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| Term | Meaning |
|------------------------------|--|
| Operating Agreement | Agreement, dated January 1, 1997, as amended, by and among PSO and SWEPCo governing generating capacity allocation, energy pricing, and revenues and costs of third party sales. AEPSC acts as the agent. |
| OTC | Over the counter. |
| Parent | American Electric Power Company, Inc., the equity owner of AEP subsidiaries within the AEP consolidation. |
| PCA | Power Coordination Agreement among APCo, I&M, KPCo and WPCo. |
| PJM | Pennsylvania – New Jersey – Maryland regional transmission organization. |
| PSO | Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an AEP electric utility subsidiary. |
| PUCO | Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. |
| Risk Management Contracts | Trading and non-trading derivatives, including those derivatives designated as cash flow and fair value hedges. |
| Rockport Plant | A generation plant, consisting of two 1,310 MW coal-fired generating units near Rockport, Indiana. AEGCo and I&M jointly-own Unit 1. In 1989, AEGCo and I&M entered into a sale-and-leaseback transaction with Wilmington Trust Company, an unrelated, unconsolidated trustee for Rockport Plant, Unit 2. |
| RTO | Regional Transmission Organization, responsible for moving electricity over large interstate areas. |
| SIA | System Integration Agreement, effective June 15, 2000, as amended, provides contractual basis for coordinated planning, operation and maintenance of the power supply sources of the combined AEP. |
| SO ₂ | Sulfur dioxide. |
| SPP | Southwest Power Pool regional transmission organization. |
| SSO | Standard service offer. |
| SWEPCo | Southwestern Electric Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary. |
| Tax Reform | On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law legislation referred to as the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” (the TCJA). The TCJA includes significant changes to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including a reduction in the corporate federal income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. |
| Utility Money Pool | Centralized funding mechanism AEP uses to meet the short-term cash requirements of certain utility subsidiaries. |
| VIE | Variable Interest Entity. |
| WPCo | Wheeling Power Company, an AEP electric utility subsidiary. |

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF INCOME
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017
(in thousands)

| | Years Ended December 31, | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| REVENUES | | |
| Electric Generation, Transmission and Distribution | \$ 628,673 | \$ 625,201 |
| Sales to AEP Affiliates | 12,330 | 16,697 |
| Other Revenues | 1,068 | 891 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 642,071 | 642,789 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Fuel and Other Consumables Used for Electric Generation | 102,103 | 121,776 |
| Purchased Electricity for Resale | 50,599 | 33,052 |
| Purchased Electricity from AEP Affiliates | 101,961 | 95,957 |
| Other Operation | 94,474 | 117,214 |
| Maintenance | 70,282 | 68,999 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 97,770 | 88,004 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 23,854 | 24,129 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 541,043 | 549,131 |
| OPERATING INCOME | 101,028 | 93,658 |
| Other Income (Expense): | | |
| Interest Income | 44 | 175 |
| Carrying Costs Income | 17 | 1,059 |
| Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction | 2,002 | 933 |
| Non-Service Cost Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost | 4,052 | 1,621 |
| Interest Expense | (37,998) | (44,650) |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE | 69,145 | 52,796 |
| Income Tax Expense | 5,999 | 17,550 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 63,146 | \$ 35,246 |

The common stock of KPCo is wholly-owned by Parent.

See Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 10.

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017
(in thousands)

| | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>Paid-in Capital</u> | <u>Retained Earnings</u> | <u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY – DECEMBER 31, 2016 | \$ 50,450 | \$ 526,135 | \$ 93,170 | \$ (1,354) | \$ 668,401 |
| Common Stock Dividends | | | (35,000) | | (35,000) |
| Net Income | | | 35,246 | | 35,246 |
| Other Comprehensive Income | | | | 1,616 | 1,616 |
| TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY – DECEMBER 31, 2017 | 50,450 | 526,135 | 93,416 | 262 | 670,263 |
| ASU 2018-02 Adoption | | | (56) | 56 | — |
| Net Income | | | 63,146 | | 63,146 |
| Other Comprehensive Loss | | | | (530) | (530) |
| TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY – DECEMBER 31, 2018 | <u>\$ 50,450</u> | <u>\$ 526,135</u> | <u>\$ 156,506</u> | <u>\$ (212)</u> | <u>\$ 732,879</u> |

See Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 10.

KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY
BALANCE SHEETS
LIABILITIES AND COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY
December 31, 2018 and 2017
(dollars in thousands)

| | December 31, | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Advances from Affiliates | \$ 27,871 | \$ 9,641 |
| Accounts Payable: | | |
| General | 51,022 | 48,331 |
| Affiliated Companies | 30,615 | 34,944 |
| Long-term Debt Due Within One Year – Nonaffiliated | — | 75,000 |
| Risk Management Liabilities | 95 | 402 |
| Customer Deposits | 30,149 | 28,444 |
| Accrued Taxes | 30,479 | 24,785 |
| Accrued Interest | 6,550 | 7,848 |
| Asset Retirement Obligations | 20,961 | 19,735 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 24,213 | 24,634 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 221,955 | 273,764 |
| NONCURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Long-term Debt – Nonaffiliated | 867,128 | 792,188 |
| Long-term Risk Management Liabilities | 44 | 36 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 402,070 | 394,786 |
| Regulatory Liabilities and Deferred Investment Tax Credits | 155,682 | 130,162 |
| Asset Retirement Obligations | 20,720 | 31,503 |
| Employee Benefits and Pension Obligations | 5,989 | 6,932 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Noncurrent Liabilities | 5,964 | 6,259 |
| TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES | 1,457,597 | 1,361,866 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,679,552 | 1,635,630 |
| Rate Matters (Note 4) | | |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 6) | | |
| COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY | | |
| Common Stock – Par Value – \$50 Per Share: | | |
| Authorized – 2,000,000 Shares | | |
| Outstanding – 1,009,000 Shares | 50,450 | 50,450 |
| Paid-in Capital | 526,135 | 526,135 |
| Retained Earnings | 156,506 | 93,416 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | (212) | 262 |
| TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY | 732,879 | 670,263 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND COMMON SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY | \$ 2,412,431 | \$ 2,305,893 |

See Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 10.

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The FERC regulates wholesale power markets, wholesale power transactions and wholesale transmission operations and rates. KPCo's wholesale power transactions are generally market-based. Wholesale power transactions are cost-based regulated when KPCo negotiates and files a cost-based contract with the FERC or the FERC determines that KPCo has "market power" in the region where the transaction occurs. KPCo has entered into wholesale power supply contracts with various municipalities that are FERC-regulated, cost-based contracts. These contracts are generally formula rate mechanisms, which are trued up to actual costs annually.

The KPSC regulates all of the distribution operations and rates and retail transmission rates on a cost basis. The KPSC also regulates retail generation/power supply operations and rates.

In addition, the FERC regulates the SIA and the Transmission Agreement, which allocate shared system costs and revenues among the utility subsidiaries that are parties to each agreement. The FERC also regulates the PCA and Bridge Agreement, see Note 13 - Related Party Transactions for additional information.

Accounting for the Effects of Cost-Based Regulation

As a rate-regulated electric public utility company, KPCo's financial statements reflect the actions of regulators that result in the recognition of certain revenues and expenses in different time periods than enterprises that are not rate-regulated. In accordance with accounting guidance for "Regulated Operations," KPCo records regulatory assets (deferred expenses) and regulatory liabilities (deferred revenue reductions or refunds) to reflect the economic effects of regulation in the same accounting period by matching expenses with their recovery through regulated revenues and by matching income with its passage to customers in cost-based regulated rates.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates include but are not limited to inventory valuation, allowance for doubtful accounts, long-lived asset impairment, unbilled electricity revenue, valuation of long-term energy contracts, the effects of regulation, long-lived asset recovery, storm costs, the effects of contingencies and certain assumptions made in accounting for pension and postretirement benefits. The estimates and assumptions used are based upon management's evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could ultimately differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents include temporary cash investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Inventory

Fossil fuel inventories and materials and supplies inventories are carried at average cost.

Accounts Receivable

Customer accounts receivable primarily include receivables from wholesale and retail energy customers, receivables from energy contract counterparties related to risk management activities and customer receivables primarily related to other revenue-generating activities.

