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For the Quarterly Period Ended: September 30, 2017

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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NRG Yield, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

46-1777204
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

804 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

08540
(Zip Code)

(609) 524-4500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company
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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

As of October 31, 2017, there were 34,586,250 shares of Class A common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share, 42,738,750 shares of Class B common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share, 64,717,087 shares of Class C common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share, and 42,738,750 shares of Class D common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of NRG Yield, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, or the Company, includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The words "believes," "projects," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "estimates" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, performance and achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors, risks and uncertainties include the factors described under Item 1A — *Risk Factors* in Part I, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and under Item 1A - Risk Factors in Part II on the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, as well as the following:

- The Company's ability to maintain and grow its quarterly dividend;
- Potential risks to the Company as a result of the NRG Transformation Plan;
- The Company's ability to successfully identify, evaluate and consummate acquisitions from third parties;
- The Company's ability to acquire assets from NRG;
- The Company's ability to raise additional capital due to its indebtedness, corporate structure, market conditions or otherwise;
- Hazards customary to the power production industry and power generation operations such as fuel and electricity price volatility, unusual weather conditions (including wind and solar conditions), catastrophic weather-related or other damage to facilities, unscheduled generation outages, maintenance or repairs, unanticipated changes to fuel supply costs or availability due to higher demand, shortages, transportation problems or other developments, environmental incidents, or electric transmission or gas pipeline system constraints and the possibility that the Company may not have adequate insurance to cover losses as a result of such hazards;
- The Company's ability to operate its businesses efficiently, manage maintenance capital expenditures and costs effectively, and generate earnings and cash flows from its asset-based businesses in relation to its debt and other obligations;
- The willingness and ability of counterparties to the Company's offtake agreements to fulfill their obligations under such agreements;
- The Company's ability to enter into contracts to sell power and procure fuel on acceptable terms and prices as current offtake agreements expire;
- Government regulation, including compliance with regulatory requirements and changes in market rules, rates, tariffs and environmental laws;
- Changes in law, including judicial decisions;
- Operating and financial restrictions placed on the Company that are contained in the project-level debt facilities and other agreements of certain subsidiaries and project-level subsidiaries generally, in the NRG Yield Operating LLC amended and restated revolving credit facility, in the indentures governing the Senior Notes and in the indentures governing the Company's convertible notes;
- Cyber terrorism and inadequate cybersecurity, or the occurrence of a catastrophic loss and the possibility that the Company may not have adequate insurance to cover losses resulting from such hazards or the inability of the Company's insurers to provide coverage;
- The Company's ability to engage in successful mergers and acquisitions activity; and
- The Company's ability to borrow additional funds and access capital markets, as well as the Company's substantial indebtedness and the possibility that the Company may incur additional indebtedness going forward.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in any forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should not be construed as exhaustive.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

When the following terms and abbreviations appear in the text of this report, they have the meanings indicated below:

2016 Form 10-K	NRG Yield, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016
2019 Convertible Notes	\$345 million aggregate principal amount of 3.50% convertible notes due 2019, issued by NRG Yield, Inc.
2020 Convertible Notes	\$287.5 million aggregate principal amount of 3.25% convertible notes due 2020, issued by NRG Yield, Inc.
2024 Senior Notes	\$500 million aggregate principal amount of 5.375% unsecured senior notes due 2024, issued by NRG Yield Operating LLC
2026 Senior Notes	\$350 million aggregate principal amount of 5.00% unsecured senior notes due 2026, issued by NRG Yield Operating LLC
ASC	The FASB Accounting Standards Codification, which the FASB established as the source of authoritative GAAP
ASU	Accounting Standards Updates - updates to the ASC
ATM Program	At-The-Market Equity Offering Program
August 2017 Drop Down Assets	The remaining 25% interest in NRG Wind TE Holdco, an 814 net MW portfolio of twelve wind projects, acquired from NRG on August 1, 2017
Buffalo Bear	Buffalo Bear, LLC, the operating subsidiary of Tapestry Wind LLC, which owns the Buffalo Bear project
CAFD	Cash Available For Distribution, which the Company defines as net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, plus cash distributions from unconsolidated affiliates, cash receipts from notes receivable, less cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, maintenance capital expenditures, pro-rata EBITDA from unconsolidated affiliates, cash interest paid, income taxes paid, principal amortization of indebtedness and changes in prepaid and accrued capacity payments
Company	NRG Yield, Inc. together with its consolidated subsidiaries
CVSR	California Valley Solar Ranch
CVSR Drop Down	The Company's acquisition from NRG of the remaining 51.05% interest of CVSR Holdco
CVSR Holdco	CVSR Holdco LLC, the indirect owner of CVSR
DGPV Holdco 1	NRG DGPV Holdco 1 LLC
DGPV Holdco 2	NRG DGPV Holdco 2 LLC
DGPV Holdco 3	NRG DGPV Holdco 3 LLC
Distributed Solar	Solar power projects, typically less than 20 MW in size, that primarily sell power produced to customers for usage on site, or are interconnected to sell power into the local distribution grid
Drop Down Assets	Collectively, the June 2014 Drop Down Assets, January 2015 Drop Down Assets, November 2015 Drop Down Assets, CVSR Drop Down, March 2017 Drop Down Assets and August 2017 Drop Down Assets
Economic Gross Margin	Energy and capacity revenue less cost of fuels
El Segundo	NRG West Holdings LLC, the subsidiary of Natural Gas Repowering LLC, which owns the El Segundo Energy Center project
ERCOT	Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the ISO and the regional reliability coordinator of the various electricity systems within Texas
EWG	Exempt Wholesale Generator
Exchange Act	The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GAAP	Accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.
GenConn	GenConn Energy LLC
HLBV	Hypothetical Liquidation at Book Value
IASB	International Accounting Standards Board
ISO	Independent System Operator, also referred to as RTO

January 2015 Drop Down Assets	The Laredo Ridge, Tapestry and Walnut Creek projects, which were acquired by NRG Yield Operating LLC from NRG on January 2, 2015
Kansas South	NRG Solar Kansas South LLC, the operating subsidiary of NRG Solar Kansas South Holdings LLC, which owns the Kansas South project
Laredo Ridge	Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC, the operating subsidiary of Mission Wind Laredo, LLC, which owns the Laredo Ridge project
LIBOR	London Inter-Bank Offered Rate
March 2017 Drop Down Assets	(i) Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC, which owns a 16% interest (approximately 31% of NRG's 51% interest) in the Agua Caliente solar farm and (ii) NRG's 100% ownership in the Class A equity interests in the Utah Solar Portfolio (defined below), both acquired by the Company on March 27, 2017
Marsh Landing	NRG Marsh Landing LLC, formerly GenOn Marsh Landing LLC
May 9, 2017 Form 8-K	NRG Yield, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 9, 2017 in connection with NRG Yield Operating LLC's acquisition of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets
MMBtu	Million British Thermal Units
MW	Megawatts
MWh	Saleable megawatt hours, net of internal/parasitic load megawatt-hours
MWt	Megawatts Thermal Equivalent
NERC	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Net Exposure	Counterparty credit exposure to NRG Yield, Inc. net of collateral
NOLs	Net Operating Losses
November 2015 Drop Down Assets	75% of the Class B interests of NRG Wind TE Holdco, which owns a portfolio of 12 wind facilities totaling 814 net MW, which was acquired by NRG Yield Operating LLC from NRG on November 3, 2015
November 2017 Drop Down Assets	38 MW portfolio of distributed and small utility-scale solar assets, primarily comprised of assets from NRG's Solar Power Partners (SPP) funds, in addition to other projects developed since the acquisition of SPP by NRG, which was acquired by NRG Yield Operating LLC from NRG on November 1, 2017
NRG	NRG Energy, Inc.
NRG Power Marketing	NRG Power Marketing LLC
NRG Transformation Plan	A three-year, three-part improvement plan announced by NRG on July 12, 2017, which includes exploring strategic alternatives for NRG's renewables platform and its interest in the Company
NRG Wind TE Holdco	NRG Wind TE Holdco LLC
NRG Yield LLC	The holding company through which the projects are owned by NRG, the holder of Class B and Class D units, and NRG Yield, Inc., the holder of the Class A and Class C units
NRG Yield Operating LLC	The holder of the project assets that are owned by NRG Yield LLC
OCI/OCL	Other comprehensive income/loss
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
Pinnacle	Pinnacle Wind, LLC, the operating subsidiary of Tapestry Wind LLC, which owns the Pinnacle project
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PUCT	Public Utility Commission of Texas
QF	Qualifying Facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
ROFO Agreement	Second Amended and Restated Right of First Offer Agreement between the Company and NRG
ROFO Assets	Specified assets subject to sale, as described in the ROFO Agreement
RPV Holdco	NRG RPV Holdco 1 LLC
RTO	Regional Transmission Originator
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Senior Notes	Collectively, the 2024 Senior Notes and the 2026 Senior Notes
SPP	Solar Power Partners

Taloga	Taloga Wind, LLC, the operating subsidiary of Tapestry Wind LLC, which owns the Taloga project
Tapestry	Collection of the Pinnacle, Buffalo Bear and Taloga projects
Thermal Business	The Company's thermal business, which consists of thermal infrastructure assets that provide steam, hot water and/or chilled water, and in some instances electricity, to commercial businesses, universities, hospitals and governmental units
U.S.	United States of America
Utah Solar Portfolio	Collection consists of Four Brothers Solar, LLC, Granite Mountain Holdings, LLC, and Iron Springs Holdings, LLC, which are equity investments owned by Four Brothers Capital, LLC, Granite Mountain Capital, LLC, and Iron Springs Capital, LLC, respectively, and are part of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets acquisition that closed on March 27, 2017
Utility Scale Solar	Solar power projects, typically 20 MW or greater in size (on an alternating current, or AC, basis), that are interconnected into the transmission or distribution grid to sell power at a wholesale level
VaR	Value at Risk
VIE	Variable Interest Entity
Walnut Creek	NRG Walnut Creek, LLC, the operating subsidiary of WCEP Holdings, LLC, which owns the Walnut Creek project

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1 — FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NRG YIELD, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016 ^(a)	2017	2016 ^(a)
Operating Revenues				
Total operating revenues	\$ 265	\$ 272	\$ 767	\$ 789
Operating Costs and Expenses				
Cost of operations	78	76	239	238
Depreciation and amortization	88	75	241	224
General and administrative	4	4	14	10
Acquisition-related transaction and integration costs	—	—	2	—
Total operating costs and expenses	170	155	496	472
Operating Income	95	117	271	317
Other Income (Expense)				
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	28	16	63	34
Other income, net	1	1	3	3
Interest expense	(75)	(71)	(237)	(213)
Total other expense, net	(46)	(54)	(171)	(176)
Income Before Income Taxes	49	63	100	141
Income tax expense	8	13	15	25
Net Income	41	50	85	116
Less: Pre-acquisition net income of Drop Down Assets	1	11	18	20
Net Income Excluding Pre-acquisition Net Income of Drop Down Assets	40	39	67	96
Less: Net Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	11	6	13	26
Net Income Attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 29	\$ 33	\$ 54	\$ 70
Earnings Per Share Attributable to NRG Yield, Inc. Class A and Class C Common Stockholders				
Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding - basic	35	35	35	35
Weighted average number of Class A common shares outstanding - diluted	49	49	35	49
Weighted average number of Class C common shares outstanding - basic	64	63	63	63
Weighted average number of Class C common shares outstanding - diluted	75	73	63	63
Earnings per Weighted Average Class A and Class C Common Share - Basic	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.72
Earnings per Weighted Average Class A Common Share - Diluted	0.27	0.30	0.56	0.68
Earnings per Weighted Average Class C Common Share - Diluted	0.29	0.32	0.56	0.72
Dividends Per Class A Common Share	0.28	0.24	0.81	0.70
Dividends Per Class C Common Share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.70

^(a) Retrospectively adjusted as discussed in Note 1, *Nature of Business*.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NRG YIELD, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016 ^(a)	2017	2016 ^(a)
Net Income	\$ 41	\$ 50	\$ 85	\$ 116
Other Comprehensive Gain (Loss), net of tax				
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, net of income tax benefit of \$0, \$1, \$0 and \$13	7	21	7	(36)
Other comprehensive gain (loss)	7	21	7	(36)
Comprehensive Income	48	71	92	80
Less: Pre-acquisition net income of Drop Down Assets	1	11	18	20
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	17	28	19	11
Comprehensive Income Attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 30	\$ 32	\$ 55	\$ 49

^(a) Retrospectively adjusted as discussed in Note 1, *Nature of Business*.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NRG YIELD, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except shares)

ASSETS	September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 179	\$ 322
Restricted cash	140	165
Accounts receivable — trade	126	92
Inventory	38	39
Derivative instruments	—	2
Notes receivable	15	16
Prepayments and other current assets	22	20
Total current assets	520	656
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,247	5,460
Other Assets		
Equity investments in affiliates	1,183	1,152
Intangible assets, net	1,234	1,286
Derivative instruments	—	1
Deferred income taxes	202	216
Other non-current assets	56	65
Total other assets	2,675	2,720
Total Assets	\$ 8,442	\$ 8,836
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 300	\$ 291
Accounts payable — trade	27	23
Accounts payable — affiliate	45	40
Derivative instruments	23	32
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	95	86
Total current liabilities	490	472
Other Liabilities		
Long-term debt	5,520	5,696
Accounts payable — affiliate	3	9
Derivative instruments	43	44
Other non-current liabilities	87	76
Total non-current liabilities	5,653	5,825
Total Liabilities	6,143	6,297
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	—	—
Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,000,000,000 shares authorized (Class A 500,000,000, Class B 500,000,000, Class C 1,000,000,000, Class D 1,000,000,000); 184,780,837 shares issued and outstanding (Class A 34,586,250, Class B 42,738,750, Class C 64,717,087, Class D 42,738,750) at September 30, 2017 and 182,848,000 shares issued and outstanding (Class A 34,586,250, Class B 42,738,750, Class C 62,784,250, Class D 42,738,750) at December 31, 2016	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	1,864	1,879
Retained Earnings (Accumulated deficit)	24	(2)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(27)	(28)
Noncontrolling interest	437	689
Total Stockholders' Equity	2,299	2,539
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 8,442	\$ 8,836

