximately \$3 million.

As of December 31, 2012, TEP's total credit exposure related to its wholesale marketing and gas hedging activities was approximately \$15 million. TEP had one non-investment grade counterparty with exposure of greater than 10% of its total credit exposure, totaling approximately \$3 million. TEP's total exposure to non-investment grade counterparties was \$3 million.

At December 31, 2012, TEP posted no cash collateral and less than \$1 million in LOCs as credit enhancements with its counterparties, and did not hold any collateral from its counterparties.

UNS Gas is subject to credit risk from non-performance by its supply and hedging counterparties to the extent that these contracts have a mark-to-market value in favor of UNS Gas. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas had purchased under fixed price contracts approximately 30% of its expected consumption for the 2013/2014 winter season. At December 31, 2012, UNS Gas had no mark-to-market credit exposure under its supply and hedging contracts. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Gas had posted no cash collateral and no LOCs as credit enhancements with its counterparties, and did not hold any collateral from counterparties.

UNS Electric enters into energy purchase agreements as well as gas hedging contracts to hedge the risk in its gas-indexed power purchase agreements. To the extent that such contracts have a positive mark-to-market value, UNS Electric is exposed to credit risk under those contracts. At December 31, 2012, UNS Electric had less than \$1 million in credit exposure under such contracts. As of December 31, 2012, UNS Electric had posted less than \$1 million in LOCs and no cash collateral as credit enhancements with its counterparties, and had not collected any collateral margin from its counterparties.

## **ITEM 8. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

### **UNS Energy Management's Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

UNS Energy's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of UNS Energy's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control - Integrated Framework.

Based on management's assessment using those criteria management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2012, UNS Energy's internal control over financial reporting was effective.



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The effectiveness of UNS Energy's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Tucson Electric Power Company Management's Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

TEP's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of TEP's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the COSO Internal Control - Integrated Framework.

Based on management's assessment using those criteria, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2012, TEP's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

UNS Energy Corporation:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(1) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNS Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the Index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Phoenix, Arizona

February 26, 2013

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of

Tucson Electric Power Company:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(1) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tucson Electric Power Company and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the Index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Phoenix, Arizona

February 26, 2013

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**Table of Contents****UNS ENERGY CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	- Thousands of Dollars - (Except Per Share Amounts)		
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Electric Retail Sales	\$ 1,087,279	\$ 1,085,822	\$ 1,051,002
Electric Wholesale Sales	125,414	132,346	123,943
California Power Exchange (CPX) Provision for Wholesale Refunds			(2,970)
Gas Revenue	123,133	145,053	141,036
Other Revenues	125,940	115,481	112,936
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>1,461,766</b>	<b>1,478,702</b>	<b>1,425,947</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Fuel	327,832	324,520	295,652
Purchased Energy	224,696	276,610	279,269
Transmission	14,540	7,334	10,945
Increase (Decrease) to Reflect PPFAC/PGA Recovery Treatment	32,246	(4,932)	(29,622)
<b>Total Fuel and Purchased Energy</b>	<b>599,314</b>	<b>603,532</b>	<b>556,244</b>
Operations and Maintenance	383,689	379,220	370,037
Depreciation	141,303	133,832	128,215
Amortization	35,784	30,983	28,094
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	49,881	49,428	46,243
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,209,971</b>	<b>1,196,995</b>	<b>1,128,833</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>251,795</b>	<b>281,707</b>	<b>297,114</b>
<b>Other Income (Deductions)</b>			
Interest Income	1,106	4,568	7,779
Other Income	7,085	8,288	11,038
Other Expense	(7,988)	(5,279)	(15,202)
<b>Total Other Income (Deductions)</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>3,615</b>
<b>Interest Expense</b>			
Long-Term Debt	71,909	73,217	65,020
Capital Leases	33,613	40,359	46,740
Other Interest Expense	1,983	2,535	1,651
Interest Capitalized	(2,153)	(3,753)	(2,587)
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>105,352</b>	<b>112,358</b>	<b>110,824</b>
<b>Income Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>146,646</b>	<b>176,926</b>	<b>189,905</b>
Income Tax Expense	55,727	66,951	76,921
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 90,919</b>	<b>\$ 109,975</b>	<b>\$ 112,984</b>

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**Weighted-Average Shares of Common Stock Outstanding (000)**

Basic	<b>40,362</b>	36,962	36,415
Diluted	<b>41,755</b>	41,609	41,041
<b>Earnings per Share</b>			
Basic	<b>\$ 2.25</b>	\$ 2.98	\$ 3.10
Diluted	<b>\$ 2.20</b>	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.86
<b>Dividends Declared per Share</b>	<b>\$ 1.72</b>	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.56

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	-Thousands of Dollars-		
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>			
Net Income	\$ 90,919	\$ 109,975	\$ 112,984
<b>Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)</b>			
Unrealized Loss on Cash Flow Hedges, net of \$1,119, \$2,376, and \$4,216 income taxes	(1,710)	(3,626)	(6,431)
Reclassification of Realized Losses on Cash Flow Hedges to Net Income, net of \$(1,862), \$(1,412), and \$(2,140) income taxes	2,844	2,153	3,264
SERP Benefit Adjustments, net of \$608, \$(804) and \$523 income taxes	(840)	1,158	(800)
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Income Taxes</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>(315)</b>	<b>(3,967)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 91,213</b>	<b>\$ 109,660</b>	<b>\$ 109,017</b>

