



An **ATCO** Company

# CU INC. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is meant to help readers understand key operational and financial events that influenced the results of CU Inc. (our, we, us, or the Company) during the six months ended June 30, 2022.

This MD&A was prepared as of July 27, 2022, and should be read with the Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2022. Additional information, including the Company's previous MD&As, Annual Information Form (2021 AIF), and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Information contained in the 2021 MD&A is not discussed in this MD&A if it remains substantially unchanged.

The Company is controlled by Canadian Utilities Limited (Canadian Utilities or CU), which in turn is controlled by ATCO Ltd. (ATCO) and its controlling share owner, Sentgraf Enterprises Ltd. and its controlling share owner, the Southern family.

Terms used throughout this MD&A are defined in the Glossary at the end of this document.

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# UTILITIES PERFORMANCE

## REVENUES

Revenues of \$738 million and \$1,655 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$107 million and \$281 million higher compared to the same periods in 2021. Higher revenues, largely in Electricity Distribution and Natural Gas Distribution, are a result of rate relief provided to customers in 2021 in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic and subsequently the AUC decision to maximize the collection of 2021 deferred revenues in 2022. Higher revenues are also due to higher flow-through revenues in Electricity Distribution and Natural Gas Distribution.

## ADJUSTED EARNINGS

(\$ millions)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change
<b>Electricity</b>						
Electricity Distribution <sup>(1)</sup>	41	37	4	88	79	9
Electricity Transmission <sup>(1)</sup>	44	36	8	87	79	8
<b>Total Electricity</b>	<b>85</b>	73	12	<b>175</b>	158	17
<b>Natural Gas</b>						
Natural Gas Distribution <sup>(1)</sup>	12	7	5	111	88	23
Natural Gas Transmission <sup>(1)</sup>	23	21	2	46	40	6
<b>Total Natural Gas</b>	<b>35</b>	28	7	<b>157</b>	128	29
Corporate & Other and Intersegment Eliminations	—	(1)	1	(1)	(2)	1
<b>Total Utilities</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>120</b>	100	20	<b>331</b>	284	47

(1) Additional information regarding these non-GAAP measures is provided under the headings "Other Financial and Non-GAAP Measures" and "Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings to Earnings for the Period" in this MD&A.

(2) Additional information regarding this total of segments measure is provided under the headings "Other Financial and Non-GAAP Measures" and "Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings to Earnings for the Period" in this MD&A.

Utilities adjusted earnings of \$120 million and \$331 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$20 million and \$47 million higher than the same periods in 2021 mainly due to the impact of the Electricity Transmission 2018-2019 General Tariff Application (GTA) Compliance Filing decision received in the second quarter of 2021, growth in rate base, the timing of operating costs, and cost efficiencies.

Detailed information about the activities and financial results of the Utilities business segments is provided in the following sections.

### Electricity Distribution

Electricity Distribution provides regulated electricity distribution and distributed generation mainly in Northern and Central East Alberta, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and in the Lloydminster area of Saskatchewan.

Electricity Distribution adjusted earnings of \$41 million and \$88 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$4 million and \$9 million higher than the same periods in 2021 mainly due to cost efficiencies.

### Electricity Transmission

Electricity Transmission provides regulated electricity transmission mainly in Northern and Central East Alberta, and in the Lloydminster area of Saskatchewan. Electricity Transmission has a 35-year contract to be the operator of Alberta PowerLine, a 500-km electricity transmission line between Wabamun, near Edmonton and Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Electricity Transmission adjusted earnings of \$44 million and \$87 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$8 million higher than the same periods in 2021. Earnings in 2021 were lower as a result of the

Electricity Transmission 2018-2019 GTA Compliance Filing decision received from the AUC in the second quarter of 2021.

### **Natural Gas Distribution**

Natural Gas Distribution serves municipal, residential, commercial and industrial customers throughout Alberta and in the Lloydminster area of Saskatchewan.

Natural Gas Distribution adjusted earnings of \$12 million and \$111 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$5 million and \$23 million higher than the same periods in 2021 mainly due to the timing of operating costs in 2022 and 2021 and cost efficiencies.

### **Natural Gas Transmission**

Natural Gas Transmission receives natural gas on its pipeline system from various gas processing plants as well as from other natural gas transmission systems and transports it to end users within the province of Alberta or to other pipeline systems.

Natural Gas Transmission adjusted earnings of \$23 million and \$46 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$2 million and \$6 million higher than the same periods in 2021. Higher adjusted earnings were mainly due to growth in rate base, including the acquisition of the Pioneer Pipeline which occurred in June 2021.

### **CORPORATE & OTHER AND INTERSEGMENT ELIMINATIONS**

Including intersegment eliminations, Corporate & Other adjusted earnings in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$1 million higher than the same periods in 2021, mainly due to cost efficiencies.

