



## Fiscal 2008 Update



# New Jersey Resources

November 13, 2008





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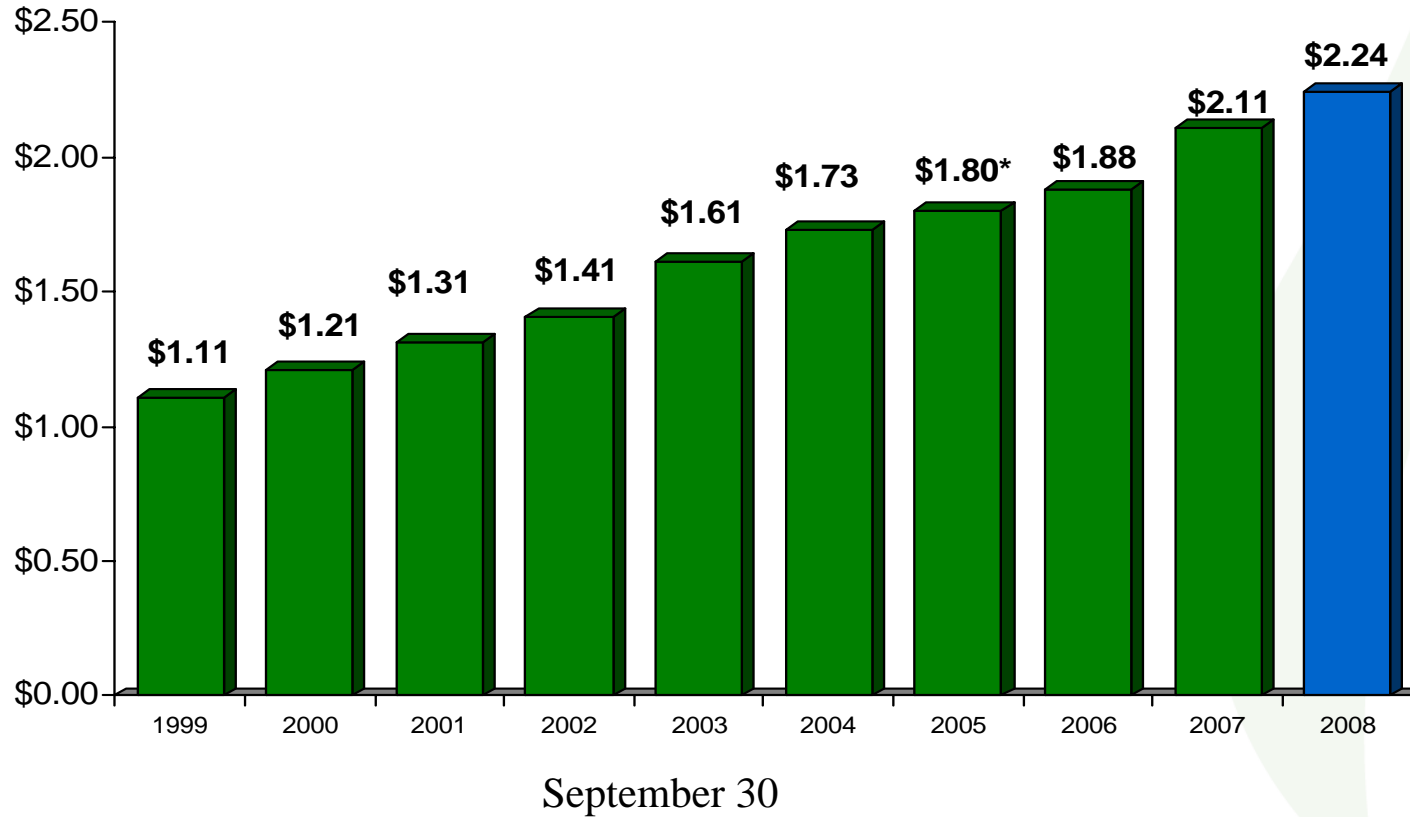


## Fiscal 2008 Highlights

- Record Net Financial Earnings of \$2.24 per basic share
- Dividend increases totaling 10.5 percent; announced another 10.7 percent increase today
- Base rate case settlement
- Steady margin growth from new customers
- Continued strong performance from wholesale energy services



