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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We use a number of different financial measures, both United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and non-GAAP, in assessing the overall performance of our business. The non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted EBITDA, Free Cash Flow and Adjusted EPS, as described and used in this earnings presentation, are not intended as a substitute or as an alternative to net income, cash flow provided by operating activities or diluted earnings per share as indicators of our performance or liquidity or any other measures of performance or liquidity derived in accordance with GAAP. In addition, our non-GAAP financial measures may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies, limiting their usefulness for comparison purposes. The presentations of Adjusted EBITDA, Free Cash Flow and Adjusted EPS are intended to enhance the usefulness of our financial information by providing measures which management internally use to assess and evaluate the overall performance of its business and those of possible acquisition candidates, and highlight trends in the overall business. Please refer to the appendix of this presentation for reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures.

Covanta – World Leader in Energy-from-Waste

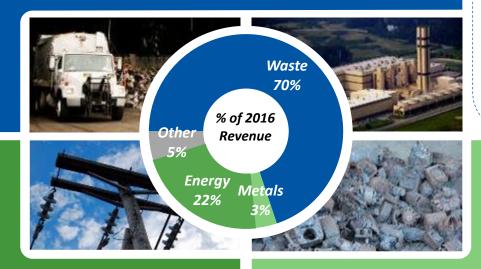


Waste:

42 Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facilities

~20 million tons processed annually \rightarrow 1:1 tons of CO₂ equivalent offset

15 material processing facilities



FY 2017 Guidance:

- Adjusted EBITDA:
 \$400 \$440 million
- Free Cash Flow: \$100 - \$150 million

Energy:

~10 million MWh generated annually

1,400+ MW base load capacity

Metals:

~500,000 gross tons of ferrous and nonferrous recovered annually

EfW: Unique Renewable Energy Business











Municipal
Commercial
Industrial

Conversion Process



Technologically advanced mass-burn facilities

Energy / Outputs

1 ton of waste yields:

500-650 kWh power



~50lbs recycled metal



Ash: ~10% of original volume

The only power source that reduces greenhouse gas emissions

Key Investment Highlights



Leader in Energy-from-Waste

- EfW is a unique renewable energy business
- Compelling environmental benefits

Critical Infrastructure Assets

- Essential service to host communities
- Concentrated in attractive markets in Northeast U.S. with high barriers to entry

Attractive Business Model

- Highly contracted revenue from multiple sources
- High Adjusted EBITDA margins (~25%)
- · Generates substantial and predictable cash flow

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- Committed to 3-5% annual organic growth driven by multiple initiatives
- Near completion on milestone Dublin facility and actively building new investment pipeline

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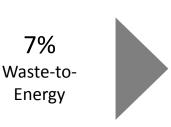
Market Leader in the U.S.



~400 Million Tons of Waste Annually



29%
Recycling / Composting



Covanta70%of this market

Benefits of EfW

- Environmentally sustainable waste management
- Renewable energy source
- Combats climate change

Irreplaceable Infrastructure



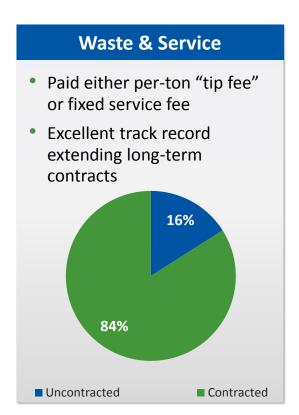


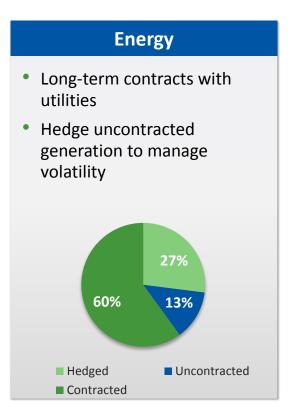
Advantages

- Concentrated in attractive, densely-populated markets
- Limited alternative disposal capacity in metropolitan areas
- Cost advantage vs. long haul transfer to landfills
- Electricity sold at high demand points