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	- Thousands of Dollars -		
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Cash Receipts from Electric Retail Sales	\$ 1,197,390	\$ 1,163,537	\$ 1,142,364
Cash Receipts from Electric Wholesale Sales	149,722	183,151	194,580
Cash Receipts from Gas Sales	141,590	159,529	157,397
Cash Receipts from Operating Springerville Units 3 & 4	107,927	104,754	102,563
Cash Receipts from Wholesale Gas Sales	5,233	12,404	422
Interest Received	2,947	6,334	10,026
Income Tax Refunds Received	1,821	4,672	341
Performance Deposits Received	200	7,050	18,470
Other Cash Receipts	24,105	23,937	32,011
Fuel Costs Paid	(321,355)	(277,386)	(243,639)
Payment of Operations and Maintenance Costs	(291,512)	(295,662)	(259,833)
Purchased Energy Costs Paid	(250,231)	(328,713)	(364,132)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes Paid, Net of Amounts Capitalized	(187,257)	(179,766)	(163,037)
Wages Paid, Net of Amounts Capitalized	(127,176)	(122,370)	(125,893)
Interest Paid, Net of Amounts Capitalized	(69,478)	(68,027)	(59,749)
Capital Lease Interest Paid	(28,788)	(32,103)	(38,646)
Wholesale Gas Costs Paid		(11,822)	
Performance Deposits Paid	(200)	(4,550)	(19,220)
Income Taxes Paid		(700)	(22,797)
Other Cash Payments	(6,829)	(6,949)	(14,308)
<b>Net Cash Flows Operating Activities</b>	<b>348,109</b>	<b>337,320</b>	<b>346,920</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Return of Investments in Springerville Lease Debt	19,278	38,353	25,615
Proceeds from Note Receivable	15,000		
Other Cash Receipts	22,094	15,251	12,958
Capital Expenditures	(307,277)	(374,122)	(279,240)
Purchase of Intangibles Renewable Energy Credits	(10,317)	(5,992)	(7,514)
Deposit San Juan Mine Reclamation Trust	(1,445)		
Purchase of Sundt Unit 4 Lease Asset			(51,389)
Other Cash Payments	(232)	(578)	(5,490)
<b>Net Cash Flows Investing Activities</b>	<b>(262,899)</b>	<b>(327,088)</b>	<b>(305,060)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Proceeds from Borrowings Under Revolving Credit Facilities	359,000	391,000	239,000
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt	149,513	340,285	127,815
Proceeds from Stock Options Exercised	3,570	8,115	13,391
Other Cash Receipts	4,865	4,743	12,406
Repayments of Borrowings Under Revolving Credit Facilities	(381,000)	(351,000)	(268,500)
Payments of Capital Lease Obligations	(89,452)	(74,381)	(55,997)
Common Stock Dividends Paid	(69,648)	(61,904)	(56,590)
Repayments of Long-Term Debt	(9,341)	(252,125)	(51,592)
Payments of Debt Issue/Retirement Costs	(3,547)	(4,361)	(8,341)
Other Cash Payments	(1,642)	(1,813)	(2,775)

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<b>Net Cash Flows Financing Activities</b>	<b>(37,682)</b>	<b>(1,441)</b>	<b>(51,183)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>47,528</b>	<b>8,791</b>	<b>(9,323)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>76,390</b>	<b>67,599</b>	<b>76,922</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 123,918</b>	<b>\$ 76,390</b>	<b>\$ 67,599</b>
<b>Non-Cash Financing Activity</b>			
Repayment of UED Short-Term Debt	\$	\$	\$ (3,188)

See Note 15 for supplemental cash flow information.

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	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	-Thousands of Dollars-	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Utility Plant</b>		
Plant in Service	\$ 5,005,768	\$ 4,856,108
Utility Plant Under Capital Leases	582,669	582,669
Construction Work in Progress	128,621	89,749
<b>Total Utility Plant</b>	<b>5,717,058</b>	<b>5,528,526</b>
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(1,921,733)	(1,869,300)
Less Accumulated Amortization of Capital Lease Assets	(494,962)	(476,963)
<b>Total Utility Plant Net</b>	<b>3,300,363</b>	<b>3,182,263</b>
<b>Investments and Other Property</b>		
Investments in Lease Debt and Equity	36,339	65,829
Other	36,537	34,205
<b>Total Investments and Other Property</b>	<b>72,876</b>	<b>100,034</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	123,918	76,390
Accounts Receivable - Customer	93,742	98,633
Unbilled Accounts Receivable	53,568	51,464
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(6,545)	(5,572)
Materials and Supplies	93,322	82,649
Fuel Inventory	62,019	33,263
Regulatory Assets - Current	51,619	97,056
Deferred Income Taxes - Current	34,260	23,158
Investments in Lease Debt	9,118	
Derivative Instruments	3,165	11,966
Other	33,567	32,577
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>551,753</b>	<b>501,584</b>
<b>Regulatory and Other Assets</b>		
Regulatory Assets - Noncurrent	191,077	173,199
Other Assets	24,360	32,199
<b>Total Regulatory and Other Assets</b>	<b>215,437</b>	<b>205,398</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,140,429</b>	<b>\$ 3,989,279</b>

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	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	-Thousands of Dollars-	
<b>CAPITALIZATION AND OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Capitalization</b>		
Common Stock Equity	\$ 1,065,465	\$ 888,474
Capital Lease Obligations	262,138	352,720
Long-Term Debt	1,498,442	1,517,373
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>2,826,045</b>	<b>2,758,567</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current Obligations Under Capital Leases	90,583	77,482
Borrowing Under Revolving Credit Facilities		10,000
Accounts Payable Trade	107,740	109,760
Accrued Taxes Other than Income Taxes	41,939	41,997
Interest Accrued	31,950	38,302
Accrued Employee Expenses	24,094	25,660
Regulatory Liabilities Current	43,516	41,911
Customer Deposits	34,048	32,485
Derivative Instruments	14,742	36,467
Other	10,517	8,455
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>399,129</b>	<b>422,519</b>
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>		
Deferred Income Taxes Noncurrent	364,756	300,326
Regulatory Liabilities Noncurrent	279,111	234,945
Pension and Other Retiree Benefits	159,401	139,356
Derivative Instruments	12,709	20,403
Other	99,278	113,163
<b>Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>915,255</b>	<b>808,193</b>
<b>Commitments, Contingencies, and Environmental Matters (Note 4)</b>		
<b>Total Capitalization and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,140,429</b>	<b>\$ 3,989,279</b>

