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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED March 31, 2018

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____
Commission File number 000-25001

Federated National Holding Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

65-0248866

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

14050 N.W. 14th Street, Suite 180, Sunrise, FL

(Address of principal executive offices)

33323

(Zip Code)

800-293-2532

(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 electronically submitted and posted on its corporate website, 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, or 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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Emerging growth company

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of May 4, 2018, the registrant had 12,719,777 shares of common stock outstanding.

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PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

**FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Debt securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost of \$434,667 and \$422,300, respectively)	\$ 429,457	\$ 423,238
Debt securities, held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	5,298	5,349
Equity securities, at fair value	16,515	15,434
Total investments (including \$0 and \$26,284 related to the VIE, respectively)	451,270	444,021
Cash and cash equivalents (including \$0 and \$14,211 related to the VIE, respectively)	55,591	86,228
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	87,201	135,492
Premiums receivable, net of allowance of \$72 and \$70, respectively (including \$0 and \$1,184 related to the VIE, respectively)	45,667	46,393
Reinsurance recoverable, net	146,091	124,601
Deferred acquisition costs	39,401	40,893
Income taxes receivable, net	4,699	9,510
Deferred income taxes, net	4,368	307
Property and equipment, net	3,797	4,025
Other assets (including \$0 and \$2,322 related to the VIE, respectively)	10,130	13,403
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 848,215	\$ 904,873
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	\$ 236,214	\$ 230,515
Unearned premiums	282,397	294,423
Reinsurance payable	38,489	71,944
Long-term debt, net of deferred financing costs of \$672 and \$749, respectively	44,328	49,251
Deferred revenue	5,924	6,222
Other liabilities	32,783	25,059
Total liabilities	640,135	677,414
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value: 1,000,000 shares authorized	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 25,000,000 shares authorized; 12,718,953 and 12,988,247 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	127	130
Additional paid-in capital	139,388	139,728
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(3,861)	1,770
Retained earnings	72,426	70,009
Total shareholders' equity attributable to Federated National Holding Company shareholders	208,080	211,637
Non-controlling interest	—	15,822
Total shareholders' equity	208,080	227,459
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 848,215	\$ 904,873

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
Revenue:		
Net premiums earned	\$ 82,109	\$ 81,660
Net investment income	2,943	2,318
Net realized and unrealized investment losses	(1,052)	(105)
Direct written policy fees	3,576	4,712
Other income	5,501	4,469
Total revenue	93,077	93,054
Costs and expenses:		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	46,071	56,899
Commissions and other underwriting expenses	30,221	27,568
General and administrative expenses	6,085	4,619
Interest expense	1,084	84
Total costs and expenses	83,461	89,170
Income before income taxes	9,616	3,884
Income taxes	2,371	1,435
Net income	7,245	2,449
Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(218)	27
Net income attributable to Federated National Holding Company shareholders	\$ 7,463	\$ 2,422
Net income per share attributable to Federated National Holding Company shareholders		
Basic	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.18
Diluted	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.18
Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding:		
Basic	12,850	13,432
Diluted	12,945	13,559
Dividends declared per share of common stock	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08

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FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
Net income	\$ 7,245	\$ 2,449
Change in net unrealized (losses) gains on investments, available-for-sale	(6,148)	3,710
Comprehensive income before income taxes	1,097	6,159
Income tax benefit (expense) related to items of other comprehensive income	1,587	(1,445)
Comprehensive income	2,684	4,714
Less: comprehensive (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(447)	7
Comprehensive income attributable to Federated National Holding Company shareholders	\$ 3,131	\$ 4,707

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FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In thousands, except share data)
(Unaudited)

	Total Shareholders'								
	Accumulated						Equity Attributable to		
	Preferred Stock	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Retained Earnings	Federated National Holding Company Shareholders	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Issued Shares	Amount							
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$ —	12,988,247	\$ 130	\$ 139,728	\$ 1,770	\$ 70,009	\$ 211,637	\$ 15,822	\$ 227,459
Cumulative effect of new accounting standards	—	—	—	—	(994)	994	—	—	—
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	7,463	7,463	(218)	7,245
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(4,332)	—	(4,332)	(229)	(4,561)
Dividends declared	—	—	—	—	—	(1,043)	(1,043)	—	(1,043)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	—	—	—	(1,005)	(305)	—	(1,310)	(15,375)	(16,685)
Shares issued under share-based compensation plans	—	53,571	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchases of common stock	—	(322,865)	(3)	—	—	(4,997)	(5,000)	—	(5,000)
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	665	—	—	665	—	665
Balance as of March 31, 2018	\$ —	12,718,953	\$ 127	\$ 139,388	\$ (3,861)	\$ 72,426	\$ 208,080	\$ —	\$ 208,080

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FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 7,245	\$ 2,449
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	1,052	105
Amortization of investment premium or discount, net	683	1,209
Depreciation and amortization	371	270
Share-based compensation	665	667
Tax impact related to share-based compensation	(77)	(50)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	48,291	44,475
Premiums receivable, net	726	(4,262)
Reinsurance recoverable, net	(21,490)	(1,181)
Deferred acquisition costs	1,492	(691)
Income taxes receivable, net	4,811	8,123
Deferred revenue	(298)	831
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	5,699	(3,773)
Unearned premiums	(12,026)	(1,927)
Reinsurance payable	(33,455)	(24,723)
Deferred income taxes, net of other comprehensive income	(2,290)	1,359
Other, net	11,019	864
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,418	23,745
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	4,262	3,704
Proceeds from sales of debt securities	73,830	124,863
Purchases of equity securities	(5,177)	(16,875)
Purchases of debt securities	(138,738)	(139,861)
Maturities and redemptions of debt securities	50,584	13,565
Purchases of property and equipment	(66)	(314)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,305)	(14,918)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Payment of long-term debt	(5,000)	—
Purchase of non-controlling interest	(16,685)	—
Purchases of Federated National Holding Company common stock	(5,000)	(1,876)
Issuance of common stock for share-based awards	—	1
Dividends paid	(1,065)	(1,050)
Net cash used in financing activities	(27,750)	(2,925)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(30,637)	5,902
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	86,228	74,593
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 55,591	\$ 80,495

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(Continued)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands)	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid (received) during the period for:		
Income taxes	\$ 70	\$ (6,675)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Federated National Holding Company and Subsidiaries
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
March 31, 2018

1. ORGANIZATION, CONSOLIDATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

Organization

Federated National Holding Company (“FNHC,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) is an insurance holding company that controls substantially all aspects of the insurance underwriting, distribution and claims processes through our subsidiaries and contractual relationships with independent agents and general agents. We, through our wholly owned subsidiaries, are authorized to underwrite, and/or place homeowners multi-peril (“homeowners”), personal automobile, commercial general liability, federal flood and other lines of insurance in Florida and other states. We market, distribute and service our own and third-party insurers’ products and other services through a network of independent and general agents.

