

**News Release**

## Eversource Energy Reports Third Quarter Results

(HARTFORD, Conn. and BOSTON, Mass. – November 5, 2019) Eversource Energy (NYSE: ES) today reported earnings of \$318.9 million, or \$0.98 per share, in the third quarter of 2019, compared with earnings of \$289.4 million, or \$0.91 per share, in the third quarter of 2018. In the first nine months of 2019, Eversource Energy earned \$659 million, or \$2.05 per share, compared with earnings of \$801.7 million, or \$2.52 per share, in the first nine months of 2018. Results for the first nine months of 2019 include a second quarter after-tax impairment charge of \$204.4 million, or \$0.64 per share, related to Eversource Energy’s investment in the Northern Pass Transmission (NPT) project. Excluding that impairment, Eversource Energy earned \$863.4 million<sup>1</sup>, or \$2.69 per share, in the first nine months of 2019.

Eversource Energy also today reaffirmed its 2019 earnings per share (EPS) projection of \$3.40<sup>1</sup> to \$3.50<sup>1</sup> per share, excluding the NPT impairment charge noted above, and its long-term EPS growth rate of 5 to 7 percent.

Jim Judge, Eversource chairman, president and chief executive officer, said the company was pleased with its financial performance to date, but most thankful for the exceptionally difficult, around-the-clock work employees undertook in mid-October after a severe Nor’easter struck large sections of our electric service territory, particularly southeast Massachusetts and eastern Connecticut. Wind gusts near Cape Cod were clocked at more than 90 miles per hour, causing extensive damage to tree cover and distribution lines. Another severe windstorm struck New England on Halloween night, causing extensive damage, particularly in Connecticut.

“We thank our employees for safely and promptly restoring service to our customers and we thank our customers for the patience they showed as we went about our work,” Judge said. “Rising to the challenge posed by extreme weather is a key element of providing the top-tier service our nearly 4 million customers expect from us.”

### Electric Distribution

Eversource Energy’s electric distribution segment earned \$197.3 million in the third quarter of 2019 and \$422.7 million in the first nine months of 2019, compared with earnings of \$173.8 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$379.3 million in the first nine months of 2018. Improved third quarter and year-to-date results were due primarily to higher distribution revenues and lower operation and maintenance (O&M) expense, partially offset by higher depreciation expense. Year-to-date results were also negatively affected by the absence of New Hampshire generation earnings in 2019.

### Electric Transmission

Eversource Energy’s electric transmission segment earned \$107.5 million in the third quarter of 2019 and \$342.8 million<sup>1</sup> in the first nine months of 2019, excluding the NPT charge noted above, compared

with earnings of \$109.5 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$329.6 million in the first nine months of 2018. Lower third quarter earnings in 2019 resulted in part from the absence of benefits from capitalizing interest and equity costs related to the canceled NPT project. Higher full-year results are primarily due to a higher level of investment in Eversource's transmission facilities.

#### Natural Gas Distribution

Eversource Energy's natural gas distribution segment lost \$17.1 million in the third quarter of 2019 and earned \$57.6 million in the first nine months of 2019, compared with a loss of \$12.6 million in the third quarter of 2018 and earnings of \$50.2 million in the first nine months of 2018. Lower third quarter results were due in part to the timing of distribution revenues, which, as disclosed previously, will be lower than in past years in non-heating months and higher during heating months. Improved year-to-date results were primarily due to higher earnings from capital tracking mechanisms on higher levels of investment.

#### Water Distribution

Eversource's Aquarion Water Company subsidiary earned \$17.5 million in the third quarter of 2019 and \$26.3 million in the first nine months of 2019, compared with earnings of \$17.6 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$26.3 million in the first nine months of 2018. For the third quarter, higher revenues and lower depreciation expense in 2019 were offset by the absence of a gain Aquarion recorded in 2018 on the sale of land.

#### Eversource Parent and Other Companies

Eversource parent and other companies earned \$13.7 million in the third quarter of 2019 and \$14 million in the first nine months of 2019, compared with earnings of \$1.1 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$16.3 million in the first nine months of 2018. Higher third quarter earnings were due primarily to the absence of the Access Northeast impairment charge in 2018, partially offset by the absence in 2019 of non-recurring benefits related to federal tax reform. Lower nine-month results were due in part to higher interest expense.