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NRG YIELD, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016 ^(a)
	(In millions)	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 85	\$ 116
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(63)	(34)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates	52	43
Depreciation and amortization	241	224
Amortization of financing costs and debt discounts	18	15
Amortization of intangibles and out-of-market contracts	52	57
Changes in deferred income taxes	15	25
Changes in derivative instruments	(2)	(5)
Loss on disposal of asset components	8	5
Changes in prepaid and accrued liabilities for tolling agreements	5	2
Changes in other working capital	(37)	(5)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>374</u>	<u>443</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payments for the Drop Down Assets	(176)	(77)
Capital expenditures	(23)	(16)
Cash receipts from notes receivable	11	11
Return of investment from unconsolidated affiliates	32	16
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	(48)	(69)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	<u>(204)</u>	<u>(135)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net contributions from noncontrolling interests	13	7
Net distributions and return of capital to NRG prior to the acquisition of Drop Down Assets	(49)	(126)
Net proceeds from the issuance of common stock	34	—
Payments of dividends and distributions	(149)	(127)
Payments of debt issuance costs	(4)	(6)
Proceeds from the revolving credit facility	—	60
Payments for the revolving credit facility	—	(366)
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt	41	550
Payments for long-term debt	(224)	(204)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	<u>(338)</u>	<u>(212)</u>
Net Decrease in Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	<u>(168)</u>	<u>96</u>
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash at Beginning of Period	<u>487</u>	<u>242</u>
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash at End of Period	<u>\$ 319</u>	<u>\$ 338</u>

^(a) Retrospectively adjusted as discussed in Note 1, *Nature of Business*.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NRG YIELD, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

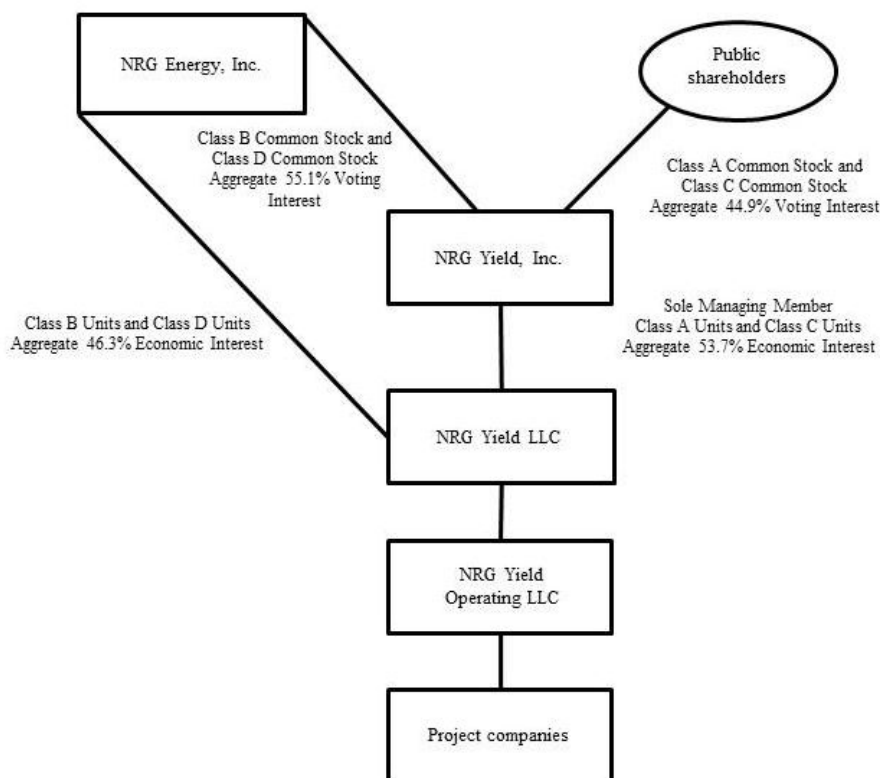
Note 1 — Nature of Business

NRG Yield, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, or the Company, is a dividend growth-oriented company formed to serve as the primary vehicle through which NRG owns, operates and acquires contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets. The Company believes it is well positioned to be a premier company for investors seeking stable and growing dividend income from a diversified portfolio of lower-risk, high-quality assets. NRG Yield, Inc. owns 100% of the Class A units and Class C units of NRG Yield LLC, including a controlling interest through its position as managing member.

The Company owns a diversified portfolio of contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets in the U.S. The Company's contracted generation portfolio collectively represents 5,080 net MW as of September 30, 2017. Each of these assets sells substantially all of its output pursuant to long-term offtake agreements with creditworthy counterparties. The weighted average remaining contract duration of these offtake agreements was approximately 16 years as of September 30, 2017 based on CAFD. The Company also owns thermal infrastructure assets with an aggregate steam and chilled water capacity of 1,319 net MWt and electric generation capacity of 123 net MW. These thermal infrastructure assets provide steam, hot and/or chilled water, and, in some instances, electricity to commercial businesses, universities, hospitals and governmental units in multiple locations, principally through long-term contracts or pursuant to rates regulated by state utility commissions.

NRG Yield, Inc. consolidates the results of NRG Yield LLC through its controlling interest, with NRG's interest shown as noncontrolling interest in the financial statements. The holders of NRG Yield, Inc.'s outstanding shares of Class A and Class C common stock are entitled to dividends as declared. NRG receives its distributions from NRG Yield LLC through its ownership of NRG Yield LLC Class B and Class D units.

The following table represents the structure of the Company as of September 30, 2017:



On July 12, 2017, NRG announced that it had adopted and initiated a three-year, three-part improvement plan, or the NRG Transformation Plan. As part of the NRG Transformation Plan, NRG announced that it is exploring strategic alternatives for its renewables platform and its interest in the Company. NRG, through its holdings of Class B common stock and Class D common stock, has a 55.1% voting interest in the Company and receives distributions from NRG Yield LLC through its ownership of Class B units and Class D units. NRG stated that the strategic alternatives span a variety of ownership structures and partnership types, including the potential partial or full monetization of NRG's renewables platform and NRG's interest in the Company. NRG is the Company's controlling stockholder and the Company has been highly dependent on NRG for, among other things, growth opportunities and management and administration services. See Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors* in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K, as well as Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors* in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, for risks related to the NRG Transformation Plan and the Company's relationship with NRG.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company's operating assets are comprised of the following projects:

Projects	Percentage Ownership	Net Capacity (MW) ^(a)	Offtake Counterparty	Expiration
<i>Conventional</i>				
El Segundo	100%	550	Southern California Edison	2023
GenConn Devon	50%	95	Connecticut Light & Power	2040
GenConn Middletown	50%	95	Connecticut Light & Power	2041
Marsh Landing	100%	720	Pacific Gas and Electric	2023
Walnut Creek	100%	485	Southern California Edison	2023
		<u>1,945</u>		
<i>Utility Scale Solar</i>				
Agua Caliente	16%	46	Pacific Gas and Electric	2039
Alpine	100%	66	Pacific Gas and Electric	2033
Avenal	50%	23	Pacific Gas and Electric	2031
Avra Valley	100%	26	Tucson Electric Power	2032
Blythe	100%	21	Southern California Edison	2029
Borrego	100%	26	San Diego Gas and Electric	2038
CVSR	100%	250	Pacific Gas and Electric	2038
Desert Sunlight 250	25%	63	Southern California Edison	2035
Desert Sunlight 300	25%	75	Pacific Gas and Electric	2040
Kansas South	100%	20	Pacific Gas and Electric	2033
Roadrunner	100%	20	El Paso Electric	2031
TA High Desert	100%	20	Southern California Edison	2033
Utah Solar Portfolio ^{(b) (e)}	50%	265	PacifiCorp	2036
		<u>921</u>		
<i>Distributed Solar</i>				
Apple I LLC Projects	100%	9	Various	2032
AZ DG Solar Projects	100%	5	Various	2025 - 2033
		<u>14</u>		
<i>Wind</i>				
Alta I	100%	150	Southern California Edison	2035
Alta II	100%	150	Southern California Edison	2035
Alta III	100%	150	Southern California Edison	2035
Alta IV	100%	102	Southern California Edison	2035
Alta V	100%	168	Southern California Edison	2035
Alta X ^(b)	100%	137	Southern California Edison	2038
Alta XI ^(b)	100%	90	Southern California Edison	2038
Buffalo Bear	100%	19	Western Farmers Electric Co-operative	2033
Crosswinds ^{(b) (f)}	99%	21	Corn Belt Power Cooperative	2027
Elbow Creek ^{(b) (f)}	100%	122	NRG Power Marketing LLC	2022
Elkhorn Ridge ^{(b) (f)}	66.7%	54	Nebraska Public Power District	2029
Forward ^{(b) (f)}	100%	29	Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.	2017
Goat Wind ^{(b) (f)}	100%	150	Dow Pipeline Company	2025
Hardin ^{(b) (f)}	99%	15	Interstate Power and Light Company	2027
Laredo Ridge	100%	80	Nebraska Public Power District	2031
Lookout ^{(b) (f)}	100%	38	Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative	2030

Projects	Percentage Ownership	Net Capacity (MW) ^(a)	Offtake Counterparty	Expiration
Odin ^{(b) (f)}	99.9%	20	Missouri River Energy Services	2028
Pinnacle	100%	55	Maryland Department of General Services and University System of Maryland	2031
San Juan Mesa ^{(b) (f)}	75%	90	Southwestern Public Service Company	2025
Sleeping Bear ^{(b) (f)}	100%	95	Public Service Company of Oklahoma	2032
South Trent	100%	101	AEP Energy Partners	2029
Spanish Fork ^{(b) (f)}	100%	19	PacifiCorp	2028
Spring Canyon II ^(b)	90.1%	29	Platte River Power Authority	2039
Spring Canyon III ^(b)	90.1%	25	Platte River Power Authority	2039
Taloga	100%	130	Oklahoma Gas & Electric	2031
Wildorado ^{(b) (f)}	100%	161	Southwestern Public Service Company	2027
		2,200		
Thermal				
NRG Dover Energy Center LLC	100%	103	NRG Power Marketing LLC	2018
Thermal generation	100%	20	Various	Various
		123		
Total net generation capacity ^(c)		5,203		
Thermal equivalent MWt ^(d)	100%	1,319	Various	Various

^(a) Net capacity represents the maximum, or rated, generating capacity of the facility multiplied by the Company's percentage ownership in the facility as of September 30, 2017.

^(b) Projects are part of tax equity arrangements.

^(c) The Company's total generation capacity is net of 6 MWs for noncontrolling interest for Spring Canyon II and III. The Company's generation capacity including this noncontrolling interest was 5,209 MWs.

^(d) For thermal energy, net capacity represents MWt for steam or chilled water and excludes 134 MWt available under the right-to-use provisions contained in agreements between two of the Company's thermal facilities and certain of its customers.

^(e) Represents interests in Four Brothers Solar, LLC, Granite Mountain Holdings, LLC, and Iron Springs Holdings, LLC, all acquired as part of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets (ownership percentage is based upon cash to be distributed).

^(f) Projects are part of NRG Wind TE Holdco portfolio.

In addition to the facilities owned or leased in the table above, the Company entered into partnerships to own or purchase solar power generation projects, as well as other ancillary related assets from a related party via intermediate funds. The Company does not consolidate these partnerships and accounts for them as equity method investments. The Company's net interest in these projects is 226 MW based on cash to be distributed as of September 30, 2017. For further discussions, refer to Note 4, *Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities* of this Form 10-Q and Note 5, *Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities* to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K.

Substantially all of the Company's generation assets are under long-term contractual arrangements for the output or capacity from these assets. The thermal assets are comprised of district energy systems and combined heat and power plants that produce steam, hot water and/or chilled water and, in some instances, electricity at a central plant. Certain district energy systems are subject to rate regulation by state public utility commissions (although they may negotiate certain rates) while the other district energy systems have rates determined by negotiated bilateral contracts.

As described in Note 3, *Business Acquisitions*, on August 1, 2017, the Company acquired the remaining 25% interest in NRG Wind TE Holdco, a portfolio of 12 wind projects, referred to as the August 2017 Drop Down Assets, from NRG for total cash consideration of \$44 million, including working capital adjustment of \$3 million. The purchase agreement also included potential additional payments to NRG dependent upon actual energy prices for merchant periods beginning in 2027, which were estimated and accrued as contingent consideration in the amount of \$8 million as of September 30, 2017. On March 27, 2017, the Company acquired the following interests from NRG, referred to as the March 2017 Drop Down Assets: (i) Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC, which owns a 16% interest in the Agua Caliente solar farm, one of the ROFO assets and (ii) NRG's interests in seven utility-scale solar farms located in Utah that were part of NRG's November 2, 2016 acquisition of projects from SunEdison, or the Utah Solar Portfolio. The Company paid total cash consideration of \$130 million, plus a \$2 million working capital adjustment, and assumed non-recourse debt of \$328 million, which is consolidated, as well as its pro-rata share of non-recourse project-level debt of \$135 million. The acquisition was funded with cash on hand.

The acquisitions of the August 2017 Drop Down Assets and March 2017 Drop Down Assets were accounted for as transfers of entities under common control. The accounting guidance requires retrospective combination of the entities for all periods presented as if the combinations had been in effect from the beginning of the financial statement period or from the date the entities were under common control (if later than the beginning of the financial statement period). In connection with the acquisition of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets, the Company filed the May 9, 2017 Form 8-K to recast the financial statements included in its 2016 Form 10-K for all periods presented in the following sections: Part II, Item 6. Selected Financial Data, Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and Part IV, Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules. The recast of the Company's financial statements for the August 2017 and March 2017 Drop Down Assets did not affect the historical net income attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.'s weighted average number of shares outstanding, earnings per share or dividends.

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the SEC's regulations for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The following notes should be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and other disclosures as set forth in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contain all material adjustments consisting of normal and recurring accruals necessary to present fairly the Company's consolidated financial position as of September 30, 2017, and the results of operations, comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions impact the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could be different from these estimates.

Accumulated Depreciation, Accumulated Amortization

The following table presents the accumulated depreciation included in the property, plant and equipment, net, and accumulated amortization included in intangible assets, net, respectively, as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Property, Plant and Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 1,189	\$ 951
Intangible Assets Accumulated Amortization	216	163

Noncontrolling Interests

Stockholders' equity represents the equity associated with the Class A and Class C common stockholders, the equity associated with the Class B and Class D common stockholder, NRG, and the third-party interests under certain tax equity arrangements are classified as noncontrolling interests. The following table reflects the changes in the Company's noncontrolling interest balance:

	(In millions)
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 689
Capital contributions from tax equity investors, net of distributions	11
Payment for the March 2017 and August 2017 Drop Down Assets	(176)
Pre-acquisition net income of Drop Down Assets	18
Comprehensive income	19
Distributions to NRG for Drop Down Assets, net of contributions	(47)
August 2017 Drop Down Assets contingent consideration	(8)
NRG Yield LLC distributions to NRG	(69)
Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 437

Distributions to NRG for Drop Down Assets, net of contributions

Distributions and contributions to and from NRG for Drop Down Assets relate primarily to NRG's interests in the August 2017 and March 2017 Drop Down Assets prior to the acquisition by the Company. This amount includes cash and non-cash distributions and includes a distribution to NRG from Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC following the issuance of the Agua Caliente Holdco financing, as described in Note 7, *Long-term Debt*.