Federated National Insurance Company (“FNIC”), one of our wholly owned insurance subsidiaries, is licensed as an admitted carrier, to write specific lines of insurance by the state’s insurance departments, in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. Monarch National Insurance Company (“MNIC”), our other insurance subsidiary, is licensed as an admitted carrier in Florida. Admitted carriers are bound by rate and form regulations, and are strictly regulated to protect policyholders from a variety of illegal and unethical practices. Admitted carriers are also required to financially contribute to the state guarantee fund used to pay for losses if an insurance carrier becomes insolvent or unable to pay loss amounts due to their policyholders.

Monarch National Insurance Company

The Company organized MNIC to write homeowners property and casualty insurance in Florida and obtained its certificate of authority from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (the “Florida OIR”) in March 2015. The Company’s joint venture partners were Crosswinds Investor Monarch LP (“Crosswinds Investor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Crosswinds Holdings Inc. (“Crosswinds Holdings”), a private equity firm and asset manager, and Transatlantic Reinsurance Company (“TransRe”), an international property and casualty reinsurance company. The Company and Crosswinds Investor each invested \$14.0 million for a 42.4% interest in Monarch Delaware Holdings LLC (“Monarch Delaware”) (each holding 50% of the voting interests in Monarch Delaware). TransRe invested \$5.0 million for a 15.2% non-voting interest in Monarch Delaware and loaned an additional \$5.0 million in debt evidenced by a promissory note bearing 6% annual interest payable by Monarch National Holding Company (“Monarch Holding”).

On February 21, 2018, FNIC closed its acquisition of the interests in Monarch Delaware held by Crosswinds Investor and TransRe pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement with Crosswinds Investor and TransRe dated November 27, 2017. FNIC purchased Crosswinds Investor’s 42.4% Class A membership interest and 50% voting interest for \$12.3 million, and TransRe’s 15.2% non-voting membership interest in Monarch Delaware for \$4.4 million. The outstanding principal balance and interest due on the \$5.0 million promissory note to TransRe was paid in full. Following the closing, Monarch Delaware and Monarch Holdings were merged into MNIC. With the completion of these transactions, FNIC owns 100% of MNIC.

Also in connection with the Company’s purchase of the Monarch Delaware interests, Crosswinds AUM LLC (“Crosswinds AUM”), a subsidiary of Crosswinds Holdings, will continue to serve as a investment consultant to FNHC for a quarterly fee of \$75,000 through December 31, 2018. In addition, subsidiaries of Crosswinds Holdings and TransRe will each have a right of first refusal through December 31, 2018 to participate in FNIC’s catastrophe excess of loss reinsurance program, at market rates and terms, up to a placement of \$10.0 million in reinsurance limit in the aggregate from Crosswinds Holdings and to a placement of \$10.0 million in reinsurance limit in excess of its placement on FNIC’s current catastrophe excess of loss reinsurance program from TransRe.

Material Distribution Relationships

Ivantage Select Agency, Inc.

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The Company is a party to an insurance agency master agreement with Ivantage Select Agency, Inc. (“ISA”), an affiliate of Allstate Insurance Company (“Allstate”), pursuant to which the Company has been authorized by ISA to appoint Allstate agents to offer the Company’s homeowners and commercial general liability insurance products to consumers in Florida. As a percentage of the total homeowners premiums we underwrote, 22.8% and 23.8%, were from Allstate’s network of Florida agents, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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SageSure Insurance Managers, LLC

The Company is a party to a managing general underwriting agreement with SageSure Insurance Managers, LLC (“SageSure”) to facilitate growth in our FNIC homeowners business outside of Florida. As a percentage of the total homeowners premiums, 11.8% and 8.6%, respectively, of the Company’s premiums were underwritten by SageSure, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of FNHC and its wholly-owned subsidiaries and all entities in which the Company has a controlling financial interest and any variable interest entity (“VIE”) of which the Company is the primary beneficiary. The Company’s management believes the consolidated financial statements reflect all material adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, necessary to fairly state the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company for the periods presented. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company identifies a VIE as an entity that does not have sufficient equity to finance its own activities without additional financial support or where the equity investors lack certain characteristics of a controlling financial interest. The Company assesses its contractual, ownership or other interests in a VIE to determine if the Company’s interest participates in the variability the VIE was designed to absorb and pass onto variable interest holders. The Company performs an ongoing qualitative assessment of its variable interests in a VIE to determine whether the Company has a controlling financial interest and would therefore be considered the primary beneficiary of the VIE. If the Company determines it is the primary beneficiary of a VIE, the Company consolidates the assets and liabilities of the VIE in its consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2017, in connection with the investment in Monarch Delaware, the Company had determined that the Company possessed the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance and the Company was the primary beneficiary of the VIE. As such, the Company consolidated Monarch Delaware in its consolidated financial statements. Refer to *Monarch National Insurance Company* above, related to our 100% ownership of Monarch Delaware that became effective on February 21, 2018. In accordance with the accounting standard on consolidation, a primary beneficiary that acquires additional ownership of the previously controlled and consolidated subsidiaries is accounted for as an equity transaction and re-measurement of assets and liabilities of previously controlled and consolidated subsidiaries is not permitted. As a result, we accounted for this transaction by eliminating the carrying value of the non-controlling interest to reflect our 100% ownership interest in MNIC as of February 21, 2018. The difference between the consideration paid and the amount by which the non-controlling interest was eliminated has been recognized in additional paid-in capital.

Revisions of Previously Issued Financial Statements

Revisions to the three months ended March 31, 2017, were described in Note 1 and Note 16 to our Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the "2017 Form 10-K").

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Our significant accounting policies were described in Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of the 2017 Form 10-K. Other than the changes noted in "Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements, Adopted" below, there have been no significant changes in our significant accounting policies for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

The Company prepares the accompanying consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty. Therefore, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment. Actual results may materially differ from those estimates.