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	December 31,			
	2012	2011		
	- Thousands of Dollars -			
<b>COMMON STOCK EQUITY</b>				
Common Stock-No Par Value			\$ 882,138	\$ 725,903
	2012	2011		
Shares Authorized	75,000,000	75,000,000		
Shares Outstanding	41,343,851	36,918,024		
Accumulated Earnings			193,117	172,655
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			(9,790)	(10,084)
<b>Total Common Stock Equity</b>			<b>1,065,465</b>	<b>888,474</b>
<b>PREFERRED STOCK</b>				
No Par Value, 1,000,000 Shares Authorized, None Outstanding				
<b>CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS</b>				
Springerville Unit 1			196,843	253,481
Springerville Coal Handling Facilities			48,038	65,022
Springerville Common Facilities			107,840	111,699
Total Capital Lease Obligations			352,721	430,202
Less Current Maturities			(90,583)	(77,482)
<b>Total Long-Term Capital Lease Obligations</b>			<b>262,138</b>	<b>352,720</b>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>				
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Maturity</b>		<b>Interest Rate</b>	
UNS Energy:				
Convertible Senior Notes	2035		4.50%	150,000
Credit Agreement	2016		Variable	45,000
Tucson Electric Power Company:				
Variable Rate Tax-Exempt Bonds	2014	2016	Variable	215,300
Unsecured Fixed Rate Bonds	2020	2040	4.50% 6.38%	609,320
Unsecured Notes	2021	2023	3.85% 5.15%	398,822
UNS Gas and UNS Electric:				
Senior Unsecured Notes	2015	2026	5.39% 7.10%	200,000
UNS Electric:				
Unsecured Term Loan	2015		Variable	30,000
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>			<b>1,498,442</b>	<b>1,517,373</b>
<b>Total Capitalization</b>			<b>\$ 2,826,045</b>	<b>\$ 2,758,567</b>

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	Common Shares Outstanding*	Common Stock	Accumulated Earnings - Thousands of Dollars -	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders Equity
<b>Balances at December 31, 2009</b>	<b>35,851</b>	<b>\$ 696,206</b>	<b>\$ 68,925</b>	<b>\$ (5,802)</b>	<b>\$ 759,329</b>
Comprehensive Income:					
2010 Net Income			112,984		112,984
Other Comprehensive Loss, net of \$2,599 income taxes				(3,967)	(3,967)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>					<b>109,017</b>
Dividends, Including Non-Cash Dividend Equivalents			(57,071)		(57,071)
Shares Issued under Deferred Compensation Plans	16	519			519
Shares Issued for Stock Options	660	12,756			12,756
Shares Issued Under Performance Share Awards	15				
Other		6,206			6,206
<b>Balances at December 31, 2010</b>	<b>36,542</b>	<b>715,687</b>	<b>124,838</b>	<b>(9,769)</b>	<b>830,756</b>
Comprehensive Income:					
2011 Net Income			109,975		109,975
Other Comprehensive Loss, net of \$160 income taxes				(315)	(315)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>					<b>109,660</b>
Dividends, Including Non-Cash Dividend Equivalents			(62,158)		(62,158)
Shares Issued for Stock Options	319	8,176			8,176
Shares Issued Under Performance Share Awards	57				
Other		2,040			2,040
<b>Balances at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>36,918</b>	<b>725,903</b>	<b>172,655</b>	<b>(10,084)</b>	<b>888,474</b>
Comprehensive Income:					
2012 Net Income			90,919		90,919
Other Comprehensive Income, net of \$(135) income taxes				294	294
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>					<b>91,213</b>
Dividends, Including Non-Cash Dividend Equivalents			(70,457)		(70,457)
Shares Issued on Conversion of Notes and Related Tax Effect	4,262	149,805			149,805
Shares Issued for Stock Options	133	3,511			3,511
Shares Issued Under Performance Share Awards	31				
Other		2,919			2,919
<b>Balances at December 31, 2012</b>	<b>41,344</b>	<b>\$ 882,138</b>	<b>\$ 193,117</b>	<b>\$ (9,790)</b>	<b>\$ 1,065,465</b>

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\* UNS Energy has 75 million authorized shares of Common Stock.  
We describe limitations on our ability to pay dividends in Note 7.

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	- Thousands of Dollars -		
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Electric Retail Sales	\$ 915,879	\$ 903,930	\$ 868,188
Electric Wholesale Sales	111,194	129,861	141,103
California Power Exchange (CPX) Provision for Wholesale Refunds			(2,970)
Other Revenues	134,587	122,595	118,946
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>1,161,660</b>	1,156,386	1,125,267
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Fuel	318,901	318,268	284,744
Purchased Power	80,137	105,766	118,716
Transmission	5,722	(1,435)	3,254
Increase (Decrease) to Reflect PPFAC Recovery Treatment	31,113	(6,165)	(21,541)
<b>Total Fuel and Purchased Energy</b>	<b>435,873</b>	416,434	385,173
Operations and Maintenance	334,553	330,801	316,625
Depreciation	110,931	104,894	99,510
Amortization	39,493	34,650	32,196
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	40,323	40,199	37,732
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>961,173</b>	926,978	871,236
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>200,487</b>	229,408	254,031
<b>Other Income (Deductions)</b>			
Interest Income	136	3,567	6,707
Other Income	6,043	5,693	6,629
Other Expense	(13,772)	(12,064)	(11,506)
<b>Total Other Income (Deductions)</b>	<b>(7,593)</b>	(2,804)	1,830
<b>Interest Expense</b>			
Long-Term Debt	55,038	49,858	42,378
Capital Leases	33,613	40,358	46,734
Other Interest Expense	1,446	1,127	433
Interest Capitalized	(1,782)	(2,073)	(1,880)
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>88,315</b>	89,270	87,665
<b>Income Before Income Taxes</b>	<b>104,579</b>	137,334	168,196
Income Tax Expense	39,109	52,000	59,936
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 65,470</b>	\$ 85,334	\$ 108,260