Revenue is recognized from electric power sales when power is delivered to customers. To the extent that deliveries have occurred but a bill has not been issued, KPCo accrues and recognizes, as Accrued Unbilled Revenues on the balance sheets, an estimate of the revenues for energy delivered since the last billing.

AEP Credit factors accounts receivable on a daily basis, excluding receivables from risk management activities, for KPCo. See "Securitized Accounts Receivables - AEP Credit" section of Note 12 for additional information.

Long-lived assets are required to be tested for impairment when it is determined that the carrying value of the assets may no longer be recoverable or when the assets meet the held-for-sale criteria under the accounting guidance for “Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets.” When it becomes probable that an asset in service or an asset under construction will be abandoned and regulatory cost recovery has been disallowed or is not probable, the cost of that asset shall be removed from plant-in-service or CWIP and charged to expense.

The fair value of an asset is the amount at which that asset could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties, as opposed to a forced or liquidation sale. Quoted market prices in active markets are the best evidence of fair value and are used as the basis for the measurement, if available. In the absence of quoted prices for identical or similar assets in active markets, fair value is estimated using various internal and external valuation methods including cash flow analysis and appraisals.

Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

AFUDC represents the estimated cost of borrowed and equity funds used to finance construction projects that is capitalized and recovered through depreciation over the service life of regulated electric utility plant. KPCo records the equity component of AFUDC in Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction and the debt component of AFUDC as a reduction to Interest Expense.

Valuation of Nonderivative Financial Instruments

The book values of Cash and Cash Equivalents, Advances from Affiliates, Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable approximate fair value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments.

Fair Value Measurements of Assets and Liabilities

The accounting guidance for “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). Where observable inputs are available for substantially the full term of the asset or liability, the instrument is categorized in Level 2. When quoted market prices are not available, pricing may be completed using comparable securities, dealer values, operating data and general market conditions to determine fair value. Valuation models utilize various inputs such as commodity, interest rate and, to a lesser degree, volatility and credit that include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, market corroborated inputs (i.e. inputs derived principally from, or correlated to, observable market data) and other observable inputs for the asset or liability.

For commercial activities, exchange traded derivatives, namely futures contracts, are generally fair valued based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets and are classified as Level 1. Level 2 inputs primarily consist of OTC broker quotes in moderately active or less active markets, as well as exchange traded contracts where there is insufficient market liquidity to warrant inclusion in Level 1. Management verifies price curves using these broker quotes and classifies these fair values within Level 2 when substantially all of the fair value can be corroborated. Management typically obtains multiple broker quotes, which are nonbinding in nature but are based on recent trades in the marketplace. When multiple broker quotes are obtained, the quoted bid and ask prices are averaged. In certain circumstances, a broker quote may be discarded if it is a clear outlier. Management uses a historical correlation analysis between the broker quoted location and the illiquid locations. If the points are highly correlated, these locations are included within Level 2 as well. Certain OTC and bilaterally executed derivative instruments are executed in less active markets with a lower availability of pricing information. Illiquid transactions, complex structured transactions, FTRs and counterparty credit risk may require nonmarket based inputs. Some of these inputs may be internally developed or extrapolated and utilized to estimate fair value. When such inputs have a significant impact on the measurement of fair value, the instrument is categorized as Level 3. The main driver of contracts being classified as Level 3 is the inability to substantiate energy price curves in the market. A portion of the Level 3 instruments have been economically hedged which limits potential earnings volatility.

Electricity Supply and Delivery Activities

KPCo recognizes revenues from retail and wholesale electricity sales and electricity transmission and distribution delivery services. KPCo recognizes the revenues on the statements of income upon delivery of the energy to the customer and includes unbilled as well as billed amounts. Wholesale transmission revenue is based on FERC approved formula rate filings made for each calendar year using estimated costs. The annual rate filing is compared to actual costs with an over- or under-recovery being trued-up with interest and refunded or recovered in a future year's rates. In accordance with the accounting guidance for "Regulated Operations - Revenue Recognition", KPCo recognizes revenue and expense related to the rate true-ups immediately following the annual FERC filings. Any portion of the true-ups applicable to an affiliated company is recorded as Accounts Receivable - Affiliated Companies or Accounts Payable - Affiliated Companies on the balance sheets. Any portion of the true-ups applicable to third parties is recorded as Regulatory Assets or Regulatory Liabilities on the balance sheets.

Most of the power produced at KPCo's generation plants is sold to PJM. KPCo purchases power from PJM to supply power to its customers. Generally, these power sales and purchases are reported on a net basis in revenues on the statements of income. However, purchases of power in excess of sales to PJM, on an hourly net basis, used to serve retail load are recorded gross as Purchased Electricity for Resale on the statements of income.

Physical energy purchases arising from non-derivative contracts are accounted for on a gross basis in Purchased Electricity for Resale on the statements of income. Energy purchases arising from non-trading derivative contracts are recorded based on the transaction's facts and circumstances. Purchases under non-trading derivatives used to serve accrual based obligations are recorded in Purchased Electricity for Resale on the statements of income. All other non-trading derivative purchases are recorded net in revenues.

In general, KPCo records expenses when purchased electricity is received and when expenses are incurred, with the exception of certain power purchase contracts that are derivatives and accounted for using MTM accounting. KPCo defers the unrealized MTM amounts as regulatory assets (for losses) and regulatory liabilities (for gains).

Energy Marketing and Risk Management Activities

KPCo engages in power marketing as a major power producer and participant in electricity markets. KPCo also engages in power, capacity, coal, natural gas and, to a lesser extent, heating oil, gasoline and other commodity risk management activities focused on markets where the AEP System owns assets and adjacent markets. These activities include the purchase-and-sale of energy under forward contracts at fixed and variable prices. These contracts include physical transactions, exchange-traded futures, and to a lesser extent, OTC swaps and options. Certain energy marketing and risk management transactions are with RTOs.

KPCo recognizes revenues from marketing and risk management transactions that are not derivatives as the performance obligation of delivering the commodity is satisfied. Expenses from marketing and risk management transactions that are not derivatives are also recognized upon delivery of the commodity.

KPCo uses MTM accounting for marketing and risk management transactions that are derivatives unless the derivative is designated in a qualifying cash flow hedge relationship or elected normal under the normal purchase normal sale election. The realized gains and losses on marketing and risk management transactions are included in revenues or expense based on the transaction's facts and circumstances. The unrealized MTM amounts are deferred as regulatory assets (for losses) and regulatory liabilities (for gains). Unrealized MTM gains and losses are included on the balance sheets as Risk Management Assets or Liabilities as appropriate.

Certain qualifying marketing and risk management derivative transactions are designated as hedges of variability in future cash flows as a result of forecasted transactions (cash flow hedge). In the event KPCo designates a cash flow hedge, the cash flow hedge's gain or loss is initially recorded as a component of AOCI. When the forecasted transaction is realized and affects net income, KPCo subsequently reclassifies the gain or loss on the hedge from AOCI into revenues or expenses within the same financial statement line item as the forecasted transaction on the statements of income. See "Accounting for Cash Flow Hedging Strategies" section of Note 8.

Investments Held in Trust for Future Liabilities

AEP has several trust funds with significant investments intended to provide for future payments of pension and OPEB benefits. All of the trust funds' investments are diversified and managed in compliance with all laws and regulations. The investment strategy for the trust funds is to use a diversified portfolio of investments to achieve an acceptable rate of return while managing the investment risk of the assets relative to the associated liabilities. To minimize investment risk, the trust funds are broadly diversified among classes of assets, investment strategies and investment managers. Management regularly reviews the actual asset allocations and periodically rebalances the investments to targeted allocations when appropriate. Investment policies and guidelines allow investment managers in approved strategies to use financial derivatives to obtain or manage market exposures and to hedge assets and liabilities. The investments are reported at fair value under the "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" accounting guidance.

Benefit Plans

All benefit plan assets are invested in accordance with each plan's investment policy. The investment policy outlines the investment objectives, strategies and target asset allocations by plan.