Similar to other property and casualty insurers, the Company's liability for loss and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE") reserves, although supported by actuarial projections and other data, is ultimately based on management's reasoned expectations of future events. Although considerable variability is inherent in these estimates, the Company believes that the liability and LAE reserve is adequate. The Company reviews and evaluates its estimates and assumptions regularly and makes adjustments, reflected in current operations, as necessary, on an on-going basis.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements, Adopted

In January 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-01, *Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ("ASU 2016-01"), which addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments. In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-03, *Technical Corrections and Improvements to Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. Most notably, the combined new guidance required equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income. The Company adopted the guidance effective January 1, 2018, by reflecting a cumulative effect adjustment, which increased retained earnings and decreased accumulated other comprehensive income by \$1.0 million. This adjustment represented the level of net unrealized gains and losses associated with our equity investments with readily determinable market values as of January 1, 2018. The adoption also resulted in the recognition of less than \$0.1 million in our statement income and comprehensive income, which represented the change in net unrealized gains and losses on our equity securities for the first three months of 2018. Although the amount of change in net unrealized gains and losses on our equity securities for the first quarter of 2018 was not significant, we believe this new guidance could significantly increase our earnings volatility going forward.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02, *Income Statement-Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*. The update allowed a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Act. Guidance had previously required the effect of a change in tax laws or rates on deferred tax balances to be reported in income from continuing operations in the accounting period that includes the period of enactment, even if the related income tax effects were originally charged or credited directly to accumulated other comprehensive income. The Company adopted the guidance effective January 1, 2018, by reflecting a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings with an off-setting adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income for less than \$0.1 million.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to

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customers. The update replaces all general and most industry specific revenue recognition guidance (excluding insurance) currently prescribed by U.S. GAAP. The core principle is that an entity recognizes revenue to reflect the transfer of a promised good or service to customers in an amount that reflects that consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for that good or service. The Company adopted this update and the other related revenue standard clarifications and technical guidance effective January 1, 2018, using the modified retrospective approach. The Company completed the analysis of its non-insurance revenues and has concluded that the implementation did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230), Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments a consensus of the Emerging Issues Task Force* to improve the diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. The update provides guidance on specific cash flow classification issues including the following: (1) debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; (2) settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments or other debt instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing; (3) contingent consideration payments made after a business combination; (4) proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; (5) proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies; (6) distributions received from equity method investees; (7) beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and (8) separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. Previous GAAP did not include specific guidance on these eight cash flow classification issues. The Company adopted the guidance effective January 1, 2018, and the provisions of this update did not have an impact on our consolidated statements of cash flows or results of operations.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements, Not Yet Adopted

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The update will supersede the current lease guidance in Topic 840, *Leases* and lessees will be required to recognize for all leases, with the exception of short-term leases, a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis. Concurrently, lessees will be required to recognize a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The guidance is required to be applied using a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative periods presented in the financial statements. The guidance is required to be applied using a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative periods presented in the financial statements. All of the Company's leases are classified as operating leases under current lease accounting guidance. The Company expects to elect all of the standard's available practical expedients upon adoption. The update requires the Company to add the operating leases to the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company does not expect this standard will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which significantly changes the measurement of credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that are not measured at fair value through net income. The update requires entities to record allowances for available-for-sale debt securities rather than reduce the carrying amount, as currently performed under the OTTI model. The update also require enhanced disclosures for financial assets measured at amortized cost and available-for-sale debt securities to help the financial statement users better understand significant judgments used in estimating credit losses, as well as the credit quality and underwriting standards of an entity's portfolio. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. The Company is in the early stage of evaluating the impact that the update will have on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

3. FAIR VALUE

Federated National Holding Company and Subsidiaries
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)
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Fair Value Disclosures of Financial Instruments

The Company accounts for financial instruments at fair value or the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements are generally based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs are based on market data from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's view of market assumptions in the absence of observable market information. All assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- **Level 1** - Quoted market prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets is defined as a market where transactions for the financial statement occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis, or observable inputs.
- **Level 2** - Quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities and valuations, using models or other valuation techniques using observable market data. Significant other observable that can be corroborated by observable market data; and,
- **Level 3** - Instruments that use non-binding broker quotes or model driven valuations that do not have observable market data or those that are estimated based on an ownership interest to which a proportionate share of net assets is attributed.

The classification of assets and liabilities in the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value.

The Company's financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level of the fair value hierarchy of inputs used consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2018			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(In thousands)			
Debt securities - available-for-sale, at fair value:				
United States government obligations and authorities	\$ 77,109	\$ 52,601	\$ —	\$ 129,710
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	—	23,302	—	23,302
Corporate securities	—	258,518	—	258,518
International securities	—	17,927	—	17,927
Debt securities, at fair value	<u>77,109</u>	<u>352,348</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>429,457</u>
Equity securities, at fair value	<u>16,515</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>16,515</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 93,624</u>	<u>\$ 352,348</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 445,972</u>

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	December 31, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(In thousands)			
Debt securities - available-for-sale, at fair value:				
United States government obligations and authorities	\$ 51,219	\$ 46,918	\$ —	\$ 98,137
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	—	66,266	—	66,266
Corporate securities	—	240,919	—	240,919
International securities	—	17,916	—	17,916
Debt securities, at fair value	51,219	372,019	—	423,238
Equity securities, at fair value	15,434	—	—	15,434
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 66,653	\$ 372,019	\$ —	\$ 438,672

The Company's held-to-maturity debt securities are reported on the consolidated balance sheets at amortized cost and disclosed at fair value in Note 4. Investments in these notes to consolidated financial statements. The fair values of these securities are classified within Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and consist of United States government obligations and authorities, corporate securities and international securities. The fair value of the securities classified as Level 1 was \$3.9 million and \$4.0 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The fair value of the securities classified as Level 2 was \$1.3 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The Company has engaged a nationally recognized third party pricing service to provide the fair values of securities in Level 2. The Company reviews the third party pricing methodologies on a quarterly basis and tests for significant differences between the market price used to value the securities and the recent sales activities.