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	-Thousands of Dollars-		
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>			
Net Income	\$ 65,470	\$ 85,334	\$ 108,260
<b>Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)</b>			
Unrealized Loss on Cash Flow Hedges, net of \$913, \$2,331, and \$4,216 income taxes	(1,396)	(3,555)	(6,431)
Reclassification of Realized Losses on Cash Flow Hedges to Net Income, net of \$(1,800), \$(1,390), and \$(2,140) income taxes	2,750	2,122	3,264
SERP Benefit Adjustments, net of \$608, \$(804) and \$523 income taxes	(840)	1,158	(800)
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Income Taxes</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>(275)</b>	<b>(3,967)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 65,984</b>	<b>\$ 85,059</b>	<b>\$ 104,293</b>

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	- Thousands of Dollars -		
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Cash Receipts from Electric Retail Sales	\$ 1,006,926	\$ 963,247	\$ 947,498
Cash Receipts from Electric Wholesale Sales	124,594	152,618	190,779
Cash Receipts from Operating Springerville Units 3 & 4	107,927	104,754	102,563
Reimbursement of Affiliate Charges	20,926	18,448	18,356
Cash Receipts from Wholesale Gas Sales	4,652	11,825	
Interest Received	2,025	5,367	8,998
Income Tax Refunds Received	493	7,492	3,369
Other Cash Receipts	18,850	19,611	23,429
Fuel Costs Paid	(313,742)	(271,975)	(232,591)
Payment of Operations and Maintenance Costs	(282,752)	(287,615)	(248,895)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes Paid, Net of Amounts Capitalized	(147,859)	(139,728)	(134,540)
Wages Paid, Net of Amounts Capitalized	(104,955)	(100,942)	(101,815)
Purchased Power Costs Paid	(81,328)	(117,224)	(169,658)
Interest Paid, Net of Amounts Capitalized	(52,125)	(45,433)	(38,232)
Capital Lease Interest Paid	(28,786)	(32,103)	(38,640)
Income Taxes Paid	(1,796)	(2,346)	(19,663)
Wholesale Gas Costs Paid		(11,822)	
Other Cash Payments	(5,131)	(5,880)	(8,475)
<b>Net Cash Flows Operating Activities</b>	<b>267,919</b>	<b>268,294</b>	<b>302,483</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Return of Investments in Springerville Lease Debt	19,278	38,353	25,615
Other Cash Receipts	15,957	7,195	8,044
Capital Expenditures	(252,782)	(351,890)	(225,920)
Purchase of Intangibles Renewable Energy Credits	(8,889)	(5,111)	(7,903)
Deposit San Juan Mine Reclamation Trust	(1,445)		
Purchase of Sundt Unit 4 Lease Asset			(51,389)
Other Cash Payments		(558)	(1,483)
<b>Net Cash Flows Investing Activities</b>	<b>(227,881)</b>	<b>(312,011)</b>	<b>(253,036)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Proceeds from Borrowings Under Revolving Credit Facility	189,000	220,000	177,000
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-Term Debt	149,513	260,285	118,245
Equity Investment from UNS Energy		30,000	15,000
Other Cash Receipts	3,132	2,458	3,241
Repayments of Borrowings Under Revolving Credit Facility	(199,000)	(210,000)	(212,000)
Payments of Capital Lease Obligations	(89,452)	(74,343)	(55,889)
Dividends Paid to UNS Energy	(30,000)		(60,000)
Repayments of Long-Term Debt	(6,535)	(172,460)	(30,000)
Payments of Debt Issue/Retirement Costs	(3,547)	(3,594)	(5,988)
Other Cash Payments	(1,124)	(894)	(1,491)
<b>Net Cash Flows Financing Activities</b>	<b>11,987</b>	<b>51,452</b>	<b>(51,882)</b>

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<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>52,025</b>	7,735	(2,435)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>27,718</b>	19,983	22,418
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 79,743</b>	\$ 27,718	\$ 19,983

See Note 15 for supplemental cash flow information.

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**Table of Contents****TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	- Thousands of Dollars -	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Utility Plant</b>		
Plant in Service	\$ 4,348,041	\$ 4,222,236
Utility Plant Under Capital Leases	582,669	582,669
Construction Work in Progress	98,460	76,517
<b>Total Utility Plant</b>	<b>5,029,170</b>	4,881,422
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(1,783,787)	(1,753,807)
Less Accumulated Amortization of Capital Lease Assets	(494,962)	(476,963)
<b>Total Utility Plant Net</b>	<b>2,750,421</b>	2,650,652
<b>Investments and Other Property</b>		
Investments in Lease Debt and Equity	36,339	65,829
Other	35,091	32,313
<b>Total Investments and Other Property</b>	<b>71,430</b>	98,142
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	79,743	27,718
Accounts Receivable - Customer	71,813	73,612
Unbilled Accounts Receivable	33,782	32,386
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(4,598)	(3,766)
Accounts Receivable - Due from Affiliates	5,720	4,049
Materials and Supplies	80,377	70,749
Fuel Inventory	61,737	32,981
Deferred Income Taxes - Current	37,212	21,678
Regulatory Assets - Current	34,345	71,747
Investments in Lease Debt	9,118	
Other	34,393	15,192
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>443,642</b>	346,346
<b>Regulatory and Other Assets</b>		
Regulatory Assets - Noncurrent	178,330	157,386
Other Assets	17,223	25,135
<b>Total Regulatory and Other Assets</b>	<b>195,553</b>	182,521
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,461,046</b>	\$ 3,277,661