The investment philosophies for AEP's benefit plans support the allocation of assets to minimize risks and optimize net returns. Strategies used include:

- Maintaining a long-term investment horizon.
- Diversifying assets to help control volatility of returns at acceptable levels.
- Managing fees, transaction costs and tax liabilities to maximize investment earnings.
- Using active management of investments where appropriate risk/return opportunities exist.
- Keeping portfolio structure style-neutral to limit volatility compared to applicable benchmarks.
- Using alternative asset classes such as real estate and private equity to maximize return and provide additional portfolio diversification.

The objective of the investment policy for the pension fund is to maintain the funded status of the plan while providing for growth in the plan assets to offset the growth in the plan liabilities. The current target asset allocations are as follows:

| Pension Plan Assets | Target |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Equity | 25% |
| Fixed Income | 59% |
| Other Investments | 15% |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 1% |

| OPEB Plans Assets | Target |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Equity | 49% |
| Fixed Income | 49% |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 2% |

The investment policy for each benefit plan contains various investment limitations. The investment policies establish concentration limits for securities and prohibit the purchase of securities issued by AEP (with the exception of proportionate and immaterial holdings of AEP securities in passive index strategies). However, the investment policies do not preclude the benefit trust funds from receiving contributions in the form of AEP securities, provided that the AEP securities acquired by each plan may not exceed the limitations imposed by law.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity (net assets) of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Comprehensive income (loss) has two components: net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss).

Earnings Per Share (EPS)

KPCo is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEP. Therefore, KPCo is not required to report EPS.

Supplementary Income Statement Information

The following table provides the components of Depreciation and Amortization for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

| Depreciation and Amortization | Years Ended December 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Depreciation and Amortization of Property, Plant and Equipment | \$ 89,798 | \$ 85,030 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets and Liabilities | 7,972 | 2,974 |
| Total Depreciation and Amortization | \$ 97,770 | \$ 88,004 |

Subsequent Events

Management reviewed subsequent events through February 21, 2019, the date that KPCo's 2018 annual report was available to be issued.

Management concluded that the result of adoption would not materially change the volume of contracts that qualify as leases going forward. The adoption of the new standard did not materially impact results of operations or cash flows, but did have a material impact on the balance sheet. The impact to the balance sheet has been estimated for the first quarter of 2019 as \$9.6 million.

ASU 2016-13 “Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments” (ASU 2016-13)

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 requiring an allowance to be recorded for all expected credit losses for financial assets. The allowance for credit losses is based on historical information, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The new standard also makes revisions to the other than temporary impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities. Disclosures of credit quality indicators in relation to the amortized cost of financing receivables are further disaggregated by year of origination.

The new accounting guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The amendments will be applied through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective. Management is analyzing the impact of this new standard and, at this time, cannot estimate the impact of adoption on net income. Management plans to adopt ASU 2016-13 and related implementation guidance effective January 1, 2020.

ASU 2017-07 “Compensation - Retirement Benefits” (ASU 2017-07)

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07 requiring that an employer report the service cost component of pension and postretirement benefits in the same line item or items as other compensation costs. The other components of net benefit cost are required to be presented on the statements of income separately from the service cost component and outside of a subtotal of income from operations. In addition, only the service cost component is eligible for capitalization as applicable following labor.

Management adopted ASU 2017-07 effective January 1, 2018. Presentation of the non-service components on a separate line outside of operating income was applied on a retrospective basis, using the amounts disclosed in the benefit plan note for the estimation basis as a practical expedient. Capitalization of only the service cost component was applied on a prospective basis.

ASU 2017-12 “Derivatives and Hedging” (ASU 2017-12)

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12 amending the recognition and presentation requirements for hedge accounting activities. The objectives of the new standard are to improve the financial reporting of hedging relationships to better portray the economic results of an entity’s risk management activities in its financial statements and to reduce the complexity of applying hedge accounting. Among other things, ASU 2017-12: (a) expands the types of transactions eligible for hedge accounting, (b) eliminates the separate measurement and presentation of hedge ineffectiveness, (c) simplifies the requirements for assessments of hedge effectiveness, (d) provides companies more time to finalize hedge documentation and (e) enhances presentation and disclosure requirements.

Management early adopted ASU 2017-12 in the second quarter of 2018, effective January 1, 2018, by means of a modified retrospective approach. The adoption of ASU 2017-12 did not have an impact on results of operations, financial position or cash flows. The adoption of the new standard did not give rise to any material changes to KPCo’s previously established accounting policies for derivatives and hedging.

ASU 2018-02 “Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from AOCI” (ASU 2018-02)

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02 allowing a reclassification from AOCI to Retained Earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from Tax Reform. The accounting guidance for “Income Taxes” requires deferred tax assets and liabilities to be adjusted for the effect of a change in tax law or rates with the effect included in income from continuing operations in the reporting period that includes the enactment date of the tax change. This guidance is applicable for the tax effects of items in AOCI that were originally recognized in Other Comprehensive Income. As a result, and absent the new guidance in this ASU, the tax effects of items within AOCI would not reflect the newly enacted corporate tax rate.

3. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Presentation of Comprehensive Income

The following tables provide the components of changes in AOCI and details of reclassifications from AOCI for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The amortization of pension and OPEB AOCI components are included in the computation of net periodic pension and OPEB costs. See Note 7 - Benefit Plans for additional details.

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) by Component For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

| | Pension and OPEB | | Total |
|--|---|---|-----------------|
| | Amortization of Deferred Costs | Changes in Funded Status | |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Balance in AOCI as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 3,260 | \$ (2,998) | \$ 262 |
| Change in Fair Value Recognized in AOCI | — | (441) | (441) |
| Amount of (Gain) Loss Reclassified from AOCI | | | |
| Amortization of Prior Service Cost (Credit) | (224) | — | (224) |
| Amortization of Actuarial (Gains) Losses | 111 | — | 111 |
| Reclassifications from AOCI, before Income Tax (Expense) Benefit | (113) | — | (113) |
| Income Tax (Expense) Benefit | (24) | — | (24) |
| Reclassifications from AOCI, Net of Income Tax (Expense) Benefit | (89) | — | (89) |
| Net Current Period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | (89) | (441) | (530) |
| ASU 2018-02 Adoption (b) | — | 56 | 56 |
| Balance in AOCI as of December 31, 2018 | \$ 3,171 | \$ (3,383) | \$ (212) |

Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) by Component For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| | Cash Flow Hedge - Interest Rate | Pension and OPEB | | Total |
|--|--|---|---|---------------|
| | | Amortization of Deferred Costs | Changes in Funded Status | |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Balance in AOCI as of December 31, 2016 | \$ (41) | \$ 3,229 | \$ (4,542) | \$ (1,354) |
| Change in Fair Value Recognized in AOCI | — | — | 1,544 | 1,544 |
| Amount of (Gain) Loss Reclassified from AOCI | | | | |
| Interest Expense (a) | 62 | — | — | 62 |
| Amortization of Prior Service Cost (Credit) | — | (222) | — | (222) |
| Amortization of Actuarial (Gains) Losses | — | 270 | — | 270 |
| Reclassifications from AOCI, before Income Tax (Expense) Benefit | 62 | 48 | — | 110 |
| Income Tax (Expense) Benefit | 21 | 17 | — | 38 |
| Reclassifications from AOCI, Net of Income Tax (Expense) Benefit | 41 | 31 | — | 72 |
| Net Current Period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | 41 | 31 | 1,544 | 1,616 |
| Balance in AOCI as of December 31, 2017 | \$ — | \$ 3,260 | \$ (2,998) | \$ 262 |

(a) Amounts reclassified to the referenced line item on the statements of income.

(b) See Note 2 - New Accounting Pronouncements for additional information.

Excess ADIT that is not subject to the normalization method of accounting, ratably over a ten-year period through credits to the federal income tax expense component of the revenue requirement. In April 2018, an administrative law judge accepted the interim settlement rates, which included the \$50 million one-time refund that occurred in the second quarter of 2018. These interim rates are subject to refund or surcharge, with interest.

In April 2018, certain intervenors filed comments at the FERC recommending a base ROE of 8.48% and a one-time refund of \$184 million. The FERC trial staff filed comments recommending a base ROE of 8.41% and one-time refund of \$175 million. Another intervenor recommended the refund be calculated in accordance with the base ROE that will ultimately be approved by the FERC. In May 2018, management filed reply comments providing further support for the 9.85% base ROE agreed to in the settlement agreement. In February 2019, the FERC issued an order that neither approved or denied the settlement and directed the parties to file additional information.

