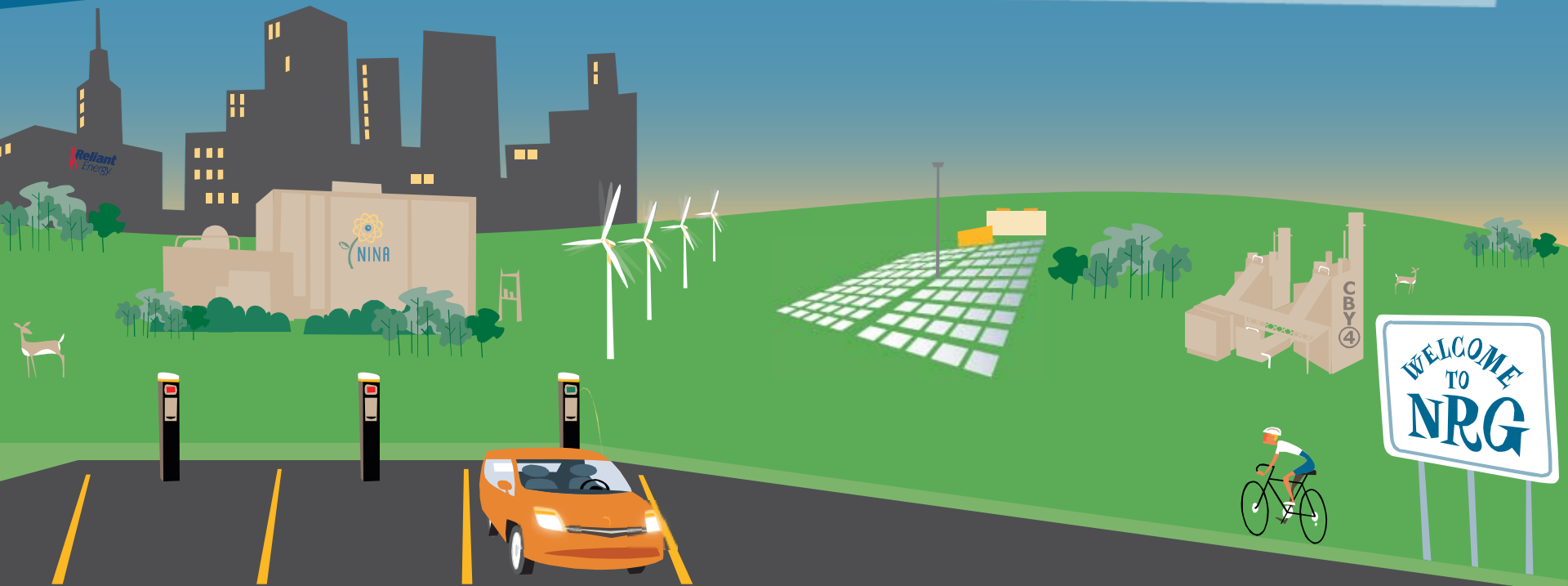




# Reg G



# Reg G: 2009 Free Cash Flow – Recurring Operations



*\$ in millions*

**2009**

**Adjusted EBITDA, excl. MtM**

**\$ 2,618**

Interest Payments - cash

(623)

Income Tax - cash

(47)

Collateral

127

Working Capital/Other assets & liabilities

(213)

**Adjusted Cash from Operations**

**\$ 1,862**

Maintenance CapEx

(250)

Preferred Dividends

(33)

**Free Cash Flow - Recurring Operations**

**\$ 1,579**

**Appendix: Full Year 2005 – March 31, 2010 YTD Free Cash Flow reconciliation**

The following table summarizes the calculation of free cash flow and provides a reconciliation to cash flow from (used by) operations

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	YTD 2010
<b>Cash Flow from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 68</b>	<b>\$408</b>	<b>\$1,517</b>	<b>\$1,479</b>	<b>\$2,106</b>	<b>\$114</b>
Hedge Reset	-	1,361	-	-	-	-
Reclassifying of payment of Financing Element of Acquired Derivatives	-	(296)	-	(43)	(79)	13
Cash receipts from termination of hedges associated with CSRA unwind	-	-	-	-	(165)	-
<b>Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>127</b>
Margin	405	(454)	125	417	(127)	172
Option Premiums Collected	-	-	(8)	(268)	282	(92)
Maintenance CapEx	(88)	(210)	(210)	(182)	(250)	(69)
Preferred Dividends	(20)	(50)	(55)	(55)	(33)	(2)
<b>Adjusted Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 365</b>	<b>\$759</b>	<b>\$1,369</b>	<b>\$1,348</b>	<b>\$1,734</b>	<b>\$136</b>

Note: Option premium collections were a driver of margin movements and therefore excluded from the Adjusted Free Cash Flow calculation