Highly Contracted Revenue





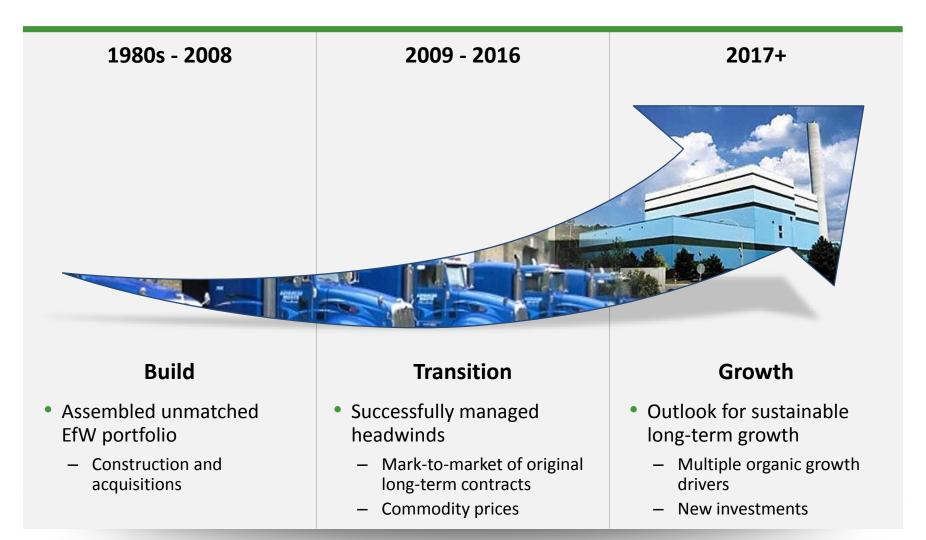




~85% Revenue Contracted or Hedged ~25% Adjusted EBITDA Margin

Entering a New Growth Era





Key Growth Drivers



Organic

Long-term target 3-5% growth

- **Environmental Solutions**
- Metals recovery and ash management
- Continuous Improvement
- Favorable waste market dynamics

Significant leverage to commodity market recovery

Metals

Core Business

Commodities

Energy

Underpins long-term cash flow growth and capital allocation plans

New Investment

- Execute on projects underway
 - Dublin, NYC MTS contract
- EfW project development pipeline
 - Near-term focus in UK
- Synergistic acquisitions
 - Environmental Solutions
 - o EfW

Opportunities to invest capital at attractive equity returns

Growth Drivers: Environmental Solutions



EfW Profiled Waste

- Unmatched EfW footprint
- Assured destruction and/or zero landfill disposal for non-hazardous waste
- Drives higher average waste revenue per ton

~\$100 million Revenue ~50% Adjusted EBITDA margin

Environmental Services

- Leverage EfW portfolio for new service revenue opportunities
- Recycling, shredding, liquids processing / treatment, transportation and logistics, on-site services

~\$100 million Revenue ~20% Adjusted EBITDA margin







Growth Drivers: Metal Recovery and Ash Management



1. EfW Plant Recovery Systems

2. Metals Processing for Enhanced Product

3. Enhanced Metal Recovery and Ash Reuse

- Significant growth in recovery: +30% ferrous and +140% non-ferrous since 2012
- Continued focus on optimizing recovery

- Centralized processing driving improved pricing
 - Upgrading ~30% of ferrous today, with plans to expand
 - Commencing non-ferrous (~70%) in 2017
- Permitting and designing first "Total Ash Processing System" to handle ~10% of ash
- Returns driven by metal recovery and sale of aggregates which reduces disposal by ~65%
- Target incremental sites once technology proven







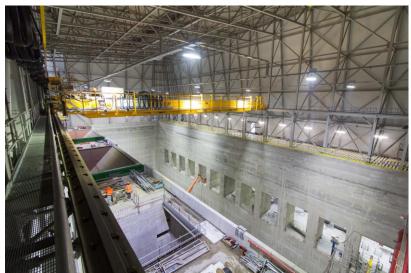
Growth Drivers: New Investments



Dublin EfW Facility

- 600,000 annual tons of capacity generating 58 MW
- €500 million total capital investment
- Attractive economics
 - ~\$60 million annual EBITDA contribution
 - 90% of waste under long-term contract
 - 50% of power contracted at premium renewable tariff
- On track for commercial operations by start of Q4 2017

