

# Preface

This is the 39th annual edition of the Financial Statistics of the Major Investor Owned Utilities in New York State (report). The report contains financial and operating statistics for the 62 privately owned Class A and B<sup>\*</sup> Electric, Gas, Telephone and Water companies in New York State for the calendar years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

With the emergence of competition in segments of the energy industry and in telecommunications, this publication will reflect the transition to a competitive environment. During this transition, comparisons between utilities and from year to year may not be as meaningful as they were in a regulated monopoly setting. The introduction of retail access, the auctions of generating plants by the electric utilities and utility mergers are several examples of the changes which will impact the statistics reported by utilities. As the industries move toward competition, some data in future editions of this publication may not continue to be available on a company specific basis.

The data in this publication are presented in two major sections: the summary, and the detailed industry section. Included in the summary is a section summarizing the major changes taking place in the electric, gas, and telecommunications industries.

Financial information in the report is derived from the annual reports filed with the Commission by the jurisdictional companies in New York State. For information contained in this publication that is not obtained from annual reports, the source is noted on the applicable page.

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\* Class A or B utilities comprise electric and gas utilities with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more and water utilities with operating revenue of \$700,000 or more. Telephone companies with annual operating revenues of \$100 million and more are Class A while those below this threshold are Class B.

The summary is divided into the following five sections:

***List of Class A and B NYS utilities***

Showing average cost per unit sold to ultimate customers, operating revenues, net plant, and average number of customers.

***Financial criteria***

Includes return on common equity, pre-tax coverage and capital structure.

***Operating criteria***

Includes average cost per unit sold, customer bill data, source and use of revenues, transportation of gas owned by others, and customer growth.

***Electric industry information***

Includes a brief summary of the changes occurring in the industry, as well as information on sources of electric energy, cost of fuel data, and nuclear plant information.

The detailed industry section presents financial statements and other data for companies that provide electric and gas service, gas service only, telecommunication service and water service. Industry composite reports for companies providing these four services are located at the beginning of each industry section. Since Verizon New York makes up such a large percentage of the telecommunications industry, we have included two telecommunications industry composite reports -- one with Verizon New York and one without Verizon New York. Statements in the industry composite reports include balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flow, analysis of revenue and operating and maintenance expenses (except telecommunications), distribution of revenues, statement of utility plant, and selected ratios and statistics.

Some figures in the book may not add due to rounding.

# Summary

## List of Utilities

This section provides summary statistics for the major investor owned utilities in New York State included in this year's report.

For each utility, the tables on pages 6 and 8 provide a five-year history from 2004 to 2008 of the average cost per unit sold to ultimate customers for the electric, gas and water industries. For the telephone industry, the statistics on page 7 measure the average cost per access line for the same five-year period.

This section also provides operating revenues, net plant and average number of customers for each utility, by industry. These statistics are shown on pages 9 through 11.