If the FERC orders revenue reductions in excess of the terms of the settlement agreement, it could reduce future net income and cash flows and impact financial condition.

Modifications to PJM Transmission Rates

In 2016, AEP's transmission owning subsidiaries within PJM, including KPCo, filed an application at the FERC to modify the PJM OATT formula transmission rate calculation, including an adjustment to recover a tax-related regulatory asset and a shift from historical to projected expenses. The modified PJM OATT formula rates are based on projected calendar year financial activity and projected plant balances. In 2017, AEP's transmission owning subsidiaries within PJM filed an uncontested settlement agreement with the FERC resolving all outstanding issues. In April 2018, the FERC approved the uncontested settlement agreement and rates were implemented effective January 1, 2018.

| Regulatory Liabilities: | December 31, | | Remaining Refund Period |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Current Regulatory Liability | | | |
| Over-recovered Fuel Costs - does not pay a return | \$ — | \$ 567 | |
| Total Current Regulatory Liabilities | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 567</u> | |
| Noncurrent Regulatory Liabilities and Deferred Investment Tax Credits | | | |
| Regulatory liabilities pending final regulatory determination: | | | |
| Income Tax Related Regulatory Liabilities (a) | | | |
| Excess ADIT Associated with Certain Depreciable Property | \$ 1,465 | \$ 145,986 | |
| Excess ADIT that is Not Subject to Rate Normalization Requirements | — | 122,448 | |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities Pending Final Regulatory Determination | <u>1,465</u> | <u>268,434</u> | |
| Regulatory liabilities approved for payment: | | | |
| Regulatory Liabilities Currently Paying a Return | | | |
| Asset Removal Costs | 10,265 | — | (b) |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities Currently Paying a Return | <u>10,265</u> | <u>—</u> | |
| Regulatory Liabilities Currently Not Paying a Return | | | |
| PJM Transmission Enhancement Refund | 7,615 | — | 7 years |
| Unrealized Gain on Forward Commitments | 4,085 | 191 | 6 years |
| Purchased Power Adjustment Rider | 3,864 | — | 2 year |
| Other Regulatory Liabilities Approved for Payment | 2,280 | 432 | various |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities Currently Not Paying a Return | <u>17,844</u> | <u>623</u> | |
| Income Tax Related Regulatory Liabilities (a) | | | |
| Excess ADIT Associated with Certain Depreciable Property | 134,360 | — | (c) |
| Excess ADIT that is Not Subject to Rate Normalization Requirements | 135,911 | — | 18 years |
| Income Taxes Subject to Flow Through | (144,163) | (138,895) | 22 years |
| Total Income Tax Related Regulatory Liabilities | <u>126,108</u> | <u>(138,895)</u> | |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities Approved for Payment | <u>154,217</u> | <u>(138,272)</u> | |
| Total Noncurrent Regulatory Liabilities and Deferred Investment Tax Credits | <u>\$ 155,682</u> | <u>\$ 130,162</u> | |

- (a) This balance primarily represents regulatory liabilities for excess accumulated deferred income taxes (Excess ADIT) as a result of the reduction in the corporate federal income tax rate from 35% to 21% related to the enactment of Tax Reform. The regulatory liability balance predominately pays a return due to the inclusion of Excess ADIT in rate base. See "Federal Tax Reform" section of Note 10 for additional information.
- (b) As a regulated entity, removal costs accrued are typically recorded as regulatory liabilities when revenue received for removal costs accrued exceeds actual removal costs incurred. As of December 31, 2017, KPCo's accumulated actual removal cost incurred exceeded accumulated removal cost accrued, creating an asset balance. As a result, the balance was reclassified to a regulatory asset.
- (c) Refunded using Average Rate Assumption Method.

CONTINGENCIES

Insurance and Potential Losses

KPCo maintains insurance coverage normal and customary for an electric utility, subject to various deductibles. KPCo also maintains property and casualty insurance that may cover certain physical damage or third-party injuries caused by cyber security incidents. Insurance coverage includes all risks of physical loss or damage to assets, subject to insurance policy conditions and exclusions. Covered property generally includes power plants, substations, facilities and inventories. Excluded property generally includes transmission and distribution lines, poles and towers. The insurance programs also generally provide coverage against loss arising from certain claims made by third-parties and are in excess of KPCo's retentions. Coverage is generally provided by a combination of the protected cell of EIS and/or various industry mutual and/or commercial insurance carriers.

Some potential losses or liabilities may not be insurable or the amount of insurance carried may not be sufficient to meet potential losses and liabilities, including, but not limited to, liabilities relating to a cyber security incident. Future losses or liabilities, if they occur, which are not completely insured, unless recovered from customers, could reduce future net income and cash flows and impact financial condition.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund) and State Remediation

By-products from the generation of electricity include materials such as ash, slag and sludge. Coal combustion by-products, which constitute the overwhelming percentage of these materials, are typically treated and deposited in captive disposal facilities or are beneficially utilized. In addition, the generation plants and transmission and distribution facilities have used asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls and other hazardous and non-hazardous materials. KPCo currently incurs costs to dispose of these substances safely.

Superfund addresses clean-up of hazardous substances that are released to the environment. The Federal EPA administers the clean-up programs. Several states enacted similar laws. As of December 31, 2018, there is one site for which KPCo has received an information request which could lead to a Potentially Responsible Party designation. In the instance where KPCo has been named a defendant, disposal or recycling activities were in accordance with the then-applicable laws and regulations. Superfund does not recognize compliance as a defense, but imposes strict liability on parties who fall within its broad statutory categories. Liability has been resolved for a number of sites with no significant effect on net income.

Management evaluates the potential liability for each site separately, but several general statements can be made about potential future liability. Allegations that materials were disposed at a particular site are often unsubstantiated and the quantity of materials deposited at a site can be small and often non-hazardous. Although Superfund liability has been interpreted by the courts as joint and several, typically many parties are named for each site and several of the parties are financially sound enterprises. As of December 31, 2018, management's estimates do not anticipate material clean-up costs for the identified site.

Actuarial Assumptions for Net Periodic Benefit Costs

The weighted-average assumptions used in the measurement of benefit costs are shown in the following table:

| Assumptions | Pension Plans | | OPEB | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| | Year Ended December 31, | | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Discount Rate | 3.65% | 4.05% | 3.60% | 4.10% |
| Interest Crediting Rate | 4.00% | 4.00% | NA | NA |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | 6.00% | 6.00% | 6.00% | 6.75% |
| Rate of Compensation Increase | 4.50% (a) | 4.45% (a) | NA | NA |

(a) Rates are for base pay only. In addition, an amount is added to reflect target incentive compensation for exempt employees and overtime and incentive pay for nonexempt employees.

NA Not applicable.

The expected return on plan assets was determined by evaluating historical returns, the current investment climate (yield on fixed income securities and other recent investment market indicators), rate of inflation, third party forecasts and current prospects for economic growth.

The health care trend rate assumptions used for OPEB plans measurement purposes are shown below:

| Health Care Trend Rates | December 31, | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Initial | 6.25% | 6.50% |
| Ultimate | 5.00% | 5.00% |
| Year Ultimate Reached | 2024 | 2024 |

Significant Concentrations of Risk within Plan Assets

In addition to establishing the target asset allocation of plan assets, the investment policy also places restrictions on securities to limit significant concentrations within plan assets. The investment policy establishes guidelines that govern maximum market exposure, security restrictions, prohibited asset classes, prohibited types of transactions, minimum credit quality, average portfolio credit quality, portfolio duration and concentration limits. The guidelines were established to mitigate the risk of loss due to significant concentrations in any investment. The plans are monitored to control security diversification and ensure compliance with the investment policy. As of December 31, 2018, the assets were invested in compliance with all investment limits. See “Investments Held in Trust for Future Liabilities” section of Note 1 for limit details.