A summary of the significant valuation techniques and market inputs for each financial instrument carried at fair value includes the following:

- **United States Government Obligations and Authorities:** In determining the fair value for United States government securities in Level 1, the Company uses quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical or similar assets. In determining the fair value for United States government securities in Level 2, the Company uses the market approach utilizing primary valuation inputs including reported trades, dealer quotes for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, credit spreads, reference data and industry and economic events.
- **Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions:** In determining the fair value for state and municipal securities, the Company uses the market approach utilizing primary valuation inputs including reported trades, dealer quotes for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, credit spreads, reference data and industry and economic events.
- **Corporate and International Securities:** In determining the fair value for corporate securities the Company uses the market approach utilizing primary valuation inputs including reported trades, dealer quotes for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, credit spreads (for investment grade securities), observations of equity and credit default swap curves (for high-yield corporates), reference data and industry and economic events.
- **Equity Securities:** In determining the fair value for equity securities in Level 1, the Company uses quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical or similar assets. In determining the fair value for equity securities in Level 2, the Company uses the market approach utilizing primary valuation inputs including reported trades, dealer quotes for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, benchmark yields, credit spreads, reference data and industry and economic events.

There were no changes to the Company's valuation methodology and the Company is not aware of any events or circumstances that would have a significant adverse effect on the carrying value of its assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of March 31,

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2018 and December 31, 2017. There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy levels during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

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4. INVESTMENTS

Unrealized Gains and Losses

The difference between amortized cost or cost and estimated fair value and gross unrealized gains and losses, by major investment category, consisted of the following:

	Amortized Cost or Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
(In thousands)				
March 31, 2018				
Debt securities - available-for-sale:				
United States government obligations and authorities	\$ 131,292	\$ 231	\$ 1,813	\$ 129,710
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	23,535	54	287	23,302
Corporate	261,772	553	3,807	258,518
International	18,068	11	152	17,927
	434,667	849	6,059	429,457
Debt securities - held-to-maturity:				
United States government obligations and authorities	4,161	3	139	4,025
Corporate	1,072	6	4	1,074
International	65	—	—	65
	5,298	9	143	5,164
Total investments (1)	\$ 439,965	\$ 858	\$ 6,202	\$ 434,621

(1) As a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-01 on January 1, 2018 (see additional details in Note 2) our equity securities no longer have unrealized gains or losses, therefore they are not included as of March 31, 2018.

	Amortized Cost or Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
(In thousands)				
December 31, 2017				
Debt securities - available-for-sale:				
United States government obligations and authorities	\$ 98,739	\$ 244	\$ 846	\$ 98,137
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	66,319	325	378	66,266
Corporate	239,435	2,233	749	240,919
International	17,807	136	27	17,916
	422,300	2,938	2,000	423,238
Debt securities - held-to-maturity:				
United States government obligations and authorities	4,160	9	106	4,063
Corporate	1,123	21	—	1,144
International	66	1	—	67
	5,349	31	106	5,274
Equity securities	14,085	1,628	279	15,434
Total investments	\$ 441,734	\$ 4,597	\$ 2,385	\$ 443,946

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Net Realized and Unrealized Gains and Losses

The Company calculates the gain or loss realized on the sale of investments by comparing the sales price (fair value) to the cost or amortized cost of the security sold. Net realized gains and losses on investments are determined in accordance with the specific identification method.

Net realized and unrealized gains, by major investment category, consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Gross realized and unrealized gains:		
Debt securities	\$ 223	\$ 570
Equity securities	1,153	560
Total gross realized and unrealized gains	1,376	1,130
Gross realized and unrealized losses:		
Debt securities	(1,441)	(1,092)
Equity securities	(987)	(143)
Total gross realized and unrealized losses	(2,428)	(1,235)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	\$ (1,052)	\$ (105)

Proceeds from sale of investment securities were \$78.1 million and \$128.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The portion of unrealized gains and losses for equity securities that was recognized in the line item, net realized and unrealized gains on investments securities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was less than \$0.1 million.

Contractual Maturity

Expected maturities and contractual maturities may differ because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Amortized cost and estimated fair value of debt securities, by contractual maturity, consisted of the following:

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	March 31, 2018	
	Amortized	
	Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)	
Securities with maturity dates:		
Debt securities, available-for-sale:		
One year or less	\$ 50,526	\$ 50,394
Over one through five years	207,292	205,249
Over five through ten years	175,529	172,538
Over ten years	1,320	1,276
	434,667	429,457
Debt securities, held-to-maturity:		
One year or less	730	732
Over one through five years	3,940	3,812
Over five through ten years	628	620
	5,298	5,164
Total	\$ 439,965	\$ 434,621

Net Investment Income

Net investment income consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Interest income	\$ 2,887	\$ 2,169
Dividends income	56	149
Net investment income	\$ 2,943	\$ 2,318

Aging of Gross Unrealized Losses

Gross unrealized losses and related fair values for debt securities (and equity securities as of December 31, 2017), grouped by duration of time in a continuous unrealized loss position, consisted of the following:

	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
		(In thousands)				
March 31, 2018						
Debt securities - available-for-sale:						
United States government obligations and authorities	\$ 61,093	\$ 1,284	\$ 18,399	\$ 529	\$ 79,492	\$ 1,813
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	15,762	203	1,821	84	17,583	287
Corporate	198,468	3,547	5,022	260	203,490	3,807
International	14,682	152	—	—	14,682	152
	\$ 290,005	\$ 5,186	\$ 25,242	\$ 873	\$ 315,247	\$ 6,059

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	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
December 31, 2017	(In thousands)					
Debt securities - available-for-sale:						
United States government obligations and authorities	\$ 52,368	\$ 517	\$ 19,287	\$ 329	\$ 71,655	\$ 846
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	32,030	221	5,676	157	37,706	378
Corporate	109,780	625	6,452	124	116,232	749
International	8,935	27	25	—	8,960	27
	203,113	1,390	31,440	610	234,553	2,000
Equity securities	4,312	279	—	—	4,312	279
Total investments	\$ 207,425	\$ 1,669	\$ 31,440	\$ 610	\$ 238,865	\$ 2,279

As of March 31, 2018, the Company held a total of 1,346 debt securities that were in an unrealized loss position, of which 52 securities were in an unrealized loss position continuously for 12 months or more. As of December 31, 2017, the Company held a total of 866 debt and equity securities that were in an unrealized loss position, of which 73 securities were in an unrealized loss position continuously for 12 months or more. The unrealized losses associated with these securities consisted primarily of losses related to corporate securities.