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**Table of Contents****TUCSON ENERGY CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	- Thousands of Dollars -	
<b>CAPITALIZATION AND OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Capitalization</b>		
Common Stock Equity	\$ 860,927	\$ 824,943
Capital Lease Obligations	262,138	352,720
Long-Term Debt	1,223,442	1,080,373
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>2,346,507</b>	<b>2,258,036</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current Obligations Under Capital Leases	90,583	77,482
Borrowing Under Revolving Credit Facility		10,000
Accounts Payable Trade	82,122	84,509
Accounts Payable Due to Affiliates	3,134	4,827
Accrued Taxes Other than Income Taxes	33,060	32,155
Interest Accrued	26,965	30,877
Accrued Employee Expenses	20,715	22,099
Customer Deposits	24,846	23,743
Regulatory Liabilities Current	20,822	23,702
Derivative Instruments	4,899	9,040
Other	7,085	5,957
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>314,231</b>	<b>324,391</b>
<b>Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>		
Deferred Income Taxes Noncurrent	319,216	263,225
Regulatory Liabilities Noncurrent	241,189	200,599
Pension and Other Retiree Benefits	149,718	130,660
Derivative Instruments	10,565	14,142
Other	79,620	86,608
<b>Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>800,308</b>	<b>695,234</b>
<b>Commitments, Contingencies, and Environmental Matters (Note 4)</b>		
<b>Total Capitalization and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,461,046</b>	<b>\$ 3,277,661</b>

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**Table of Contents****TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CAPITALIZATION**

	December 31,					
	2012	2011				
	- Thousands of Dollars -					
<b>COMMON STOCK EQUITY</b>						
Common Stock-No Par Value	<b>\$ 888,971</b>	\$ 888,971				
	<b>2012</b>	2011				
Shares Authorized	<b>75,000,000</b>	75,000,000				
Shares Outstanding	<b>32,139,434</b>	32,139,434				
Capital Stock Expense	<b>(6,357)</b>	(6,357)				
Accumulated Deficit	<b>(12,157)</b>	(47,627)				
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	<b>(9,530)</b>	(10,044)				
<b>Total Common Stock Equity</b>	<b>860,927</b>	824,943				
<b>PREFERRED STOCK</b>						
No Par Value, 1,000,000 Shares Authorized, None Outstanding						
<b>CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS</b>						
Springerville Unit 1	<b>196,843</b>	253,481				
Springerville Coal Handling Facilities	<b>48,038</b>	65,022				
Springerville Common Facilities	<b>107,840</b>	111,699				
Total Capital Lease Obligations	<b>352,721</b>	430,202				
Less Current Maturities	<b>(90,583)</b>	(77,482)				
<b>Total Long-Term Capital Lease Obligations</b>	<b>262,138</b>	352,720				
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>						
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Maturity</b>		<b>Interest Rate</b>			
Variable Rate Tax-Exempt Bonds	2014	2016	Variable		<b>215,300</b>	215,300
Unsecured Fixed Rate Bonds	2020	2040	4.50%	6.38%	<b>609,320</b>	615,855
Unsecured Notes	2021	2023	3.85%	5.15%	<b>398,822</b>	249,218
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>					<b>1,223,442</b>	1,080,373
<b>Total Capitalization</b>					<b>\$ 2,346,507</b>	\$ 2,258,036

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**Table of Contents****TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

	Common Stock	Capital Stock Expense	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders Equity
<b>Balances at December 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 843,971</b>	<b>\$ (6,357)</b>	<b>\$ (181,221)</b>	<b>\$ (5,802)</b>	<b>\$ 650,591</b>
Comprehensive Income:					
2010 Net Income			108,260		108,260
Other Comprehensive Loss, net of \$2,599 income taxes				(3,967)	(3,967)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>					<b>104,293</b>
Capital Contribution from UNS Energy	15,000				15,000
Dividends Paid			(60,000)		(60,000)
<b>Balances at December 31, 2010</b>	<b>858,971</b>	<b>(6,357)</b>	<b>(132,961)</b>	<b>(9,769)</b>	<b>709,884</b>
Comprehensive Income:					
2011 Net Income			85,334		85,334
Other Comprehensive Loss, net of \$137 income taxes				(275)	(275)
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>					<b>85,059</b>
Capital Contribution from UNS Energy	30,000				30,000
<b>Balances at December 31, 2011</b>	<b>888,971</b>	<b>(6,357)</b>	<b>(47,627)</b>	<b>(10,044)</b>	<b>824,943</b>
Comprehensive Income:					
2012 Net Income			65,470		65,470
Other Comprehensive Income, net of \$(279) income taxes				514	514
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>					<b>65,984</b>
Dividends Paid			(30,000)		(30,000)
<b>Balances at December 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 888,971</b>	<b>\$ (6,357)</b>	<b>\$ (12,157)</b>	<b>\$ (9,530)</b>	<b>\$ 860,927</b>

We describe limitations on our ability to pay dividends in Note 7.