## Consistent Net Financial Earnings Growth

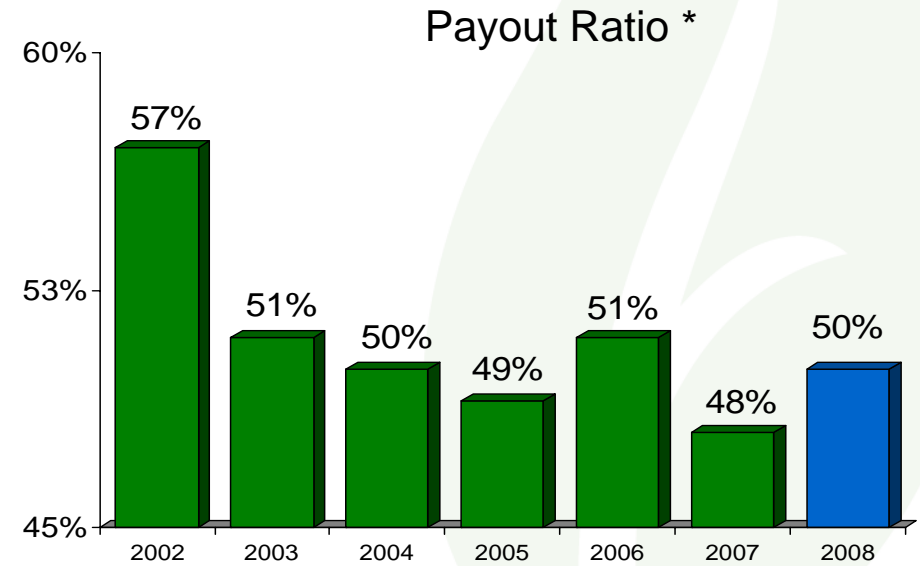
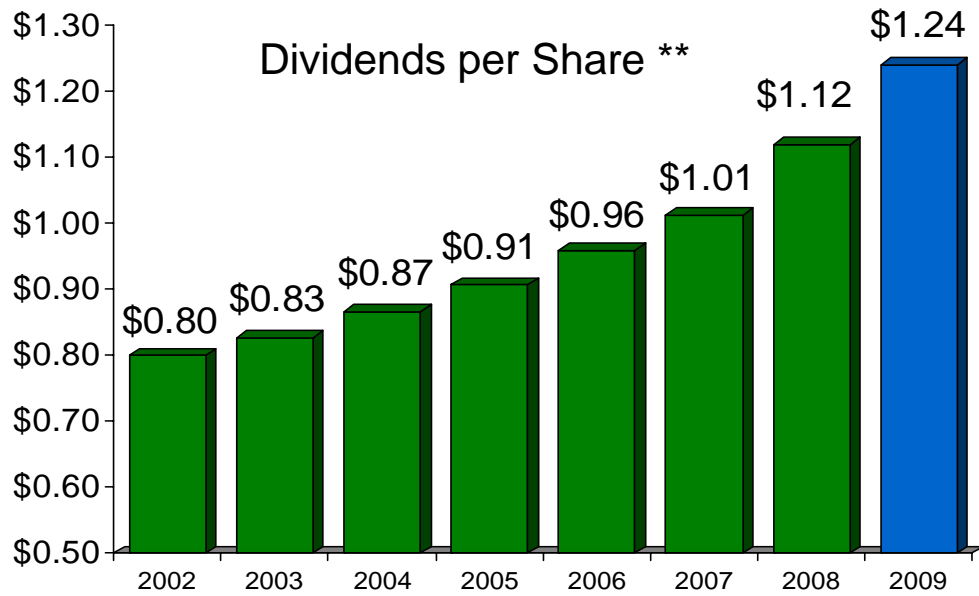


NJR estimates Net Financial Earnings of \$2.30 to \$2.40 per basic share in fiscal 2009