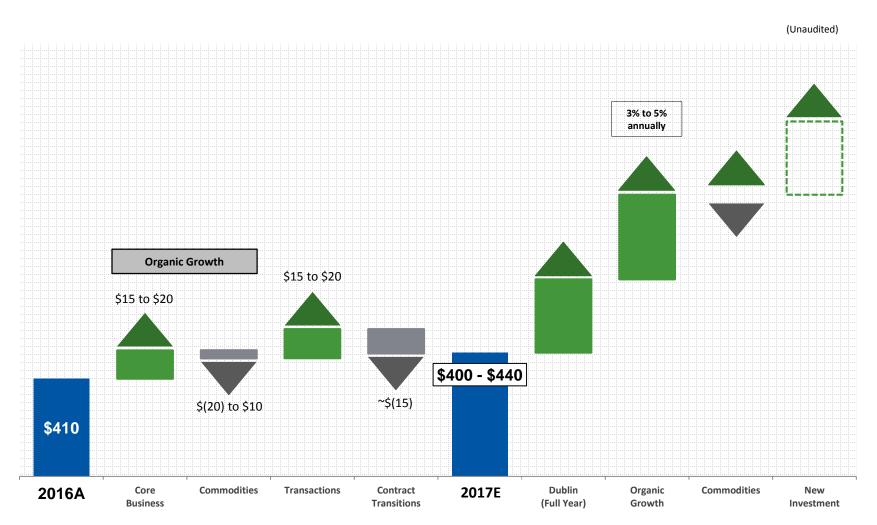




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Financial Outlook: Adjusted EBITDA





Capital Allocation Policy



Free Cash Flow

Dividend Stability	 Annualized cash dividend of \$1.00 / share 	
Growth Investments	 Organic growth investments Project development Opportunistic M&A 	K
Deleveraging	 Contribution from investments coming online Opportunistic debt repayment 	K
Dividend Growth	 To be driven by sustainable Free Cash Flow growth 	K
Share Repurchases	 Potential opportunistic use of capital, but not near-term priority 	

Stable and Flexible Balance Sheet



Pro Forma as of 3/31/17 (1)

(Face Value; \$ in millions)

Covanta Holding Corporation New 5.875% Senior Notes due 2025: \$400 6.375% Senior Notes due 2022: 400 5.875% Senior Notes due 2024: 400

Covanta Energy, LLC

Revolving Credit Facility due 2019-2020: (2) \$386

Term Loan due 2020: 195

Equipment Leases due 2024-2027: 67

Tax-Exempt Corporate Bonds due 2024-2045: (3) 464

International Subsidiaries

Project Debt: \$251

Domestic Subsidiaries

Project Debt: \$184

- Refinanced 7.25% notes due 2020 with new 5.875% notes due 2025
- Weighted average debt maturity of ~8 years, with no material corporate maturities until 2020
- Substantial liquidity with \$444 million availability under revolver at 3/31/17

Presented pro forma for repayment of \$400 million of 7.25% notes in April 2017.

Total facility size of \$1.0 billion (\$50 million due 2019 and \$950 million due 2020), with \$170 million letters of credit outstanding and \$444 million availability at March 31, 2017.

³⁾ The tax-exempt corporate bonds are obligations of Covanta Holding Corporation and are guaranteed by Covanta Energy, and as such are effectively senior in right of payment to the other indebtedness of Covanta Holding Corporation.

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Waste Update



(Unaudited)

Client and new business activity:

- Extended client relationship at SECONN under new tip fee contract
- Completed two CES acquisitions
- Q1 2017 revenue drivers vs. Q1 2016:
 - EfW waste processing revenue up \$4 million
 - Higher average revenue per ton (~3%), partially offset by downtime at Fairfax (\$3 million impact)
 - Uncontracted (spot) MSW price up ~5%
 - Internalized profiled waste revenue up 12%
 - Covanta Environmental Solutions
 - Environmental services organic revenue up 26%
 - Profiled waste growth contributing to higher average pricing at EfW

Trends and outlook:

- Strong waste volumes supporting higher prices
- Targeting double-digit profiled waste growth in 2017

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(in millions, except price)	Q1 2016A	Q1 2017A	2017E
Waste & Service Revenue:			
EfW Waste Processing	\$227	\$231	\$975 - \$1,005
Environmental Services (1)	21	27	100 - 110
Municipal Services (2)	43	44	~200
Other ⁽³⁾	9	8	~30
Intercompany (4)	(21)	(23)	<u>~ (90)</u>
Total	\$279	\$286	\$1,215 - \$1,255
EfW Tons: (5)			
Contracted (6)	4.06	3.99	
Uncontracted	0.58	0.57	
Total	4.64	4.56	19.5 - 19.7
EfW Revenue per Ton: (7)			
Contracted	\$46.75	\$47.52	
Uncontracted	\$64.61	\$71.85	
Average	\$48.97	\$50.56	\$50.00 - \$51.00

¹⁾ Includes the operation of material processing facilities and related services.