Amounts Included in Regulatory Assets, Deferred Income Taxes, AOCI and Income Tax Expense

The following table shows the components of the plans included in Regulatory Assets, Deferred Income Taxes, AOCI and Income Tax Expense:

| Components | Pension Plans | | OPEB | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | December 31, | | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Net Actuarial Loss | \$ 46,316 | \$ 45,067 | \$ 12,949 | \$ 8,770 |
| Prior Service Cost (Credit) | — | 1 | (12,384) | (14,808) |
| Recorded as | | | | |
| Regulatory Assets | \$ 44,992 | \$ 43,564 | \$ 1,621 | \$ (4,133) |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 278 | 316 | (222) | (400) |
| Net of Tax AOCI | 1,046 | 977 | (834) | (1,239) |
| Income Tax Expense (a) | — | 211 | — | (266) |

(a) Amounts relate to the re-measurement of Deferred Income Taxes as a result of Tax Reform. In accordance with the accounting guidance for "Income Taxes", re-measurement of Deferred Income Taxes related to AOCI must flow through the statement of income.

Components of the change in amounts included in Regulatory Assets, Deferred Income Taxes, AOCI and Income Tax Expense were as follows:

| Components | Pension Plans | | OPEB | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Actuarial (Gain) Loss During the Year | \$ 4,268 | \$ (7,708) | \$ 4,541 | \$ (10,937) |
| Amortization of Actuarial Loss | (3,019) | (2,878) | (362) | (1,391) |
| Amortization of Prior Service Credit (Cost) | (1) | (47) | 2,424 | 2,425 |
| Change for the Year Ended December 31, | \$ 1,248 | \$ (10,633) | \$ 6,603 | \$ (9,903) |

Determination of Pension Expense

The determination of pension expense or income is based on a market-related valuation of assets which reduces year-to-year volatility. This market-related valuation recognizes investment gains or losses over a five-year period from the year in which they occur. Investment gains or losses for this purpose are the difference between the expected return calculated using the market-related value of assets and the actual return.

Pension and OPEB Assets

The fair value tables within Pension and OPEB Assets present the classification of assets for AEP within the fair value hierarchy. All Level 1, 2, 3 and Other amounts can be allocated to KPCo using the percentages below:

| Pension Plan | | OPEB | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| December 31, | | | |
| 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.8% |

The following table presents the classification of OPEB plan assets for AEP within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2018:

| Asset Class | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Other | Total | Year End Allocation |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | | |
| Equities: | | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 233.3 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 233.3 | 15.2 % |
| International | 185.9 | — | — | — | 185.9 | 12.1 % |
| Options | — | 4.3 | — | — | 4.3 | 0.3 % |
| Common Collective Trusts (b) | — | — | — | 226.2 | 226.2 | 14.7 % |
| Subtotal – Equities | 419.2 | 4.3 | — | 226.2 | 649.7 | 42.3 % |
| Fixed Income: | | | | | | |
| Common Collective Trust Debt (b) | — | — | — | 163.6 | 163.6 | 10.7 % |
| United States Government and Agency Securities | 0.2 | 181.5 | — | — | 181.7 | 11.8 % |
| Corporate Debt | — | 188.6 | — | — | 188.6 | 12.3 % |
| Foreign Debt | — | 35.0 | — | — | 35.0 | 2.3 % |
| State and Local Government | 41.8 | 11.8 | — | — | 53.6 | 3.5 % |
| Other – Asset Backed | — | 0.2 | — | — | 0.2 | — % |
| Subtotal – Fixed Income | 42.0 | 417.1 | — | 163.6 | 622.7 | 40.6 % |
| Trust Owned Life Insurance: | | | | | | |
| International Equities | — | 49.4 | — | — | 49.4 | 3.2 % |
| United States Bonds | — | 154.4 | — | — | 154.4 | 10.1 % |
| Subtotal – Trust Owned Life Insurance | — | 203.8 | — | — | 203.8 | 13.3 % |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents (b) | 54.4 | — | — | 4.8 | 59.2 | 3.9 % |
| Other – Pending Transactions and Accrued Income (a) | — | — | — | (1.2) | (1.2) | (0.1)% |
| Total | \$ 515.6 | \$ 625.2 | \$ — | \$ 393.4 | \$ 1,534.2 | 100.0 % |

- (a) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent accrued interest, dividend receivables and transactions pending settlement.
(b) Amounts in “Other” column represent investments for which fair value is measured using net asset value per share.

The following table presents the classification of OPEB plan assets for AEP within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2017:

| Asset Class | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Other | Total | Year End Allocation |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Equities: | | | | | | |
| Domestic | \$ 307.1 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 307.1 | 17.7 % |
| International | 306.9 | — | — | — | 306.9 | 17.7 % |
| Options | — | 9.4 | — | — | 9.4 | 0.5 % |
| Common Collective Trusts (b) | — | — | — | 153.6 | 153.6 | 8.9 % |
| Subtotal – Equities | 614.0 | 9.4 | — | 153.6 | 777.0 | 44.8 % |
| Fixed Income: | | | | | | |
| Common Collective Trust – Debt (b) | — | — | — | 185.0 | 185.0 | 10.7 % |
| United States Government and Agency Securities | — | 187.4 | — | — | 187.4 | 10.8 % |
| Corporate Debt | — | 214.1 | — | — | 214.1 | 12.4 % |
| Foreign Debt | — | 40.7 | — | — | 40.7 | 2.4 % |
| State and Local Government | 49.7 | 16.8 | — | — | 66.5 | 3.8 % |
| Other – Asset Backed | — | 0.2 | — | — | 0.2 | — % |
| Subtotal – Fixed Income | 49.7 | 459.2 | — | 185.0 | 693.9 | 40.1 % |
| Trust Owned Life Insurance: | | | | | | |
| International Equities | — | 105.4 | — | — | 105.4 | 6.1 % |
| United States Bonds | — | 118.2 | — | — | 118.2 | 6.8 % |
| Subtotal – Trust Owned Life Insurance | — | 223.6 | — | — | 223.6 | 12.9 % |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents (b) | 36.7 | — | — | 4.2 | 40.9 | 2.4 % |
| Other – Pending Transactions and Accrued Income (a) | — | — | — | (2.9) | (2.9) | (0.2)% |
| Total | \$ 700.4 | \$ 692.2 | \$ — | \$ 339.9 | \$ 1,732.5 | 100.0 % |

(a) Amounts in “Other” column primarily represent accrued interest, dividend receivables and transactions pending settlement.

(b) Amounts in “Other” column represent investments for which fair value is measured using net asset value per share.

Accumulated Benefit Obligation

The accumulated benefit obligation for the pension plans is as follows:

| | December 31, | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Qualified Pension Plan | \$ 167,534 | \$ 179,162 |
| Nonqualified Pension Plan | 12 | 33 |
| Total Accumulated Benefit Obligation | \$ 167,546 | \$ 179,195 |

Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost (credit):

| | Pension Plans | | OPEB | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Years Ended December 31, | | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Service Cost | \$ 2,812 | \$ 2,916 | \$ 328 | \$ 332 |
| Interest Cost | 6,745 | 7,148 | 1,726 | 2,158 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (10,605) | (10,299) | (3,944) | (3,840) |
| Amortization of Prior Service Cost (Credit) | 1 | 47 | (2,424) | (2,425) |
| Amortization of Net Actuarial Loss | 3,019 | 2,878 | 362 | 1,391 |
| Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Credit) | 1,972 | 2,690 | (3,952) | (2,384) |
| Capitalized Portion | (1,069) | (893) | (125) | 791 |
| Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Credit) Recognized in Expense | \$ 903 | \$ 1,797 | \$ (4,077) | \$ (1,593) |

American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan

KPCo participates in an AEP sponsored defined contribution retirement savings plan, the American Electric Power System Retirement Savings Plan, for substantially all employees. This qualified plan offers participants an opportunity to contribute a portion of their pay, includes features under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides for matching contributions. The matching contributions to the plan are 100% of the first 1% of eligible employee contributions and 70% of the next 5% of contributions. The cost for matching contributions totaled \$2.3 million in 2018 and \$2.4 million in 2017.

Cash Flow Hedging Strategies

KPCo utilizes cash flow hedges on certain derivative transactions for the purchase-and-sale of power (“Commodity”) in order to manage the variable price risk related to forecasted purchases and sales. Management monitors the potential impacts of commodity price changes and, where appropriate, enters into derivative transactions to protect profit margins for a portion of future electricity sales and purchases. KPCo does not hedge all commodity price risk.