### Appendix: Full Year 2005 Regional EBITDA Reconciliation

The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income/(loss)

(dollars in millions)	Total
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>84</b>
Plus:	
Income Tax	47
Interest Expense	174
Amortization of Finance Costs	5
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	5
Refinancing Expense	65
Depreciation Expense	162
Amortization of Power Contracts	(9)
Amortization of Emission Credits	15
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>548</b>
(Income) Loss from Discontinued Operations	(12)
Write-Down and (Gain)/Losses on Sales of Equity Method Investments	31
Corporate Relocation charges	6
Impairment charges	6
Gain on Settlement	(7)
Gain on sale of land	(4)
TermoRio legal matters	(11)
Gain on Crockett contingency	(3)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>554</b>
Less: MtM Forward Positions	(119)
Add: Prior Period MtM	58
<b>Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM</b>	<b>731</b>

## Appendix: 2006 Regional EBITDA Reconciliation

The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income/(loss)

(dollars in millions)	Total
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>621</b>
Plus:	
Income Tax	322
Interest Expense	560
Amortization of Finance Costs	24
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	6
Refinancing Expense	187
Depreciation Expense	590
Amortization of Power Contracts	(1,701)
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	85
Amortization of Emission Credits	47
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>741</b>
Net (Income) Loss from Discontinued Operations	(78)
Write-Down and (Gain)/Losses on Sales of Equity Method Investments	(8)
Legal Settlement	(74)
Acquisition Integration Costs	14
Audrain Asset Sale Adjustment	(3)
Station Service Reserve Reversal	(15)
Gain on Dissolution of Pike	(13)
Property Tax refund Prior Years	(9)
Reclassify Emission Credit Sale	-
Hedge Reset	1,202
Mirant Defense	6
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>1,763</b>
Less: MtM forward position accruals	143
Add: Prior period MtM reversals	(116)
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	28
<b>Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM</b>	<b>1,476</b>

### Appendix: 2007 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

<i>(Amounts in millions)</i>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 586</b>
Plus:	
Income Tax	377
Interest Expense	656
Amortization of Finance Costs	25
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	7
Refinancing Expense	35
Depreciation Expense	658
ARO Accretion Expense	6
Amortization of Power Contracts	(242)
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	47
Amortization of Emission Allowances	40
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>2,195</b>
Income from Discontinued Operations	(17)
Station Service Reversal	(18)
Fixed Asset Write-offs	3
Gain on Sale of Equity Method Investment	(1)
Loss/(Gain) on Sale of Assets	(17)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>2,145</b>
Less MTM Forward Position Accruals	20
Add. Prior Period MtM Reversals	128
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	13
<b>Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM</b>	<b>\$ 2,240</b>

### Appendix: 2008 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

<i>(Amounts in millions)</i>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 1,188</b>
Plus:	
Income Tax	713
Interest Expense	591
Amortization of Finance Costs	22
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	7
Depreciation Expense	649
ARO Accretion Expense	9
Amortization of Power Contracts	(278)
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(13)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	40
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>2,928</b>
Exelon Defense Costs	8
Income from Discontinued Operations	(172)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>2,764</b>
Less MTM Forward Position Accruals	536
Add. Prior Period MtM Reversals	38
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	(25)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM</b>	<b>\$ 2,291</b>

### Appendix: 2009 Regional Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

<i>(\$ in millions)</i>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>942</b>
Plus:	
Income Tax	728
Interest Expense	609
Amortization of Finance Costs	31
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	14
Depreciation Expense	818
ARO Accretion Expense	8
Amortization of Power Contracts	179
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(42)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	38
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>3,325</b>
Early Termination of CSRA	85
Exelon Defense Cost	31
Integration Cost	54
FX Loss on MIBRAG Sale Proceeds	20
Settlement of Pre-Existing Relationship with Reliant Energy	(31)
Gain on Sale of Equity Method Investment	(128)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>3,356</b>
Less: MTM Forward Position Accruals	105
Add: Prior Period MtM Reversals	(588)
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	45
<b>Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM</b>	<b>2,618</b>



**Appendix: First quarter 2010 Regional  
Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**

The following table summarizes the calculation of adjusted EBITDA and provides a reconciliation to net income

<i>(\$ in millions)</i>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>58</b>
Plus:	
Income Tax	65
Interest Expense	144
Amortization of Finance Costs	6
Amortization of Debt (Discount)/Premium	3
Depreciation Expense	202
ARO Accretion Expense	(2)
Amortization of Power Contracts	62
Amortization of Fuel Contracts	(12)
Amortization of Emission Allowances	12
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>538</b>
Less: MTM Forward Position Accruals	(111)
Add: Prior Period MtM Reversals	(50)
Less: Hedge Ineffectiveness	(2)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA, excluding MtM</b>	<b>601</b>

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