²⁾ Consists of transfer stations and transportation component of NYC MTS contract.

³⁾ Includes waste brokerage, debt service and other revenue unrelated to EfW waste processing.

⁴⁾ Elimination of intercompany transactions primarily relating to transfer stations.

⁵⁾ Excludes liquid waste.

⁶⁾ Includes contracts at transfer stations from which waste is internalized.

⁷⁾ Calculated for EfW waste processing revenue presented above. Note: certain amounts may not total due to rounding.

Energy Update



Q1 2017 revenue drivers vs. Q1 2016:

- EfW energy revenue decreased \$3 million (2.5%) on a same store basis
 - Price down 0.3%
 - Volume down \$3 million (3.9%), driven primarily by downtime at Fairfax
- PPA expirations reduced revenue by \$7 million, partially offset by \$3 million from higher contractual revenue share

Trends and outlook:

- Power prices remain muted with mild weather; anticipate continued softness for balance of 2017
- Hedge activity:
 - 2017 U.S. market exposure hedged to approximately 1.3 million MWh
 - Actively hedging 2018 exposure

(in millions assent mine			(Unaudited)
(in millions, except price; MWh sold in millions)	Q1 2016A	Q1 2017A	2017E
Energy Revenue:			
EfW Energy Sales	\$83	\$76	\$280 - \$300
EfW Capacity	10	9	~40
Other (1)	<u>8</u>	=	=
Total	\$101	\$86	\$320 - \$340
EfW MWh Sold:			
Contracted	0.7	0.6	2.3 - 2.5
Hedged	0.4	0.6	~2.6
Market	0.2	0.2	<u>~1.3</u>
Total	1.4	1.4	6.2 - 6.4
EfW Revenue per MWh: (2)			
Contracted	\$67.65	\$70.85	\$66 - \$67
Hedged	\$62.64	\$47.76	~ \$36
Market	\$27.91	\$24.44	\$22 - \$34
Average	\$59.30	\$53.76	\$44 - \$48

Note: certain amounts may not total due to rounding.

¹⁾ Includes China and Biomass in 2016.

²⁾ Excludes capacity revenue.

Recycled Metals Update



(Unaudited)

• Q1 2017 revenue drivers vs. Q1 2016:

- Ferrous:
 - Price up \$7 million (94%), due to higher market index price (\$6 million, up 72%) and increased processing
 - Volume down \$5 million (64%), driven primarily by shipment timing
- Non-ferrous:
 - Realized sales price essentially flat
 - Volume up \$1 million (16%), driven by increased recovery

Trends and outlook:

- HMS Index averaged \$272 per ton in Q1 and set at \$258 in April; anticipate price softening for balance of 2017
- Forward aluminum prices remain in line with previous full year expectations
- Non-ferrous processing to drive significant increase in price realization beginning in Q2

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(\$ in millions, except price; tons in thousands)	Q1 2016A	Q1 2017A	2017E
Metals Revenue:			
Ferrous	\$8	\$10	\$35 - \$45
Non-Ferrous	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30 - 35</u>
Total	\$13	\$16	\$65 - \$80
Tons Recovered:			
Ferrous	95	95	395 – 400
Non-Ferrous	8	9	35 - 40
Tons Sold:			
Ferrous	86	60	310 - 320
Non-Ferrous	8	9	28 - 33
Revenue per Ton Sold:			
Ferrous	\$91	\$169	\$110 - \$140
Non-Ferrous	\$624	\$615	\$1,000 - \$1,100
Average HMS index price (1)	\$158	\$272	\$200 - \$250
Average Old Cast Aluminum (2)	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.55 - \$0.61

¹⁾ Q1 2017 and Q1 2016 average #1 Heavy Melt Steel composite index (\$ / gross ton) as published by American Metal Market.