The Company holds some of its debt securities as available-for-sale and as such, these securities are recorded at fair value. The Company continually monitors the difference between cost and the estimated fair value of its investments, which involves uncertainty as to whether declines in value are temporary in nature. If the decline of a particular investment is deemed temporary, the Company records the decline as an unrealized loss in shareholders' equity. If the decline is deemed to be other than temporary, the Company will write the security's cost-basis or amortized cost-basis down to the fair value of the investment and recognizes an OTTI loss in the Company's consolidated statement of operations. Additionally, any portion of such decline related to debt securities that is believed to arise from factors other than credit will be recorded as a component of other comprehensive income rather than charged against income. The company did not have any OTTI losses on its available-for-sale debt securities for the first three months of 2018 and 2017.

As discussed in Note 2 above, beginning January 1, 2018, the Company's equity investments are measured at fair value through net income. See Note 4 of 2017 Form 10-K for information on how the Company assessed and determined whether unrealized losses on our equity securities were other-than-temporary, which was primarily based on the duration of the decline in the fair value of such securities relative to their cost as of the balance sheet date. The company did not have any OTTI losses on its equity securities for the first three months of 2017.

Collateral Deposits

Investments, the majority of which were debt securities, with fair values of approximately \$12.8 million and \$12.9 million, were deposited with governmental authorities and into custodial bank accounts as required by law or contractual obligations as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

5. REINSURANCE

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Reinsurance is used to mitigate the exposure to losses, manage capacity and protect capital resources. The Company reinsures (cedes) a portion of written premiums on an excess of loss or a quota share basis in order to limit the Company's loss exposure. To the extent that reinsuring companies are unable to meet their obligations assumed under these reinsurance agreements, the Company remain primarily liable to its policyholders.

The Company is selective in choosing reinsurers and consider numerous factors, the most important of which is the financial stability of the reinsurer or capital specifically pledged to uphold the contract, its history of responding to claims and its overall reputation. In an effort to minimize the Company's exposure to the insolvency of a reinsurer, the Company evaluates the acceptability and review the financial condition of the reinsurer at least annually with the assistance of the Company's reinsurance broker.

Significant Reinsurance Contracts

2016-2017 Reinsurance Programs

FNIC's 2016-2017 reinsurance programs, which cost \$179.5 million, included \$125.6 million for the private reinsurance for FNIC's Florida exposure, with prepaid automatic premium reinstatement protection on all layers, along with \$53.9 million payable to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund ("FHCF"). The combination of private and FHCF reinsurance treaties afforded FNIC with \$2.2 billion of aggregate coverage with a maximum single event coverage totaled \$1.6 billion, exclusive of retentions. FNIC maintained its FHCF participation at 75% for the 2016 hurricane season. FNIC's single event pre-tax retention for a catastrophic event in Florida was \$18.5 million. In addition, FNIC purchases separate underlying reinsurance layers in Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina and Alabama to cover losses and LAE outside of Florida for each catastrophic event from \$8.0 million to \$18.5 million. Depending on the characteristics of the catastrophic event, and the states involved, FNIC's single event pre-tax retention could have been as low as \$8.0 million. The maximum pre-tax retention was \$18.5 million.

Additionally, the Company's private market excess of loss treaties became effective June 1, 2016 and July 1, 2016, and all private layers, except the FHCF supplemental layer reinsurance contract, have prepaid automatic reinstatement protection, which afforded us additional coverage against multiple catastrophic events in the same hurricane season. The Company obtained multiple year protection for a portion of its program; as a result, some of the coverage expired on June 30, 2017, and a portion of the coverage will remain in-force one additional treaty year until June 30, 2018. These private market excess of loss treaties structure coverage into layers, with a cascading feature such that substantially all private layers attach after \$18.5 million in losses for FNIC's Florida exposure. If the aggregate limit of the preceding layer is exhausted, the next layer drops down (cascades) in its place. Additionally, any unused layer protection drops down for subsequent events until exhausted.

MNIC's 2016-2017 catastrophe reinsurance program, which ran from either June 1 to May 31 or June 1 to June 30 (13 months), consisted of the FHCF and private market excess of loss treaties. All private layers had prepaid automatic reinstatement protection, which afforded MNIC additional coverage, and had a cascading feature such that substantially all layers attached at \$3.4 million for MNIC's Florida exposure.

2017-2018 Reinsurance Programs

FNIC's 2017-2018 reinsurance programs, which currently costs \$174.4 million, including \$124.0 million for the private reinsurance for FNIC's Florida exposure, with prepaid automatic premium reinstatement protection on all layers, along with approximately \$50.4 million payable to the FHCF. The combination of private and FHCF reinsurance treaties will afford FNIC with \$2.2 billion of aggregate coverage with a maximum single event coverage totaling approximately \$1.5 billion, exclusive of retentions. FNIC maintained its FHCF participation at 75% for the 2017 hurricane season. FNIC's single event pre-tax retention for a catastrophic event in Florida is \$18.0 million, down slightly from the 2016-2017 reinsurance programs.

FNIC's private market excess of loss treaties, covering both Florida and non-Florida exposures, became effective June 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017. All private layers have prepaid automatic reinstatement protection, except the FHCF supplemental layer reinsurance contract, which affords FNIC additional coverage for subsequent events. The reinsurance program includes multiple year protection with \$89.0 million of new multiple year protection this year and \$156.0 million of renewing multiple year

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protection from last year. These private market excess of loss treaties structure coverage into layers, with a cascading feature such that substantially all layers attach after \$25.1 million in losses for FNIC's exposure. FNIC purchased an underlying limit of protection for \$7.1 million excess of \$18.0 million with prepaid automatic reinstatement protection. These treaties are with reinsurers that currently have an A.M. Best Company ("A.M. Best") or Standard & Poor's rating of "A-" or better, or have fully collateralized their maximum potential obligations in dedicated trusts.

FNIC's non-Florida excess of loss reinsurance treaties affords us up to an additional \$21.0 million of aggregate coverage with first event coverage totaling \$5.0 million and second event coverage up to \$16.0 million. The Non-Florida retention is lowered to \$13.0 million for the first event and \$2.0 million for the second event (for hurricane losses only) on a gross basis though it is reduced to \$6.5 million and \$1.0 million on a net basis after taking into account the profit share agreement that FNIC has with our non-affiliated managing general underwriter that writes our Non-Florida property business. FNIC's Non-Florida reinsurance program cost includes \$1.7 million for this private reinsurance, including prepaid automatic premium reinstatement protection.

MNIC's 2017-2018 reinsurance program costing \$5.0 million, including \$3.2 million for the private reinsurance for MNIC's Florida exposure including prepaid automatic premium reinstatement protection on all layers, along with \$1.8 million payable to FHCF. The combination of private and FHCF reinsurance treaties affords MNIC with \$109.0 million of aggregate coverage with a maximum single event coverage totaling approximately \$68.1 million, exclusive of retentions. MNIC maintained its FHCF participation at 75% for the 2017 hurricane season.