KPCo utilizes a variety of interest rate derivative transactions in order to manage interest rate risk exposure. KPCo also utilizes interest rate derivative contracts to manage interest rate exposure related to future borrowings of fixed-rate debt. KPCo does not hedge all interest rate exposure.

ACCOUNTING FOR DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND THE IMPACT ON KPCo’s FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounting guidance for “Derivatives and Hedging” requires recognition of all qualifying derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities on the balance sheets at fair value. The fair values of derivative instruments accounted for using MTM accounting or hedge accounting are based on exchange prices and broker quotes. If a quoted market price is not available, the estimate of fair value is based on the best information available including valuation models that estimate future energy prices based on existing market and broker quotes, supply and demand market data and assumptions. In order to determine the relevant fair values of the derivative instruments, KPCo applies valuation adjustments for discounting, liquidity and credit quality.

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will fail to perform on the contract or fail to pay amounts due. Liquidity risk represents the risk that imperfections in the market will cause the price to vary from estimated fair value based upon prevailing market supply and demand conditions. Since energy markets are imperfect and volatile, there are inherent risks related to the underlying assumptions in models used to fair value risk management contracts. Unforeseen events may cause reasonable price curves to differ from actual price curves throughout a contract’s term and at the time a contract settles. Consequently, there could be significant adverse or favorable effects on future net income and cash flows if market prices are not consistent with management’s estimates of current market consensus for forward prices in the current period. This is particularly true for longer term contracts. Cash flows may vary based on market conditions, margin requirements and the timing of settlement of risk management contracts.

According to the accounting guidance for “Derivatives and Hedging,” KPCo reflects the fair values of derivative instruments subject to netting agreements with the same counterparty net of related cash collateral. For certain risk management contracts, KPCo is required to post or receive cash collateral based on third party contractual agreements and risk profiles. For the December 31, 2018 and 2017 balance sheets, KPCo netted \$227 thousand and \$379 thousand, respectively, of cash collateral received from third parties against short-term and long-term risk management assets and \$117 thousand and \$589 thousand, respectively, of cash collateral paid to third parties against short-term and long-term risk management liabilities.

The accounting for the changes in the fair value of a derivative instrument depends on whether it qualifies for and has been designated as part of a hedging relationship and further, on the type of hedging relationship. Depending on the exposure, management designates a hedging instrument as a fair value hedge or a cash flow hedge.

For contracts that have not been designated as part of a hedging relationship, the accounting for changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative instrument is held for trading purposes. Unrealized and realized gains and losses on derivative instruments held for trading purposes are included in revenues on a net basis on KPCo's statements of income. Unrealized and realized gains and losses on derivative instruments not held for trading purposes are included in revenues or expenses on KPCo's statements of income depending on the relevant facts and circumstances. Certain derivatives that economically hedge future commodity risk are recorded in the same expense line item on the statements of income as that of the associated risk. However, unrealized and some realized gains and losses for both trading and non-trading derivative instruments are recorded as regulatory assets (for losses) or regulatory liabilities (for gains) in accordance with the accounting guidance for "Regulated Operations."

Accounting for Cash Flow Hedging Strategies

For cash flow hedges (i.e. hedging the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk), KPCo initially reports the gain or loss on the derivative instrument as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on the balance sheets until the period the hedged item affects Net Income.

Realized gains and losses on derivative contracts for the purchase-and-sale of power designated as cash flow hedges are included in Total Revenues or Purchased Electricity for Resale on KPCo's statements of income or in Regulatory Assets or Regulatory Liabilities on KPCo's balance sheets, depending on the specific nature of the risk being hedged. During the years ended 2018 and 2017 KPCo did not apply cash flow hedging to outstanding power derivatives.

KPCo reclassifies gains and losses on interest rate derivative hedges related to debt financings from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on its balance sheets into Interest Expense on its statements of income in those periods in which hedged interest payments occur. During the years ended 2018 and 2017, KPCo did not apply cash flow hedging to outstanding interest rate derivatives.

For details on effective cash flow hedges included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on KPCo's balance sheets and the reasons for changes in cash flow hedges, see Note 3.

There was no impact of cash flow hedges included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on KPCo's balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

The actual amounts that KPCo reclassifies from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) to Net Income can differ from the estimate above due to market price changes. As of December 31, 2018, KPCo is not hedging (with contracts subject to the accounting guidance for "Derivatives and Hedging") its exposure to variability in future cash flows related to forecasted transactions.

Credit Risk

Management mitigates credit risk in KPCo's wholesale marketing and trading activities by assessing the creditworthiness of potential counterparties before entering into transactions with them and continuing to evaluate their creditworthiness on an ongoing basis. Management uses credit agency ratings and current market-based qualitative and quantitative data as well as financial statements to assess the financial health of counterparties on an ongoing basis.

Master agreements are typically used to facilitate the netting of cash flows associated with a single counterparty and may include collateral requirements. Collateral requirements in the form of cash, letters of credit and parental/affiliate guarantees may be obtained as security from counterparties in order to mitigate credit risk. Some master agreements include margining, which requires a counterparty to post cash or letters of credit in event exposure exceeds the established threshold. The threshold represents an unsecured credit limit which may be supported by a parental/affiliate guaranty, as determined in accordance with AEP's credit policy. In addition, master agreements allow for termination and liquidation of all positions in the event of a default including failure or inability to post collateral when required.

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair Value Measurements of Long-term Debt

The fair values of Long-term Debt are based on quoted market prices, without credit enhancements, for the same or similar issues and the current interest rates offered for instruments with similar maturities classified as Level 2 measurement inputs. These instruments are not marked-to-market. The estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

The book values and fair values of KPCo's Long-term Debt are summarized in the following table:

| | December 31, | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | | 2017 | |
| | <u>Book Value</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> | <u>Book Value</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> |
| | | | | |
| | | (in thousands) | | |
| Long-term Debt | \$ 867,128 | \$ 903,690 | \$ 867,188 | \$ 976,163 |

The following tables set forth a reconciliation of changes in the fair value of net trading derivatives classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

| Year Ended December 31, 2018 | Net Risk Management Assets (Liabilities) (in thousands) |
|--|--|
| Balance as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 1,813 |
| Realized Gain (Loss) Included in Net Income (or Changes in Net Assets) (a) (b) | 6,645 |
| Settlements | (8,312) |
| Changes in Fair Value Allocated to Regulated Jurisdictions (c) | 5,658 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2018 | \$ 5,804 |

| Year Ended December 31, 2017 | Net Risk Management Assets (Liabilities) (in thousands) |
|--|--|
| Balance as of December 31, 2016 | \$ 198 |
| Realized Gain (Loss) Included in Net Income (or Changes in Net Assets) (a) (b) | 2,298 |
| Settlements | (2,543) |
| Changes in Fair Value Allocated to Regulated Jurisdictions (c) | 1,860 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 1,813 |

- (a) Included in revenues on KPCo's statements of income.
- (b) Represents the change in fair value between the beginning of the reporting period and the settlement of the risk management commodity contract.
- (c) Relates to the net gains (losses) of those contracts that are not reflected on KPCo's statements of income. These net gains (losses) are recorded as regulatory assets/liabilities.

10. INCOME TAXES

Federal Tax Reform and Legislation

In December 2017, Tax Reform legislation was signed into law. Tax Reform includes significant changes to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including lowering the corporate federal income tax rate from 35% to 21%. As a result of this rate change, KPCo's deferred tax assets and liabilities were remeasured using the newly enacted rate of 21% in December 2017. In response to Tax Reform, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 118 (SAB 118) in December 2017. SAB 118 provided for up to a one year period (the measurement period) in which to complete the required analyses and accounting required by Tax Reform.

During 2017, KPCo recorded provisional amounts for the income tax effects of Tax Reform. Throughout 2018, KPCo continued to assess the impacts of legislative changes in the tax code as well as interpretative changes of the tax code. The measurement period adjustments recorded during 2018 were immaterial.

The measurement period under SAB 118 ended in December 2018. However, Tax Reform uncertainties still remain and KPCo will continue to monitor income tax effects that may change as a result of future legislation and further interpretation of Tax Reform based on proposed U.S. Treasury regulations and guidance from the IRS and state tax authorities.