\* Net of certain items



## Dividend and Payout Ratio



\* Based on Net Financial Earnings

\*\* 2009 annual rate effective January 2, 2009

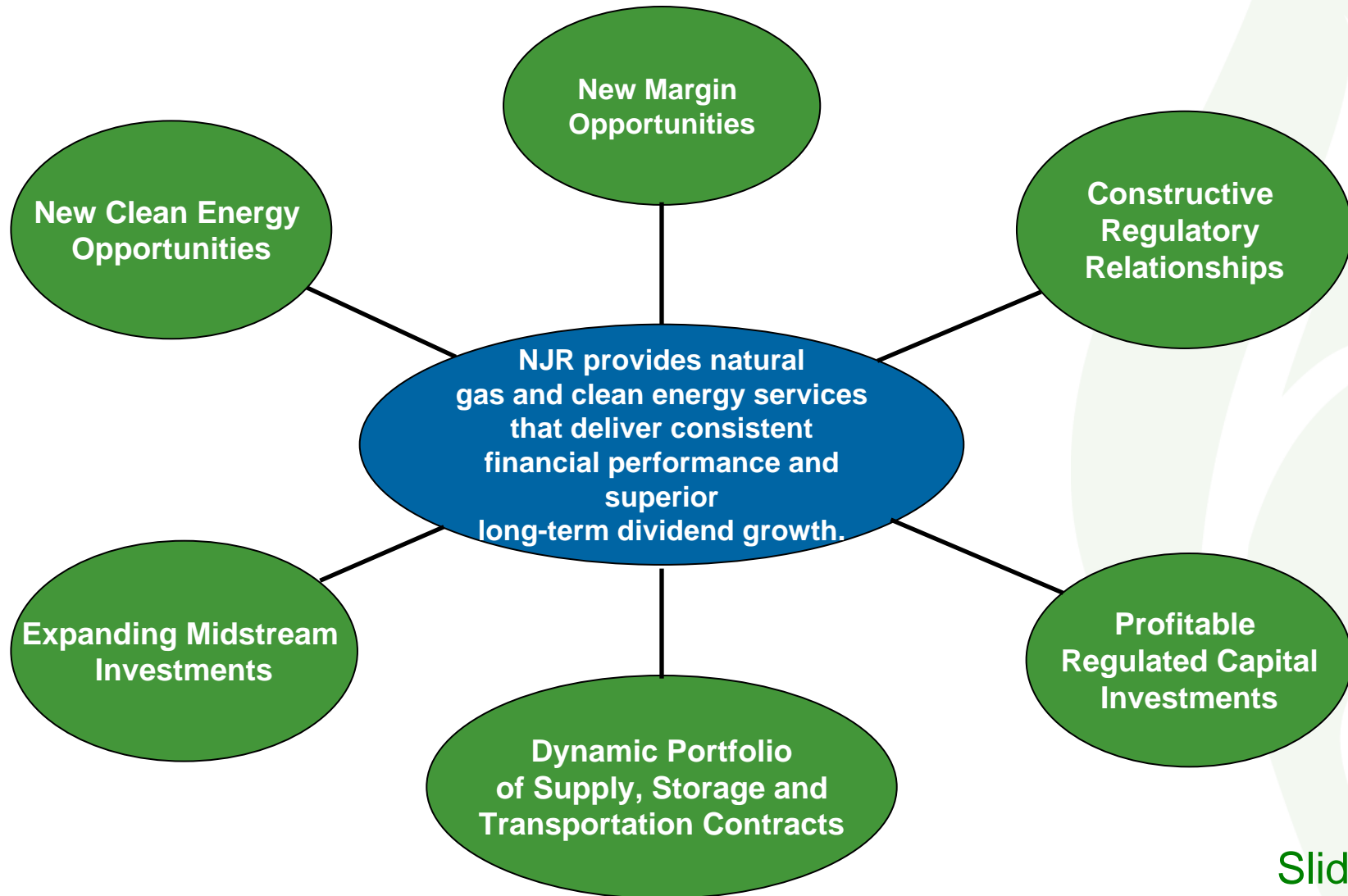


## Liquidity

- Demand for NJNG Commercial Paper remains strong
- Issued \$125 million of MTNs at 5.6 percent at NJNG in May 2008 to pay down short-term debt
- No long-term debt issuances planned in fiscal 2009
- Committed Bank Facilities remain strong
  - Solid bank group
  - \$325 million at NJR in place for 5 years at favorable rates
  - \$250 million at NJNG used to support Commercial Paper program



## Our Performance Model



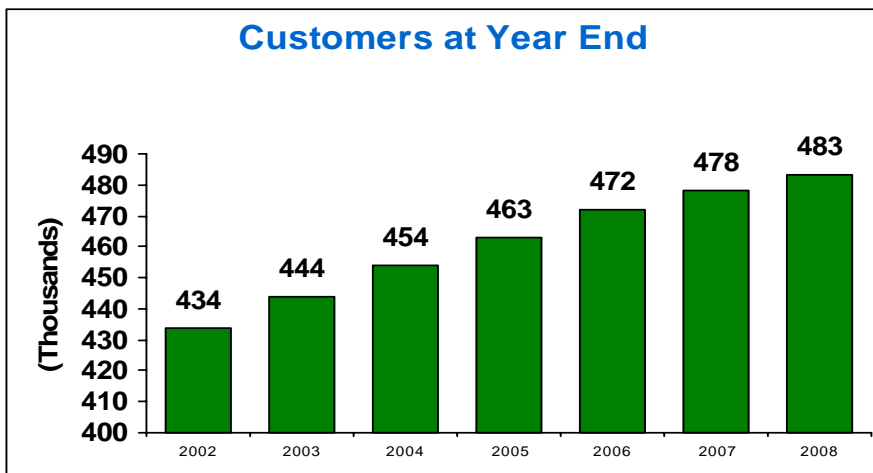
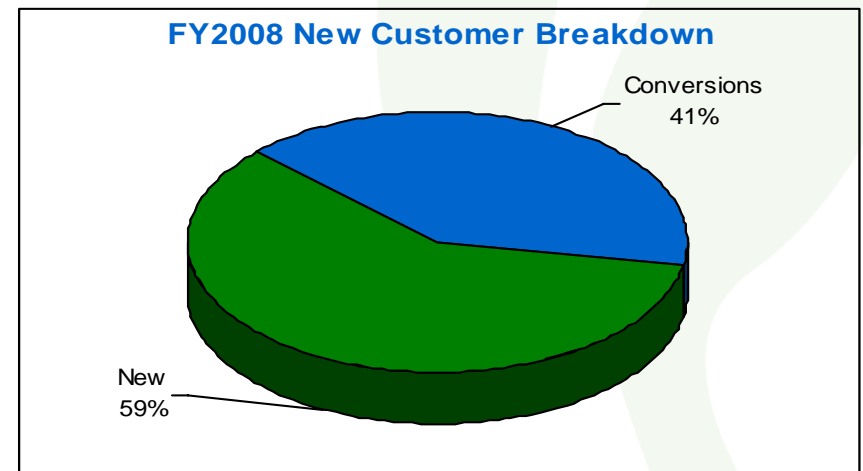
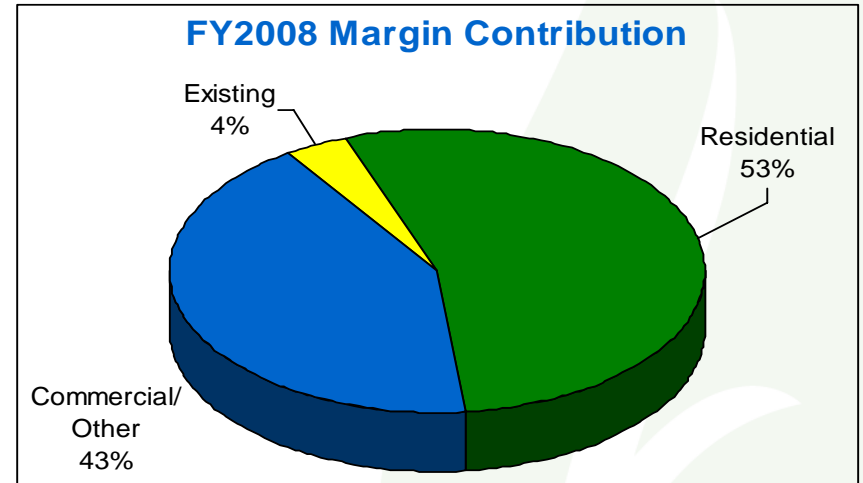




