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- Changes in operating expenses;
- Changes in rate design, infrastructure tracking mechanisms;
- Customer growth rates;
- Conditions in housing markets;
- The effects of regulation/deregulation;
- The impacts of construction activity at our construction services segment;
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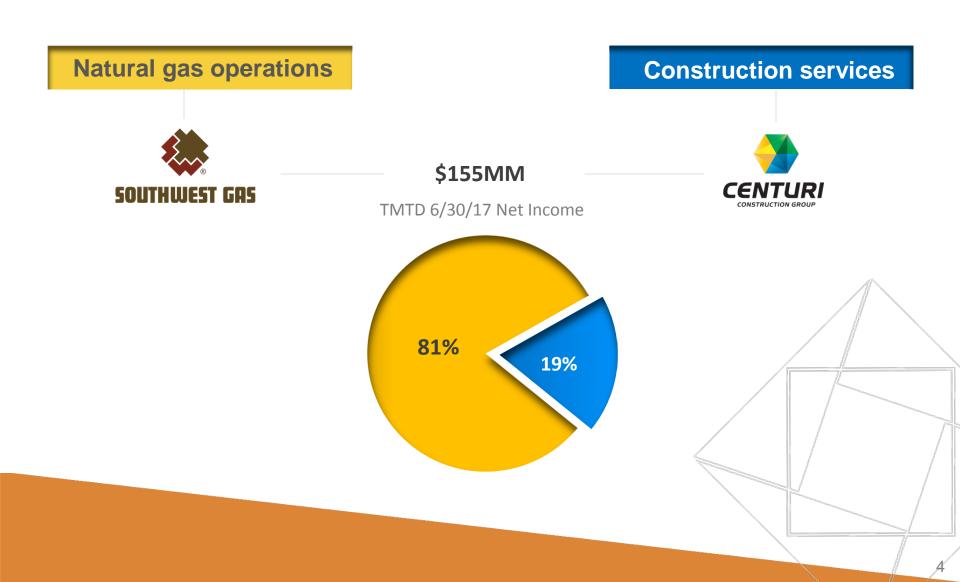
# **Topical Summary**



- I. Company Business Segments
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- V. Customer Growth and Economic Growth
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- VII. Financing, Capital structure, and Credit Ratings
- VIII. Centuri Construction Group
- IX. Company Dividend Policy

# **Business Segments & Net Income**





# **Long-Term Value Drivers**



- Above average population growth in utility service territories
- Utility infrastructure investment opportunities
  - \$1.6 to \$1.8 billion in capital expenditures over the 2017-2019 time period is significant compared to current authorized rate base of approximately \$2.6 billion
- Utility high profile projects plus infrastructure tracker mechanisms
- Centuri growth prospects in U.S. and Canada pipe replacement efforts are a multi-decade proposition
- Holding company structure provides additional financial flexibility and optionality in managing business mix
- Maintain dividend payout ratio within industry average range

### **Southwest Gas**

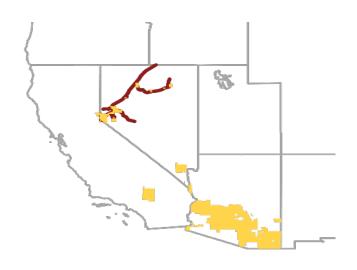
### Natural Gas Operations - Overview

#### Southwest Gas Corporation:

- Largest distributor of natural gas in Arizona (including Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas) and Nevada (including Las Vegas), and also distributes and transports gas in parts of California (including the Lake Tahoe area)
- Operates a pipeline transmission system (including an LNG storage facility) through Paiute Pipeline Company ("Paiute"), a wholly owned subsidiary
- Headquartered in Las Vegas
- As of June 30, 2017, 1,994,000 customers,
   99% of which are residential and small commercial, and total authorized rate base of approximately \$2.6 billion