## **REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS**

### **COMMON MATTERS**

#### **Generic Cost of Capital (GCOC)**

On March 31, 2022, the AUC approved the extension of the current return on equity (ROE) of 8.5 per cent and equity thickness ratio of 37 per cent on a final basis for the 2023 period. On June 29, 2022, the AUC initiated a process schedule to determine the cost-of-capital parameters and explore a formula-based approach to determine the ROE for 2024 and future test years. As part of this proceeding, the AUC has also highlighted the need to establish the deemed equity ratios for the 2024 test period and in future years if a formula is implemented.

#### **Third Generation Performance Based Regulation**

On May 26, 2022, the AUC initiated a proceeding to establish parameters for a third generation of performance-based regulation (PBR 3). Following a one-year cost of service rebasing in 2023, this proceeding will set rates for the Distribution utilities for the subsequent PBR term which commences in 2024. The current schedule has evidence to be filed with the AUC in the first quarter of 2023 with an oral hearing in the second quarter of 2023.

#### **Bill 18 – Utility Commodity Rebate Act**

On April 25, 2022, the provincial government passed Bill 18: Utility Commodity Rebate Act which includes new legislation to allow the government to provide upcoming electricity and gas rebates to Albertans. Bill 18 enables the upcoming electricity rebates of \$50 per month for six consecutive months starting July 2022, for a total rebate of \$300 to almost all homes and businesses. Bill 18 will also enable the natural gas rebate (administered through retailers) if regulated natural gas rates exceed \$6.50 per gigajoule next winter (October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023). Since the rebate will be government funded there will be no financial impact to CU Inc.

## **ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION**

### **Application of AUC Enforcement Staff for the Commencement of Proceeding Pursuant to Sections 8 and 63 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act***

On November 29, 2021, the AUC enforcement branch filed an application with the AUC recommending an enforcement proceeding be initiated. A proceeding was commenced to determine whether ATCO Electric Transmission failed to comply with AUC decisions and enactments under the AUC's jurisdiction with respect to a sole source contract for the Jasper interconnection project and the actions leading up to and including the filing of the 2018-2020 Deferral Account Application.

The AUC enforcement branch and ATCO Electric Transmission commenced settlement discussions in January 2022. On March 18, 2022, the AUC enforcement branch and ATCO Electric Transmission concluded discussions and notified the AUC that the parties had reached a settlement on all matters. On April 14, 2022, the AUC Enforcement branch and ATCO Electric Transmission filed the settlement with the AUC, which reflected an agreed administrative penalty of \$31 million, a commitment to amend the ongoing Deferral Account application to ensure the estimated \$11 million of additional rate base remains excluded from customer rates, and the implementation of revised practices and policies. On June 29, 2022, the AUC issued its decision approving the settlement in its entirety. In the fourth quarter of 2021 and first quarter of 2022, the Company recognized costs of \$14 million and \$27 million (after-tax), respectively, related to the proceeding.

### **ATCO Electric Transmission 2023-2025 GTA Application**

On May 19, 2022, ATCO Electric Transmission filed a GTA for 2023, 2024 and 2025. The application requests approval of revenue requirements of \$675 million in 2023, \$685 million in 2024 and \$696 million in 2025, related to operational and maintenance costs as well as capital expenditures needed over the test periods. The application also requests new deferral accounts and changes to a number of existing deferral accounts.

# SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY TRANSITION

Within the ATCO group of companies (including CU Inc.), we balance the short- and long-term economic, environmental and social considerations of our businesses while creating value for our customers, employees, share owners, and Indigenous and community partners. As a provider of essential services in diverse communities, we operate in an inclusive manner to meet the needs of society today and for generations to come while consistently delivering safe, reliable and affordable services.

The following section outlines commitments made by CU Inc.'s ultimate parent company, ATCO.

## Sustainability Reporting and ESG Targets

ATCO's 2021 Sustainability Report focuses on the following material topics:

- Energy Transition - energy transition and innovation, and energy access and affordability;
- Climate Change and Environmental Stewardship - climate change and GHG emissions, and environmental stewardship;
- Operational Reliability and Resilience - system reliability and availability, emergency preparedness and response, and supply chain resilience and responsibility;
- People - diversity, equity and inclusion, occupational health and safety, public health and safety; and
- Community and Indigenous Relations - Indigenous engagement, economic opportunity and reconciliation, and community engagement and investment.

In January 2022, ATCO released their net zero by 2050 commitment as well as an initial set of 2030 ESG Targets. ATCO's Board of Directors recognizes and fully supports the net-zero commitment and 2030 targets, and agrees that these commitments and targets align with our strategic direction. More detailed information and progress towards these targets are found in the 2021 Sustainability Report. Achieving net zero by 2050 is a societal challenge that no individual, business, or government can solve on its own. It will require unprecedented collaboration among all constituents, as well as an informed, pragmatic, and affordable roadmap from policymakers to unlock the necessary scale and pace of private sector investment and expertise.

The Sustainability Report is based upon the internationally recognized Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards. Our reporting is also guided by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) and the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures' (TCFD) recommendations.

The 2021 Sustainability Report, ESG Datasheet, Corporate Governance, materiality assessment, and additional details and other disclosures are available on our website at [www.canadianutilities.com](http://www.canadianutilities.com).