## New Margin Opportunities

### Customer Growth

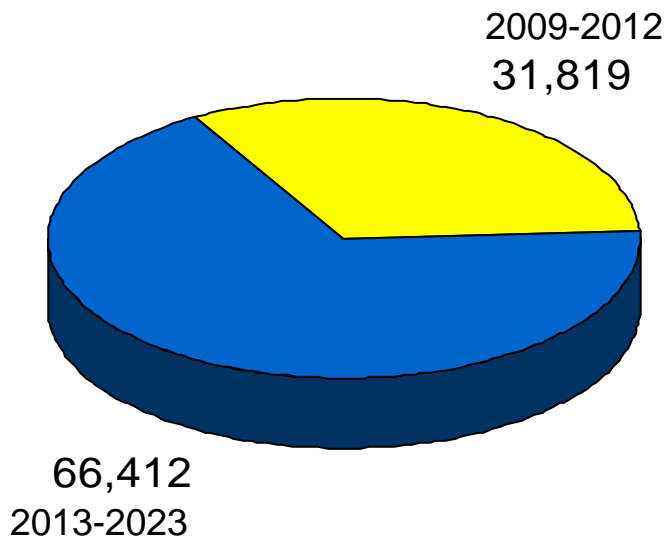
- 7,175 new customers in FY2008
- 728 additional existing customer heat conversions
- Annual gross margin of \$4 million