#### NATURAL GAS OPERATIONS—SERVICE TERRITORIES

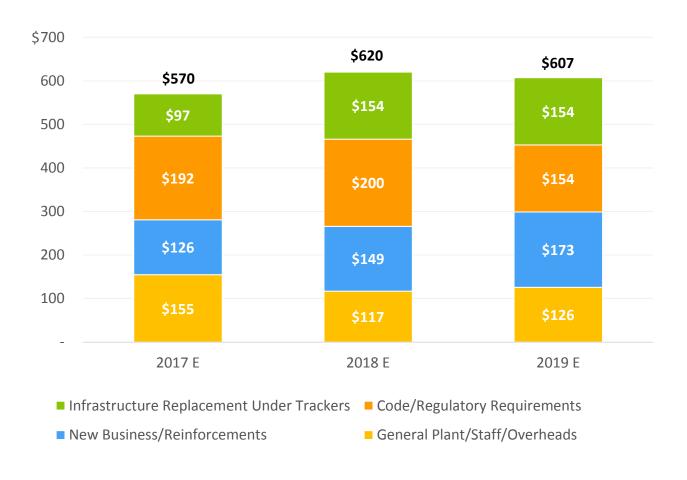


- Natural Gas Operations
  Service Territories
- Paiute Pipeline

## **Capital Expenditures**

# Natural Gas Operations (In millions)





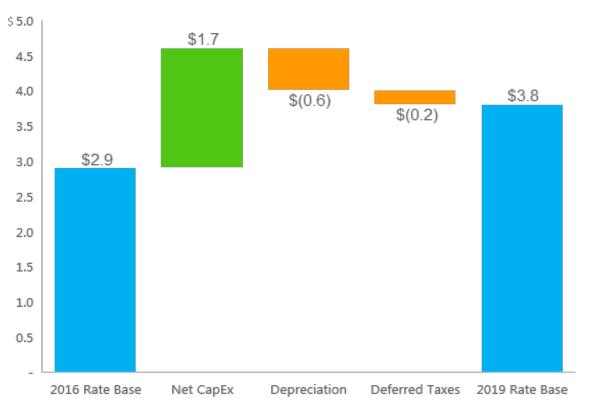
 <sup>2017-2019</sup> estimate \$1.6 - \$1.8 billion

Chart reflects upper end of estimated range of capital expenditures for 2017-2019

## **Projected Rate Base Growth**

# SOUTHWEST GAS

Natural Gas Operations (In billions)



- Projecting 9% CAGR in rate base over next 3 years
- The midpoint of the estimated range of the capital expenditures over this period is \$1.7 billion

Rate base amounts reflect estimated total investment in facilities necessary to provide utility service. This is different than our authorized rate base, which is the rate base investment that has been approved by our regulatory bodies and that is reflected in rates.

### **Customer Growth Breakdown**



Natural Gas Operations (In thousands)

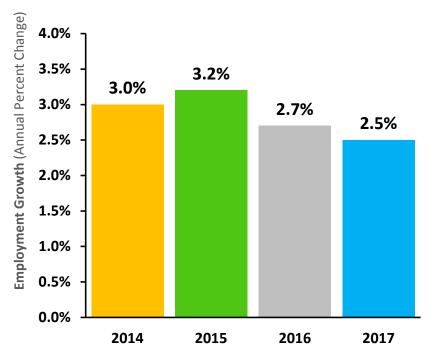
_	Twelve Months Ended June 30,		
	2016	2017	
Beginning period	1,938	1,962	
Net Customer Adds	24	32	
Ending period	1,962	1,994	

## **Employment Growth**

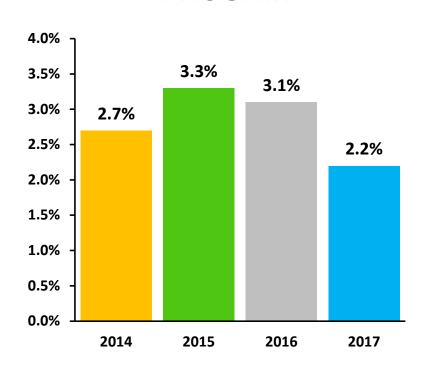
### Annual Percent Change July 2014 – 2017