## Climate Change and Energy Transition

To contribute to a net-zero future, CU Inc. continues to pursue initiatives to integrate cleaner fuels and renewable energy. This includes looking at ways to modernize our energy infrastructure to accommodate new and innovative sources of energy as well as ways to further use energy more efficiently. We are decarbonizing our operations and enabling our customers to transition to lower emitting sources of energy, while maintaining safety, reliability and affordability.

### POLICY/REGULATORY UPDATE

We actively and constructively work with all levels of government to advocate for enabling policy and regulation, and to identify barriers that impede cost-effective, economy-wide decarbonization. We participate in a wide number of discussions, and the following are examples of where we focus our efforts.

### ***Government of Canada 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP)***

Following the release of the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan, Natural Resources Canada is setting up round tables across Canada to seek input. Some key goals of the ERP include: the development of the Clean Electricity Standard (CES) to achieve a net-zero emissions electricity system by 2035; a 42 per cent reduction in GHG emissions from the Oil and Gas industry from 2019 levels; a 72 per cent reduction in methane emissions from 2012 levels; an electric vehicle (EV) mandate that 20 per cent of new light-duty vehicle sales will be zero-emission vehicles by 2026, 60 per cent by 2030, and 100 per cent by 2035; and a 32 per cent reduction in GHG emission from heavy industries from 2019 levels.

### ***Government of Canada Clean Fuel Regulations (CFR)***

The CFR were published in the Canada Gazette Part II on July 6, 2022, with reduction requirements coming into force on July 1, 2023. The CFR will require gasoline and diesel suppliers to reduce carbon intensity by approximately 13 per cent by 2030 and will create opportunities to generate credits through clean fuels production and fuel switching.

### ***Government of Alberta Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) Regulation***

The Government of Alberta is conducting engagement with industry to enable improvements to the TIER regulation. In Alberta, the TIER regulation came into effect on January 1, 2020 after meeting the Government of Canada's stringency requirements for carbon emitting pricing systems. This review and engagement will ensure TIER continues to meet the federal government's stringency requirements for the emission sources they cover.

### ***Government of Alberta Bill 22 Electricity Statutes (Modernizing Alberta's Electricity Grid) Amendment Act, 2022***

Bill 22, which received royal assent on May 31, 2022, enables the integration of energy storage (batteries) into Alberta's interconnected electric system and will include the development of new transmission regulations.

# OTHER EXPENSES AND INCOME

A financial summary of other consolidated expenses and income items for the second quarter and first six months of 2022 and 2021 is given below. These amounts are presented in accordance with IFRS accounting standards. They have not been adjusted for the timing of revenues and expenses associated with rate-regulated activities and other items that are not in the normal course of business.

(\$ millions)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change
Operating costs	<b>315</b>	327	(12)	<b>705</b>	673	32
Depreciation and amortization	<b>136</b>	134	2	<b>274</b>	267	7
Net finance costs	<b>88</b>	90	(2)	<b>180</b>	181	(1)
Income tax expense	<b>46</b>	19	27	<b>121</b>	59	62

## OPERATING COSTS

Operating costs, which are total costs and expenses less depreciation and amortization, decreased by \$12 million in the second quarter compared to the same period in 2021. Decreased costs were mainly due to costs related to the early termination of the Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Wipro Ltd. (Wipro) for managed information technology services in 2021, and lower purchased power volumes in the Electricity Transmission business.

Operating costs increased in the first six months of 2022 by \$32 million compared to the same period in 2021 mainly due to higher flow-through costs in the Natural Gas business, costs associated with the Workplace COVID-19 Vaccination Standard, and costs related to the AUC enforcement proceeding. These were partially offset by costs related to the early termination of the MSA with Wipro for managed information technology services in 2021, and the 2022 gain on sale due to the change in ownership interest in NUE.

## DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Depreciation and amortization increased by \$2 million and \$7 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 compared to the same periods in 2021 mainly due to the acquisition of the Pioneer Pipeline in the Natural Gas Transmission business in June 2021, and ongoing capital investment in the Alberta Utilities.

## NET FINANCE COSTS

Net finance costs decreased by \$2 million and \$1 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 mainly due to higher interest income from cash investments.

## INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Income taxes were higher by \$27 million and \$62 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 compared to the same periods in 2021 mainly due to increased IFRS earnings and non-deductible items.



# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our business strategies, funding of operations, and planned future growth are supported by maintaining strong investment grade credit ratings and access to capital markets at competitive rates. Primary sources of capital are cash flow from operations, debt and capital markets, and injections of equity from Canadian Utilities Limited. Liquidity is generated by cash flow from operations and is supported by appropriate levels of cash and available committed credit facilities.