NRG Yield LLC Distributions to NRG

The following table lists the distributions paid to NRG on NRG Yield LLC's Class B and D units during the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

	Third Quarter 2017	Second Quarter 2017	First Quarter 2017
Distributions per Class B Unit	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26
Distributions per Class D Unit	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26

On October 31, 2017, NRG Yield LLC declared a distribution on its Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D units of \$0.288 per unit payable on December 15, 2017 to unit holders of record as of December 1, 2017.

Income Taxes

NRG Yield, Inc. is included in certain NRG consolidated unitary state tax return filings which is reflected in NRG Yield, Inc.'s state effective tax rate. If NRG Yield, Inc. filed under a separate standalone methodology, there would be an additional state tax expense of approximately \$1 million as of September 30, 2017 due to a change in the NRG Yield, Inc. state effective tax rate.

Reclassifications

Certain prior-year amounts have been reclassified for comparative purposes.

Recent Accounting Developments

ASU 2017-12 — In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-12, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815)*, Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities, or ASU No. 2017-12. ASU No. 2017-12 amends ASU No. 2016-15. The amendments of ASU No. 2016-15 were issued to simplify the application of hedge accounting guidance and more closely aligning financial reporting for hedging relationships with economic results of an entity's risk management activities. The issues addressed by ASU No. 2017-12 include but are not limited to alignment of risk management activities and financial reporting, risk component hedging, accounting for the hedged item in fair value hedges of interest rate risk, recognition and presentation of the effects of hedging instruments, amounts excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness, and other simplifications of hedge accounting guidance. The amendments of ASU No. 2017-12 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. Early adoption is permitted in any interim period and the effect of the adoption should be reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. The Company does not expect that the adoption of ASU No. 2017-12 will have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows, and statement of financial position.

ASU 2016-18 — In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230)*, Restricted Cash, or ASU No. 2016-18. The amendments of ASU No. 2016-18 require an entity to include amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning of period and end of period total amounts on the statement of cash flows. The amendments of ASU No. 2016-18 are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those annual periods. Early adoption is permitted and the adoption of ASU No. 2016-18 will be applied retrospectively. The Company early adopted ASU No. 2016-18 during the second quarter of 2017. Net cash flows used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 decreased by \$7 million. The sum of Company's cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2016 equals the beginning balances of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The sum of Company's cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2017 equals to the ending balances of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

ASU 2016-02 — In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842), or Topic 842, with the objective to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and to improve financial reporting by expanding the related disclosures. The guidance in Topic 842 provides that a lessee that may have previously accounted for a lease as an operating lease under current GAAP should recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from a lease on the balance sheet. In addition, Topic 842 expands the required quantitative and qualitative disclosures with regards to lease arrangements. The Company expects to adopt the standard effective January 1, 2019 utilizing the required modified retrospective approach for the earliest period presented. The Company expects to elect certain of the practical expedients permitted, including the expedient that permits the Company to retain its existing lease assessment and classification. The Company is currently working through an adoption plan and evaluating the anticipated impact on the Company's results of operations, cash flows and financial position. While the Company is currently evaluating the impact the new guidance will have on its financial position and results of operations, the Company expects to recognize lease liabilities and right of use assets. The extent of the increase to assets and liabilities associated with these amounts remains to be determined pending the Company's review of its existing lease contracts and service contracts which may contain embedded leases. While this review is still in process, the Company believes the adoption of Topic 842 may be material to its financial statements.

ASU 2014-09 — In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606), or ASU No. 2014-09, which was further amended through various updates issued by the FASB thereafter. The amendments of ASU No. 2014-09 completed the joint effort between the FASB and the IASB, to develop a common revenue standard for GAAP and IFRS, and to improve financial reporting. The guidance under Topic 606 provides that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for the goods or services provided and establishes a five step model to be applied by an entity in evaluating its contracts with customers. The Company expects to adopt the standard effective January 1, 2018 and apply the guidance retrospectively to contracts at the date of adoption. The Company will recognize the cumulative effect of applying Topic 606 at the date of initial application, as prescribed under the modified retrospective transition method. The Company also expects to elect the practical expedient available under Topic 606 for measuring progress toward complete satisfaction of a performance obligation and for disclosure requirements of remaining performance obligations. The practical expedient allows an entity to recognize revenue in the amount to which the entity has the right to invoice such that the entity has a right to the consideration in an amount that corresponds directly with the value to the customer for performance completed to date by the entity. The majority of the Company's revenues are obtained through PPAs, which are currently accounted for as operating leases. In connection with the implementation of Topic 842, as described above, the Company expects to elect certain of the practical expedients permitted, including the expedient that permits the Company to retain its existing lease assessment and classification. As leases are excluded from the scope of Topic 606, the Company expects the standard to have an immaterial impact on the Company's results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Note 3 — Business Acquisitions

2017 Acquisitions

November 2017 Drop Down Assets — On November 1, 2017, the Company acquired a 38 MW solar portfolio primarily comprised of assets from NRG's Solar Power Partners (SPP) funds and other projects developed by NRG, for cash consideration of \$71 million, excluding working capital adjustments, plus assumed non-recourse debt of \$26 million. As of September 30, 2017, the November 2017 Drop Down Assets' debt was \$33 million, of which \$7 million was paid by NRG in October 2017.

The purchase price for the November 2017 Drop Down Assets was funded with cash on hand. The assets and liabilities transferred to the Company relate to interests under common control by NRG and were recorded at historical cost in accordance with ASC 805-50, *Business Combinations - Related Issues*. The difference between the cash paid and historical value of the entities' equity was recorded as a distribution to NRG and reduced the balance of its noncontrolling interest. Because the transaction constituted a transfer of net assets under common control, the guidance requires retrospective combination of the entities for all periods presented as if the combination has been in effect since the inception of common control.

The following is a summary of assets and liabilities transferred in connection with the acquisition of the November 2017 Drop Down Assets as of September 30, 2017:

	(In millions)
Assets:	
Current assets	\$ 11
Property, plant and equipment	84
Non-current assets	32
Total assets	127
Liabilities:	
Debt (Current and non-current) ^(a)	31
Other current and non-current liabilities	3
Total liabilities assumed	34
Net assets acquired	\$ 93

^(a) Net of \$2 million of net debt issuance costs.

Supplemental Pro Forma Information

As described above, the Company's acquisition of the November 2017 Drop Down Assets was accounted for as a transfer of entities under common control. The following unaudited supplemental pro forma information represents the consolidated results of operations as if the Company acquired the November 2017 Drop Down Assets on January 1, 2016, including the impact of acquisition accounting with respect to NRG's acquisition of the projects. All net income or losses prior to the Company's acquisition of the projects is reflected as attributable to NRG and, accordingly, no pro forma impact to earnings per Class A and Class C common share was calculated.

	For the three months ended		For the nine months ended	
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Total operating revenues	\$ 269	\$ 275	\$ 777	\$ 798
Net income	19	52	65	119

August 2017 Drop Down Assets — On August 1, 2017, the Company acquired the remaining 25% interest in NRG Wind TE Holdco, a portfolio of 12 wind projects, from NRG for total cash consideration of \$44 million, including working capital adjustment of \$3 million. The purchase agreement also included potential additional payments to NRG dependent upon actual energy prices for merchant periods beginning in 2027, which were estimated and accrued as contingent consideration in the amount of \$8 million as of September 30, 2017.

The Company originally acquired 75% of NRG Wind TE Holdco on November 3, 2015, or November 2015 Drop Down Assets, which were consolidated with 25% of the net assets recorded as noncontrolling interest. The assets and liabilities transferred to the Company related to interests under common control by NRG and were recorded at historical cost in accordance with ASC 805-50, *Business Combination - Related Issues*. As the Company had reflected NRG's 25% ownership of NRG Wind TE Holdco in noncontrolling interest, the difference between the cash paid of \$44 million, net of the contingent consideration of \$8 million, and the historical value of the remaining 25% of \$87 million as of July 31, 2017, was recorded as an adjustment to NRG's noncontrolling interest. Since the transaction constituted a transfer of entities under common control, the accounting guidance requires retrospective combination of the entities for all periods presented as if the combination has been in effect from the beginning of the financial statement period or from the date the entities were under common control (if later than the beginning of the financial statement period).

March 2017 Drop Down Assets — On March 27, 2017, the Company acquired the following interests from NRG: (i) Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC, which owns a 16% interest (approximately 31% of NRG's 51% interest) in the Agua Caliente solar farm, one of the ROFO Assets, representing ownership of approximately 46 net MW of capacity and (ii) NRG's interests in the Utah Solar Portfolio. Agua Caliente is located in Yuma County, AZ and sells power subject to a 25-year PPA with Pacific Gas and Electric, with 22 years remaining on that contract. The seven utility-scale solar farms in the Utah Solar Portfolio are owned by the following entities: Four Brothers Capital, LLC, Iron Springs Capital, LLC, and Granite Mountain Capital, LLC. These utility-

scale solar farms achieved commercial operations in 2016, sell power subject to 20-year PPAs with PacifiCorp, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway and are part of a tax equity structure with Dominion Solar Projects III, Inc., or Dominion, through which the Company is entitled to receive 50% of cash to be distributed, as further described below. The Company paid cash consideration of \$130 million, plus \$2 million of working capital paid through September 30, 2017. The acquisition of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets was funded with cash on hand. The Company recorded the acquired interests as equity method investments. The Company also assumed non-recourse debt of \$41 million and \$287 million on Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC and the Utah Solar Portfolio, respectively, as further described in Note 7, *Long-term Debt*, as well as its pro-rata share of non-recourse project-level debt of Agua Caliente Solar LLC, as further described in Note 4, *Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities*.

The assets and liabilities transferred to the Company relate to interests under common control by NRG and were recorded at historical cost in accordance with ASC 805-50, *Business Combination - Related Issues*. The difference between the cash paid and the historical value of the entities' equity of \$8 million was recorded as an adjustment to NRG's noncontrolling interest. Since the transaction constituted a transfer of entities under common control, the accounting guidance requires retrospective combination of the entities for all periods presented as if the combination has been in effect from the beginning of the financial statement period or from the date the entities were under common control (if later than the beginning of the financial statement period). Accordingly, in connection with the retrospective adjustment of prior periods, the Company adjusted its financial statements to reflect its results of operations, financial position and cash flows as if it recorded its interests in the Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC on January 1, 2016, and its interests in the Utah Solar Portfolio on November 2, 2016.

The following is a summary of assets and liabilities transferred in connection with the acquisition of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets as of March 27, 2017:

	(In millions)
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 6
Equity investment in projects	456
Total assets acquired	462
Liabilities:	
Debt (Current and non-current) ^(a)	320
Other current and non-current liabilities	3
Total liabilities assumed	323
Net assets acquired	\$ 139

^(a) Net of \$8 million of debt issuance costs.

The following tables present a summary of the Company's historical information combining the financial information for the March 2017 Drop Down Assets transferred in connection with the acquisition:

	Three months ended September 30, 2016			Nine months ended September 30, 2016		
	As Previously Reported	March 2017 Drop Down Assets	As Currently Reported	As Previously Reported	March 2017 Drop Down Assets	As Currently Reported
(In millions)						
Total operating revenues	\$ 272	\$ —	\$ 272	\$ 789	\$ —	\$ 789
Operating income	117	—	117	317	—	317
Net income	47	3	50	111	5	116

2016 Acquisitions

CVSR Drop Down — Prior to September 1, 2016, the Company had a 48.95% interest in CVSR, which was accounted for as an equity method investment. On September 1, 2016, the Company acquired from NRG the remaining 51.05% interest of CVSR Holdco LLC, which indirectly owns the CVSR solar facility, for total cash consideration of \$78.5 million plus an immaterial working capital adjustment. The Company also assumed additional debt of \$496 million, which represents 51.05% of the CVSR project level debt and 51.05% of the notes issued under the CVSR Holdco Financing Agreement, as of the closing date, as further

described in Note 10, *Long-term Debt*, to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K. The acquisition was funded with cash on hand.

The assets and liabilities transferred to the Company relate to interests under common control by NRG and were recorded at historical cost in accordance with ASC 805-50, *Business Combinations - Related Issues*. The difference between the cash paid and historical value of the CVSR Drop Down of \$112 million, as well as \$6 million of AOCL, was recorded as a distribution to NRG with the offset to noncontrolling interest. Because the transaction constituted a transfer of net assets under common control, the guidance requires retrospective combination of the entities for all periods presented as if the combination has been in effect since the inception of common control. In connection with the retrospective adjustment of prior periods, the Company now consolidates CVSR and 100% of its debt, consisting of \$771 million of project level debt and \$200 million of notes issued under the CVSR Holdco Financing Agreement as of September 1, 2016. In connection with the retrospective adjustment of prior periods, the Company has removed the equity method investment from all prior periods and adjusted its financial statements to reflect its results of operations, financial position and cash flows as if it had consolidated CVSR from the beginning of the financial statement period.

Note 4 — Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities

Entities that are Consolidated

The Company has a controlling financial interest in certain entities which have been identified as VIEs under ASC 810, *Consolidations*, or ASC 810. These arrangements are primarily related to tax equity arrangements entered into with third parties in order to monetize certain tax credits associated with wind facilities, as further described in Note 5, *Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities*, to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K.

Summarized financial information for the Company's consolidated VIEs consisted of the following as of September 30, 2017:

(In millions)	NRG Wind TE Holdco	Alta Wind TE Holdco	Spring Canyon
Other current and non-current assets	\$ 175	\$ 17	\$ 4
Property, plant and equipment	417	443	96
Intangible assets	2	265	—
Total assets	594	725	100
Current and non-current liabilities	206	9	6
Total liabilities	206	9	6
Noncontrolling interest	22	96	63
Net assets less noncontrolling interests	\$ 366	\$ 620	\$ 31

Entities that are not Consolidated

The Company has interests in entities that are considered VIEs under ASC 810, but for which it is not considered the primary beneficiary. The Company accounts for its interests in these entities under the equity method of accounting, as further described in Note 5, *Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities*, to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K.

The Company's maximum exposure to loss as of September 30, 2017 is limited to its equity investment in the unconsolidated entities, as further summarized in the table below:

(In millions)	Maximum exposure to loss
Four Brothers Solar, LLC	\$ 221
Granite Mountain Holdings, LLC	81
Iron Springs Holdings, LLC	56
GenConn Energy LLC	102
NRG DGPV Holdco 1 LLC	71
NRG RPV Holdco 1 LLC	65
NRG DGPV Holdco 2 LLC	54
NRG DGPV Holdco 3 LLC	20

NRG DGPV Holdco 2 LLC — The Company contributed \$37 million into NRG DGPV Holdco 2 LLC, or DGPV Holdco 2 during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, with an additional \$2 million due to NRG in accounts payable — affiliate as of September 30, 2017, to be funded in tranches as the project milestones are completed. The Company co-owns approximately 107 MW of distributed solar capacity, based on cash to be distributed, with a weighted average contract life of approximately 21 years as of September 30, 2017.