Federal Legislation

The IRS has proposed new regulations that provide guidance regarding the additional first-year depreciation deduction under Section 168(k). The proposed regulations reflect changes as a result of Tax Reform and affect taxpayers with qualified depreciable property acquired and placed in service after September 27, 2017. Generally, KPCo's regulated businesses will not be eligible for any bonus depreciation for property acquired and placed in service after January 1, 2018. However, for self-constructed property and other property placed in service in 2018 for which construction began prior to January 1, 2018, taxpayers are required to evaluate the contractual terms to determine if these additions qualify for 100% expensing under Tax Reform or 50% bonus depreciation as provided under prior tax law.

Income Tax Expense

The details of KPCo's Income Tax Expense are as follows:

| | Years Ended December 31, | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Federal: | | |
| Current | \$ 1,103 | \$ (11,578) |
| Deferred | 3,777 | 34,826 |
| Deferred Investment Tax Credits | — | (1) |
| Total Federal | <u>4,880</u> | <u>23,247</u> |
| State and Local: | | |
| Current | (563) | 50 |
| Deferred | 1,682 | (5,747) |
| Total State and Local | <u>1,119</u> | <u>(5,697)</u> |
| Income Tax Expense | <u>\$ 5,999</u> | <u>\$ 17,550</u> |

Federal and State Income Tax Audit Status

KPCo and other AEP subsidiaries are no longer subject to U.S. federal examination for years before 2011. The IRS examination of years 2011 through 2013 started in April 2014. KPCo and other AEP subsidiaries received a Revenue Agents Report in April 2016, completing the 2011 through 2013 audit cycle indicating an agreed upon audit. The 2011 through 2013 audit was submitted to the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation for approval. The Joint Committee referred the audit back to the IRS exam team for further consideration. To resolve the issue under consideration, KPCo and other AEP subsidiaries and the IRS exam team agreed to utilize the Fast Track Settlement Program in December 2017. The program was completed in March 2018 and tax years 2014 and 2015 were added to the IRS examination to reflect the impact of the Fast Track changes that were carried forward to 2014 and 2015. In June 2018, KPCo and other AEP subsidiaries settled all outstanding issues under audit for tax years 2011-2015. The Joint Committee approved the settlement in November 2018. The settlement did not materially impact KPCo's net income, cash flows or financial condition. The IRS examination of 2016 began in October 2018.

KPCo and other AEP subsidiaries file income tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. These taxing authorities routinely examine the tax returns. KPCo and other AEP subsidiaries are currently under examination in several state and local jurisdictions. However, it is possible that previously filed tax returns have positions that may be challenged by these tax authorities. Management believes that adequate provisions for income taxes have been made for potential liabilities resulting from such challenges and that the ultimate resolution of these audits will not materially impact net income. KPCo is no longer subject to state, local or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2007.

Net Income Tax Operating Loss Carryforward

KPCo has Kentucky state net income tax operating loss carryforwards of \$122 million and \$150 million in 2018 and 2017, respectively. As a result, KPCo recognized deferred state income tax benefits in 2018 and 2017 of \$6 million and \$9 million, respectively. Management anticipates future taxable income will be sufficient to realize the state net income tax operating loss tax benefits before the state carryforward expires for Kentucky in 2038.

State Tax Legislation

In April 2018, the Kentucky legislature enacted House Bill (H.B.) 487. H.B. 487 adopts mandatory unitary combined reporting for state corporate income tax purposes applicable for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019. H.B. 487 also adopts the 80% federal net operating loss (NOL) limitation under Internal Revenue Code Section 172(a) for NOLs generated after January 1, 2018 and the federal unlimited carryforward period for unused NOLs generated after January 1, 2018. In addition, H.B. 366 was also enacted in April 2018, which among other things, replaces the graduated corporate tax rate structure with a flat 5% tax rate for business income and adopts a single-sales factor apportionment formula for apportioning a corporation's business income to Kentucky. The enacted legislation did not materially impact KPCo's net income.

In June 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision which eliminated a physical presence requirement for the imposition of sales and use tax and instead applied an economic nexus concept. Although this case was specific to sales and use taxes, many states are beginning to consider whether they could also apply this economic nexus concept to income taxes. Management continues to monitor state legislation to determine whether it could create any income tax liability in any states in which KPCo currently does not file.

12. FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Long-term Debt

The following table details long-term debt outstanding:

| Type of Debt | Maturity | Weighted-Average Interest Rate as of December 31, 2018 | Interest Rate Ranges as of December 31, | | Outstanding as of December 31, | |
|---|-----------|--|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| (in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Senior Unsecured Notes | 2021-2047 | 4.69% | 3.13%-8.13% | 3.13%-8.13% | \$ 727,678 | \$ 727,434 |
| Pollution Control Bonds (a) | 2020 | 2.00% | 2.00% | 2.00% | 64,921 | 64,865 |
| Other Long-term Debt | 2018-2022 | 3.89% | 3.89% | 2.78% | 74,529 | 74,889 |
| Total Long-term Debt Outstanding | | | | | \$ 867,128 | \$ 867,188 |

(a) KPCo's Pollution Control Bond is subject to redemption earlier than the maturity date.

As of December 31, 2018, outstanding long-term debt was payable as follows:

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | After 2023 | Total |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|---------------|-------------------|
| (in thousands) | | | | | | | |
| Principal Amount | \$ — | \$ 65,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ — | \$ 690,000 | \$ 870,000 |
| Debt Issuance Costs | | | | | | | (2,872) |
| Total Long-term Debt Outstanding | | | | | | | \$ 867,128 |

Dividend Restrictions

KPCo pays dividends to Parent provided funds are legally available. Various financing arrangements and regulatory requirements may impose certain restrictions on the ability of KPCo to transfer funds to Parent in the form of dividends.

All of the dividends declared by KPCo are subject to a Federal Power Act restriction that prohibits the payment of dividends out of capital accounts without regulatory approval; payment of dividends is allowed out of retained earnings only.

KPCo has credit agreements that contain a covenant that limit its debt to capitalization ratio to 67.5%. As of December 31, 2018, KPCo did not exceed its debt to capitalization limit. The method for calculating outstanding debt and capitalization is contractually-defined in the credit agreements.

The most restrictive dividend limitation for KPCo is through the Federal Power Act. As of December 31, 2018, the maximum amount of restricted net assets of KPCo that may not be distributed to Parent in the form of a loan, advance or dividend was \$576.4 million.

The Federal Power Act restriction does not limit the ability of KPCo to pay dividends out of retained earnings. The credit agreement covenant restrictions can limit the ability of KPCo to pay dividends out of retained earnings. As of December 31, 2018, there were no restrictions on KPCo's ability to pay dividends out of retained earnings.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For other related party transactions, also see “AEP System Tax Allocation Agreement” section of Note 10 in addition to “Corporate Borrowing Program – AEP System” and “Securitized Accounts Receivables – AEP Credit” sections of Note 12.

Power Coordination Agreement (PCA) and Bridge Agreement

Effective January 1, 2014, the FERC approved the following agreements. See “Organization” section of Note 1.

- Under the FERC Approved PCA, APCo, I&M, KPCo and WPCo are individually responsible for planning their respective capacity obligations. The PCA allows, but does not obligate, APCo, I&M, KPCo and WPCo to participate collectively under a common fixed resource requirement capacity plan in PJM and to participate in specified collective off-system sales and purchase activities.
- A Bridge Agreement among AGR, APCo, I&M, KPCo and OPCo with AEPSC as agent. The Bridge Agreement is an interim arrangement that, amongst other things, addresses the treatment of purchases and sales made by AEPSC on behalf of member companies that extend beyond termination of the Interconnection Agreement.

AEPSC conducts power, capacity, coal, natural gas, interest rate and, to a lesser extent, heating oil, gasoline and other risk management activities on behalf of APCo, I&M, KPCo, PSO, SWEPCo and WPCo. Certain power and natural gas risk management activities for APCo, I&M, KPCo and WPCo are allocated based on the four member companies’ respective equity positions, while power and natural gas risk management activities for PSO and SWEPCo are allocated based on the Operating Agreement.

System Integration Agreement (SIA)

Under the SIA, AEPSC allocates physical and financial revenues and expenses from transactions with neighboring utilities, power marketers and other power and natural gas risk management activities based upon the location of such activity. Margins resulting from trading and marketing activities originating in PJM generally accrue to the benefit of APCo, I&M, KPCo and WPCo, while trading and marketing activities originating in SPP generally accrue to the benefit of PSO and SWEPCo. Margins resulting from other transactions are allocated among APCo, I&M, KPCo, PSO, SWEPCo and WPCo based upon the equity positions of these companies.