## CREDIT RATINGS

	DBRS	S&P	Fitch
<b>CU Inc.</b>			
Issuer	A (high)	A-	A-
Senior unsecured debt	A (high)	A-	A
Commercial paper	R-1 (low)	A-1 (low)	F2
Preferred shares	PF2 (high)	P-2	BBB+

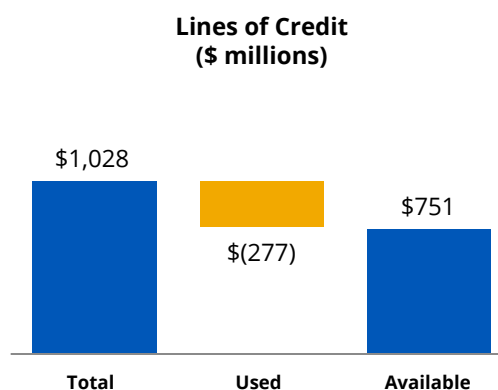
## LINES OF CREDIT

At June 30, 2022, CU Inc. and its subsidiaries had the following lines of credit.

(\$ millions)	Total	Used	Available
Long-term committed	900	235	665
Uncommitted	128	42	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>751</b>

Of the \$1,028 million in total lines of credit, \$128 million was in the form of uncommitted credit facilities with no set maturity date.

The other \$900 million in credit lines was committed, with maturities between 2023 and 2024, and may be extended at the option of the lenders. The majority of the credit lines are provided by Canadian banks.



## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW

At June 30, 2022, the Company's cash position was \$253 million, an increase of \$201 million compared to December 31, 2021 mainly due to cash generated from operations, increased customer contributions, and the closing of a transaction to transfer a 30-km segment of the Pioneer Natural Gas Pipeline to NGTL, partially offset by cash used to fund the capital investment program, dividends paid, and payments of debt and interest.

### Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash flows from operating activities of \$443 million and \$1,063 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2022 were \$129 million and \$276 million higher than the same periods in 2021. The increase was mainly due to higher cash flows from the recovery of the 2021 deferral of rate increases, and timing of certain revenue and expenses.

## Cash Used for Capital Expenditures

Cash used for capital expenditures was \$220 million in the second quarter of 2022, \$168 million lower compared to the same period in 2021 mainly due to the prior year purchase of the Pioneer Pipeline, partially offset by increased customer contributions related to ongoing projects.

Cash used for capital expenditures was \$418 million in the first six months of 2022, \$174 million lower compared to the same period in 2021 mainly due to the prior year purchase of the Pioneer Pipeline and the completion of construction of the Calgary Northwest Connector in 2021 in the Natural Gas Transmission business, partially offset by increased customer contributions related to ongoing projects.

Capital expenditures for the second quarter and first six months of 2022 and 2021 is shown in the table below.

(\$ millions)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change
Electricity Distribution	64	57	7	115	111	4
Electricity Transmission	46	28	18	116	62	54
Natural Gas Distribution	78	72	6	136	128	8
Natural Gas Transmission	32	231	(199)	51	291	(240)
Total <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	220	388	(168)	418	592	(174)

(1) Includes additions to property, plant and equipment, intangibles, and \$3 million and \$5 million (2021 - \$3 million and \$6 million) of capitalized interest during construction for the second quarter and first six months of 2022.

(2) Includes \$57 million and \$99 million for the second quarter and first six months of 2022 (2021 - \$45 million and \$97 million) of capital expenditures that were funded with the assistance of customer contributions.

## Base Shelf Prospectus - CU Inc. Debentures

On September 16, 2020, CU Inc. filed a base shelf prospectus that permits it to issue up to an aggregate of \$1.2 billion of debentures over the 25-month life of the prospectus. As of July 27, 2022, aggregate issuances of debentures were \$610 million.

## Debenture Repayment

On April 1, 2022, CU Inc. repaid \$125 million of 9.92 per cent debentures.

# SHARE CAPITAL

CU Inc. equity securities consist of Class A shares and Class B shares.

At July 26, 2022, the Company had outstanding 3,570,322 Class A shares and 2,188,262 Class B shares.

# QUARTERLY INFORMATION

The following table shows financial information for the eight quarters ended September 30, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

(\$ millions)	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022
Revenues	623	826	917	738
Earnings for the period	61	132	222	153
Adjusted earnings (loss)				
Electricity	73	72	90	85
Natural Gas	3	92	122	35
Corporate & Other and Intersegment Eliminations	(1)	—	(1)	—
<b>Total adjusted earnings<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>75</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>120</b>

(\$ millions)	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Revenues	601	739	743	631
Earnings for the period	77	95	133	61
Adjusted earnings (loss)				
Electricity	70	79	85	73
Natural Gas	4	101	100	28
Corporate & Other and Intersegment Eliminations	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
<b>Total adjusted earnings<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>73</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>100</b>

(1) Additional information is provided under the headings "Other Financial and Non-GAAP Measures" and "Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings to Earnings for the Period" in this MD&A.

Our financial results for the previous eight quarters reflect the timing of utility regulatory decisions, and the seasonal nature of demand for natural gas and electricity.