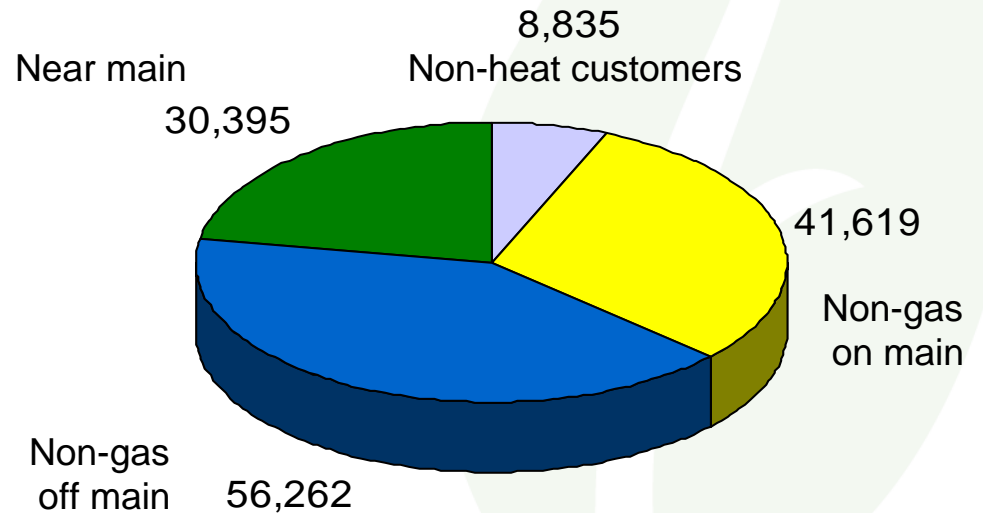


## Residential Growth Potential

New Customers = 98,231



Conversions = 137,111





## Constructive Regulatory Relations

### Base Rate Case Summary

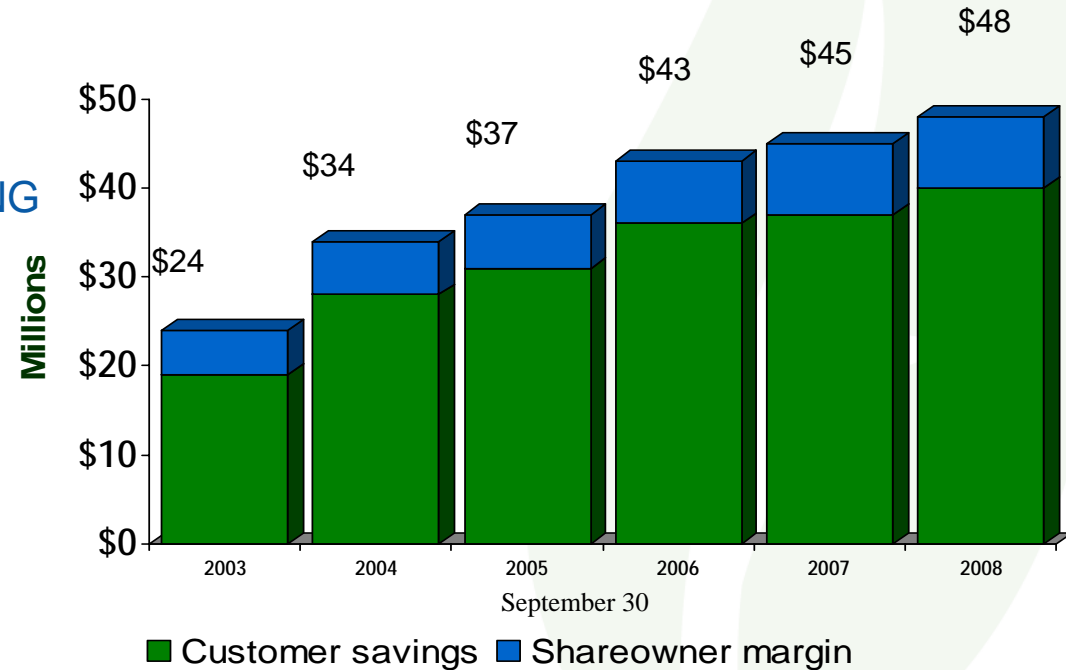
- **New rates effective October 3, 2008**
- **Highlights:**
  - Overall base rate increase of \$32.5 million
  - Rate base of \$943 million
  - Overall rate of return of 7.76 percent
  - 10.3 percent allowed ROE (51.2 percent equity ratio)
  - Incentives extended through 2011
    - **Storage incentive increased to 20 Bcf from 18 Bcf**
  - Depreciation rate reduced to 2.34 percent from 3 percent
  - Excess cost of removal balance of about \$80 million to be amortized at \$1.65 million per year
- **CIP remains in place**



## Constructive Regulatory Relations

### Incentives

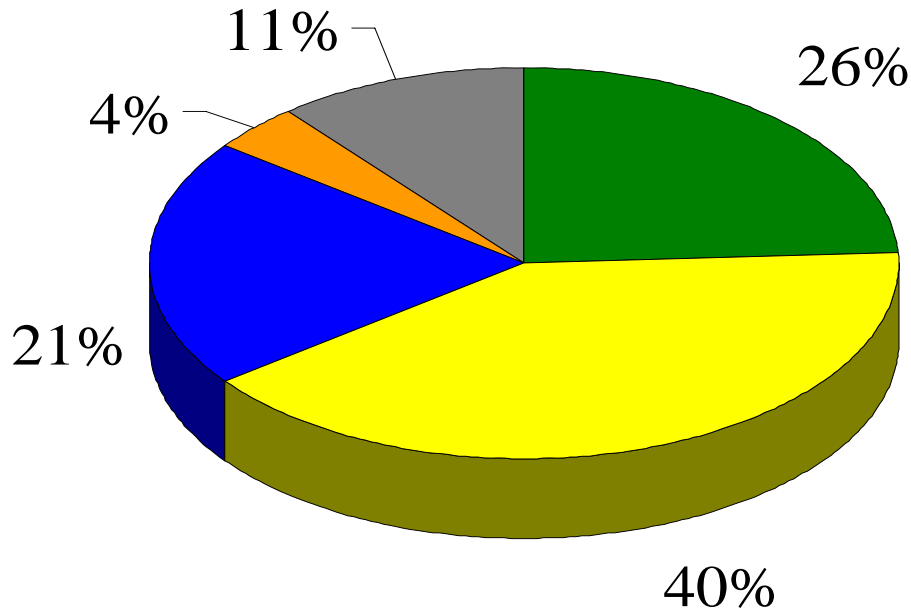
- **Off-system sales and capacity release**
  - In place since 1992
  - Optimization of capacity assets
  - Sharing formula of 85% customer; 15% NJNG
- **Storage Incentive**
  - In place since 2004
  - Promotes price stability
  - Promotes cost efficiencies
  - Sharing formula of 80% customer; 20% NJNG
- **Financial Risk Management**
  - In place since 1997
  - Promote application of risk management techniques
  - Sharing formula of 85% customer; 15% NJNG