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**Table of Contents****UNS ENERGY, TEP, AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

UNS Energy Corporation (UNS Energy), formerly UniSource Energy Corporation, is a utility services holding company engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the electric generation and energy delivery business. Each of UNS Energy's subsidiaries is a separate legal entity with its own assets and liabilities. UNS Energy owns 100% of Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), UniSource Energy Services, Inc. (UES), Millennium Energy Holdings, Inc. (Millennium), and UniSource Energy Development Company (UED).

TEP is a regulated public utility and UNS Energy's largest operating subsidiary, representing approximately 84% of UNS Energy's total assets as of December 31, 2012. TEP generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 406,000 retail electric customers in a 1,155 square mile area in southeastern Arizona. TEP also sells electricity to other utilities and power marketing entities, located primarily in the western United States. In addition, TEP operates Springerville Generating Station (Springerville) Unit 3 on behalf of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) and Springerville Unit 4 on behalf of Salt River Project Agriculture Improvement and Power District (SRP).

UES holds the common stock of two regulated public utilities, UNS Gas, Inc. (UNS Gas) and UNS Electric, Inc. (UNS Electric). UNS Gas is a regulated gas distribution company, which services approximately 149,000 retail customers in Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, and Navajo counties in northern Arizona, as well as in Santa Cruz County in southern Arizona. UNS Electric is a regulated public utility, which generates, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 92,000 retail customers in Mohave and Santa Cruz counties.

UED and Millennium's investments in unregulated businesses represent less than 1% of UNS Energy's assets as of December 31, 2012.

Our business is comprised of three reporting segments – TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric.

References to we and our are to UNS Energy and its subsidiaries, collectively.

**REVISION OF PRIOR PERIOD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In the fourth quarter of 2012, we identified that we had incorrectly reported UNS Electric's sales and purchase contracts, which did not result in the physical delivery of energy. The transactions were reported on a gross basis rather than on a net basis during the first three quarters of 2012 as well as the calendar years 2011 and 2010. This error resulted in an equal and offsetting overstatement of Electric Wholesale Sales and Purchased Energy in the income statements of \$31 million in 2011 and \$28 million in 2010. This error had no impact to operating income, net income, retained earnings, or cash flows. We assessed the impact of these errors on prior period financial statements and concluded they were not material to any period. However, the errors were significant to the individual line items. As a result, in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin 108, we have revised the 2011 and 2010 financial statements included herein to correct these errors. See Note 17 for the quarterly impact of the revisions on the years presented. The interim financial data is unaudited. The revisions noted above impacted UNS Energy's statements of income as shown in the tables below:

	UNS Energy			
	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010	
	As Reported	As Revised	As Reported	As Revised
	-Thousands of Dollars-			
<b>Income Statement</b>				
Electric Wholesale Sales	\$ 163,159	\$ 132,346	\$ 151,962	\$ 123,943
Total Operating Revenues	1,509,515	1,478,702	1,453,966	1,425,947
Purchased Energy	307,423	276,610	307,288	279,269
Total Fuel and Purchased Energy	634,345	603,532	584,263	556,244
Total Operating Expenses	1,227,843	1,196,995	1,156,852	1,128,833



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	UNS Energy 2012					
	March 31,		Three Months Ended June 30,		September 30,	
	As	As	As	As	As	As
	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised
	-Thousands of Dollars					
<b>Income Statement</b>						
Electric Wholesale Sales	\$ 37,104	\$ 33,538	\$ 28,684	\$ 24,381	\$ 32,494	\$ 28,836
Purchased Energy	63,276	59,790	51,376	48,203	60,238	57,085
Total Fuel and Purchased Energy	134,276	130,790	151,328	148,155	175,687	172,534
Total Operating Expenses	284,479	280,984	299,112	295,932	330,852	327,700

	UNS Energy 2011							
	March 31,		June 30,		September 30,		December 31,	
	As	As	As	As	As	As	As	As
	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised
	-Thousands of Dollars							
<b>Income Statement</b>								
Electric Wholesale Sales	\$ 40,914	\$ 35,438	\$ 38,744	\$ 35,331	\$ 41,847	\$ 32,818	\$ 41,654	\$ 28,759
Purchased Energy	78,274	71,685	66,336	61,804	88,734	79,343	74,079	63,778
Total Fuel and Purchased Energy	146,579	139,990	155,539	151,007	182,766	173,376	149,461	139,159
Total Operating Expenses	299,946	293,357	298,383	293,852	327,187	317,796	302,327	291,990

	UNS Energy							
	Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2012				Nine Month Period Ended September 30, 2011			
	As	As	As	As	As	As	As	As
	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised
	-Thousands of Dollars							
<b>Income Statement</b>								
Electric Wholesale Sales	\$ 65,787	\$ 57,919	\$ 79,658	\$ 70,769	\$ 98,282	\$ 86,755	\$ 121,506	\$ 103,587
Total Operating Revenues	686,044	679,384	714,439	703,318	1,123,305	1,113,492	1,165,387	1,144,875
Purchased Energy	114,653	107,993	144,610	133,489	174,891	165,078	233,344	212,832
Total Fuel and Purchased Energy	285,605	278,945	302,118	290,997	461,292	451,479	484,885	464,373
Total Operating Expenses	583,590	576,916	598,330	587,209	914,428	904,616	925,518	905,005
Operating Income <sup>(1)</sup>	102,454	102,468	116,109	116,109	208,877	208,876	239,869	239,869

(1) Includes immaterial reclassifications from Operating Expense to Other Expense to conform with current year presentation.

**RECENTLY ADOPTED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued authoritative guidance that eliminated the option to report other comprehensive income in the statement of changes in equity. Rather, an entity must elect to present items of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. In 2012, we elected to include two separate but consecutive statements.

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We implemented accounting guidance in 2012 which enhances our disclosures regarding unobservable inputs in calculating the fair market value of certain assets and liabilities. The guidance requires additional quantitative analysis of inputs when we use significant unobservable inputs to measure the fair value of our derivatives and financial instruments. See Note 11.

### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

We consolidate our investments in subsidiaries when we hold a majority of the voting stock and we can exercise control over the operations and policies of the company. Consolidation means accounts of the parent and subsidiary are combined and intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated. Intercompany profits on transactions between regulated entities are not eliminated if recovery from ratepayers is probable. See Note 2.

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### **UNS ENERGY, TEP, AND SUBSIDIARIES**

#### **NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

##### **USE OF ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

Management makes estimates and assumptions when preparing financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States. These estimates and assumptions affect:

Assets and liabilities on our balance sheets at the dates of the financial statements;

Our disclosures about contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements; and

Our revenues and expenses in our income statements during the periods presented.

Because these estimates involve judgments based upon our evaluation of relevant facts and circumstances, actual results may differ from the estimates.

##### **ACCOUNTING FOR RATE REGULATION**

We generally use the same accounting policies and practices used by unregulated companies. However, sometimes GAAP requires that rate-regulated companies apply special accounting treatment to show the effect of rate regulation. For example, we capitalize certain costs that would be included as expense in the current period by unregulated companies. Regulatory assets represent incurred costs that have been deferred because they are probable of future recovery in the rates charged to retail customers. Our Retail Rates are designed to allow TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric an opportunity to recover reasonable operating and capital costs and earn a return on utility plant in service. Regulatory liabilities generally represent expected future costs that have already been collected from customers or items that are expected to be returned to customers through billing reductions. We evaluate regulatory assets each period and believe recovery is probable. If future recovery of costs ceases to be probable, the assets would be written off as a charge to current period earnings.

TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric apply regulatory accounting as the following conditions exist:

An independent regulator sets rates;

The regulator sets the rates to recover the specific enterprise's costs of providing service; and

Rates are set at levels that will recover the entity's costs and can be charged to and collected from customers.

##### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

We define Cash and Cash Equivalents as cash (unrestricted demand deposits) and all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less.

As of December 31, 2012, we include \$7 million of restricted cash in Investments and Other Property Other on the balance sheets, of which \$2 million has been legally restricted as to its use. At December 31, 2011, we included \$9 million of restricted cash in Investments and Other Property Other on the balance sheets, of which \$3 million had been legally restricted as to its use.

**UTILITY PLANT**

Utility Plant includes the business property and equipment that supports electric and gas services, consisting primarily of generation, transmission, and distribution facilities. We report utility plant at original cost. Original cost includes materials and labor, contractor services, construction overhead (when applicable), and an Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC).

We record the cost of repairs and maintenance, including planned major overhauls, to Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expense in the income statements as costs are incurred.

When a unit of regulated property is retired, we reduce accumulated depreciation by the original cost plus removal costs less any salvage value. There is no income statement impact.

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AFUDC reflects the cost of debt or equity funds used to finance construction and is capitalized as part of the cost of regulated utility plant. AFUDC amounts capitalized are included in rate base for establishing Retail Rates. For operations that do not apply regulatory accounting, we capitalize interest related only to debt as a cost of construction. The capitalized interest that relates to debt reduces Other Interest Expense in the income statements. The capitalized cost for equity funds is recorded as Other Income in the income statements.

The average AFUDC rates on regulated construction expenditures are included in the table below:

	2012	2011	2010
TEP	7.22%	6.72%	6.65%
UNS Gas	7.95%	8.32%	8.19%
UNS Electric	7.89%	8.18%	8.22%

UNS Energy did not capitalize interest in 2012. UNS Energy capitalized interest at a rate of 3.30% for 2011 and 1.96% for 2010.

**Depreciation**

We compute depreciation for owned utility plant on a group method straight-line basis at depreciation rates based on the economic lives of the assets. See Note 5. The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) approves depreciation rates for all generation and distribution assets. Transmission assets are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Depreciation rates are based on average useful lives and reflect estimated removal costs, net of estimated salvage value for interim retirements. Below are the summarized average annual depreciation rates for all utility plant, which reflect immaterial adjustments in the calculation of rates in the years presented to exclude allocated depreciation (the adjustment did not affect Depreciation Expense recorded in the income statements).

	TEP	UNS Gas	UNS Electric
2012	3.22%	2.69%	3.99%
2011	3.14%	2.84%	4.02%
2010	3.16%	2.83%	4.35%

**Computer Software Costs**

We capitalize costs incurred to purchase and develop internal use computer software and amortize those costs over the estimated economic life of the product. If the software is no longer useful, we immediately charge capitalized computer software costs to expense.

**TEP Utility Plant Under Capital Leases**

TEP financed the following generation assets with capital leases: Springerville Unit 1; facilities at Springerville used in common with Springerville Unit 1 and Unit 2 (Springerville Common Facilities); and the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities. The capital lease expense incurred consists of Amortization Expense (see Note 5) and Interest Expense - Capital Leases. The lease terms are described in Note 6.

**INVESTMENTS IN LEASE DEBT AND EQUITY**

TEP held an investment in lease debt relating to Springerville Unit 1 through its maturity date in January 2013 and recorded this investment at amortized cost and recognized interest income. TEP holds a 14% equity interest in Springerville Unit 1 and a one-half interest in certain Springerville Common Facilities (Springerville Unit 1 Leases). The fair value of these investments is described in Note 11. These investments do not reduce the capital lease obligations reflected on the balance sheet because there is no legal right of offset. TEP makes lease payments to a



trustee who then distributes the payments to the equity holders.

TEP accounts for its equity interest in the Springerville Unit 1 Lease trust using the equity method.