## ADJUSTED EARNINGS

Adjusted earnings in the second and third quarters of each year were impacted by lower seasonal demand in the Natural Gas Distribution business. Adjusted earnings in the first quarter of 2022 was higher than the same period in 2021 mainly due to timing of operating costs, cost efficiencies, and growth in rate base.

Adjusted earnings in the second quarter of 2022 was higher compared to the same period in 2021 mainly due to the impact of the Electricity Transmission 2018-2019 General Tariff Application (GTA) Compliance Filing decision received in the second quarter of 2021, growth in rate base, the timing of operating costs, and cost efficiencies.

## EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD

Earnings for the period include timing adjustments related to rate-regulated activities. They also include one-time gains and losses, impairments, dividends on equity preferred shares and other items that are not in the normal course of business or a result of day-to-day operations recorded at various times over the past eight quarters. These items are excluded from adjusted earnings and are highlighted below:

- Early Termination of the Master Service Agreements for Managed IT Services
  - In 2020, the Company's parent, Canadian Utilities Limited, signed a MSA with IBM Canada Ltd. (IBM) (subsequently novated to Kyndryl Canada Ltd.) to provide managed IT services. These services were previously provided by Wipro Ltd. under a ten-year MSA expiring in December 2024. The Company recognized termination costs of \$52 million (after-tax) in the fourth quarter of 2020, which represents management's best estimate of the costs to exit the Wipro MSAs.
  - The transition of the managed IT services from Wipro to IBM commenced on February 1, 2021 and was complete by December 31, 2021. The Company recognized transition costs of \$14 million and \$20 million (after-tax), respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2021.

- AUC Enforcement Proceeding
  - On April 14, 2022, the AUC Enforcement branch and ATCO Electric Transmission filed a settlement with the AUC regarding a sole source contract for the Jasper interconnection project. On June 29, 2022, the AUC issued its decision approving the settlement in its entirety. In the fourth quarter of 2021 and first quarter of 2022, the Company recognized costs of \$14 million and \$27 million (after-tax), respectively, related to the proceeding.
- Workplace COVID-19 Vaccination Standard
  - To safeguard the health and safety of employees, business partners, customers and communities, the Company required its employees, subject to certain exemptions, to be vaccinated against COVID-19 effective January 1, 2022. Employees who did not demonstrate they were vaccinated or did not have an approved exemption were provided severance. In the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company incurred \$8 million (after-tax) in severance and related costs associated with the Workplace COVID-19 vaccination standard.
- Gain on sale of ownership interest in a subsidiary company
  - On March 31, 2022, the Company and Denendeh Investments Incorporated (DII) entered into a share purchase agreement to increase DII's ownership interest in Northland Utilities Enterprises Ltd. (NUE) from 14 per cent to 50 per cent. The transaction resulted in a gain on sale of \$5 million (after-tax). Effective March 31, 2022, the Company no longer consolidates NUE as a controlled subsidiary, and instead, accounts for its interest in NUE as an investment in joint venture using the equity method.

# OTHER FINANCIAL AND NON-GAAP MEASURES

Other financial measures presented in this MD&A consist of:

1. Adjusted earnings which are a key measure of segment earnings that are used to assess segment performance and allocate resources; and
2. Total of segments measures, which are defined as financial measures disclosed by an issuer that are a subtotal or total of two or more reportable segments.

Adjusted earnings are defined as earnings for the period after adjusting for the timing of revenues and expenses associated with rate-regulated activities and dividends on equity preferred shares of the Company. Adjusted earnings also exclude one-time gains and losses, impairments, and items that are not in the normal course of business or a result of day-to-day operations.

Adjusted earnings present earnings from rate-regulated activities on the same basis as was used prior to adopting IFRS - that basis being the US accounting principles for rate-regulated activities. Management's view is that adjusted earnings allow for a more effective analysis of operating performance and trends. A reconciliation of adjusted earnings to earnings for the period is presented in this MD&A. Adjusted earnings are presented in Note 3 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

Adjusted earnings are most directly comparable to earnings for the period but is not a standardized financial measure under the reporting framework used to prepare our financial statements. Adjusted earnings may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers. Management's view is that adjusted earnings allow for a more effective analysis of operating performance and trends. For investors, adjusted earnings may provide value as they exclude items that are not in the normal course of business and, as such, provide insight as to earnings resulting from the issuer's usual course of business. A reconciliation of adjusted earnings to earnings for the period of the Company is presented in this MD&A.

Total of segments measures are most directly comparable to total earnings for the period. Comparable total of segments measures for the same period in 2021 have been calculated using the same composition and are disclosed alongside the current total of segments measures in this MD&A. A reconciliation of the total of segments measures with total earnings for the period is presented in this MD&A.

Non-GAAP financial measures presented in this MD&A are defined as financial measures disclosed by an issuer that are not disclosed in the financial statements.

# RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EARNINGS TO EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD

Adjusted earnings are earnings for the period after adjusting for the timing of revenues and expenses associated with rate-regulated activities and dividends on equity preferred shares of the Company. Adjusted earnings also exclude one-time gains and losses, impairments, and items that are not in the normal course of business or a result of day-to-day operations.