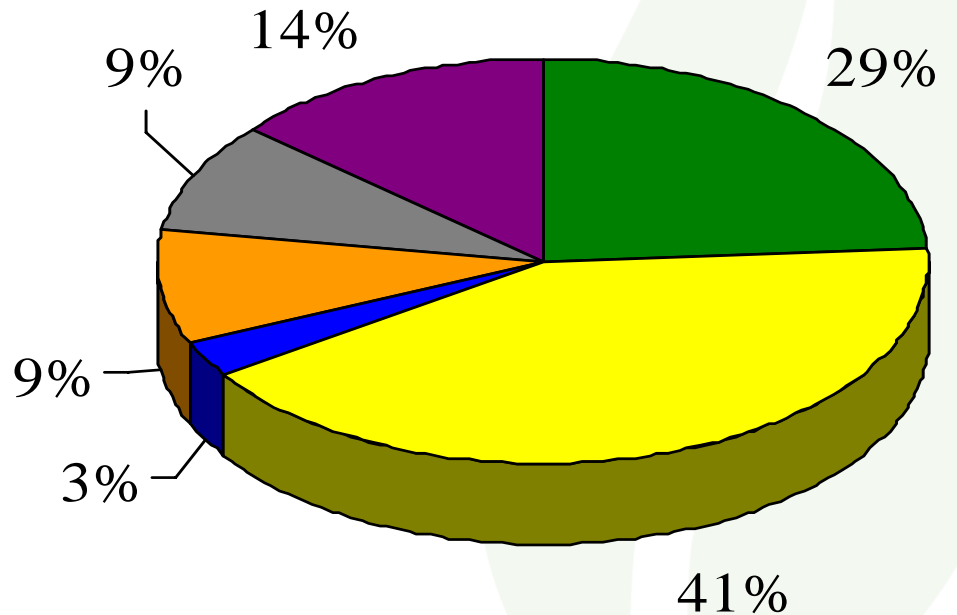
## Profitable Regulated Capital Investments