MNIC's private market excess of loss treaties are effective July 1, 2017, and all private layers have prepaid automatic reinstatement protection, which affords MNIC additional coverage for subsequent events, and have a cascading feature such that substantially all layers attach at \$3.4 million for MNIC's Florida exposure. These treaties are with reinsurers that currently have an A.M. Best or Standard & Poor's rating of "A-" or better, or have fully collateralized their maximum potential obligations in dedicated trusts.

In addition to the excess of loss coverages described above, our reinsurance program also includes property quota-share treaties. One such treaty for 30% became effective July 1, 2014, and another for 10% became effective on July 1, 2015 with each running for two years. The combined treaties provided up to a 40% quota-share reinsurance on covered losses for the homeowners' property insurance program in Florida. The treaties are accounted for as retrospectively rated contracts whereby the estimated ultimate premium or commission is recognized over the period of the contracts.

On July 1, 2017, FNIC bound a new 10% quota-share on its Florida homeowners book of business, which excludes named storms. This treaty is not subject to accounting as a retrospectively rated contract.

On July 1, 2016, the 30% property quota-share treaty expired on a cut-off basis, which means as of that date the Company retained an incremental 30% of its unearned premiums and losses. On July 1, 2017, the 10% property quota-share treaty expired on a cut-off basis, which means as of that date we retained an incremental 10% of the underlying unearned premiums and losses. The reinsurers remain liable for 30% and 10% of the paid losses occurring during the terms of the treaties, until each treaty is commuted.

The Company's private passenger automobile quota share treaties are typically one year programs which become effective at different points in the year and cover auto policies across several states. These automobile quota share treaties cede approximately 75% of all written premiums entered into by the Company, subject to certain limitations including but not limited to premium and other caps.

Certain reinsurance agreements require FNIC and MNIC to secure the credit, regulatory and business risk. Fully funded trust agreements securing these risks for FNIC totaled \$2.7 million and \$2.6 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Reinsurance Recoverables

Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are recognized in a manner consistent with the claims liabilities associated with the reinsurance placement and presented on the consolidated balance sheet as reinsurance recoverables. Reinsurance recoverable, net consisted of the following:

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	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2017</u>
	(in thousands)	
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses	\$ 34,664	\$ 26,256
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid losses	111,427	98,345
Reinsurance recoverable, net	<u>\$ 146,091</u>	<u>\$ 124,601</u>

As of March 31, 2018, the Company had \$107.6 million million in reinsurance recoverables as a result of Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Irma made landfall in the United States as a Category 4 hurricane on September 10, 2017. Additionally, all reinsurers in our excess-of-loss reinsurance programs have an A.M. Best or Standard & Poor's rating of "A-" or better, or have fully collateralized their maximum potential obligations in dedicated trusts.

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Net Premiums Written and Net Premiums Earned

Net premiums written and net premiums earned consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands)	
Net premiums written:		
Direct	\$ 134,395	\$ 146,051
Ceded	(20,107)	(24,137)
	<u>\$ 114,288</u>	<u>\$ 121,914</u>
Net premiums earned:		
Direct	\$ 146,442	\$ 147,978
Ceded	(64,333)	(66,318)
	<u>\$ 82,109</u>	<u>\$ 81,660</u>

6. LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT RESERVES

The liability for loss and LAE reserves is determined on an individual-case basis for all claims reported. The liability also includes amounts for unallocated expenses, anticipated future claim development and IBNR.

Activity in the liability for loss and LAE reserves is summarized as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Gross reserves, beginning of period	\$ 230,515	\$ 158,110
Less: reinsurance recoverable (1)	(98,345)	(40,412)
Net reserves, beginning of period	<u>132,170</u>	<u>117,698</u>
Incurred loss, net of reinsurance, related to:		
Current year	48,459	60,277
Prior year loss development (2)	(653)	2,905
Ceded losses subject to offsetting experience account adjustments (3)	(1,735)	(6,283)
Prior years	<u>(2,388)</u>	<u>(3,378)</u>
Total incurred loss and LAE, net of reinsurance	<u>46,071</u>	<u>56,899</u>
Paid loss, net of reinsurance, related to:		
Current year	22,543	18,416
Prior years	30,911	36,316
Total paid loss and LAE, net of reinsurance	<u>53,454</u>	<u>54,732</u>
Net reserves, end of period	124,787	119,865
Plus: reinsurance recoverable (1)	111,427	34,472
Gross reserves, end of period	<u>\$ 236,214</u>	<u>\$ 154,337</u>

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- (1) Reinsurance recoverable in this table includes only ceded loss and LAE reserves.
- (2) Reflects loss development from prior accident years impacting pre-tax net income. Excludes losses ceded under retrospective reinsurance treaties to the extent there is an offsetting experience account adjustment.
- (3) Reflects losses ceded under retrospective reinsurance treaties to the extent there is an offsetting experience account adjustment, such that there is no impact on pre-tax net income.

The establishment of loss reserves is an inherently uncertain process and changes in loss reserve estimates are expected as such estimates are subject to the outcome of future events. The factors influencing changes in claim costs are often difficult to isolate or quantify and developments in paid and incurred losses from historical trends are frequently subject to multiple interpretations. Changes in estimates, or differences between estimates and amounts ultimately paid, are reflected in the operating results of the period during which such adjustments are made.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company experienced \$0.7 million of favorable loss and LAE reserve redundancy in accident year 2017. The redundancy was the result of additional ceded losses to reinsurers associated with Hurricane Irma.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company experienced \$2.9 million of unfavorable loss and LAE reserve development on prior accident years primarily in its personal automobile line of business, which was driven by adjustments to cession percentages in certain auto reinsurance treaties.

As previously disclosed, the Company entered into 30% and 10% retrospectively-rated Florida-only property quota share treaties, which ended on July 1, 2016 and 2017, respectively. These agreements included a profit share (experience account) provision, under which the Company will receive ceded premium adjustments at the end of the treaty to the extent there is a positive balance in the experience account. This experience account is based on paid losses rather than incurred losses. Due to the retrospectively-rated nature of this treaty, when the experience account is positive we cede losses under these treaties as the claims are paid with an equal and offsetting adjustment to ceded premiums (in recognition of the related change to the experience account receivable), with no impact on net income. Conversely, when the experience account is negative, the Company cedes losses on an incurred basis with no offsetting adjustment to ceded premiums, which impacts net income. Loss development can be either favorable or unfavorable regardless of whether the experience account is in a positive or negative position.