Plant Operating Expense and Maintenance Update



Q1 2017 summary:

- Total EfW maintenance (expense + capex) largely flat year-over-year in Q1
- Q1 2017 maintenance expense included greater percent of full year expected work (estimated 35% vs. 32% in Q1 2016) with acceleration of scheduled outages to optimize plant downtime
- Increase in other plant operating expense driven by growth in Environmental Solutions business and costs related to unplanned plant downtime

Trends and outlook:

- Nearing completion of major outage season
- 2017 full year outlook unchanged

			(Onaudited
(in millions)	Q1 2016A	Q1 2017A	2017E
Plant Maintenance Expense:			
EfW	\$88	\$97	\$275 - \$285
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Total	\$89	\$98	
Maintenance Capex:			
EfW	\$32	\$25	\$90 - \$100
Other	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>~20</u>
Total	\$36	\$27	\$110 - \$120
Total EfW Maintenance Spend	\$120	\$122	\$365 - \$385
Other Plant Operating Expense	\$226	\$234	
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Note: certain amounts may not total due to rounding.

¹⁾ Includes China and Biomass in 2016.

²⁾ Excludes capacity revenue.

Growth Investment Outlook



(Unaudited, in millions)	FY 2016 Actual	YTD 3-31-17	FY 2017 Outlook
Organic growth investments (1)	\$46	\$11	~ \$30
New York City MTS contract	3	_	_
Essex County EfW emissions control system (2)	33	3	~5
Acquisitions	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
Subtotal: Corporate funded	\$91	\$30	~ \$50
Dublin facility construction	<u>162</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>~100</u>
Total growth investments	\$253	\$50	~ \$150

- Remaining Dublin investment to be funded entirely with project financing no impact on domestic capital allocation
- Acquisitions to be targeted on an opportunistic basis potential additional activity not reflected in FY 2017 outlook

¹⁾ Organic growth programs are focused primarily on growing waste, energy and metal revenue and/or reducing operating costs.

²⁾ Classified as growth investment because cost is reflected in overall economic benefit of contract restructuring completed in 2013. Note: certain amounts may not total due to rounding.

Capitalization Summary



(Face value; unaudited, in millions)	12/31/2015	12/31/2016	3/31/2017
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$94	\$84	\$444
Corporate Debt:			
Secured	\$621	\$608	\$648
Unsecured	<u>1,664</u>	<u>1,664</u>	<u>2,064</u>
Total Corporate Debt	\$2,285	\$2,272	\$2,712
Project Debt	<u>197</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>435</u>
Total Debt	\$2,482	\$2,678	\$3,147
Net Debt (1)	\$2,326	\$2,547	\$2,662
Stockholders' Equity	\$640	\$469	\$398
Credit Ratios:			
Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA	5.4x	6.2x	6.9x
Excluding Non-Recourse Construction Debt (2)	5.3x	5.7x	6.3x
Senior Credit Facility Leverage Ratio (3)	2.9x	3.0x	3.4x

¹⁾ Net debt is calculated as total principal amount of debt outstanding less cash and cash equivalents, debt service principal-related restricted funds (\$12 million at March 31, 2017) and escrowed construction financing proceeds (\$29 million at March 31, 2017). Cash and cash equivalents includes proceeds from recent refinancing.

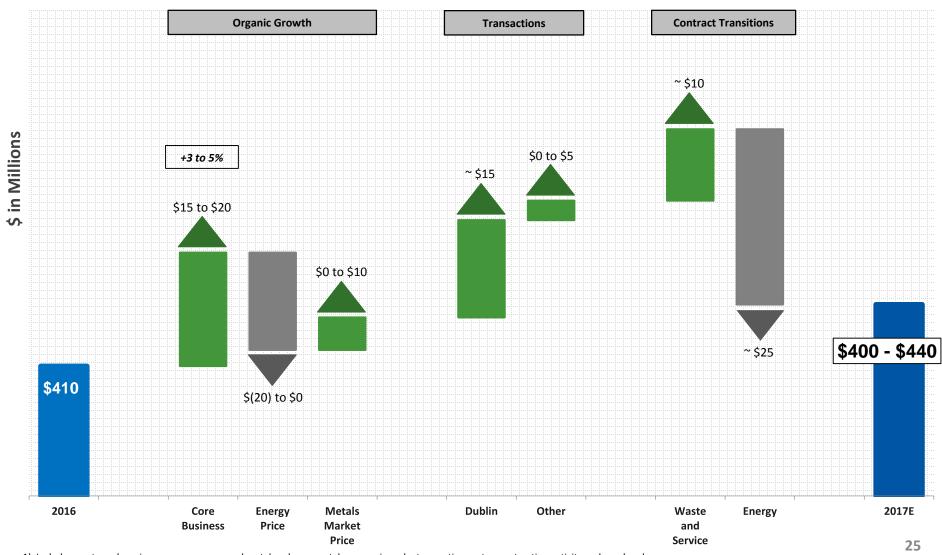
²⁾ Excludes \$241 million of net debt (debt of \$251 million less restricted funds of \$10 million) outstanding at March 31, 2017 at Dublin project subsidiary.