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### **UNS ENERGY, TEP, AND SUBSIDIARIES**

#### **NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

#### **JOINTLY-OWNED FACILITIES**

TEP has investments in several generation and transmission facilities jointly-owned with other companies. These projects are accounted for on a proportionate consolidation basis based on our ownership percentage. See Note 5.

#### **ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS**

TEP and UNS Electric record a liability for the estimated present value of a conditional Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) as follows:

When it is able to reasonably estimate the fair value of any future obligation to retire as a result of an existing or enacted law, statute, ordinance, or contract; or

If it can reasonably estimate the fair value.

When the liability is initially recorded at net present value, TEP and UNS Electric capitalize the cost by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. TEP and UNS Electric adjust the liability to its present value by recognizing accretion expense in O&M expense, and the capitalized cost is depreciated in Depreciation and Amortization expense over the useful life of the related asset or when applicable, the terms of the lease subject to ARO requirements.

Based on the decommissioning studies to estimate timing and amount of future retirement of certain generation assets, both TEP and UNS Electric record legal AROs for these assets. Additionally, TEP and UNS Electric incurred AROs related to their photovoltaic assets as a result of entering into various ground leases.

TEP and UNS Electric record cost of removal for generation assets that are recoverable through the rates charged to retail customers. See Note 2.

We record cost of removal for transmission and distribution assets through depreciation rates and recover those amounts in the rates charged to retail customers. There are no legal obligations associated with transmission and distribution assets. We have recorded an obligation for estimated costs of removal as regulatory liabilities.

#### **EVALUATION OF ASSETS FOR IMPAIRMENT**

We evaluate long-lived assets and investments for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying value of the assets may be impaired. If expected future cash flows (without discounting) are less than the carrying value of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized if the impairment is other-than-temporary and the loss is not recoverable through rates.

#### **DEFERRED FINANCING COSTS**

We defer the costs to issue debt and amortize such costs to interest expense on a straight-line basis over the life of the debt as this approximates the effective interest method. These costs include underwriters' commissions, discounts or premiums, and other costs such as legal, accounting, regulatory fees, and printing costs.

We defer and amortize the gains and losses on reacquired debt associated with regulated operations to interest expense over the remaining life of the original debt.

#### **UTILITY OPERATING REVENUES**

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We record utility operating revenues when services or commodities are delivered to customers. Operating revenues include an estimate for unbilled revenues from service that has been provided but not billed by the end of an accounting period.

We determine amounts delivered through periodic readings of customer meters. At the end of the month, the usage since the last meter reading is estimated and the corresponding unbilled revenue is calculated. Unbilled revenue is estimated based on daily generation or purchased volumes, estimated usage by customer class, estimated line losses, and estimated average customer Retail Rates. Accrued unbilled revenues are reversed the following month when actual billings occur. The accuracy of the unbilled revenue estimate is affected by factors that include fluctuations in energy demands, weather, line losses, customer Retail Rates, and changes in the composition of customer classes.

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#### **NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The ACC authorized a rate-adjustment mechanism for TEP, UNS Gas, and UNS Electric that provides for the recovery of actual fuel, transmission, and purchased power/energy cost. The revenue surcharge or surcredit adjusts the customers' retail rate for delivered electricity or gas to collect or return under- or over-recovered energy costs. The ACC revises these rate-adjustment mechanisms periodically (annually for TEP and UNS Electric; monthly for UNS Gas) and may increase or decrease the costs recovered through Retail Rates for any difference between the total amount collected under the mechanisms and the recoverable costs incurred. See Note 2.

Arizona's mandatory Renewable Energy Standard (RES) requires TEP and UNS Electric to increase their use of renewable energy and allows recovery of compliance costs through a RES surcharge to customers. We charge customers a Demand Side Management (DSM) surcharge to recover the cost of ACC-approved Electric Energy Efficiency Programs (Electric EE Programs) or Gas Energy Efficiency Programs (Gas EE Programs). We defer differences between actual RES or DSM qualified costs incurred and the recovery of such costs from retail customers through the RES and DSM surcharges. Cost over-recoveries (the excess of cost recoveries through the RES and DSM surcharges over actual qualified costs incurred) are deferred as regulatory liabilities and cost under-recoveries (the excess of actual qualified costs incurred over cost recoveries through the RES and DSM surcharges) are deferred as regulatory assets. The surcharges typically reset annually and incorporate an adjustor mechanism that, upon approval of the ACC, allows us to apply any shortage or surplus in the prior year's program expenses to the subsequent year's RES or DSM surcharge. See Note 2.

For purchased power and wholesale sales contracts that are not settled with energy, TEP and UNS Electric net the sales contracts with the purchase power contracts and reflect the net amount as Electric Wholesale Sales. The corresponding cash receipts are recorded in the statement of cash flows as Cash Receipts from Electric Wholesale Sales, while cash payments are recorded as Purchased Energy/Power Costs Paid.

We record an Allowance for Doubtful Accounts to reduce accounts receivable for amounts estimated to be uncollectible. The allowance is determined based on historical bad debt patterns, retail sales, and economic conditions. We refer uncollected accounts to external collection agencies after 90 days.

TEP earns and recognizes Other Revenues monthly as the operator of Springerville Unit 3 on behalf of Tri-State and Springerville Unit 4 on behalf of SRP. Tri-State and SRP reimburse TEP for various operating expenses at Springerville, which are recorded in the respective line item of the income statements based on the nature of service or materials provided. Tri-State and SRP also pay TEP for the use of the Springerville Common Facilities and the Springerville Coal Handling Facilities which are recorded as Other Revenues.

### **INVENTORY**

Materials and Supplies consist of transmission, distribution, and generation construction and repair materials. We record fuel, materials, and supply inventories at the lower of weighted average cost or market prices. We capitalize handling and procurement costs (such as