**FY 2008**



**\$79.7 million**

**FY 2009E**

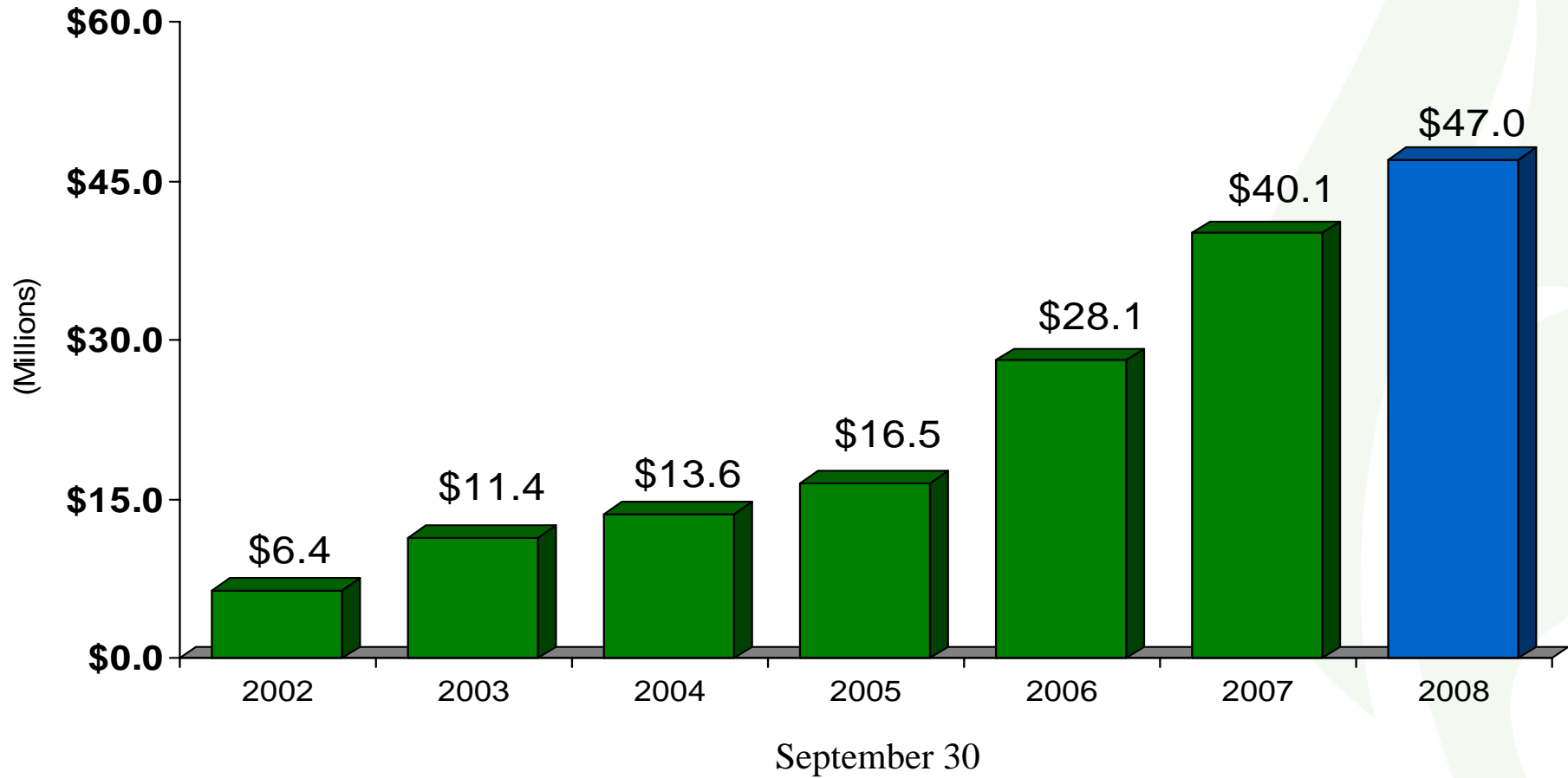


**\$77.5 million**

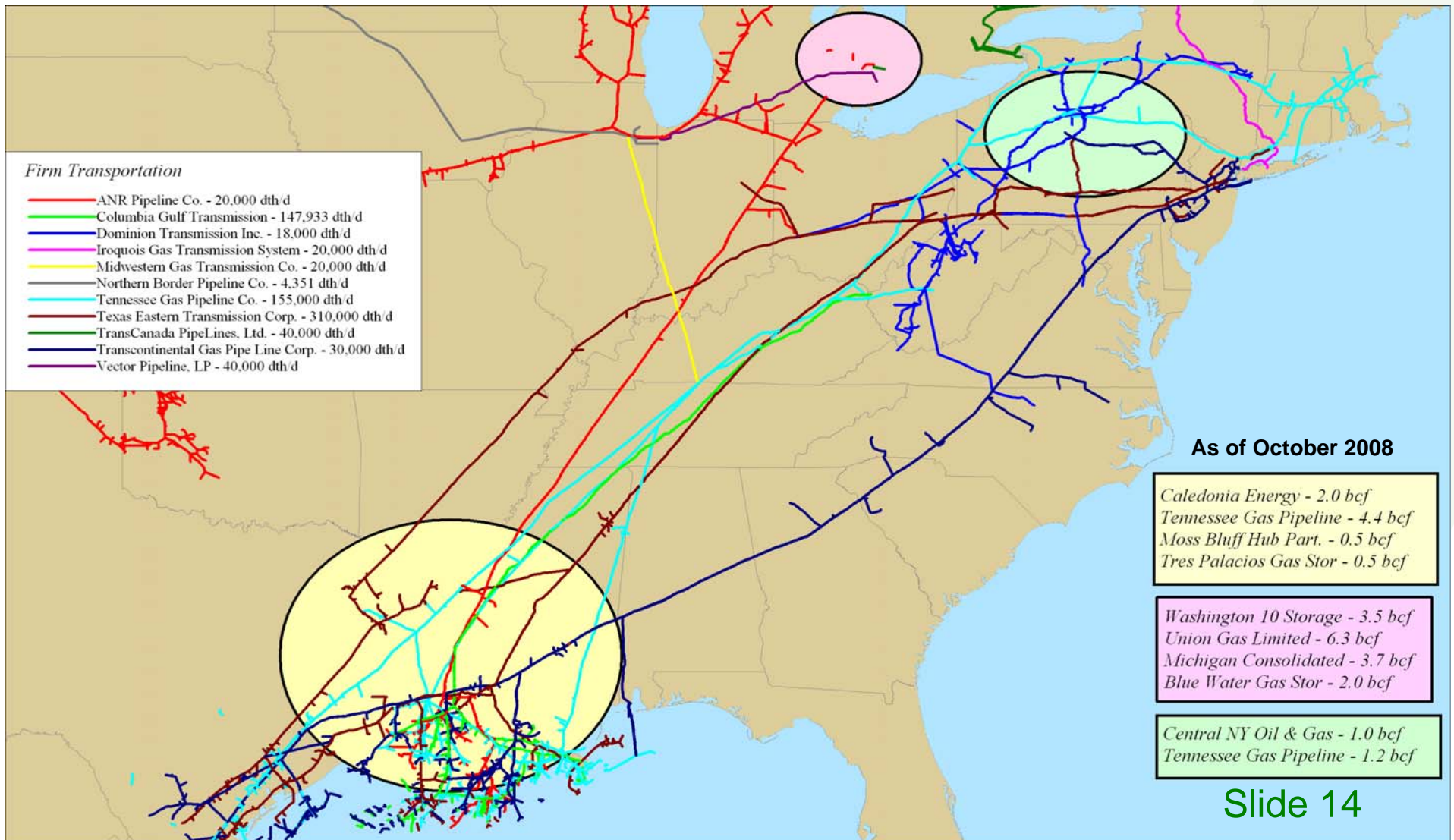




## NJRES Net Financial Earnings



## Dynamic Portfolio of Supply, Storage and Transportation Contracts





## Expanding Midstream Investments

### Iroquois Pipeline

- **\$1.8 million contribution to earnings in FY 2008**
- **411-mile pipeline system running from the Canadian border at Waddington, NY to Long Island & NYC**
- **1.2 Bcf/d of peak deliverability**
- **Commenced operations in 1991**

### Steckman Ridge Status

- **Negotiating with potential customers**
- **Received FERC certificate June 2008**
- **Three wells have been drilled**
  - **Expectation to drill nine more**
- **Pipeline work expected to be completed by end of 2008**
- **Begin customer injections May 2009**