³⁾ Leverage ratio as calculated for senior credit facility covenant. Effectively represents leverage at Covanta Energy, LLC and subsidiaries.

Adjusted EBITDA: 2017E vs. 2016



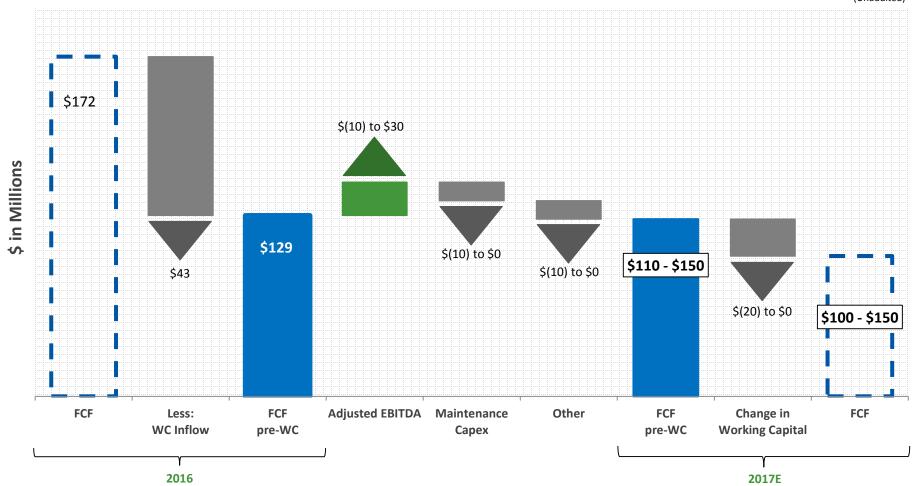




¹⁾ Includes waste and service revenue, energy and metals volume, metals processing, plant operating costs, construction activity and overhead.

FCF: 2017E vs. 2016





Long-term Outlook: Energy Detail



Consolidated EfW						Powering	Today. Protecting Tomo
(Unaudited, in millions, except price)	2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E
MWh Sold – CVA Share:							
Contracted	3.0	3.1	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Hedged	1.4	1.9	2.6	1.7	_	_	_
Market	<u>1.4</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>4.7</u>
Total MWh Sold	5.8	6.1	~6.3	~6.8	~6.8	~6.8	~6.8
Market Sales (MWh) by Geography:							
PJM East	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.7
NEPOOL	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
NYISO	0.1	0.1	_	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Total Market Sales	1.4	1.0	1.3	3.0	4.7	4.7	4.7
Revenue per MWh: ⁽¹⁾							
Contracted	\$65.56	\$65.98	~\$67				
Hedged	\$45.64	\$42.77	~\$36				
Market	\$33.18	\$31.35	~\$28				
Average Revenue per MWh	\$53.17	\$52.70	~\$46				

Note: Production estimates for 2018 - 2021 are approximated based on historical operating performance and expected contract structures