#### **Southern Nevada**



#### **Phoenix**



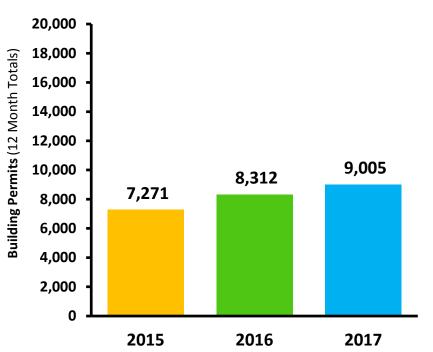
# **Building Permits**

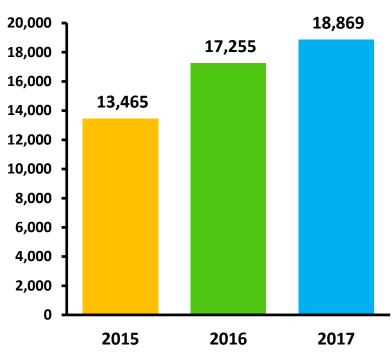
12-Month Totals July 2015 - 2017



#### **Southern Nevada**

# **Phoenix**

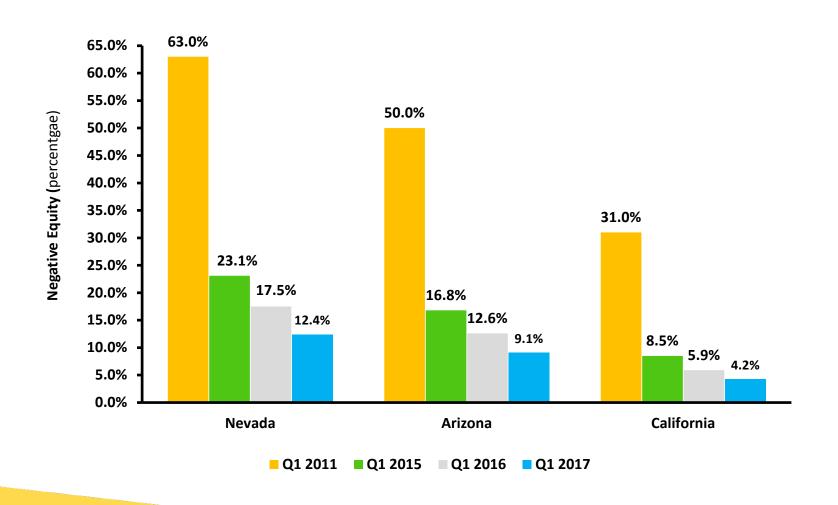




# **Negative Equity Mortgages**



First Quarter 2011, 2015, 2016 & 2017



**Source: CoreLogic** 

# Authorized Rate Base and Rates of Return



#### Natural Gas Operations

Rate Jurisdiction	Commission	Authorized Rate Base (thousands)	Authorized Rate of Return (%)	Authorized Return on Common Equity (%)	Decoupled	Authorized Common Equity Ratio (%)
Arizona	ACC	\$ 1,324,902	7.42	9.50	✓	51.70
Southern Nevada	PUCN	825,190	6.46	10.00	$\checkmark$	42.74
Northern Nevada	PUCN	115,933	7.88	9.30	$\checkmark$	59.06
Southern California	CPUC	159,277	6.83	10.10	$\checkmark$	55.00
Northern California	CPUC	67,620	8.18	10.10	$\checkmark$	55.00
South Lake Tahoe	CPUC	25,389	8.18	10.10	$\checkmark$	55.00
Paiute Pipeline Company <sup>1</sup>	FERC	87,158	8.46	11.00	$\checkmark$	51.75

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Estimated amounts based on rate case settlement.