7. LONG-TERM DEBT

See Note 7 of our 2017 Form 10-K for information regarding our long-term debt.

As discussed in Note 1, the outstanding principal balance and interest due on the \$5.0 million promissory note to TransRe was paid in full in February 2018. The associated deferred financing costs for this debt of less than \$0.1 million were recognized as interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

8. INCOME TAXES

The provision for income tax expense for the three and three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

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	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands)	
Federal:		
Current	\$ 3,878	\$ 658
Deferred	(2,076)	527
Federal income tax expense	<u>1,802</u>	<u>1,185</u>
State:		
Current	1,002	172
Deferred	(433)	78
State income tax expense	<u>569</u>	<u>250</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 2,371</u>	<u>\$ 1,435</u>

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The actual income tax expense differs from the “expected” income tax expense (computed by applying the combined applicable effective federal and state tax rates to income before income tax expense) as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands)	
Computed expected tax expense provision, at federal rate	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,360
State tax, net of federal tax benefit	401	53
Other	(50)	22
Total income tax expense	\$ 2,371	\$ 1,435

The Tax Act makes broad and complex changes to the U.S. tax code, including, but not limited to reducing the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. SAB No. 118 provides guidance on accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act and a measurement period that should not extend beyond one year from the Tax Act enactment date for companies to complete the accounting under the FASB’s Accounting Standard Codification (“ASC”) 740 - Income Taxes (“ASC 740”). In accordance with SAB 118, a company must reflect the income tax effects of those aspects of the Tax Act for which the accounting under ASC 740 is complete. To the extent that a company’s accounting for certain income tax effects of the Tax Act is incomplete but it is able to determine a reasonable estimate, it must record provisional estimate in the financial statements. If a company cannot determine a provisional estimate to be included in the financial statements, it should continue to apply ASC 740 on the basis of the provisions of the tax laws that were in effect immediately before the enactment of the Tax Act. We did not record any adjustments to our provisional estimate during the first three months of 2018 and continue to evaluate the Tax Act.

The Company had an uncertain tax position of \$0.6 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The Company does not have a valuation allowance as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense in the consolidated statements of operations and statements of comprehensive income (loss). For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company did not recognize any expense for accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized no income tax expense related to an uncertain tax position. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recognized less than \$0.1 million income tax expense related to an uncertain tax position.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation and Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings, specifically claims litigation. The Company’s insurance subsidiaries participate in most of these proceedings by either defending third-party claims brought against insureds or litigating first-party coverage claims. The Company accounts for such activity through the establishment of loss and LAE reserves. The Company’s management believes that the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such ordinary-course claims litigation, after consideration of provisions made for potential losses and costs of defense, is immaterial to the Company’s consolidated financial statements. The Company is also occasionally involved in other legal and regulatory proceedings, some of which may assert claims for substantial amounts, making the Company party to individual actions in which extra contractual damages, punitive damages or penalties, such as claims alleging bad faith in the handling of insurance claims, are sought.

The Company reviews the outstanding matters, if any, on a quarterly basis. The Company accrues for estimated losses and contingent obligations in the consolidated financial statements if and when the obligation or potential loss from any litigation, legal proceeding or claim is considered probable and the amount of the potential exposure is reasonably estimable. The Company records such probable and estimable losses, through the establishment of legal expense reserves. As events evolve, facts

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concerning litigation and contingencies become known and as additional information becomes available, the Company's management reassesses its potential liabilities related to pending claims and litigation and may revise its previous estimates and make appropriate adjustment to the financial statements. Estimates that require judgment are subject to change and are based on management's assessment, including the advice of legal counsel, the expected outcome of litigation and legal proceedings or other dispute resolution proceedings or the expected resolution of contingencies. The Company's management believes that the Company's accruals for probable and estimable losses are reasonable and that the amounts accrued do not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The Company is a party to a Co-Existence Agreement effective as of August 30, 2013 (the "Co-Existence Agreement") with Federated Mutual Insurance Company ("Mutual") pursuant to which we agreed to certain restrictions on its use of the word "FEDERATED" without the word "NATIONAL" when referring to the Company and FNIC. In response to Mutual's allegations that our use of the word "FED" as part of our federally registered "FEDNAT" trademark infringes on Mutual's federal and common law trademark rights, in July 2016 we filed a declaratory judgment action for non-infringement of trademark in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida seeking a declaration that our federally registered trademark "FEDNAT" does not infringe any alleged trademark rights of Mutual and that Mutual does not own any trademark rights to the name or mark "FED" in connection with insurance services outside of Owatonna, Minnesota. In response to Mutual's demand for arbitration against us alleging a breach of the Co-Existence Agreement, on February 16, 2018 the arbitrator agreed that our "FEDNAT" trademark does not infringe on Mutual's federal or common law trademark rights. As a result, we have begun the process of re-branding the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to use the "FEDNAT" name. The arbitrator also required us to cease using the Federated National name within 90 days. The Company was unable to reach agreement with Mutual as to the timing of the name change ordered by the arbitrator and therefore two proceedings have been filed as a result. Mutual has filed a petition to confirm the award in federal court in the District of Minnesota. The Company has moved to dismiss that action on the bases that the Minnesota court does not have subject matter jurisdiction and may not exercise personal jurisdiction over FNHC. A hearing is set for June 6, 2018. The Company has also filed a motion to confirm the arbitration award in part and to vacate it in part in federal court in the Northern District of Illinois, which is where the arbitrator is located, to confirm that part of the award ruling that the Company's "FEDNAT" trademark does not violate Mutual's trademarks or the Co-Existence Agreement, and seeks to vacate that portion of the award that requires the Company to cease using the "Federated" in its name within 90 days on the basis that arbitrator exceeded his authority by requiring the Company to change its name in 90 days. There can be no assurances as to the outcome of this matter.