## New Clean Energy Opportunities

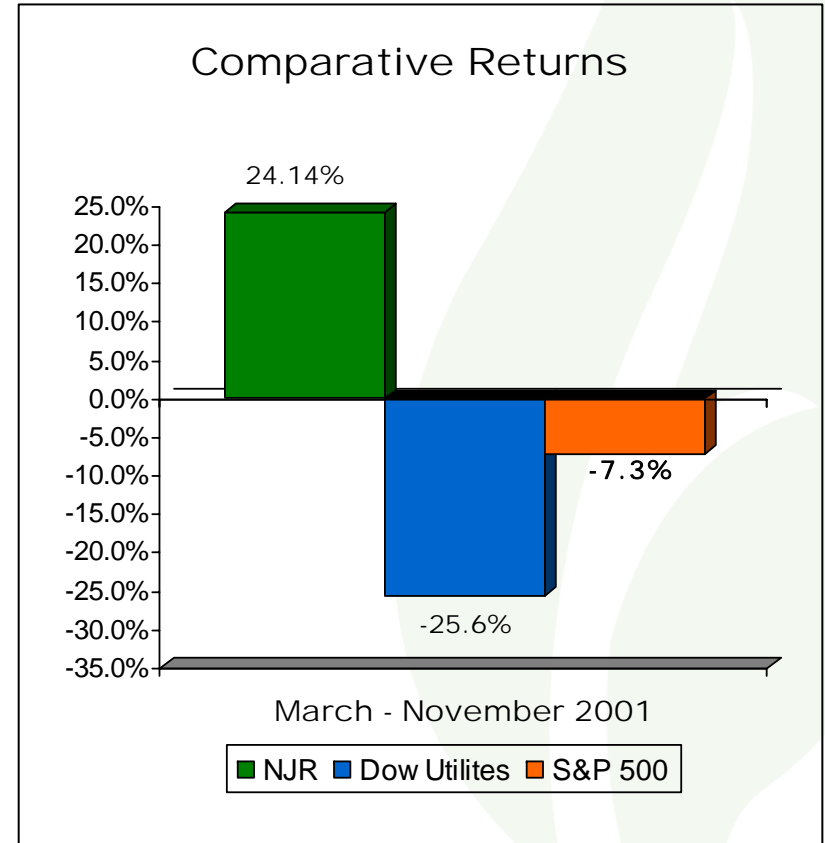
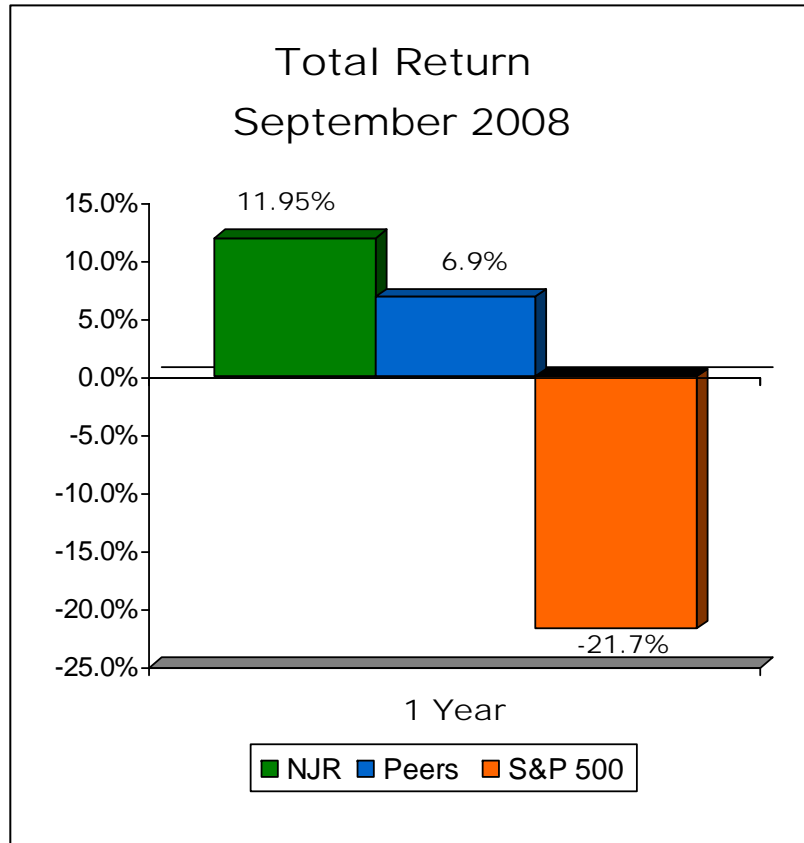
- **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Legislation**
  - Authority for utilities to offer renewable energy and energy-efficiency programs as a regulated service
    - Flexibility for utilities to propose new programs
    - Expedited review process at the BPU
    - Ability to request treatment to address disincentives
      - Decoupling
      - Rate Design
      - Incentives
- **Energy Master Plan**
  - Final report issued in October
- **Currently evaluating opportunities**



## Investment Highlights

- Sustained core market growth
- Constructive regulatory relationships
- Disciplined wholesale energy services strategy
- Strong financial profile
- Demonstrated record of consistent financial performance

## Total Return to Shareowners





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