ACC - Arizona Corporation Commission PUCN - Public Utilities Commission of Nevada CPUC - California Public Utilities Commission FERC - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

# Regulation – Rate Relief

## Natural Gas Operations



# Arizona Rate Case Settlement

- New rates effective April 1, 2017
- Projected benefit to operating income:
  - 2017 \$45 million
  - 2018 \$16 million
- Rate case moratorium until May 2019

#### Next Nevada Rate Case

Commitment to file before June 2018

#### Next California Rate Case

- CPUC approved Southwest's request to extend rate case cycle
- Expected to file next rate case by September 2019
- Continuation of post test year annual attrition increases of 2.75% through 2020

# Regulation - Infrastructure Replacement Programs



**Natural Gas Operations** 

#### Arizona COYL

- \$35.2 million of cumulative expenditures as of December 31, 2016
  - \$23.1 million included in authorized rate base with recovery embedded in the new rates
  - \$12.1 million included as part of current mechanism (2016 expenditures)
- ACC approved surcharge revenue of \$1.8 million effective June 2017 (\$12.1 million of expenditures)

#### Arizona VSP

Approved in general rate case and targeting partial year expenditures of \$27 million in 2017

# Regulation - Infrastructure Replacement Programs



Natural Gas Operations

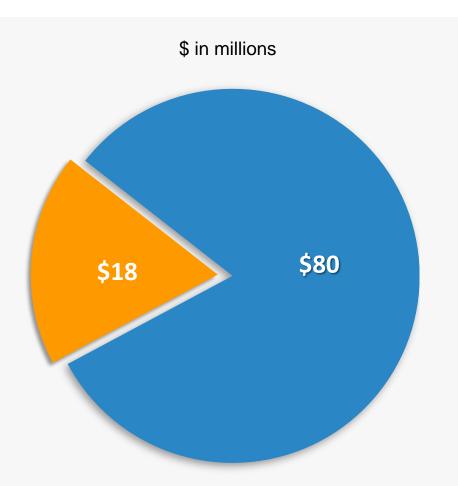
#### Nevada GIR

- PUCN authorized \$57.3 million replacement work for 2017
- PUCN approved surcharge revenue of approximately \$4.5 million effective January 2017
- PUCN authorized \$66 million replacement work for 2018
- In September 2017, filed a rate application to adjust the surcharge revenue to \$8.7 million effective January 1, 2018
- Cumulative net plant of \$99.8 million as of August 31, 2017

# Regulation – Expansion Projects

### **Natural Gas Operations**





#### PAIUTE PIPELINE COMPANY EXPANSION

- Proposed \$18 million project consists of approximately 8.4 miles of additional pipeline infrastructure
- Paiute filed a formal FERC certificate application in July 2017
- The new facility is expected to be in place by the end of 2018

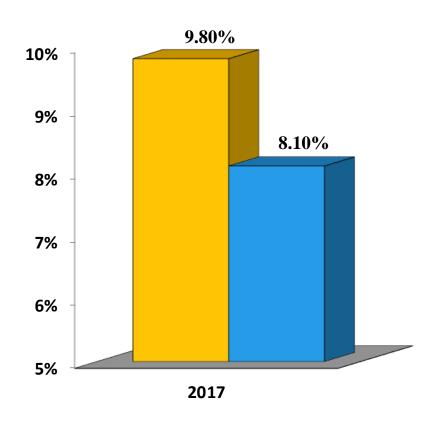
#### ARIZONA LNG FACILITY

- Proposed \$80 million, 233,000 dekatherm LNG facility
- Construction is underway
- Construction expected to be completed by end of 2019

# **Return on Common Equity**



#### Twelve months ended June 30,



- Return on Common Equity Authorized Gas Operations
- Return on Common Equity Actual Gas Operations

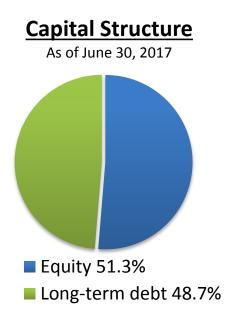
#### **Impact to Future Earnings:**

- Arizona Rate Case
- Infrastructure Mechanisms –
   Surcharges
  - Arizona
  - Nevada
  - California
- California
  - Attrition
- Nevada

# **Capital Structure and Liquidity**

### Natural Gas Operations





# Strong liquidity will support capital expenditure and working capital needs

- Stable operating cash flows
- \$400 million revolving credit facility
  - Expires in March 2022
  - \$150 million of the facility designated long-term debt and remaining \$250 million as working capital
- \$50 million uncommitted commercial paper program

#### As of June 30, 2017

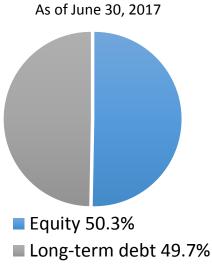
- \$92 million of LIBOR loans
- Available borrowing capacity of \$308 million

# **Capital Structure and Liquidity**

Southwest Gas Holdings, Inc.