Adjusted earnings are a key measure of segment earnings that management uses to assess segment performance and allocate resources. It is management's view that adjusted earnings allow a better assessment of the economics of rate regulation in Canada than IFRS earnings. Additional information regarding this measure is provided in the Other Financial and Non-GAAP Measures section of this MD&A.

<i>(\$ millions)</i>	Three Months Ended June 30				
<b>2022</b>	Electricity	Natural Gas	Corporate & Other	Intersegment Eliminations	Consolidated
2021					
Revenues	<b>354</b>	<b>385</b>	—	<b>(1)</b>	<b>738</b>
	327	305	—	(1)	631
Adjusted earnings (loss)	<b>85</b>	<b>35</b>	—	—	<b>120</b>
	73	28	(1)	—	100
Rate-regulated activities	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	—	—	<b>34</b>
	(10)	(15)	1	—	(24)
IT Common Matters decision	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	—	—	<b>(3)</b>
	(2)	(1)	—	—	(3)
Transition of managed IT services	—	—	—	—	—
	(6)	(8)	—	—	(14)
Dividends on equity preferred shares of the Company	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	—	—	<b>2</b>
	1	1	—	—	2
Earnings for the period	<b>91</b>	<b>62</b>	—	—	<b>153</b>
	56	5	—	—	61

	Six Months Ended June 30				
(\$ millions)					
2022	Electricity	Natural Gas	Corporate & Other	Intersegment Eliminations	Consolidated
2021					
Revenues	<b>747</b>	<b>910</b>	—	(2)	<b>1,655</b>
	661	715	—	(2)	1,374
Adjusted earnings (loss)	<b>175</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>(1)</b>	—	<b>331</b>
	158	128	(2)	—	284
Rate-regulated activities	<b>21</b>	<b>56</b>	—	—	<b>77</b>
	(34)	(35)	1	—	(68)
IT Common Matters decision	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	—	—	<b>(7)</b>
	(4)	(3)	—	—	(7)
Transition of managed IT services	—	—	—	—	—
	(9)	(11)	—	—	(20)
Dividends on equity preferred shares of the Company	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	—	—	<b>4</b>
	3	2	—	—	5
AUC enforcement proceeding	<b>(27)</b>	—	—	—	<b>(27)</b>
	—	—	—	—	—
Workplace COVID-19 vaccination standard	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	—	—	<b>(8)</b>
	—	—	—	—	—
Gain on sale of ownership interest in a subsidiary company	<b>5</b>	—	—	—	<b>5</b>
	—	—	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) for the period	<b>169</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>(1)</b>	—	<b>375</b>
	114	81	(1)	—	194

## RATE-REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Electricity Distribution and Transmission and their subsidiary, ATCO Electric Yukon, and their investment in joint venture, Northland Utilities, as well as, Natural Gas Distribution and Natural Gas Transmission are collectively referred to as the Utilities.

There is currently no specific guidance under IFRS for rate-regulated entities that the Company is eligible to adopt. In the absence of this guidance, the Utilities do not recognize assets and liabilities from rate-regulated activities as may be directed by regulatory decisions. Instead, the Utilities recognize revenues in earnings when amounts are billed to customers, consistent with the regulator-approved rate design. Operating costs and expenses are recorded when incurred. Costs incurred in constructing an asset that meet the asset recognition criteria are included in the related property, plant and equipment or intangible asset.

The Company uses standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in the United States as another source of generally accepted accounting principles to account for rate-regulated activities in its internal reporting provided to the CODM. The CODM believes that earnings presented in accordance with the FASB standards are a better representation of the operating results of the Company's rate-regulated activities. Therefore, the Company presents adjusted earnings as part of its segmented disclosures on this basis. Rate-regulated accounting (RRA) standards impact the timing of how certain revenues and expenses are recognized when compared to non-rate regulated activities, to appropriately reflect the economic impact of a regulator's decisions on revenues.

Rate-regulated accounting differs from IFRS in the following ways:

Timing Adjustment	Items	RRA Treatment	IFRS Treatment
<b>Additional revenues billed in current period</b>	Future removal and site restoration costs, and impact of colder temperatures.	The Company defers the recognition of cash received in advance of future expenditures.	The Company recognizes revenues when amounts are billed to customers and costs when they are incurred.
<b>Revenues to be billed in future periods</b>	Deferred income taxes and impact of warmer temperatures.	The Company recognizes revenues associated with recoverable costs in advance of future billings to customers.	The Company recognizes costs when they are incurred, but does not recognize their recovery until customer rates are changed and amounts are collected through future billings.
<b>Regulatory decisions received</b>	Regulatory decisions received which relate to current and prior periods.	The Company recognizes the earnings from a regulatory decision pertaining to current and prior periods when the decision is received.	The Company does not recognize earnings from a regulatory decision when it is received as regulatory assets and liabilities are not recorded under IFRS.
<b>Settlement of regulatory decisions and other items</b>	Settlement of amounts receivable or payable to customers and other items.	The Company recognizes the amount receivable or payable to customers as a reduction in its regulatory assets and liabilities when collected or refunded through future billings.	The Company recognizes earnings when customer rates are changed and amounts are recovered or refunded to customers through future billings.