On October 12, 2017, the Company and NRG amended the DGPV Holdco 2 partnership agreement to increase the aggregate commitment of \$50 million to \$60 million in order to accommodate funding of additional projects.

NRG DGPV Holdco 3 LLC — On September 26, 2017, the Company entered into an additional partnership with NRG by forming NRG DGPV Holdco 3 LLC, or DGPV Holdco 3, in which the Company would invest up to \$50 million in an operating portfolio of distributed solar assets, primarily comprised of community solar projects, developed by NRG. The Company invested \$4 million during September 2017 with an additional \$16 million due to NRG in accounts payable - affiliate as of September 30, 2017, to be funded in tranches as the project milestones are completed. The Company co-owns approximately 33 MW of distributed solar capacity, based on cash to be distributed, with a weighted average contract life of approximately 20 years as of September 30, 2017.

Utah Solar Portfolio — As described in Note 3, *Business Acquisitions*, on March 27, 2017, as part of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets acquisition, the Company acquired from NRG 100% of the Class A equity interests in the Utah Solar Portfolio, comprised of Four Brothers Solar, LLC, Granite Mountain Holdings, LLC, and Iron Springs Holdings, LLC. The Class B interests of the Utah Solar Portfolio are owned by a tax equity investor, or TE Investor, who receives 99% of allocations of taxable income and other items until the flip point, which occurs when the TE Investor obtains a specified return on its initial investment, at which time the allocations to the TE Investor change to 50%. The Company generally receives 50% of distributable cash throughout the term of the tax-equity arrangements. The three entities comprising the Utah Solar Portfolio are VIEs. As the Company is not the primary beneficiary, the Company uses the equity method of accounting to account for its interests in the Utah Solar Portfolio. The Company utilizes the HLBV method to determine its share of the income or losses in the investees.

The following tables present summarized financial information for the Utah Solar Portfolio:

(In millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Income Statement Data:				
Utah Solar Portfolio				
Operating revenues	\$ 23	\$ —	\$ 60	\$ —
Operating income	9	—	17	—
Net income	9	—	17	—
Balance Sheet Data:				
(In millions)				
Utah Solar Portfolio				
Current assets			\$ 25	\$ 20
Non-current assets			1,091	1,105
Current liabilities			9	14
Non-current liabilities			21	38

Non-recourse project-level debt of unconsolidated affiliates

Agua Caliente Financing — As described in Note 3, *Business Acquisitions*, the Company acquired a 16% interest in the Agua Caliente solar facility through its acquisition of Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC. As of September 30, 2017, Agua Caliente Solar LLC, the direct owner of the Agua Caliente solar facility, had \$833 million outstanding under the Agua Caliente financing agreement with the Federal Financing Bank, or FFB, borrowed to finance the costs of constructing the facility. The Company's pro-rata share of the Agua Caliente financing arrangement was \$133 million as of September 30, 2017. Amounts borrowed under the Agua Caliente financing agreement accrue interest at a fixed rate based on U.S. Treasury rates plus a spread of 0.375%, mature in 2037 and are secured by the assets of Agua Caliente Solar LLC. The loans provided by the FFB are guaranteed by the U.S. DOE.

Note 5 — Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair Value Accounting under ASC 820

ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels as follows:

- Level 1—quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2—inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are directly observable for the asset or liability or indirectly observable through corroboration with observable market data.
- Level 3—unobservable inputs for the asset or liability only used when there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

In accordance with ASC 820, the Company determines the level in the fair value hierarchy within which each fair value measurement in its entirety falls, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, accounts receivable — affiliate, accounts payable, current portion of the accounts payable — affiliates, accrued expenses and other liabilities, the carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short-term maturity of those instruments and are classified as Level 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

The estimated carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's recorded financial instruments not carried at fair market value are as follows:

(In millions)	As of September 30, 2017		As of December 31, 2016	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Assets:				
Notes receivable ^(a)	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 30	\$ 30
Liabilities:				
Long-term debt, including current portion ^(b)	\$ 5,881	\$ 5,942	\$ 6,057	\$ 6,056

^(a) Includes the long-term portion of notes receivable, which is recorded in other noncurrent assets on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

^(b) Excludes deferred financing costs, which are recorded as a reduction to long-term debt on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

The fair value of the Company's publicly-traded long-term debt is based on quoted market prices and is classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of debt securities, non-publicly traded long-term debt and certain notes receivable of the Company are based on expected future cash flows discounted at market interest rates, or current interest rates for similar instruments with equivalent credit quality and are classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. The following table presents the level within the fair value hierarchy for long-term debt, including current portion as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

(In millions)	As of September 30, 2017		As of December 31, 2016	
	Level 2	Level 3	Level 2	Level 3
Long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 1,525	\$ 4,417	\$ 1,455	\$ 4,601

Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The Company records its derivative assets and liabilities at fair value on its consolidated balance sheet. The following table presents assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on the Company's consolidated balance sheets on a recurring basis and their level within the fair value hierarchy:

(In millions)	As of September 30, 2017	As of December 31, 2016	
	Fair Value ^(a)	Fair Value ^(a)	Fair Value ^(a)
	Level 2	Level 1	Level 2
Derivative assets:			
Commodity contracts	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ 1
Interest rate contracts	—	—	1
Total assets	—	1	2
Derivative liabilities:			
Commodity contracts	2	—	1
Interest rate contracts	64	—	75
Total liabilities	\$ 66	\$ —	\$ 76

^(a) There were no derivative assets or liabilities classified as Level 1 as of September 30, 2017. There were no derivative assets or liabilities classified as Level 3 as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

Derivative Fair Value Measurements

The Company's contracts are non-exchange-traded and valued using prices provided by external sources. For the Company's energy markets, management receives quotes from multiple sources. To the extent that multiple quotes are received, the prices reflect the average of the bid-ask mid-point prices obtained from all sources believed to provide the most liquid market for the commodity.

The fair value of each contract is discounted using a risk free interest rate. In addition, a credit reserve is applied to reflect credit risk, which is, for interest rate swaps, calculated based on credit default swaps using the bilateral method. For commodities, to the extent that the net exposure under a specific master agreement is an asset, the Company uses the counterparty's default swap rate. If the net exposure under a specific master agreement is a liability, the Company uses NRG's default swap rate. For interest rate swaps and commodities, the credit reserve is added to the discounted fair value to reflect the exit price that a market participant would be willing to receive to assume the liabilities or that a market participant would be willing to pay for the assets. As of September 30, 2017, the credit reserve resulted in a \$1 million increase in fair value in interest expense. It is possible that future market prices could vary from those used in recording assets and liabilities and such variations could be material.

Concentration of Credit Risk

In addition to the credit risk discussion in Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K, the following is a discussion of the concentration of credit risk for the Company's financial instruments. Credit risk relates to the risk of loss resulting from non-performance or non-payment by counterparties pursuant to the terms of their contractual obligations. The Company monitors and manages credit risk through credit policies that include: (i) an established credit approval process; (ii) daily monitoring of counterparties' credit limits; (iii) the use of credit mitigation measures such as margin, collateral, prepayment arrangements, or volumetric limits; (iv) the use of payment netting agreements; and (v) the use of master netting agreements that allow for the netting of positive and negative exposures of various contracts associated with a single counterparty. Risks surrounding counterparty performance and credit could ultimately impact the amount and timing of expected cash flows. The Company seeks to mitigate counterparty risk by having a diversified portfolio of counterparties.

Counterparty credit exposure includes credit risk exposure under certain long-term agreements, including solar and other PPAs. As external sources or observable market quotes are not available to estimate such exposure, the Company estimates the exposure related to these contracts based on various techniques including, but not limited to, internal models based on a fundamental analysis of the market and extrapolation of observable market data with similar characteristics. Based on these valuation techniques, as of September 30, 2017, credit risk exposure to these counterparties attributable to the Company's ownership interests was approximately \$2.9 billion for the next five years. The majority of these power contracts are with utilities with strong credit quality and public utility commission or other regulatory support. However, such regulated utility counterparties can be impacted by changes in government regulations, which the Company is unable to predict.

Note 6 — Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

This footnote should be read in conjunction with the complete description under Note 7, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K.

Energy-Related Commodities

As of September 30, 2017, the Company had energy-related derivative instruments extending through 2020. At September 30, 2017, these contracts were not designated as cash flow or fair value hedges.

Interest Rate Swaps

As of September 30, 2017, the Company had interest rate derivative instruments on non-recourse debt extending through 2036, a portion of which are designated as cash flow hedges.

Volumetric Underlying Derivative Transactions

The following table summarizes the net notional volume buy of the Company's open derivative transactions broken out by commodity:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Units</u>	Total Volume	
		September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
		(In millions)	
Natural Gas	MMBtu	2	3
Interest	Dollars	\$ 1,983	\$ 2,070

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

There were no derivative asset positions on the balance sheet as of September 30, 2017. The following table summarizes the fair value within the derivative instrument valuation on the balance sheet:

	Fair Value		
	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities	
	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(In millions)		
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges:			
Interest rate contracts current	\$ —	\$ 7	\$ 26
Interest rate contracts long-term	1	13	39
Total Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges	1	20	65
Derivatives Not Designated as Cash Flow Hedges:			
Interest rate contracts current	—	15	5
Interest rate contracts long-term	—	29	5
Commodity contracts current	2	1	1
Commodity contracts long-term	—	1	—
Total Derivatives Not Designated as Cash Flow Hedges	2	46	11
Total Derivatives	\$ 3	\$ 66	\$ 76

The Company has elected to present derivative assets and liabilities on the balance sheet on a trade-by-trade basis and does not offset amounts at the counterparty master agreement level. As of September 30, 2017, there were no offsetting amounts at the counterparty master agreement level nor outstanding collateral paid or received. As of December 31, 2016, there was no outstanding collateral paid or received. The following tables summarize the offsetting of derivatives by the counterparty master agreement level as of December 31, 2016:

As of December 31, 2016	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets/Liabilities	Derivative Instruments	Net Amount
Commodity contracts:			
	(In millions)		
Derivative assets	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ 2
Derivative liabilities	(1)	—	(1)
Total commodity contracts	1	—	1
Interest rate contracts:			
Derivative assets	1	(1)	—
Derivative liabilities	(75)	1	(74)
Total interest rate contracts	(74)	—	(74)
Total derivative instruments	\$ (73)	\$ —	\$ (73)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table summarizes the effects on the Company's accumulated OCL balance attributable to interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedge derivatives, net of tax:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(In millions)			
Accumulated OCL beginning balance	\$ (70)	\$ (140)	\$ (70)	\$ (83)
Reclassified from accumulated OCL to income due to realization of previously deferred amounts	4	4	10	10
Mark-to-market of cash flow hedge accounting contracts	3	17	(3)	(46)
Accumulated OCL ending balance, net of income tax benefit of \$16 and \$29, respectively	(63)	(119)	(63)	(119)
Accumulated OCL attributable to noncontrolling interests	(36)	(71)	(36)	(71)
Accumulated OCL attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ (27)	\$ (48)	\$ (27)	\$ (48)
Losses expected to be realized from OCL during the next 12 months, net of income tax benefit of \$3	\$ 14		\$ 14	

Amounts reclassified from accumulated OCL into income and amounts recognized in income from the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges are recorded to interest expense. There was no ineffectiveness for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Accounting guidelines require a high degree of correlation between the derivative and the hedged item throughout the period in order to qualify as a cash flow hedge. As of December 31, 2016, the Company's regression analysis for Viento Funding II interest rate swaps, while positively correlated, did not meet the required threshold for cash flow hedge accounting. As a result, the Company de-designated the Viento Funding II cash flow hedges as of December 31, 2016, and will prospectively mark these derivatives to market through the income statement.

The Company's regression analysis for Marsh Landing, Walnut Creek and Avra Valley interest rate swaps, while positively correlated, no longer contain matching terms for cash flow hedge accounting. As a result, the Company voluntarily de-designated the Marsh Landing, Walnut Creek and Avra Valley cash flow hedges as of April 28, 2017, and will prospectively mark these derivatives to market through the income statement.

Impact of Derivative Instruments on the Statements of Income

The Company has interest rate derivative instruments that are not designated as cash flow hedges. The effect of interest rate hedges is recorded to interest expense. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the impact to the consolidated statements of income was a gain of \$7 million and \$2 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the impact to the consolidated statements of income was a loss of \$2 million and \$7 million, respectively.

A portion of the Company's derivative commodity contracts relates to its Thermal Business for the purchase of fuel commodities based on the forecasted usage of the thermal district energy centers. Realized gains and losses on these contracts are reflected in the fuel costs that are permitted to be billed to customers through the related customer contracts or tariffs and, accordingly, no gains or losses are reflected in the consolidated statements of income for these contracts.

See Note 5, *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, for a discussion regarding concentration of credit risk.

Note 7 — Long-term Debt

This footnote should be read in conjunction with the complete description under Note 10, *Long-term Debt*, to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K. Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2017, interest rate % ^(a)	Letters of Credit Outstanding at September 30, 2017
(In millions, except rates)				
2019 Convertible Notes	\$ 345	\$ 345	3.500	
2020 Convertible Notes	288	288	3.250	
2024 Senior Notes	500	500	5.375	
2026 Senior Notes	350	350	5.000	
Project-level debt:				
Agua Caliente Borrower 2, due 2038	41	—	5.430	17
Alpine, due 2022	138	145	L+1.750	37
Alta Wind I - V lease financing arrangements, due 2034 and 2035	940	965	5.696 - 7.015	103
CVSR, due 2037	746	771	2.339 - 3.775	—
CVSR Holdco Notes, due 2037	194	199	4.680	13
El Segundo Energy Center, due 2023	400	443	L+1.75 - L+2.375	102
Energy Center Minneapolis, due 2017 and 2025	82	96	5.950 - 7.250	—
Energy Center Minneapolis Series D Notes, due 2031	125	125	3.550	—
Laredo Ridge, due 2028	96	100	L+1.875	10
Marsh Landing, due 2017 and 2023	334	370	L+1.750 - L+1.875	34
Tapestry, due 2021	165	172	L+1.625	20
Utah Solar Portfolio, due 2022	284	287	L+2.625	13
Viento, due 2023	169	178	L+3.00	27
Walnut Creek, due 2023	279	310	L+1.625	49
Other	425	440	Various	37
Subtotal project-level debt:	<u>4,418</u>	<u>4,601</u>		
Total debt	5,901	6,084		
Less current maturities	(300)	(291)		
Less net debt issuance costs	(61)	(70)		
Less discounts ^(b)	(20)	(27)		
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 5,520</u>	<u>\$ 5,696</u>		

^(a) As of September 30, 2017, L+ equals 3 month LIBOR plus x%, except for the Utah Solar Portfolio, where L+ equals 1 month LIBOR plus x%

^(b) Discounts relate to the 2019 Convertible Notes and 2020 Convertible Notes.