The following table reconciles 2019 and 2018 third quarter and year-to-date earnings per share:

		Third Quarter	First Nine Months
2018	<b>Reported EPS</b>	<b>\$0.91</b>	<b>\$2.52</b>
	Higher electric distribution revenues in 2019	0.06	0.15
	Higher level of electric and natural gas distribution investment mechanisms in 2019	0.02	0.07
	(Lower)/higher electric transmission earnings in 2019, excluding NPT impairment	(0.01)	0.03
	(Lower)/higher natural gas revenues in 2019	(0.01)	0.03
	Lower non-tracked O&M in 2019	0.04	0.03
	Lower/(higher) depreciation and property tax expense	0.01	(0.06)
	Higher interest expense in 2019	(0.01)	(0.04)
	Absence of New Hampshire generation earnings	---	(0.02)
	Other	(0.02)	(0.01)
	Share dilution	(0.01)	(0.01)
	NPT impairment charge	---	(0.64)
2019	<b>Reported EPS</b>	<b>\$0.98</b>	<b>\$2.05</b>

Financial results by segment for the third quarter and first nine months of 2019 and 2018 are noted below:

Three months ended:

<i>(in millions, except EPS)</i>	<b>September 30, 2019</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>2019 EPS</b>
Electric Distribution	\$197.3	\$173.8	\$23.5	\$0.61
Electric Transmission	107.5	109.5	(2.0)	0.33
Natural Gas Distribution	(17.1)	(12.6)	(4.5)	(0.05)
Water Distribution	17.5	17.6	(0.1)	0.06
Eversource Parent and Other Companies	13.7	1.1	12.6	0.03
<b>Reported Earnings</b>	<b>\$318.9</b>	<b>\$289.4</b>	<b>\$29.5</b>	<b>\$0.98</b>

Nine months ended:

<i>(in millions, except EPS)</i>	<b>September 30, 2019</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>2019 EPS<sup>1</sup></b>
Electric Distribution	\$422.7	\$379.3	\$43.4	\$1.32
Electric Transmission	342.8	329.6	13.2	1.07
Natural Gas Distribution	57.6	50.2	7.4	0.18
Water Distribution	26.3	26.3	---	0.08
Eversource Parent and Other Companies	14.0	16.3	(2.3)	0.04
NPT impairment charge	(204.4)	---	(204.4)	(0.64)
<b>Reported Earnings</b>	<b>\$659.0</b>	<b>\$801.7</b>	<b>(\$142.7)</b>	<b>\$2.05</b>

Retail sales data:

<b>Three months ended:</b>	<b>September 30, 2019</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Electric Distribution (Gwh)</b>			
Traditional	2,078	2,206	(5.8%)
Decoupled	12,261	13,110	(6.5%)
<b>Total Electric Distribution</b>	<b>14,339</b>	<b>15,316</b>	<b>(6.4%)</b>
<b>Natural Gas Distribution (mmcf)</b>			
<b>All Decoupled</b>	<b>11,557</b>	<b>11,342</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Water Distribution (MG)</b>			
Traditional	695	732	(5.1%)
Decoupled	6,961	7,118	(2.2%)
<b>Total Water Distribution</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>(2.5%)</b>

<b>Nine months ended:</b>	<b>September 30, 2019</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
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<b>Electric Distribution (Gwh)</b>			
Traditional	5,803	5,981	(3.0%)
Decoupled	33,298	34,690	(4.0%)
<b>Total Electric Distribution</b>	<b>39,101</b>	<b>40,671</b>	<b>(3.9%)</b>
<b>Natural Gas Distribution (mmcf)</b>			
<b>All Decoupled</b>	<b>74,915</b>	<b>73,325</b>	2.2%
<b>Water Distribution (MG)</b>			
Traditional	1,604	1,684	(4.8%)
Decoupled	16,173	16,491	(1.9%)
<b>Total Water Distribution</b>	<b>17,777</b>	<b>18,175</b>	<b>(2.2%)</b>

Eversource Energy has approximately 324 million common shares outstanding and operates New England's largest energy delivery system. It serves approximately 4 million electric, natural gas and water customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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**Note: Eversource Energy will webcast a conference call with senior management on November 6, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m. Eastern Time. The webcast and associated slides can be accessed through Eversource Energy's website at [www.eversource.com](http://www.eversource.com).**

<sup>1</sup>All per-share amounts in this news release are reported on a diluted basis. The only common equity securities that are publicly traded are common shares of Eversource Energy. The earnings and EPS of each business do not represent a direct legal interest in the assets and liabilities allocated to such business, but rather represent a direct interest in Eversource Energy's assets and liabilities as a whole. EPS by business is a non-GAAP (not determined using generally accepted accounting principles) measure that is calculated by dividing the net income or loss attributable to common shareholders of each business by the weighted average diluted Eversource Energy common shares outstanding for the period. Earnings discussions also include a non-GAAP financial measure referencing 2019 earnings and EPS excluding the impairment charge for the NPT project.