Affiliated Revenues and Purchases

The following table shows the revenues derived from auction sales to affiliates, net transmission agreement sales and other revenues for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

| <u>Related Party Revenues</u> | <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Sales under Interconnection Agreement | \$ 110 | \$ — |
| Auction Sales to OPCo (a) | 1,108 | 1,436 |
| Transmission Agreement Sales | 10,183 | 14,495 |
| Other Revenues | 929 | 766 |
| Total Affiliated Revenues | \$ 12,330 | \$ 16,697 |

(a) Refer to the Ohio Auctions section below for further information regarding this amount.

Central Machine Shop

APCo operates a facility which repairs and rebuilds specialized components for the generation plants across the AEP System. APCo defers the cost of performing these services on the balance sheet and then transfers the cost to the affiliate for reimbursement. KPCo recorded its assigned portion of these billings as capital or maintenance expenses depending on the nature of the services received. These billings are recoverable from customers. KPCo's billed amounts were \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Sales and Purchases of Property

KPCo had affiliated sales and purchases of electric property individually amounting to \$100 thousand or more, sales and purchases of meters and transformers, and sales and purchases of transmission property. There were no gains or losses recorded on the transactions. The following table shows the sales and purchases, recorded at net book value, for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

| | Years Ended December 31, | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Sales | \$ 472 | \$ 620 |
| Purchases | 265 | 939 |

The amounts above are recorded in Property, Plant and Equipment on the balance sheets.

Intercompany Billings

KPCo performs certain utility services for other AEP subsidiaries when necessary or practical. The costs of these services are billed on a direct-charge basis, whenever possible, or on reasonable basis of proration for services that benefit multiple companies. The billings for services are made at cost and include no compensation for the use of equity capital.

15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, Plant and Equipment is shown functionally on the face of KPCo's balance sheets. The following table includes KPCo's total plant balances as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Regulated Property, Plant and Equipment | | |
| Generation | \$ 1,195,701 | \$ 1,186,796 |
| Transmission | 603,317 | 579,144 |
| Distribution | 845,821 | 812,757 |
| Other | 89,783 | 75,527 |
| CWIP | 84,748 | 52,142 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | 961,181 | 922,251 |
| Total Regulated Property, Plant and Equipment - Net | <u>1,858,189</u> | <u>1,784,115</u> |
| Nonregulated Property, Plant and Equipment - Net | 8,221 | 8,255 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment - Net | <u>\$ 1,866,410</u> | <u>\$ 1,792,370</u> |

Depreciation

KPCo provides for depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of property, generally using composite rates by functional class. The following table provides total regulated annual composite depreciation rates and depreciable lives for KPCo. Nonregulated depreciation rate ranges and depreciable life ranges are not applicable or not meaningful for 2018 and 2017.

| Functional Class of Property | 2018 | | 2017 | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges (in years) | Annual Composite Depreciation Rate | Depreciable Life Ranges (in years) |
| Generation | 3.1% | 69 - 73 | 3.0% | 68 - 69 |
| Transmission | 2.7% | 37 - 75 | 2.7% | 37 - 75 |
| Distribution | 3.4% | 11 - 75 | 3.4% | 11 - 75 |
| Other | 9.6% | 5 - 75 | 8.9% | 5 - 75 |

The composite depreciation rate generally includes a component for non-asset retirement obligation (non-ARO) removal costs, which is credited to Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization on the balance sheets. Actual removal costs incurred are charged to Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization. Any excess of accrued non-ARO removal costs over actual removal costs incurred is reclassified from Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization and reflected as a regulatory liability.

16. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Disaggregated Revenues from Contracts with Customers

The table below represents KPCo's revenues from contracts with customers, net of respective provisions for refund, by type of revenue:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2018</u> (in thousands) |
|---|---|
| Retail Revenues: | |
| Residential Revenues | \$ 261,184 |
| Commercial Revenues | 157,578 |
| Industrial Revenues | 159,560 |
| Other Retail Revenues | <u>1,971</u> |
| Total Retail Revenues | <u>580,293</u> |
| Wholesale Revenues: | |
| Generation Revenues (a) | 29,832 |
| Transmission Revenues (b) | <u>20,839</u> |
| Total Wholesale Revenues | <u>50,671</u> |
| Other Revenues from Contracts with Customers (a) | 17,249 |
| Total Revenues from Contracts with Customers | <u>648,213</u> |
| Other Revenues: | |
| Alternative Revenues (a) | <u>(6,142)</u> |
| Total Other Revenues | <u>(6,142)</u> |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 642,071</u> |

(a) Amounts included affiliated and nonaffiliated revenues.

(b) Amounts included affiliated and nonaffiliated revenues. The affiliated revenue was \$15 million.

Performance Obligations

KPCo has performance obligations as part of its normal course of business. A performance obligation is a promise to transfer a distinct good or service, or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and have the same pattern of transfer to a customer. The invoice practical expedient within the accounting guidance for "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" allows for the recognition of revenue from performance obligations in the amount of consideration to which there is a right to invoice the customer and when the amount for which there is a right to invoice corresponds directly to the value transferred to the customer.

The purpose of the invoice practical expedient is to depict an entity's measure of progress toward completion of the performance obligation within a contract and can only be applied to performance obligations that are satisfied over time and when the invoice is representative of services provided to date. KPCo elected to apply the invoice practical expedient to recognize revenue for performance obligations satisfied over time as the invoices from the respective revenue streams are representative of services or goods provided to date to the customer. Performance obligations for KPCo are summarized as follows:

Retail Revenues

KPCo has performance obligations to generate, transmit and distribute electricity for sale to rate-regulated retail customers. The performance obligation to deliver electricity is satisfied over time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided. Revenues are variable as they are subject to the customer's usage requirements.

Contract Assets and Liabilities

Contract assets are recognized when KPCo has a right to consideration that is conditional upon the occurrence of an event other than the passage of time, such as future performance under a contract. KPCo did not have any material contract assets as of December 31, 2018.

When KPCo receives consideration, or such consideration is unconditionally due from a customer prior to transferring goods or services to the customer under the terms of a sales contract, they recognize a contract liability on the balance sheet in the amount of that consideration. Revenue for such consideration is subsequently recognized in the period or periods in which the remaining performance obligations in the contract are satisfied. KPCo's contract liabilities typically arise from advanced payments of services provided primarily with respect to joint use agreements for utility poles. KPCo did not have any material contract liabilities as of December 31, 2018.

Accounts Receivable from Contracts with Customers

Accounts receivable from contracts with customers are presented on KPCo's balance sheets within the Accounts Receivable - Customers line item. KPCo's balances for receivables from contracts that are not recognized in accordance with the accounting guidance for "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" included in Accounts Receivable - Customers were not material as of December 31, 2018. See "Securitized Accounts Receivable - AEP Credit" section of Note 12 for additional information.

The amount of affiliated accounts receivable from contracts with customers included in Accounts Receivable - Affiliated Companies on KPCo's balance sheets were \$8.4 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2018.

Contract Costs

Contract costs to obtain or fulfill a contract are accounted for under the guidance for "Other Assets and Deferred Costs" and presented as a single asset and neither bifurcated nor reclassified between current and noncurrent assets on KPCo's balance sheets. Contract costs to acquire a contract are amortized in a manner consistent with the transfer of goods or services to the customer in Other Operation on KPCo's statements of income. KPCo did not have material contract costs as of December 31, 2018.

Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors and Management of
Kentucky Power Company

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Kentucky Power Company, which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of income, of retained earnings and of cash flows for the years then ended, included on pages 110 through 123 of the accompanying Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form No. 1.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as set forth in its applicable Uniform System of Accounts and published accounting releases described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Kentucky Power Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as set forth in its applicable Uniform System of Accounts and published accounting releases described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by Kentucky Power Company on the basis of the accounting requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as set forth in its applicable Uniform System of Accounts and published accounting releases, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet

the requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Restriction of Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and Management of Kentucky Power Company and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Columbus, Ohio

April 11, 2019