The financing arrangements listed above contain certain covenants, including financial covenants that the Company is required to be in compliance with during the term of the respective arrangement. As of September 30, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all of the required covenants.

The discussion below describes material changes to or additions of long-term debt for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

NRG Yield LLC and NRG Yield Operating LLC Revolving Credit Facility

As of September 30, 2017, there were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility and the Company had \$68 million of letters of credit outstanding.

Thermal Financing

On March 16, 2017, NRG Energy Center Minneapolis LLC, a subsidiary of NRG Thermal LLC, amended the shelf facility of its existing Thermal financing arrangement to allow for the issuance of an additional \$10 million of Series F notes at a 4.60% interest rate, or Series F Notes, increasing the total principal amount of notes available for issuance under the shelf facility to \$80 million. The Series F Notes will be secured by substantially all of the assets of NRG Energy Center Minneapolis LLC. NRG Thermal LLC has guaranteed the indebtedness and its guarantee is secured by a pledge of the equity interests in all of NRG Thermal LLC's subsidiaries.

Financing Related to the March 2017 Drop Down Assets

Agua Caliente Borrower 2, due 2038

On February 17, 2017, Agua Caliente Borrower 1 LLC, an indirect subsidiary of NRG, and Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC, issued \$130 million of senior secured notes under the Agua Caliente Borrower 1 LLC and Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC financing agreement, or Agua Caliente Holdco Financing Agreement, that bear interest at 5.43% and mature on December 31, 2038. As described in Note 3, *Business Acquisitions*, on March 27, 2017, the Company acquired Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC from NRG as part of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets acquisition and assumed NRG's portion of senior secured notes under the Agua Caliente Holdco Financing Agreement. Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC holds \$41 million of the Agua Caliente Holdco debt as of September 30, 2017. The debt is joint and several with respect to Agua Caliente Borrower 1 LLC and Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC and is secured by the equity interests of each borrower in the Agua Caliente solar facility.

Utah Solar Portfolio, due 2022

As part of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets acquisition, the Company assumed non-recourse debt of \$287 million relating to the Utah Solar Portfolio at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2.625%. The debt matures on December 16, 2022. The \$287 million consisted of \$222 million outstanding at the time of NRG's acquisition of the Utah Solar Portfolio on November 2, 2016, and additional borrowings of \$65 million, net of debt issuance costs, incurred during 2016. The Company holds \$284 million of the Utah Solar Portfolio debt as of September 30, 2017.

Note 8 — Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Shares issued during the year are weighted for the portion of the year that they were outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed in a manner consistent with that of basic earnings per share while giving effect to all potentially dilutive common shares that were outstanding during the period.

The reconciliation of the Company's basic and diluted earnings per share is shown in the following tables:

	Three months ended September 30,			
	2017		2016	
	Common Class A	Common Class C	Common Class A	Common Class C
<i>(In millions, except per share data)</i> ^(a)				
Basic earnings per share attributable to NRG Yield, Inc. common stockholders				
Net income attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 10	\$ 19	\$ 12	\$ 21
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — basic	35	64	35	63
Earnings per weighted average common share — basic	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34
Diluted earnings per share attributable to NRG Yield, Inc. common stockholders				
Net income attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 13	\$ 21	\$ 15	\$ 24
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — diluted	49	75	49	73
Earnings per weighted average common share — diluted	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.32
	Nine months ended September 30,			
	2017		2016	
	Common Class A	Common Class C	Common Class A	Common Class C
<i>(In millions, except per share data)</i> ^(a)				
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to NRG Yield, Inc. common stockholders				
Net income attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 19	\$ 35	\$ 25	\$ 45
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — basic	35	63	35	63
Earnings per weighted average common share — basic	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.72
Diluted earnings per share attributable to NRG Yield, Inc. common stockholders				
Net income attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 19	\$ 35	\$ 34	\$ 45
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding — diluted	35	63	49	63
Earnings per weighted average common share — diluted	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.72

^(a) Basic and diluted earnings per share might not recalculate due to presenting values in millions rather than whole dollars.

The following table summarizes the Company's outstanding equity instruments that are anti-dilutive and were not included in the computation of the Company's diluted earnings per share:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(In millions of shares)			
2019 Convertible Notes - Common Class A	—	—	15	—
2020 Convertible Notes - Common Class C	—	—	10	10

Note 9 — Changes in Capital Structure

At-the-Market Equity Offering Program, or the ATM Program

NRG Yield, Inc. is party to an equity distribution agreement with Barclays Capital Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, as sales agents. Pursuant to the terms of the equity distribution agreement, NRG Yield, Inc. may offer and sell shares of its Class C common stock par value \$0.01 per share, from time to time through the sales agents up to an aggregate sales price of \$150 million through an at-the-market equity offering program, or the ATM Program. NRG Yield, Inc. may also sell shares of its Class C common stock to any of the sales agents, as principals for its own account, at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. The following table lists the issuance of shares of Class C common stock under the ATM Program during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017:

(In millions, except shares)	Three months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2017
Shares of Class C common stock issued	987,727	1,921,866
Gross proceeds	\$18	\$35

NRG Yield, Inc. incurred commission fees of approximately \$346 thousand in connection with the issuance of Class C common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. At September 30, 2017, approximately \$115 million of Class C common stock remains available for issuance under the ATM Program.

As a result of the Company's sale of shares of Class C common stock under the ATM Program, the public shareholders of Class A and Class C common stock increased their economic and voting interests in NRG Yield, Inc. to 53.7%, and 44.9%, respectively, as of September 30, 2017.

Dividends to Class A and Class C common stockholders

The following table lists the dividends paid on the Company's Class A common stock and Class C common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

	Third Quarter 2017	Second Quarter 2017	First Quarter 2017
Dividends per Class A share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26
Dividends per Class C share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26

Dividends on the Class A common stock and Class C common stock are subject to available capital, market conditions, and compliance with associated laws, regulations and other contractual obligations. The Company expects that, based on current circumstances, comparable cash dividends will continue to be paid in the foreseeable future.

On October 31, 2017, the Company declared quarterly dividends on its Class A common stock and Class C common stock of \$0.288 per share payable on December 15, 2017, to stockholders of record as of December 1, 2017.

The Company also has authorized 10 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. None of the shares of preferred stock have been issued.

Note 10 — Segment Reporting

The Company's segment structure reflects how management currently operates and allocates resources. The Company's businesses are primarily segregated based on conventional power generation, renewable businesses which consist of solar and wind, and the thermal and chilled water business. The Corporate segment reflects the Company's corporate costs. The Company's chief operating decision maker, its Chief Executive Officer, evaluates the performance of its segments based on operational measures including adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or Adjusted EBITDA, and CAFD, as well as economic gross margin and net income (loss).

Three months ended September 30, 2017					
(In millions)	Conventional Generation	Renewables	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 88	\$ 131	\$ 46	\$ —	\$ 265
Cost of operations	16	33	29	—	78
Depreciation and amortization	27	56	5	—	88
General and administrative	—	—	—	4	4
Operating income (loss)	45	42	12	(4)	95
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	3	25	—	—	28
Other income, net	1	—	—	—	1
Interest expense	(13)	(39)	(2)	(21)	(75)
Income (loss) before income taxes	36	28	10	(25)	49
Income tax expense	—	—	—	8	8
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 36	\$ 28	\$ 10	\$ (33)	\$ 41
Total Assets	\$ 1,920	\$ 5,821	\$ 420	\$ 281	\$ 8,442

Three months ended September 30, 2016					
(In millions)	Conventional Generation	Renewables	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 82	\$ 142	\$ 48	\$ —	\$ 272
Cost of operations	14	31	31	—	76
Depreciation and amortization	20	50	5	—	75
General and administrative	—	—	—	4	4
Operating income (loss)	48	61	12	(4)	117
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	3	13	—	—	16
Other income, net	1	—	—	—	1
Interest expense	(13)	(37)	(2)	(19)	(71)
Income (loss) before income taxes	39	37	10	(23)	63
Income tax expense	—	—	—	13	13
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 39	\$ 37	\$ 10	\$ (36)	\$ 50

Nine months ended September 30, 2017

(In millions)	Conventional Generation	Renewables	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 246	\$ 391	\$ 130	\$ —	\$ 767
Cost of operations	53	100	86	—	239
Depreciation and amortization	77	149	15	—	241
General and administrative	—	—	—	14	14
Acquisition-related transaction and integration costs	—	—	—	2	2
Operating income (loss)	116	142	29	(16)	271
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	9	54	—	—	63
Other income, net	1	1	—	1	3
Interest expense	(39)	(128)	(7)	(63)	(237)
Income (loss) before income taxes	87	69	22	(78)	100
Income tax expense	—	—	—	15	15
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 87	\$ 69	\$ 22	\$ (93)	\$ 85
Total Assets	\$ 1,920	\$ 5,821	\$ 420	\$ 281	\$ 8,442

Nine months ended September 30, 2016

(In millions)	Conventional Generation	Renewables	Thermal	Corporate	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 246	\$ 412	\$ 131	\$ —	\$ 789
Cost of operations	53	98	87	—	238
Depreciation and amortization	60	149	15	—	224
General and administrative	—	—	—	10	10
Operating income (loss)	133	165	29	(10)	317
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	10	24	—	—	34
Other income, net	1	2	—	—	3
Interest expense	(36)	(115)	(5)	(57)	(213)
Income (loss) before income taxes	108	76	24	(67)	141
Income tax expense	—	—	—	25	25
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 108	\$ 76	\$ 24	\$ (92)	\$ 116

Note 11 — Income Taxes

Effective Tax Rate

The income tax provision consisted of the following:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(In millions, except percentages)			
Income before income taxes	\$ 49	\$ 63	\$ 100	\$ 141
Income tax expense	8	13	15	25
Effective income tax rate	16.3%	20.6%	15.0%	17.7%

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the overall effective tax rate was different than the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to taxable earnings allocated to NRG resulting from its interest in NRG Yield LLC and production and investment tax credits generated from certain wind and solar assets, respectively.

For tax purposes, NRG Yield LLC is treated as a partnership; therefore, the Company and NRG each record their respective share of taxable income or loss.

Note 12 — Related Party Transactions

In addition to the transactions and relationships described elsewhere in these notes to the consolidated financial statements, NRG and certain subsidiaries of NRG provide services to the Company and its project entities. Amounts due to NRG subsidiaries are recorded as accounts payable - affiliate and amounts due to the Company from NRG or its subsidiaries are recorded as accounts receivable - affiliate in the Company's balance sheet.

Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) between the Company and NRG Power Marketing

Elbow Creek and Dover are parties to PPAs with NRG Power Marketing and generate revenue under the PPAs, which are recorded to operating revenues in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, Elbow Creek and Dover, collectively, generated revenue of \$3 million and \$10 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Elbow Creek and Dover, collectively, generated revenue of \$4 million and \$10 million, respectively.

Energy Marketing Services Agreement by and between Thermal entities and NRG Power Marketing

NRG Energy Center Dover LLC, NRG Energy Center Minneapolis, NRG Energy Center Phoenix LLC, and NRG Energy Center Paxton LLC, or Thermal entities, are parties to Energy Marketing Services Agreements with NRG Power Marketing, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NRG. Under the agreements, NRG Power Marketing procures fuel and fuel transportation for the operation of Thermal entities. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, Thermal entities purchased \$1 million and \$7 million, respectively, of natural gas from NRG Power Marketing. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Thermal entities purchased \$1 million and \$6 million, respectively, of natural gas from NRG Power Marketing.

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Services Agreements by and between Company's subsidiaries and NRG

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries are party to O&M Services Agreements with NRG, pursuant to which NRG subsidiaries provide necessary and appropriate services to operate and maintain the subsidiaries' plant operations, businesses and thermal facilities. NRG is reimbursed for the provided services, as well as for all reasonable and related expenses and expenditures, and payments to third parties for services and materials rendered to or on behalf of the parties to the agreements. NRG is not entitled to any management fee or mark-up under the agreements. The following table summarizes material O&M costs recorded in the cost of operations line in the Company's consolidated statements of operations:

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
O&M costs	\$ 10	\$ 9	\$ 29	\$ 28

There were balances of \$21 million and \$22 million due from the entities above to NRG in accounts payable — affiliate as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2017, \$3 million was recorded in long term liabilities of the consolidated balance sheet.

O&M Services Agreements by and between GenConn and NRG

GenConn incurs fees under two O&M agreements with wholly-owned subsidiaries of NRG. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and September 30, 2016, the aggregate fees incurred under the agreements were \$1 million and \$4 million for each period in each year, respectively.

Administrative Services Agreement by and between Marsh Landing and NRG West Coast LLC

On December 19, 2016, Marsh Landing entered into an administrative services agreement with NRG West Coast LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG. The administrative services agreement was previously between Marsh Landing and GenOn Energy Services, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NRG and was subsequently assigned to and assumed by NRG West Coast LLC. The Company reimbursed costs under this agreement of \$4 million and \$10 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. The Company reimbursed costs under the agreement of \$4 million and \$9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

Administrative Services Agreements by and between the Company and NRG Renew Operation & Maintenance LLC

Various wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company in the Renewables segment are party to administrative services agreements with NRG Renew Operation and Maintenance LLC, or RENOM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NRG, which provides O&M services on behalf of these entities. The Company incurred total expenses for these services in the amount of \$6 million and \$16 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. The Company incurred total expenses for these services of \$4 million and \$9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. There was a balance of \$4 million and \$5 million due to RENOM as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Management Services Agreement by and between the Company and NRG

NRG provides the Company with various operation, management, and administrative services, which include human resources, accounting, tax, legal, information systems, treasury, and risk management, as set forth in the Management Services Agreement. As of September 30, 2017, the base management fee was approximately \$8 million per year, subject to an inflation-based adjustment annually at an inflation factor based on the year-over-year U.S. consumer price index. The fee is also subject to adjustments following the consummation of acquisitions and as a result of a change in the scope of services provided under the Management Services Agreement. Costs incurred under this agreement were \$2 million and \$8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. Costs incurred under this agreement for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were \$2 million and \$7 million, respectively. The costs incurred under the Management Service Agreement included certain direct expenses incurred by NRG on behalf of the Company in addition to the base management fee.

Note 13 — Contingencies

This note should be read in conjunction with the complete description under Note 16, *Commitments and Contingencies*, to the Company's 2016 Form 10-K.