EfW Project Structures



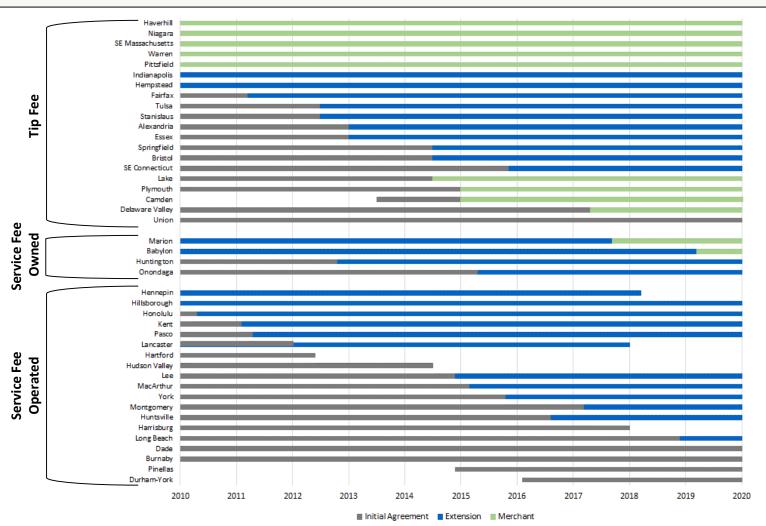
Service Fee

	Tip Fee	Owned	Operated	
Number of Facilities ⁽¹⁾	20	4	17	
% of Tons Processed	~50%	~7%	~43%	
Client(s)	Municipal anchor client; Merchant capacity	Municipal anchor client; Limited merchant capacity	Municipal client	
Waste or Service Revenue	Per ton "tipping fee"	Fixed O&M fee (Inflation escalators & incentives)		
Energy Revenue	Covanta retains 100%	Share with client (Covanta retains ~20% on average)		
Metals Revenue	Covanta retains 100%	Share with client (Covanta typically retains ~50%)		
Operating Costs	Covanta responsible for all operating costs	Pass through certain costs to municipal client (e.g., ash disposal)		
Project Debt Service	Covanta responsible; Debt on Covanta books	Client pays as part of service fee; Debt on Covanta books	Covanta not responsible; Debt not on Covanta books	
After Service Contract Expiration	N/A	Covanta owns the facility; Facility converts to Tip Fee or remains Service Fee with new terms	Client owns the facility; Client extends with Covanta or tenders for new contract	

Major Municipal Waste Contract Transitions







Non-GAAP Reconciliation: Adjusted EBITDA & Free Cash Flow



	Q1		Full Year
(Unaudited, in millions)	2016	2017	Estimated 2017
Net Loss Attributable to Covanta Holding Corporation	\$(37)	\$(52)	
Depreciation and amortization expense	52	52	
Interest expense, net	34	36	
Income tax benefit	(10)	(11)	
Impairment charges	15	-	
Debt service billings in excess of revenue recognized	1	1	
Severance and reorganization costs	1	-	
Non-cash compensation expense	5	5	
Capital type expenditures at service fee operated facilities (2)	11	14	
Loss on asset sales	-	4	
Other	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	
Total adjustments	<u>113</u>	<u>103</u>	
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$76	\$51	\$400 - \$440
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	(22)	(26)	
Cash paid for taxes, net	(4)	1	
Capital type expenditures at service fee operated facilities (2)	(11)	(14)	
Adjustment for working capital and other	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$35	\$10	\$210 - \$270
Maintenance capital expenditures	<u>(36)</u>	<u>(27)</u>	(110) - (120)
Free Cash Flow (1)	\$(1)	\$(17)	\$100 - \$150
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	129	129	

¹⁾ Guidance affirmed as of April 25, 2017.

²⁾ Adjustment for impact of adoption of FASB ASC 853 – Service Concession Arrangements.

Non-GAAP Reconciliation: Adjusted EBITDA



	Full Year		LTM
(Unaudited, in millions)	2015	2016	March 31, 2017
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Covanta Holding Corporation	\$68	\$(4)	\$(19)
Depreciation and amortization expense	198	207	207
Interest expense, net	134	138	140
Income tax (benefit) expense	(84)	22	21
Impairment charges	43	20	5
Gain on sale of assets, net	_	(44)	(40)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	2	-	_
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	1	-	-
Debt service billings in excess of revenue recognized	1	4	4
Severance and reorganization costs	4	3	2
Non-cash compensation expense	18	16	16
Capital type expenditures at service fee operated facilities (1)	31	39	42
Other	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Total adjustments	<u>360</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>404</u>
Adjusted EBITDA	\$428	\$410	\$385

Non-GAAP Financial Measures



Free Cash Flow

Free Cash Flow is defined as cash flow provided by operating activities, less maintenance capital expenditures, which are capital expenditures primarily to maintain our existing facilities. We use the non-GAAP measure of Free Cash Flow as a criterion of liquidity and performance-based components of employee compensation. We use Free Cash Flow as a measure of liquidity to determine amounts we can reinvest in our core businesses, such as amounts available to make acquisitions, invest in construction of new projects, make principal payments on debt, or amounts we can return to our stockholders through dividends and/or stock repurchases. In order to provide a meaningful basis for comparison, we are providing information with respect to our Free Cash Flow for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, reconciled for each such period to cash flow provided by operating activities, which we believe to be the most directly comparable measure under GAAP.