Eversource Energy uses these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate and provide details of earnings results by business and to more fully compare and explain 2019 results without including the impact of the NPT impairment charge. Management believes the NPT impairment charge is not indicative of Eversource Energy's ongoing performance. Due to the nature and significance of the impairment charge on net income attributable to common shareholders, management believes that the non-GAAP presentation is a more meaningful representation of Eversource Energy's financial performance and provides additional and useful information to readers in analyzing historical and future performance of the business. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to Eversource Energy's consolidated net income attributable to common shareholders or EPS determined in accordance with GAAP as indicators of Eversource Energy's operating performance.

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*Other risk factors are detailed in Eversource Energy’s reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and updated as necessary, and are available on Eversource Energy’s website at [www.eversource.com](http://www.eversource.com) and on the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). All such factors are difficult to predict and contain uncertainties that may materially affect Eversource Energy’s actual results, many of which are beyond our control. You should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements; each speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, except as required by federal securities laws, and Eversource Energy undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.*

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EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars)	As of September 30, 2019	As of December 31, 2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 22,688	\$ 108,068
Receivables, Net	993,396	994,055
Unbilled Revenues	150,394	176,285
Fuel, Materials, Supplies and REC Inventory	204,012	238,042
Regulatory Assets	538,162	514,779
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	312,253	260,995
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,220,905</b>	<b>2,292,224</b>
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	26,911,877	25,610,428
Deferred Debits and Other Assets:		
Regulatory Assets	4,292,560	4,631,137
Goodwill	4,427,266	4,427,266
Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates	861,687	464,286
Marketable Securities	404,804	417,508
Other Long-Term Assets	606,295	398,407
<b>Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets</b>	<b>10,592,612</b>	<b>10,338,604</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 39,725,394</b>	<b>\$ 38,241,256</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes Payable	\$ 712,500	\$ 910,000
Long-Term Debt – Current Portion	853,066	837,319
Rate Reduction Bonds – Current Portion	43,210	52,332
Accounts Payable	892,106	1,119,995
Regulatory Liabilities	441,189	370,230
Other Current Liabilities	806,839	823,006
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,748,910</b>	<b>4,112,882</b>
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	3,604,791	3,506,030
Regulatory Liabilities	3,644,477	3,609,475
Derivative Liabilities	357,869	379,562
Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP	821,172	962,510
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,290,704	1,196,336
<b>Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities</b>	<b>9,719,013</b>	<b>9,653,913</b>
Long-Term Debt	13,440,165	12,248,743
Rate Reduction Bonds	540,122	583,331
Noncontrolling Interest – Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries	155,570	155,570
Common Shareholders' Equity:		
Common Shares	1,699,292	1,669,392
Capital Surplus, Paid In	6,675,889	6,241,222
Retained Earnings	4,100,220	3,953,974
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(52,017)	(60,000)
Treasury Stock	(301,770)	(317,771)
<b>Common Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>12,121,614</b>	<b>11,486,817</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 39,725,394</b>	<b>\$ 38,241,256</b>

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EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(Unaudited)

(Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,175,797	\$ 2,271,425	\$ 6,476,084	\$ 6,413,243
Operating Expenses:				
Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission	730,255	842,291	2,326,041	2,442,953
Operations and Maintenance	331,054	344,475	994,660	970,881
Depreciation	222,599	208,671	656,632	612,077
Amortization	73,854	92,711	183,760	174,108
Energy Efficiency Programs	136,832	129,965	382,785	366,162
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	171,965	187,291	537,636	547,155
Impairment of Northern Pass Transmission	—	—	239,644	—
Total Operating Expenses	1,666,559	1,805,404	5,321,158	5,113,336
Operating Income	509,238	466,021	1,154,926	1,299,907
Interest Expense	135,216	125,201	399,654	372,734
Other Income, Net	26,968	16,718	103,818	100,656
Income Before Income Tax Expense	400,990	357,538	859,090	1,027,829
Income Tax Expense	80,226	66,278	194,435	220,497
Net Income	320,764	291,260	664,655	807,332
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	1,880	1,880	5,639	5,639
Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 318,884	\$ 289,380	\$ 659,016	\$ 801,693
Basic Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.91	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.53
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	324,037,169	317,360,110	320,442,253	317,367,252
Diluted	326,008,342	317,967,311	321,570,926	317,948,498

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