The Company's material legal proceedings are described below. The Company believes that it has valid defenses to these legal proceedings and intends to defend them vigorously. The Company records reserves for estimated losses from contingencies when information available indicates that a loss is probable and the amount of the loss, or range of loss, can be reasonably estimated. As applicable, the Company has established an adequate reserve for the matters discussed below. In addition, legal costs are expensed as incurred. Management assesses such matters based on current information and makes a judgment concerning its potential outcome, considering the nature of the claim, the amount and nature of damages sought, and the probability of success. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the legal proceedings below or reasonably estimate the scope or amount of any associated costs and potential liabilities. As additional information becomes available, management adjusts its assessment and estimates of such contingencies accordingly. Because litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable rulings or developments, it is possible that the ultimate resolution of the Company's liabilities and contingencies could be at amounts that are different from its currently recorded reserves and that such difference could be material.

In addition to the legal proceedings noted below, the Company and its subsidiaries are party to other litigation or legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. In management's opinion, the disposition of these ordinary course matters will not materially adversely affect the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Braun v. NRG Yield, Inc. — On April 19, 2016, plaintiffs filed a putative class action lawsuit against NRG Yield, Inc., the current and former members of its board of directors individually, and other parties in California Superior Court in Kern County, CA. Plaintiffs allege various violations of the Securities Act due to the defendants' alleged failure to disclose material facts related to low wind production prior to NRG Yield, Inc.'s June 22, 2015 Class C common stock offering. Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages, rescission, attorney's fees and costs. The defendants filed demurrers and a motion challenging jurisdiction on October 18, 2016. On October 26, 2017, the court approved the parties' stipulation which provides the plaintiffs' opposition is due on December 6, 2017 and the defendants' reply is due on February 8, 2018.

Ahmed v. NRG Energy, Inc. and the NRG Yield Board of Directors — On September 15, 2016, plaintiffs filed a putative class action lawsuit against NRG Energy, Inc., the directors of NRG Yield, Inc., and other parties in the Delaware Chancery Court. The complaint alleges that the defendants breached their respective fiduciary duties with regard to the recapitalization of NRG Yield, Inc. common stock in 2015. The plaintiffs generally seek economic damages, attorney's fees and injunctive relief. The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit on December 21, 2016. Plaintiffs filed their objection to the motion to dismiss on February 15, 2017. The defendants' reply was filed on March 24, 2017. The court heard oral argument on the defendants' motion to dismiss on June 20, 2017. On September 7, 2017, the court requested additional briefing which the parties provided on September 21, 2017.

GenOn Noteholders' Lawsuit — On December 13, 2016, certain indenture trustees for an ad hoc group of holders, or the Noteholders, of the GenOn Energy, Inc., or GenOn, 7.875% Senior Notes due 2017, 9.500% Notes due 2018, and 9.875% Notes due 2020, and the GenOn Americas Generation, LLC 8.50% Senior Notes due 2021 and 9.125% Senior Notes due 2031, along with certain of the Noteholders, filed a complaint in the Superior Court of the State of Delaware against NRG and GenOn alleging certain claims related to the Services Agreement between NRG and GenOn. On April 30, 2017, the Noteholders filed an amended complaint that asserts additional claims of fraudulent transfer, insider preference and breach of fiduciary duties. In addition to NRG and GenOn, the amended complaint names NRG Yield LLC and certain current and former officers and directors of GenOn as defendants. The plaintiffs, among other things, generally seek return of all monies paid under the Services Agreement and any other damages that the court deems appropriate. On April 28, 2017, the bondholders filed an amended complaint adding the GenOn directors and officers as defendants and asserting claims that they breached certain fiduciary duties. Plaintiffs specifically allege that the transfer of Marsh Landing to NRG Yield LLC constituted a fraudulent transfer. On June 12, 2017, certain GenOn entities, NRG and certain holders of the GenOn and GenOn Americas Generation, LLC senior notes entered into a restructuring support and lock-up agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the restructuring support and lock-up agreement, this matter should ultimately be resolved if GenOn's plan of reorganization, originally submitted on June 29, 2017, is approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

ITEM 2 — Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and the Results of Operations

The following discussion analyzes the Company's historical financial condition and results of operations, which were recast to include the effect of the August 2017 Drop Down Assets and the March 2017 Drop Down Assets.

As you read this discussion and analysis, refer to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements to this Form 10-Q, which present the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. Also refer to the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K, which includes detailed discussions of various items impacting the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

The discussion and analysis below has been organized as follows:

- Executive Summary, including a description of the business and significant events that are important to understanding the results of operations and financial condition;
- Known trends that may affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition in the future;
- Results of operations, including an explanation of significant differences between the periods in the specific line items of the consolidated statements of income;
- Financial condition addressing liquidity position, sources and uses of cash, capital resources and requirements, commitments, and off-balance sheet arrangements; and
- Critical accounting policies which are most important to both the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results of operations, and which require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgment.

Executive Summary

Introduction and Overview

The Company is a dividend growth-oriented company formed to serve as the primary vehicle through which NRG owns, operates and acquires contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets. The Company believes it is well positioned to be a premier company for investors seeking stable and growing dividend income from a diversified portfolio of lower-risk high-quality assets.

The Company owns a diversified portfolio of contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets in the U.S. The Company's contracted generation portfolio collectively represents 5,080 net MW as of September 30, 2017. Each of these assets sells substantially all of its output pursuant to long-term offtake agreements with creditworthy counterparties. The weighted average remaining contract duration of these offtake agreements was approximately 16 years as of September 30, 2017, based on CAFD. The Company also owns thermal infrastructure assets with an aggregate steam and chilled water capacity of 1,319 net MWt and electric generation capacity of 123 net MW. These thermal infrastructure assets provide steam, hot water and/or chilled water, and in some instances electricity, to commercial businesses, universities, hospitals and governmental units in multiple locations, principally through long-term contracts or pursuant to rates regulated by state utility commissions.

NRG Transformation Plan

On July 12, 2017, NRG announced that it had adopted and initiated a three-year, three-part improvement plan, or the NRG Transformation Plan. As part of the NRG Transformation Plan, NRG announced that it is exploring strategic alternatives for its renewables platform and its interest in the Company. NRG, through its holdings of Class B common stock and Class D common stock, has a 55.1% voting interest in the Company and receives distributions from NRG Yield LLC through its ownership of Class B units and Class D units. NRG stated that the strategic alternatives span a variety of ownership structures and partnership types, including the potential partial or full monetization of NRG's renewables platform and NRG's interest in the Company. NRG is the Company's controlling stockholder and the Company has been highly dependent on NRG for, among other things, growth opportunities and management and administration services. See Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors* in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K as well as Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors* in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, for risks related to the NRG Transformation Plan and the Company's relationship with NRG.

Regulatory Matters

The Company's regulatory matters are described in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K in Item 1, *Business — Regulatory Matters* and Item 1A, *Risk Factors*.

As owners of power plants and participants in wholesale and thermal energy markets, certain of the Company's subsidiaries are subject to regulation by various federal and state government agencies. These include FERC and the PUCT, as well as other public utility commissions in certain states where the Company's assets are located. Each of the Company's U.S. generating facilities qualifies as a EWG or QF. In addition, the Company is subject to the market rules, procedures and protocols of the various ISO and RTO markets in which it participates. Likewise, the Company must also comply with the mandatory reliability requirements imposed by NERC and the regional reliability entities in the regions where the Company operates.

The Company's operations within the ERCOT footprint are not subject to rate regulation by FERC, as they are deemed to operate solely within the ERCOT market and not in interstate commerce. These operations are subject to regulation by the PUCT.

Environmental Matters

The Company's environmental matters are described in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K in Item 1, *Business — Environmental Matters* and Item 1A, *Risk Factors*.

The Company is subject to a wide range of environmental laws in the development, construction, ownership and operation of projects. These laws generally require that governmental permits and approvals be obtained before construction and during operation of facilities. The Company is also subject to laws regarding the protection of wildlife, including migratory birds, eagles, threatened and endangered species. Federal and state environmental laws have become more stringent over time, although this trend could slow or pause in the near term with respect to federal laws under the current U.S. presidential administration.

Trends Affecting Results of Operations and Future Business Performance

The Company's trends are described in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Trends Affecting Results of Operations and Future Business Performance*.

Operational Matters

El Segundo Forced Outage

In January 2017, the El Segundo Energy Center began a forced outage on Units 5 and 6 due to increasing vibrations on successive operations at Unit 5. In consultation with the Company's operations and maintenance service provider, a subsidiary of NRG, the Company elected to replace the rotor on Unit 5. Both Unit 5 and 6 returned to service on February 24, 2017. In July 2017, the Company executed a warranty settlement agreement with the original equipment manufacturer that reduced total cost from \$12 million to approximately \$5 million.

Walnut Creek Forced Outage

During the first half of 2017, Walnut Creek experienced forced outages due to mechanical failures of turbine parts that caused downstream damage to several of the plant's Units, primarily Unit 1. The repairs necessary to return Unit 1 to service were completed in the second quarter of 2017 and the plant has performed reliably since then. The estimated cost of this outage is approximately \$8 million before the recovery of insurance proceeds, a significant portion of which the Company believes is recoverable by year end. In the third quarter of 2017, the Company, through Walnut Creek, executed an amendment to the contractual service agreement with the original equipment manufacturer to improve long term reliability. The amendment provides for the original equipment manufacturer to perform all required, currently available and future turbine reliability upgrades in exchange for an investment of approximately \$15 million that will be paid over the next five years.

ROFO Asset Update

Puente Power Project — On October 5, 2017, the California Energy Commission, or CEC, the agency responsible for permitting NRG's Puente Power Project, a ROFO Asset, issued a statement on behalf of the committee of two Commissioners overseeing the permitting process stating their intention to issue a proposed decision that would deny a permit for the Puente Power Project. On October 16, 2017, NRG filed a motion to suspend the permitting proceeding for at least six months. A hearing on the motion was held on October 31, 2017, after which the CEC took the matter under submission subject to a written decision to be issued at an unspecified later date. If the CEC Commissioners accept the recommendation, and formally deny a permit for the Puente Power Project, then the project will not move forward.

Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table provides selected financial information:

(In millions)	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	Change	2017	2016	Change
Operating Revenues						
Energy and capacity revenues	\$ 283	\$ 289	\$ (6)	\$ 819	\$ 840	\$ (21)
Contract amortization	(18)	(17)	(1)	(52)	(51)	(1)
Total operating revenues	265	272	(7)	767	789	(22)
Operating Costs and Expenses						
Cost of fuels	15	18	(3)	45	48	(3)
Emissions credit amortization	—	—	—	—	6	(6)
Operations and maintenance	46	41	5	143	134	9
Other costs of operations	17	17	—	51	50	1
Depreciation and amortization	88	75	13	241	224	17
General and administrative	4	4	—	14	10	4
Acquisition-related transaction and integration costs	—	—	—	2	—	2
Total operating costs and expenses	170	155	15	496	472	24
Operating Income	95	117	(22)	271	317	(46)
Other Income (Expense)						
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	28	16	12	63	34	29
Other income, net	1	1	—	3	3	—
Interest expense	(75)	(71)	(4)	(237)	(213)	(24)
Total other expense, net	(46)	(54)	8	(171)	(176)	5
Income Before Income Taxes	49	63	(14)	100	141	(41)
Income tax expense	8	13	(5)	15	25	(10)
Net Income	41	50	(9)	85	116	(31)
Less: Pre-acquisition net income of Drop Down Assets	1	11	(10)	18	20	(2)
Net Income Excluding Pre-acquisition Net Income of Drop Down Assets	40	39	1	67	96	(29)
Less: Net Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	11	6	5	13	26	(13)
Net Income Attributable to NRG Yield, Inc.	\$ 29	\$ 33	\$ (4)	\$ 54	\$ 70	\$ (16)

Business metrics:	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Renewables MWh generated/sold (in thousands) ^(a)	1,544	1,744	5,295	5,563
Conventional MWh generated (in thousands) ^{(a)(b)}	717	628	1,172	1,265
Thermal MWt sold (in thousands)	463	496	1,450	1,497
Thermal MWh sold (in thousands) ^(c)	9	12	27	61

^(a) Volumes do not include the MWh generated/sold by the Company's equity method investments.

^(b) Volumes generated are not sold as the Conventional facilities sell capacity rather than energy.

^(c) MWh sold do not include 34 MWh and 110 MWh during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and 52 MWh and 184 MWh during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, generated by NRG Dover, a subsidiary of the Company, under the PPA with NRG Power Marketing, as further described in Note 12, *Related Party Transactions*.

Management's Discussion of the Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

Gross Margin

The Company calculates gross margin in order to evaluate operating performance as operating revenues less cost of sales, which includes cost of fuel, contract and emission credit amortization and mark-to-market for economic hedging activities.

Economic Gross Margin

In addition to gross margin, the Company evaluates its operating performance using the measure of economic gross margin, which is not a GAAP measure and may not be comparable to other companies' presentations or deemed more useful than the GAAP information provided elsewhere in this report. Economic gross margin should be viewed as a supplement to and not a substitute for the Company's presentation of gross margin, which is the most directly comparable GAAP measure. Economic gross margin is not intended to represent gross margin. The Company believes that economic gross margin is useful to investors as it is a key operational measure reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision maker. Economic gross margin is defined as energy and capacity revenue less cost of fuels. Economic gross margin excludes the following components from GAAP gross margin: contract amortization, mark-to-market results, emissions credit amortization and (losses) gains on economic hedging activities. Mark-to-market results consist of unrealized gains and losses on contracts that are not yet settled.

The below tables present the composition of gross margin, as well as the reconciliation to economic gross margin, for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

(In millions)	Conventional Generation	Renewables	Thermal	Total
Three months ended September 30, 2017				
Energy and capacity revenues	\$ 89	\$ 147	\$ 47	\$ 283
Cost of fuels	—	—	(15)	(15)
Contract amortization	(1)	(16)	(1)	(18)
Gross margin	88	131	31	250
Contract amortization	1	16	1	18
Economic gross margin	\$ 89	\$ 147	\$ 32	\$ 268
Three months ended September 30, 2016				
Energy and capacity revenues	\$ 83	\$ 158	\$ 48	\$ 289
Cost of fuels	—	(1)	(17)	(18)
Contract amortization	(1)	(16)	—	(17)
Gross margin	82	141	31	254
Contract amortization	1	16	—	17
Economic gross margin	\$ 83	\$ 157	\$ 31	\$ 271

Gross margin decreased by \$4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, due to a combination of the following:

	(In millions)
Decrease in the Renewables segment due to a 12% decrease in volume generated by wind projects, primarily at NRG Wind TE Holdco, Alta Wind and Tapestry, as well as a 6% decrease in solar generation, primarily at CVSR in connection with lower insolation	\$ (10)
Increase in the Conventional segment due to fewer outages at Walnut Creek in 2017, as well as increased start revenues at El Segundo and Marsh Landing	6
Decrease in gross margin	\$ (4)

Operations and Maintenance

Operations and maintenance expense increased by \$5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, primarily due to the forced outages that took place at Walnut Creek in the first half of 2017.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$13 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, primarily due to change in estimated useful lives for certain components of fixed assets in the Renewables and Conventional segments in the first half of 2017.

Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates increased by \$12 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, primarily due to an increase in earnings from the Utah Solar Portfolio, which was acquired by NRG in November 2016, as well as an increase in earnings from Desert Sunlight, partially offset by a decrease in earnings from Avenal.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased by \$4 million during the three months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, due to:

	(In millions)
Issuance of the new long-term debt, primarily including 2026 Senior Notes in August 2016, Energy Center Minneapolis Series D Notes due 2031 issued in October 2016, and Agua Caliente Borrower 2 due 2038 issued in February 2017	\$ 6
Utah Solar Portfolio debt assumed in connection with the acquisition of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets	4
Amortization of de-designated interest rate swaps, partially offset by the change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(2)
Lower principal balances on certain project level debt in 2017, as well as higher revolver borrowings in 2016	(4)
Increase in interest expense	\$ 4

Income Tax Expense

For the three months ended September 30, 2017, income tax expense was \$5 million lower than in the same period in 2016 due to lower income before taxes. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company's overall effective tax rate was different than the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to taxable earnings allocated to NRG resulting from NRG's interest in NRG Yield LLC, as well as production and investment tax credits generated from certain wind and solar assets, respectively.

Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

For the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company had income of \$34 million attributable to NRG's interest in the Company and a loss of \$23 million attributable to noncontrolling interests with respect to its tax equity financing arrangements and the application of the HLBV method. For the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company had income of \$44 million attributable to NRG's interest in the Company and a loss of \$38 million attributable to noncontrolling interests with respect to its tax equity financing arrangements and the application of the HLBV method, which generally allocates more loss to the noncontrolling interest in the first several years after fund formation, reflecting the allocation of tax items such as production tax credits and tax depreciation to the fund investors.

Management's Discussion of the Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

Gross Margin

The Company calculates gross margin in order to evaluate operating performance as operating revenues less cost of sales, which includes cost of fuel, contract and emission credit amortization and mark-to-market for economic hedging activities.

Economic Gross Margin

In addition to gross margin, the Company evaluates its operating performance using the measure of economic gross margin, which is not a GAAP measure and may not be comparable to other companies' presentations or deemed more useful than the GAAP information provided elsewhere in this report. Economic gross margin should be viewed as a supplement to and not a substitute for the Company's presentation of gross margin, which is the most directly comparable GAAP measure. Economic gross margin is not intended to represent gross margin. The Company believes that economic gross margin is useful to investors as it is a key operational measure reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision maker. Economic gross margin is defined as energy and capacity revenue less cost of fuels. Economic gross margin excludes the following components from GAAP gross margin: contract amortization, mark-to-market results, emissions credit amortization and (losses) gains on economic hedging activities. Mark-to-market results consist of unrealized gains and losses on contracts that are not yet settled.

The below tables present the composition of gross margin, as well as the reconciliation to economic gross margin, for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

(In millions)	Conventional Generation	Renewables	Thermal	Total
Nine months ended September 30, 2017				
Energy and capacity revenues	\$ 250	\$ 437	\$ 132	\$ 819
Cost of fuels	—	—	(45)	(45)
Contract amortization	(4)	(46)	(2)	(52)
Gross margin	246	391	85	722
Contract amortization	4	46	2	52
Economic gross margin	\$ 250	\$ 437	\$ 87	\$ 774
Nine months ended September 30, 2016				
Energy and capacity revenues	\$ 250	\$ 458	\$ 132	\$ 840
Cost of fuels	(1)	(1)	(46)	(48)
Contract amortization	(4)	(46)	(1)	(51)
Emissions credit amortization	(6)	—	—	(6)
Gross margin	239	411	85	735
Contract amortization	4	46	1	51
Emissions credit amortization	6	—	—	6
Economic gross margin	\$ 249	\$ 457	\$ 86	\$ 792

Gross margin decreased by \$13 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, due to a combination of the following:

	(In millions)
Decrease in the Renewables segment due to a 4% decrease in volume generated by wind projects, primarily in connection with lower wind resource at the Alta Wind, and NRG Wind TE Holdco projects, as well as a 5% decrease in solar generation, primarily at CVSR in connection with lower insolation	\$ (20)
Increase in the Conventional segment, primarily due to Emissions credit amortization of NOx allowances at Walnut Creek and El Segundo in compliance with amendments to the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market program in 2016	7
Decrease in gross margin	\$ (13)

Operations and Maintenance

Operations and maintenance expense increased by \$9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, primarily due to forced outages at Walnut Creek and El Segundo in 2017.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$17 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, due to the combination of the following:

	<u>(In millions)</u>
Increase in depreciation expense due to an update in estimated useful lives for certain components of fixed assets in the first half of 2017 in the Conventional and Renewables segments	\$ 23
Decrease in depreciation expense at NRG Wind TE Holdco, primarily due to the effect of assets impairment at Elbow Creek, Goat and Forward that took place in December 2016, as further described in Note 9 - <i>Asset Impairments</i> to the Company's 2016 Form 10-K.	(6)
Increase in depreciation and amortization expense	<u>\$ 17</u>

Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates increased by \$29 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, primarily due to the acquisition of the Utah Solar Portfolio in November 2016, partially offset by a decrease in earnings from the Company's partnerships with NRG.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased by \$24 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, due to:

	<u>(In millions)</u>
Issuance of the new long-term debt in the second half of 2016, including primarily 2026 Senior Notes, CVSR Holdco Notes due 2037, and Energy Center Minneapolis Series D Notes due 2031	\$ 20
Utah Solar Portfolio debt assumed in connection with the acquisition of the March 2017 Drop Down Assets	12
Amortization of de-designated interest rate swaps, as well as the change in fair value of interest rate swaps	3
Higher revolver borrowings in 2016 combined with the lower principal balances on project level debt in 2017	(11)
Increase in interest expense	<u>\$ 24</u>

Income Tax Expense

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, income tax expense was \$10 million lower than in the same period in 2016 due to lower income before taxes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the overall effective tax rate was different than the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to taxable earnings allocated to NRG resulting from NRG's interest in NRG Yield LLC, as well as production and investment tax credits generated from certain wind and solar assets, respectively.

Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company had income of \$69 million attributable to NRG related to its economic interest in NRG Yield LLC. Additionally, for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company had a loss of \$56 million attributable to noncontrolling interests with respect to its tax equity financing arrangements and the application of the HLBV method. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company had income of \$93 million attributable to NRG's economic interest in the Company and a loss of \$67 million attributable to noncontrolling interests with respect to its tax equity financing arrangements and application of the HLBV method, which generally allocates more loss to the noncontrolling interest in the first several years after fund formation, reflecting the allocation of tax items such as production tax credits and tax depreciation to the fund investors.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's principal liquidity requirements are to meet its financial commitments, finance current operations, fund capital expenditures, including acquisitions from time to time, service debt and pay dividends. As a normal part of the Company's business, depending on market conditions, the Company will from time to time consider opportunities to repay, redeem, repurchase or refinance its indebtedness. Changes in the Company's operating plans, lower than anticipated sales, increased expenses, acquisitions or other events may cause the Company to seek additional debt or equity financing in future periods. There can be no guarantee that financing will be available on acceptable terms or at all. Debt financing, if available, could impose additional cash payment obligations and additional covenants and operating restrictions.

Liquidity Position

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's liquidity was approximately \$746 million and \$922 million, respectively, comprised of cash, restricted cash, and availability under the Company's revolving credit facility. The Company's liquidity includes \$140 million and \$165 million of restricted cash balances as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Restricted cash consists primarily of funds to satisfy the requirements of certain debt agreements and funds held within the Company's projects that are restricted in their use. The Company's various financing arrangements are described in Note 7, *Long-term Debt*. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had \$427 million of available borrowings under its revolving credit facility.

As of September 30, 2017, there were no outstanding borrowings and there were \$68 million of letters of credit outstanding under the Company's revolving credit facility.

Management believes that the Company's liquidity position, cash flows from operations, and availability under its revolving credit facility will be adequate to meet the Company's financial commitments; debt service obligations; growth, operating and maintenance capital expenditures; and to fund dividends to holders of the Company's Class A common stock and Class C common stock. Management continues to regularly monitor the Company's ability to finance the needs of its operating, financing and investing activity within the dictates of prudent balance sheet management.

Credit Ratings

Credit rating agencies rate a firm's public debt securities. These ratings are utilized by the debt markets in evaluating a firm's credit risk. Ratings influence the price paid to issue new debt securities by indicating to the market the Company's ability to pay principal, interest and preferred dividends. Rating agencies evaluate a firm's industry, cash flow, leverage, liquidity, and hedge profile, among other factors, in their credit analysis of a firm's credit risk.

The following table summarizes the credit ratings for the Company and its Senior Notes as of September 30, 2017:

	S&P	Moody's
NRG Yield, Inc.	BB	Ba2
5.375% Senior Notes, due 2024	BB	Ba2
5.000% Senior Notes, due 2026	BB	Ba2

The ratings outlook is stable.

Sources of Liquidity

The Company's principal sources of liquidity include cash on hand, cash generated from operations, borrowings under new and existing financing arrangements and the issuance of additional equity and debt securities as appropriate given market conditions. As described in Item 1— Note 7, *Long-term Debt*, and Note 9, *Changes in Capital Structure*, to this Form 10-Q and Note 10, *Long-term Debt*, to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K, the Company's financing arrangements consist of the revolving credit facility, the 2019 Convertible Notes, the 2020 Convertible Notes, the Senior Notes, the ATM Program and project-level financings for its various assets.

At-the-Market Equity Offering Program

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, NRG Yield, Inc. issued 1,921,866 shares of Class C common stock under the ATM Program for gross proceeds of \$35 million and incurred commission fees of \$346 thousand.

Thermal Financing

On March 16, 2017, NRG Energy Center Minneapolis LLC, a subsidiary of NRG Thermal LLC, amended the shelf facility of its existing Thermal financing arrangement to allow for the issuance of an additional \$10 million of Series F notes at a 4.60% interest rate, or the Series F Notes, increasing the total principal amount of notes available for issuance under the shelf facility to \$80 million. The Series F Notes will be secured by substantially all of the assets of NRG Energy Center Minneapolis LLC. NRG Thermal LLC has guaranteed the indebtedness and its guarantee is secured by a pledge of the equity interests in all of NRG Thermal LLC's subsidiaries.

Uses of Liquidity

The Company's requirements for liquidity and capital resources, other than for operating its facilities, are categorized as: (i) debt service obligations, as described more fully in Item 1 — Note 7, *Long-term Debt*; (ii) capital expenditures; (iii) acquisitions and investments; and (iv) cash dividends to investors.

Capital Expenditures

The Company's capital spending program is mainly focused on maintenance capital expenditures, consisting of costs to maintain the assets currently operating, such as costs to replace or refurbish assets, and growth capital expenditures consisting of costs to construct new assets, costs to complete the construction of assets where construction is in process, and capital expenditures related to acquiring additional thermal customers. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company used approximately \$23 million to fund capital expenditures, including growth expenditures of \$2 million in the Thermal segment incurred in connection with expansion of its customer base. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company used approximately \$16 million to fund capital expenditures, of which \$12 million related to maintenance expenditures. The Company develops annual capital spending plans based on projected requirements for maintenance and growth capital. The Company estimated an additional \$5 million and \$32 million of maintenance expenditures for the remainder of 2017 and full 2018, respectively. These estimates are subject to continuing review and adjustment and actual capital expenditures may vary from these estimates.

Acquisitions and Investments

The Company intends to acquire generation and thermal infrastructure assets developed and constructed by NRG and third parties in the future, as well as generation and thermal infrastructure assets from third parties where the Company believes its knowledge of the market and operating expertise provides a competitive advantage, and to utilize such acquisitions as a means to grow its CAFD.

On February 24, 2017, the Company amended and restated the ROFO Agreement, expanding the ROFO Assets pipeline with the addition of 234 net MW of utility-scale solar projects, consisting of Buckthorn, a 154 net MW solar facility in Texas, and Hawaii solar projects, which have a combined capacity of 80 net MW.

On October 17, 2017, NRG offered the Company the opportunity to purchase 100% of its ownership interest in Buckthorn pursuant to the ROFO Agreement. The Buckthorn acquisition is subject to negotiation and approval by the Company's independent directors.

As discussed in Item 1 — Note 3, *Business Acquisitions*, the Company completed the following acquisitions in 2017:

November 2017 Drop Down Assets — On November 1, 2017, the Company acquired a 38 MW solar portfolio primarily comprised of assets from NRG's Solar Power Partners (SPP) funds and other projects developed by NRG, for cash consideration of \$71 million, excluding working capital adjustments, plus assumed non-recourse debt of \$26 million. As of September 30, 2017, the November 2017 Drop Down Assets' debt was \$33 million, of which \$7 million was paid by NRG in October 2017.

August 2017 Drop Down Assets — On August 1, 2017, the Company acquired the remaining 25% interest in NRG Wind TE Holdco, a portfolio of 12 wind projects, from NRG for total cash consideration of \$44 million, including a working capital adjustment of \$3 million. The transaction also includes potential additional payments to NRG dependent upon actual energy prices for merchant periods beginning in 2027.

March 2017 Drop Down Assets — On March 27, 2017, the Company acquired the following interests from NRG: (i) Agua Caliente Borrower 2 LLC, which owns a 16% interest (approximately 31% of NRG's 51% interest) in the Agua Caliente solar farm, one of the ROFO Assets, representing ownership of approximately 46 net MW of capacity, and (ii) NRG's interests in seven utility-scale solar farms located in Utah, which are part of a tax equity structure with Dominion Solar Projects III, Inc., or Dominion, from which the Company would receive 50% of cash to be distributed. The Company paid cash consideration of \$130 million, plus \$2 million of working capital and assumed non-recourse project debt. The purchase price for the acquisition was funded with cash on hand.

Investment Partnership with NRG

On September 26, 2017, the Company entered into a partnership with NRG by forming NRG DGPV Holdco 3 LLC, or DGPV Holdco 3, in which the Company would invest up to \$50 million in an operating portfolio of distributed solar assets, primarily comprised of community solar projects, developed by NRG. The Company invested \$4 million during September 2017 with an additional \$16 million due to NRG in accounts payable - affiliate as of September 30, 2017, to be funded in tranches as the project milestones are completed. The Company co-owns approximately 33 MW of distributed solar capacity, based on cash to be distributed, with a weighted average contract life of approximately 20 years as of September 30, 2017.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company invested \$37 million in NRG DGPV Holdco 2 LLC.