The significant timing adjustments as a result of the differences between rate-regulated accounting and IFRS are as follows:

(\$ millions)	Three Months Ended June 30			Six Months Ended June 30		
	2022	2021	Change	2022	2021	Change
<b>Additional revenues billed in current period</b>						
Future removal and site restoration costs <sup>(1)</sup>	31	30	1	62	59	3
Impact of colder temperatures <sup>(2)</sup>	4	1	3	—	—	—
<b>Revenues to be billed in future periods</b>						
Deferred income taxes <sup>(3)</sup>	(23)	(29)	6	(45)	(54)	9
Distribution rate relief <sup>(4)</sup>	—	(34)	34	—	(75)	75
Impact of warmer temperatures <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	(2)	(1)	(1)
<b>Settlement of regulatory decisions and other items</b>						
Distribution rate relief <sup>(4)</sup>	30	—	30	65	—	65
Other	(8)	8	(16)	(3)	3	(6)
	<b>34</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>(68)</b>	<b>145</b>

(1) Removal and site restoration costs are billed to customers over the estimated useful life of the related assets based on forecast costs to be incurred in future periods.

(2) Natural Gas Distribution's customer rates are based on a forecast of normal temperatures. Fluctuations in temperatures may result in more or less revenue being recovered from customers than forecast. Revenues above or below normal temperatures in the current period are refunded to or recovered from customers in future periods.

(3) Income taxes are billed to customers when paid by the Company.

(4) During the three and six months ended June 30, 2021, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Electricity Distribution and Natural Gas Distribution applied for interim rate relief for customers to hold current distribution base rates in place. Following approval by the AUC, Electricity Distribution and Natural Gas Distribution recorded a decrease in earnings for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 of \$34 million and \$75 million (after-tax). Based on direction from the AUC, collection of 2021 deferred rates will be maximized in 2022. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2022, \$30 million and \$65 million (after-tax) was billed to customers.



## **IT COMMON MATTERS DECISION**

Consistent with the treatment of the gain on sale in 2014 from the IT services business by CU Inc.'s parent, Canadian Utilities Limited, financial impacts associated with the IT Common Matters decision are excluded from adjusted earnings. The amount excluded from adjusted earnings in the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 was \$3 million and \$7 million (after-tax) (2021 - \$3 million and \$7 million).

## **TRANSITION OF MANAGED IT SERVICES**

In 2020, the Company's parent, Canadian Utilities Limited, signed a Master Services Agreement with IBM Canada Ltd. (subsequently novated to Kyndryl Canada Ltd.) to provide managed information technology services. These services were previously provided by Wipro Ltd. under a ten-year MSA expiring in December 2024. The transition of the managed IT services from Wipro to IBM commenced on February 1, 2021 and was complete by December 31, 2021.

The Company recognized transition costs of \$14 million and \$20 million (after-tax), respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2021.

## **AUC ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING**

On April 14, 2022, the AUC Enforcement branch and ATCO Electric Transmission filed a settlement with the AUC regarding a sole source contract for the Jasper interconnection project. On June 29, 2022, the AUC issued its decision approving the settlement in its entirety. In the fourth quarter of 2021 and first quarter of 2022, the Company recognized costs of \$14 million and \$27 million (after-tax), respectively, related to the proceeding.

## **WORKPLACE COVID-19 VACCINATION STANDARD**

To safeguard the health and safety of employees, business partners, customers and communities, the Company required its employees, subject to certain exemptions, to be vaccinated against COVID-19 effective January 1, 2022. Employees who did not demonstrate they were vaccinated or did not have an approved exemption were provided severance. In the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company incurred \$8 million (after-tax) in severance and related costs associated with the Workplace COVID-19 vaccination standard.

## **GAIN ON SALE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY**

On March 31, 2022, the Company and Denendeh Investments Incorporated (DII) entered into a share purchase agreement to increase DII's ownership interest in NUE from 14 per cent to 50 per cent. The transaction resulted in a gain on sale of \$5 million (after-tax). Effective March 31, 2022, the Company no longer consolidates NUE as a controlled subsidiary, and instead, accounts for its interest in NUE as an investment in joint venture using the equity method.

The following table reconciles adjusted earnings for the Utilities to the directly comparable financial measure, earnings for the period.