Adjusted EBITDA

We use Adjusted EBITDA to provide further information that is useful to an understanding of the financial covenants contained in the credit facilities as of March 31, 2017 of our most significant subsidiary, Covanta Energy, LLC ("Covanta Energy"), through which we conduct our core waste and energy services business, and as additional ways of viewing aspects of its operations that, when viewed with the GAAP results and the accompanying reconciliations to corresponding GAAP financial measures, provide a more complete understanding of our core business. The calculation of Adjusted EBITDA is based on the definition in Covanta Energy's credit facilities as of March 31, 2017, which we have guaranteed. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted for additional items subtracted from or added to net income. Because our business is substantially comprised of that of Covanta Energy, our financial performance is substantially similar to that of Covanta Energy. For this reason, and in order to avoid use of multiple financial measures which are not all from the same entity, the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and other financial measures presented herein are ours, measured on a consolidated basis. Under the credit facilities as of March 31, 2017, Covanta Energy is required to satisfy certain financial covenants, including certain ratios of which Adjusted EBITDA is an important component. Compliance with such financial covenants is expected to be the principal limiting factor which will affect our ability to engage in a broad range of activities in furtherance of our business, including making certain investments, acquiring businesses and incurring additional debt. Covanta Energy was in compliance with these covenants as of March 31, 2017. Failure to comply with such financial covenants could result in a default under these credit facilities, which default would have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and liquidity.

These financial covenants are measured on a trailing four quarter period basis and the material covenants are as follows:

- maximum Covanta Energy leverage ratio of 4.00 to 1.00, which measures Covanta Energy's Consolidated Adjusted Debt (which is the principal amount of its consolidated debt less certain restricted funds dedicated to repayment of project debt principal and construction costs) to its Adjusted EBITDA (which for purposes of calculating the leverage ratio and interest coverage ratio, is adjusted on a pro forma basis for acquisitions and dispositions made during the relevant period); and
- minimum Covanta Energy interest coverage ratio of 3.00 to 1.00, which measures Covanta Energy's Adjusted EBITDA to its consolidated interest expense plus certain interest expense of ours, to the extent paid by Covanta Energy.

In order to provide a meaningful basis for comparison, we are providing information with respect to our Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, reconciled for each such period to net income and cash flow provided by operating activities, which are believed to be the most directly comparable measures under GAAP. Our projected full year 2017 Adjusted EBITDA is not based on GAAP net income/loss and is anticipated to be adjusted to exclude the effects of events or circumstances in 2017 that are not representative or indicative of our results of operations. Projected GAAP net income/loss for the full year would require inclusion of the projected impact of future excluded items, including items that are not currently determinable, but may be significant, such as asset impairments and one-time items, charges, gains or losses from divestitures, or other items. Due to the uncertainty of the likelihood, amount and timing of any such items, we do not have information available to provide a quantitative reconciliation of full year 2017 projected net income/loss to an Adjusted EBITDA projection.

Adjusted EPS

Adjusted EPS excludes certain income and expense items that are not representative of our ongoing business and operations, which are included in the calculation of Diluted Earnings Per Share in accordance with GAAP. The following items are not all-inclusive, but are examples of reconciling items in prior comparative and future periods. They would include impairment charges, the effect of derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments, significant gains or losses from the disposition or restructuring of businesses, gains and losses on assets held for sale, transaction-related costs, income and loss on the extinguishment of debt and other significant items that would not be representative of our ongoing business. We will use the non-GAAP measure of Adjusted EPS to enhance the usefulness of our financial information by providing a measure which management internally uses to assess and evaluate the overall performance and highlight trends in the ongoing business. In order to provide a meaningful basis for comparison, we are providing information with respect to our Adjusted EPS for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, reconciled for each such period to diluted income per share, which is believed to be the most directly comparable measure under GAAP.