#### **Capital Structure**



#### Liquidity

- \$100 million revolving credit facility
  - For short-term borrowing needs
  - Expires in March 2022

#### As of June 30, 2017

- \$2.5 million of LIBOR loans
- Available borrowing capacity of \$97.5 million

# **Investment Grade Credit Ratings**



#### SOUTHWEST GAS HOLDINGS, INC.

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Issuer Rating	Baa1	BBB+	BBB+
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable

#### **SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Issuer Rating	А3	BBB+	A-
Senior Unsecured	А3	BBB+	Α
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable



#### Construction Services - Overview

Centuri is a comprehensive construction services enterprise dedicated to meeting the growing demands of North American utilities, energy, and industrial markets.

#### **UNITED STATES**

New York Arizona California Ohio Colorado Oklahoma Connecticut Oregon Idaho Pennsylvania Rhode Island Illinois Indiana Texas Kansas Utah Maine Virginia Maryland Washington Massachusetts Wisconsin

#### CANADA

Ontario Alberta British Columbia



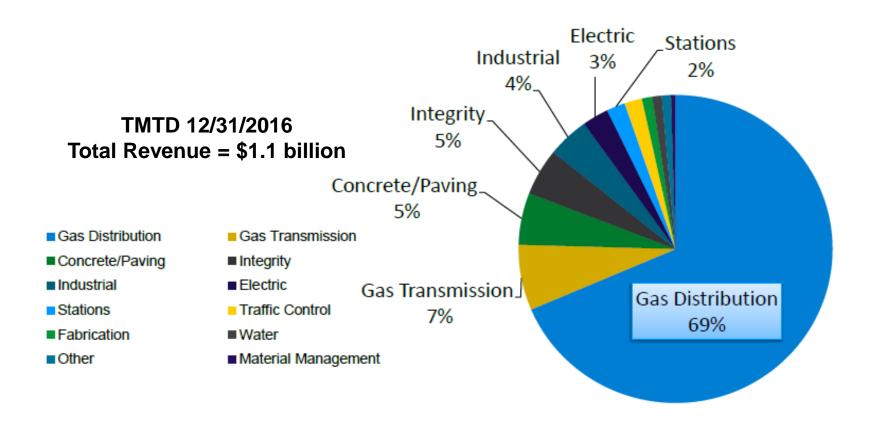
Nevada

Minnesota

New Hampshire



#### Diversification of Services



### **Major Customers**



















































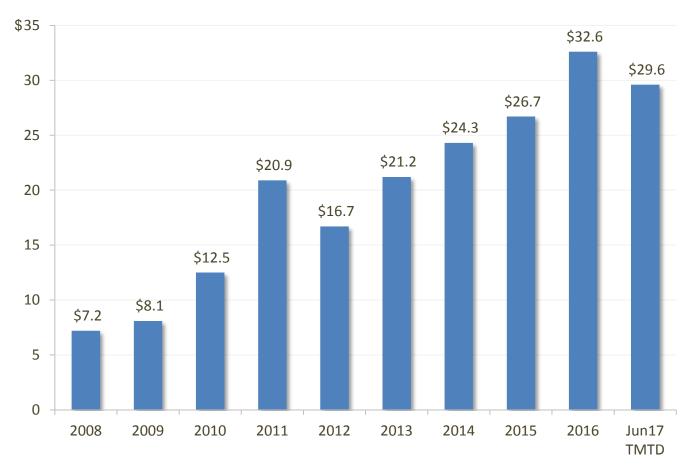








Historical Long-Term Profitability (\$ in millions)



### **Dividend Growth**





CAGR = compound annual growth rate