Cash Dividends to Investors

NRG Yield, Inc. intends to use the amount of cash that it receives from its distributions from NRG Yield LLC to pay quarterly dividends to the holders of its Class A common stock and Class C common stock. NRG Yield LLC intends to distribute to its unit holders in the form of a quarterly distribution all of the CAFD it generates each quarter, less reserves for the prudent conduct of the business, including among others, maintenance capital expenditures to maintain the operating capacity of the assets. CAFD is defined as net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, plus cash distributions from unconsolidated affiliates, cash receipts from notes receivable, less cash distributions to noncontrolling interests, maintenance capital expenditures, pro-rata EBITDA from unconsolidated affiliates, cash interest paid, income taxes paid, principal amortization of indebtedness and changes in prepaid and accrued capacity payments. Dividends on the Class A common stock and Class C common stock are subject to available capital, market conditions, and compliance with associated laws, regulations and other contractual obligations. The Company expects that, based on current circumstances, comparable cash dividends will continue to be paid in the foreseeable future.

The following table lists the dividends paid on NRG Yield, Inc.'s Class A common stock and Class C common stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

	Third Quarter 2017	Second Quarter 2017	First Quarter 2017
Dividends per Class A share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26
Dividends per Class C share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26

On October 31, 2017, NRG Yield, Inc. declared quarterly dividends on its Class A common stock and Class C common stock of \$0.288 per share payable on December 15, 2017, to stockholders of record as of December 1, 2017.

Cash Flow Discussion

The following table reflects the changes in cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

	Nine months ended September 30,		Change
	2017	2016	
	(In millions)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 374	\$ 443	\$ (69)
Net cash used in investing activities	(204)	(135)	(69)
Net cash used in financing activities	(338)	(212)	(126)

Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

Changes to net cash provided by operating activities were driven by:	(In millions)
Decrease in operating income adjusted for non-cash items	\$ (49)
Decrease in working capital driven primarily by timing of cash receipts from customers in the first nine months of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016	(29)
Higher distributions from unconsolidated affiliates primarily due to the acquisition of the Utah Solar Portfolio, which was acquired by the Company in March 2017 and by NRG in November 2016	9
	<u>\$ (69)</u>

Net Cash Used In Investing Activities

Changes to net cash used in investing activities were driven by:

	(In millions)
Payments for the August 2017 Drop Down Assets and March 2017 Drop Down Assets compared to the payments made for the CVSR Drop Down in 2016	\$ (99)
Decrease in investments in unconsolidated affiliates in 2017 primarily due to the timing of funding of the projects	37
Higher capital expenditures in 2017 compared to the same period in 2016 due primarily to maintenance expenditures at Walnut Creek as a result of the forced outages	(7)
	<u>\$ (69)</u>

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

Changes in net cash used in financing activities were driven by:

	(In millions)
Proceeds from the NRG Yield, Inc. Class C common stock offerings under the ATM Program, net of underwriting discounts and commissions	\$ 34
Net borrowings under the revolving credit facility in 2016	306
Higher borrowings in 2016, primarily related to the proceeds from the issuance of 2026 Senior Notes and CVSR Holdco Notes due 2037 combined with higher repayments of long-term debt and increased financing fees in 2017	(527)
Increase in net contributions from noncontrolling interests due to higher production-based payments in 2017 compared to 2016	6
Increase in dividends paid to common stockholders, as declared dividends increased by 17% from 2016 to 2017	(22)
Lower payments of distributions to NRG for the Drop Down Assets relating to the pre-acquisition period in 2017 compared to 2016	77
	<u>\$ (126)</u>

NOLs, Deferred Tax Assets and Uncertain Tax Position Implications, under ASC 740

As of December 31, 2016, the Company has a cumulative federal NOL carry forward balance of \$648 million for financial statement purposes, which will begin expiring in 2033, and does not anticipate any federal income tax payments for 2017. As a result of the Company's tax position, and based on current forecasts, the Company does not anticipate significant income tax payments for state and local jurisdictions in 2017. Based on the Company's current and expected NOL balances generated primarily by accelerated tax depreciation of its property, plant and equipment, the Company does not expect to pay significant federal income tax for a period of approximately ten years.

The Company is subject to examination by taxing authorities for income tax returns filed in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions. The Company is not subject to U.S. federal or state income tax examinations for years prior to 2013.

The Company has no uncertain tax benefits.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Obligations under Certain Guarantee Contracts

The Company may enter into guarantee arrangements in the normal course of business to facilitate commercial transactions with third parties.

Retained or Contingent Interests

The Company does not have any material retained or contingent interests in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity.

Obligations Arising Out of a Variable Interest in an Unconsolidated Entity

Variable interest in equity investments — As of September 30, 2017, the Company has several investments with an ownership interest percentage of 50% or less in energy and energy-related entities that are accounted for under the equity method. Utah Solar Portfolio, GenConn, DGPV Holdco 1, RPV Holdco, DGPV Holdco 2, and DGPV Holdco 3 are variable interest entities for which the Company is not the primary beneficiary.

The Company's pro-rata share of non-recourse debt held by unconsolidated affiliates was approximately \$643 million as of September 30, 2017. This indebtedness may restrict the ability of these subsidiaries to issue dividends or distributions to the Company. For a complete description of debt held by unconsolidated affiliates, see Note 5, *Investments Accounted for by the Equity Method and Variable Interest Entities* to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's May 9, 2017 Form 8-K.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

The Company has a variety of contractual obligations and other commercial commitments that represent prospective cash requirements in addition to the Company's capital expenditure programs, as disclosed in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K. See also Note 3, *Business Acquisitions* to this Form 10-Q for a discussion of additional contingencies that occurred during 2017.

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

The Company may enter into fuel purchase contracts and other energy-related derivative instruments to mitigate variability in earnings due to fluctuations in spot market prices and to hedge fuel requirements at certain generation facilities. In addition, in order to mitigate interest rate risk associated with the issuance of variable rate debt, the Company enters into interest rate swap agreements.

The tables below disclose the activities of non-exchange traded contracts accounted for at fair value in accordance with ASC 820. Specifically, these tables disaggregate realized and unrealized changes in fair value; disaggregate estimated fair values at September 30, 2017, based on their level within the fair value hierarchy defined in ASC 820; and indicate the maturities of contracts at September 30, 2017. For a full discussion of the Company's valuation methodology of its contracts, see *Derivative Fair Value Measurements* in Item — 1 Note 5, *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*.

<u>Derivative Activity (Losses)/Gains</u>	<u>(In millions)</u>
Fair value of contracts as of December 31, 2016	\$ (73)
Contracts realized or otherwise settled during the period	21
Changes in fair value	(14)
Fair value of contracts as of September 30, 2017	<u>\$ (66)</u>

Fair value of contracts as of September 30, 2017

<u>Fair Value Hierarchy Losses</u>	Maturity				Total Fair Value
	1 Year or Less	Greater Than 1 Year to 3 Years	Greater Than 3 Years to 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years	
	(In millions)				
Level 2	\$ 23	\$ 25	\$ 12	\$ 6	\$ 66

The Company has elected to disclose derivative assets and liabilities on a trade-by-trade basis and does not offset amounts at the counterparty master agreement level. As discussed below in *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk - Commodity Price Risk*, NRG, on behalf of the Company, measures the sensitivity of the portfolio to potential changes in market prices using VaR, a statistical model which attempts to predict risk of loss based on market price and volatility. NRG's risk management policy places a limit on one-day holding period VaR, which limits the net open position.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company's discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations are based upon the consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements and related disclosures in compliance with GAAP requires the application of appropriate technical accounting rules and guidance as well as the use of estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. The application of these policies necessarily involves judgments regarding future events, including the likelihood of success of particular projects, legal and regulatory challenges, and the fair value of certain assets and liabilities. These judgments, in and of themselves, could materially affect the financial statements and disclosures based on varying assumptions, which may be appropriate to use. In addition, the financial and operating environment may also have a significant effect, not only on the operation of the business, but on the results reported through the application of accounting measures used in preparing the financial statements and related disclosures, even if the nature of the accounting policies has not changed.

On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates these estimates, utilizing historic experience, consultation with experts and other methods the Company considers reasonable. In any event, actual results may differ substantially from the Company's estimates. Any effects on the Company's business, financial position or results of operations resulting from revisions to these estimates are recorded in the period in which the information that gives rise to the revision becomes known.

The Company identifies its most critical accounting policies as those that are the most pervasive and important to the portrayal of the Company's financial position and results of operations, and that require the most difficult, subjective and/or complex judgments by management regarding estimates about matters that are inherently uncertain. The Company's critical accounting policies include income taxes and valuation allowance for deferred tax assets, impairment of long lived assets and other intangible assets and acquisition accounting.

The Company tests its long-lived assets for impairment whenever indicators of impairment exist. Certain of the Company's projects have useful lives that extend well beyond the contract period and therefore, management's view of long-term merchant power prices in the post-contract periods may have a significant impact on the expected future cash flows for these projects. The Company's annual budget is utilized to determine the cash flows associated with the Company's long-lived assets, which incorporates various assumptions, including the Company's long-term view of natural gas prices and its impact on merchant power prices and fuel costs. The Company's annual budget process is finalized and approved by the Board of Directors in the fourth quarter. It is possible that the updated long term cash flows will not support the carrying value of certain assets, and the Company will be required to test such assets for impairment. During the preparation of the budget, the Company noted that management's view of long term merchant power prices has decreased, and accordingly, it is possible that certain of the Company's long-lived assets will be impaired during the fourth quarter of 2017.

Recent Accounting Developments

See Item — 1 Note 2, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, for a discussion of recent accounting developments.

ITEM 3 — Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company is exposed to several market risks in its normal business activities. Market risk is the potential loss that may result from market changes associated with the Company's power generation or with an existing or forecasted financial or commodity transaction. The types of market risks the Company is exposed to are commodity price risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk. The following disclosures about market risk provide an update to, and should be read in conjunction with, Item 7A — *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*, of the Company's 2016 Form 10-K.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in interest rates through its issuance of variable rate debt. Exposures to interest rate fluctuations may be mitigated by entering into derivative instruments known as interest rate swaps, caps, collars and put or call options. These contracts reduce exposure to interest rate volatility and result in primarily fixed rate debt obligations when taking into account the combination of the variable rate debt and the interest rate derivative instrument. NRG's risk management policies allow the Company to reduce interest rate exposure from variable rate debt obligations. See Item 1 — Note 6, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, for more information.

Most of the Company's project subsidiaries enter into interest rate swaps, intended to hedge the risks associated with interest rates on non-recourse project level debt. See Note 10, *Long-term Debt*, to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the May 9, 2017 Form 8-K for more information about interest rate swaps of the Company's project subsidiaries.

If all of the interest rate swaps had been discontinued on September 30, 2017, the Company would have owed the counterparties \$69 million. Based on the credit ratings of the counterparties, the Company believes its exposure to credit risk due to nonperformance by counterparties to its hedge contracts to be insignificant.

The Company has long-term debt instruments that subject it to the risk of loss associated with movements in market interest rates. As of September 30, 2017, a 1% change in interest rates would result in an approximately \$3 million change in market interest expense on a rolling twelve-month basis.

As of September 30, 2017, the fair value of the Company's debt was \$5.94 billion and the carrying value was \$5.88 billion. The Company estimates that a 1% decrease in market interest rates would have increased the fair value of its long-term debt by approximately \$320 million.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the general funding needs of the Company's activities and in the management of the Company's assets and liabilities.

Commodity Price Risk

Commodity price risks result from exposures to changes in spot prices, forward prices, volatilities, and correlations between various commodities, such as electricity, natural gas and emissions credits. The Company manages the commodity price risk of its merchant generation operations by entering into derivative or non-derivative instruments to hedge the variability in future cash flows from forecasted power sales or purchases of fuel. The portion of forecasted transactions hedged may vary based upon management's assessment of market, weather, operation and other factors.

Based on a sensitivity analysis using simplified assumptions, the impact of a \$0.50 per MMBtu increase or decrease in natural gas prices across the term of the derivative contracts would cause a change of approximately \$1 million to the net value of derivatives as of September 30, 2017.

Counterparty Credit Risk

Credit risk relates to the risk of loss resulting from non-performance or non-payment by counterparties pursuant to the terms of their contractual obligations. The Company monitors and manages credit risk through credit policies that include: (i) an established credit approval process; and (ii) the use of credit mitigation measures such as prepayment arrangements or volumetric limits. Risks surrounding counterparty performance and credit could ultimately impact the amount and timing of expected cash flows. The Company seeks to mitigate counterparty risk by having a diversified portfolio of counterparties. See Item 1 - Note 1, *Nature of Business*, and Note 5, *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information about concentration of credit risk.

ITEM 4 — Controls and Procedures

Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Based on this evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred in the third quarter of 2017 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1 — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

For a discussion of the material legal proceedings in which the Company was involved through September 30, 2017, see Note 13, *Contingencies*, to this Form 10-Q.

ITEM 1A — RISK FACTORS

Information regarding risk factors appears in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K and Part II, Item 1A of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017. There have been no material changes in the Company's risk factors since those reported in its 2016 Form 10-K and its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017.

ITEM 2 — UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

ITEM 3 — DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4 — MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5 — OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6 — EXHIBITS

Number	Description	Method of Filing
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certification of Christopher S. Sotos.	Filed herewith.
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certification of Chad Plotkin.	Filed herewith.
31.3	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certification of David Callen.	Filed herewith.
32	Section 1350 Certification.	Furnished herewith.
101 INS	XBRL Instance Document.	Filed herewith.
101 SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema.	Filed herewith.
101 CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase.	Filed herewith.
101 DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase.	Filed herewith.
101 LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase.	Filed herewith.
101 PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase.	Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NRG YIELD, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. SOTOS

Christopher S. Sotos
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ CHAD PLOTKIN

Chad Plotkin
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ DAVID CALLEN

David Callen
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 2, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher S. Sotos, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NRG Yield, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. SOTOS

Christopher S. Sotos
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 2, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, Chad Plotkin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NRG Yield, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ CHAD PLOTKIN

Chad Plotkin
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 2, 2017

CERTIFICATION

I, David Callen, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NRG Yield, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ DAVID CALLEN

David Callen
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 2, 2017

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of NRG Yield, Inc. on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Form 10-Q"), each of the undersigned officers of the Company certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to such officer's knowledge:

- (1) The Form 10-Q fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Form 10-Q.

Date: November 2, 2017

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. SOTOS

Christopher S. Sotos

Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ CHAD PLOTKIN

Chad Plotkin

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ DAVID CALLEN

David Callen

Chief Accounting Officer

(Principal Accounting Officer)

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of this Form 10-Q or as a separate disclosure document.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to NRG Yield, Inc. and will be retained by NRG Yield, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.