Three Months Ended  
June 30

(\$ millions)

2022	CU Inc.						
	Electricity			Natural Gas			Consolidated
	Electric Distribution	Electric Transmission	Consolidated Electricity	Natural Gas Distribution	Natural Gas Transmission	Consolidated Natural Gas	
2021							
Adjusted earnings	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>120</b>
	37	36	73	7	21	28	101
Rate-regulated activities	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>
	(21)	11	(10)	(10)	(5)	(15)	(25)
IT Common Matters decision	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
	(1)	(1)	(2)	(1)	—	(1)	(3)
Transition of managed IT services	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
	(4)	(2)	(6)	(7)	(1)	(8)	(14)
Dividends on equity preferred shares of the Company	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	—	1	1	1	—	1	2
Earnings (loss) for the period	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>153</b>
	11	45	56	(10)	15	5	61

(\$ millions)

2022	CU Inc.						
	Electricity			Natural Gas			Consolidated
	Electric Distribution	Electric Transmission	Consolidated Electricity	Natural Gas Distribution	Natural Gas Transmission	Consolidated Natural Gas	
2021							
Adjusted earnings	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>332</b>
	79	79	158	88	40	128	286
Rate-regulated activities	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>77</b>
	(48)	14	(34)	(28)	(7)	(35)	(69)
IT Common Matters decision	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(7)</b>
	(2)	(2)	(4)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(7)
Transition of managed IT services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(6)	(3)	(9)	(9)	(2)	(11)	(20)
Dividends on equity preferred shares of the Company	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
	1	2	3	2	—	2	5
AUC enforcement proceeding	—	<b>(27)</b>	<b>(27)</b>	—	—	—	<b>(27)</b>
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Workplace COVID-19 vaccination standard	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(8)</b>
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gain on sale of ownership interest in a subsidiary company	<b>5</b>	—	<b>5</b>	—	—	—	<b>5</b>
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Earnings for the period	<b>91</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>376</b>
	24	90	114	51	30	81	195

# OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period beginning on April 1, 2022, and ended on June 30, 2022, that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements contained in this MD&A constitute forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as "anticipate", "plan", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "intend", "should", "goals", "targets", "strategy", "future", and similar expressions. In particular, forward-looking information in this MD&A includes, but is not limited to, references to general strategic plans and targets, including with respect to reducing GHG emissions and meeting certain environmental, social and governance targets.

Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking information are reasonable based on the information available on the date such statements are made and processes used to prepare the information, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking information should not be unduly relied upon. By their nature, these statements involve a variety of assumptions, known and unknown risks and uncertainties, and other factors, which may cause actual results, levels of activity, and achievements to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking information. The forward-looking information reflects the Company's beliefs and assumptions with respect to, among other things, the Company's ability to successfully achieve its net-zero GHG target by 2050; the development and performance of technology and technological innovations and the ability to otherwise access and implement all technology necessary to achieve GHG and other environmental, social and governance targets; continuing collaboration with certain regulatory and environmental groups; the performance of assets and equipment; demand levels for oil, natural gas, gasoline, diesel and other energy sources; certain levels of future energy use; future production rates; future revenue and earnings; the ability to meet current project schedules, and other assumptions inherent in management's expectations in respect of the forward-looking information identified herein.

The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in this forward-looking information as a result of, among other things, risks inherent in the performance of assets; capital efficiencies and cost savings; applicable laws and government policies; regulatory decisions; competitive factors in the industries in which the Company operates; prevailing economic conditions (including as may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic); credit risk; interest rate fluctuations; the availability and cost of labour, materials, services, and infrastructure; the development and execution of projects; prices of electricity, natural gas, natural gas liquids, and renewable energy; the development and performance of technology and new energy efficient products, services, and programs including but not limited to the use of zero-emission and renewable fuels, carbon capture, and storage, electrification of equipment powered by zero-emission energy sources and utilization and availability of carbon offsets; the occurrence of unexpected events such as fires, severe weather conditions, explosions, blow-outs, equipment failures, transportation incidents, and other accidents or similar events; and other risk factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Due to the interdependencies and correlation of these factors, the impact of any one material assumption or risk on a forward-looking statement cannot be determined with certainty. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing lists are not exhaustive. For additional information about the principal risks that the Company faces, see "Business Risks and Risk Management" in the Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Any forward-looking information contained in this MD&A represents the Company's expectations as of the date hereof, and is subject to change after such date. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities legislation.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

CU Inc. has published its unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and MD&A for the six months ended June 30, 2022. Copies of these documents may be obtained upon request from Investor Relations at 3rd Floor, West Building, 5302 Forand Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, telephone 403-292-7500, or email [investorrelations@atco.com](mailto:investorrelations@atco.com).

# GLOSSARY

**Alberta Utilities** means Electricity Distribution, Electricity Transmission, Natural Gas Distribution and Natural Gas Transmission.

**AUC** means the Alberta Utilities Commission.

**Class A shares** means Class A non-voting shares of the Company.

**Class B shares** means Class B common shares of the Company.

**CODM** means Chief Operating Decision Maker, and is comprised of the Chair & Chief Executive Officer, and the other members of the Executive Committee.

**Company** means CU Inc. and, unless the context otherwise requires, includes its subsidiaries.

**Customer Contributions** are non-refundable cash contributions made by customers for certain additions to property, plant and equipment. These contributions are made when the estimated revenue is less than the cost of providing service.

**GAAP** means Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**GHG** means greenhouse gas.

**IFRS** means International Financial Reporting Standards.