On March 2, 2017, the Company filed a complaint in Broward County, Florida court to enforce the terms of the restrictive covenants set forth in the Amended and Restated Non-Competition, Non-Disclosure and Non-Solicitation Agreement dated August 5, 2013, as amended, entered into between Peter J. Prygelski, III and our company during Mr. Prygelski's employment with us and set forth in the separation agreement he entered into in connection with his separation from our company. We believe that he accepted employment with a competitor in contravention of these restrictive covenants and therefore the Company is seeking injunctive relief, declaratory relief and damages. Mr. Prygelski has also filed an arbitration seeking declaratory relief as to his obligations under the above-referenced agreements and to recover the remainder of his severance and health insurance premium reimbursements. Because the Company is seeking monetary relief, the Company filed a counterclaim in the arbitration seeking damages and recovery of separation payments. The litigation seeking injunctive relief and the companion arbitration related to damages are ongoing. The final hearing on the arbitration is scheduled for May 14, 2018. There can be no assurances as to the outcome of this matter.

Assessment Related Activity

The Company operates in a regulatory environment where certain entities and organizations have the authority to require us to participate in assessments. Currently these entities and organizations include: Florida Insurance Guaranty Association ("FIGA"), Citizens Property Insurance Corporation ("Citizens"), FHCF, Florida Joint Underwriters Insurance Association ("JUA"), Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool ("GIIP"), Special Insurance Fraud Fund ("SIIF"), Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan ("FAIRP"), Georgia Automobile Insurance Plan ("GAIP"), Property Insurance Association of Louisiana ("PIAL"), Louisiana Automobile Insurance Plan ("LAIP"), South Carolina Property & Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association ("SCPCIGA"), Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association ("TPCIGA"), Texas Windstorm Insurance Association ("TWIA"), Texas

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Automobile Insurance Plan Association (“TAIPA”), Alabama Insurance Guaranty Association (“AIGA”), and Alabama Insurance Underwriters Association (“AIUA”). As a direct premium writer in Florida, we are required to participate in certain insurer solvency associations under Florida law, administered by FIGA.

FNIC is also required to participate in an insurance apportionment plan under Florida law, which is referred to as a JUA Plan. The JUA Plan provides for the equitable apportionment of any profits realized, or losses and expenses incurred, among participating automobile insurers. In the event of an underwriting deficit incurred by the JUA Plan, which is not recovered through the policyholders in the JUA Plan, such deficit shall be recovered from the companies participating in the JUA Plan in the proportion that the net direct written premiums of each such member during the preceding calendar year bear to the aggregate net direct premiums written in this state by all members of the JUA Plan. There were no material assessments by the JUA Plan as of December 31, 2017. Future assessments by the JUA and the JUA Plan are indeterminable at this time.

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Leases

The Company is committed under various operating lease agreements for office space. FNHC and its subsidiaries lease certain facilities, furniture and equipment under long-term lease agreements. Additional information about leases can be found in Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part II, Item 8, “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data,” of the 2017 Form 10-K.

10. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**Common Stock Repurchases**

The Company may repurchase shares in open market transaction or under Rule 10b5-1 trading plans from time to time in its discretion, based on ongoing assessments of the Company’s capital needs, the market price of its common stock and general market conditions. The amount and timing of all repurchase transactions are contingent upon market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other factors.

In March 2017, the Company’s Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase shares of common stock of FNHC, at such times and at prices as management determined advisable, up to an aggregate of \$10.0 million of common stock through March 31, 2018. This authorization was fully expended as of March 31, 2018.

In December 2017, the Company’s Board of Directors authorized an additional share repurchase program under which the Company may repurchase up to \$10.0 million (plus \$0.8 million remaining from previous authorization) of its outstanding shares of common stock through December 31, 2018. During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company repurchased 322,865 shares of its common stock at a total cost of \$5.0 million, which is an average price per share of \$15.49. As of March 31, 2018, the remaining availability for future repurchases of our common stock under this program was \$5.8 million.

Stock Compensation Plan

In April 2012, the Company’s Board of Directors adopted, and in September 2012 the Company’s shareholders approved, the Company’s 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (the “2012 Plan”). The 2012 Plan permits the issuance of up to 1,000,000 shares of the Company’s common stock, subject to adjustment as provided for in the 2012 Plan, in connection with the grant of a variety of equity incentive awards, such as stock options and restricted stocks. Officers, directors, executive management and all other employees of the Company and its subsidiaries are eligible to participate in the 2012 Plan. Awards may be granted singly, in combination, or in tandem. The 2012 Plan will expire on April 5, 2022.

Share-Based Compensation Expense

Share-based compensation arrangements include the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands)	
Restricted stock	\$ 665	\$ 667
Stock options	—	—
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 665	\$ 667
Intrinsic value of options exercised	\$ —	\$ 7
Fair value of restricted stock vested	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,350

The intrinsic value of options exercised represents the difference between the stock option exercise price and the weighted average closing stock price of FNHC common stock on the exercise dates, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market.

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Stock Option Awards

A summary of the Company's stock option activity includes the following:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Option Exercise Price
Outstanding at January 1, 2018	50,351	\$ 3.72
Granted	—	—
Exercised	—	—
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	50,351	\$ 3.72

Restricted Stock Awards

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense for all restricted stock awards ("RSAs") held by the Company's directors, executives and other key employees. For all RSA awards, excluding relative total shareholder return ("TSR"), the accounting charge is measured at the grant date as the fair value of FNHC common stock and expensed as non-cash compensation over the vesting term using the straight-line basis for service awards and over successive one-year requisite service periods for performance-based awards. Our expense for our performance awards depends on achievement of specified results, therefore the ultimate expense can range from 0% to 250% of target. Our TSR cliff vesting awards contain performance criteria which are tied to the achievement of certain market conditions. The TSR grant date fair value was determined using a Monte Carlo simulation and unlike the performance condition awards, the expense is not reversed if the performance condition is not met. This value is recognized as expense over the requisite service period using the straight-line recognition method.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Board of Directors granted 130,458 and 96,454 RSAs, respectively, vesting over three or five years, to the Company's directors, executives and other key employees.

RSA activity includes the following:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average
Outstanding at January 1, 2018	297,543	\$ 20.57
Granted	130,458	\$ 16.25
Vested	(53,571)	\$ 22.15
Cancelled	(16,539)	\$ 18.25
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	357,891	\$ 18.86

The weighted average grant date fair value is measured using the closing price of FNHC common stock on the grant date, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market.

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

Accumulated other comprehensive income consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2018			2017		
	Before Tax	Income Tax	Net	Before Tax	Income Tax	Net
	(in thousands)					
Accumulated other comprehensive income, beginning of period	\$ 2,287	\$ (593)	\$ 1,694	\$ 3,324	\$ (1,201)	\$ 2,123
Cumulative effect of new accounting standards	(1,349)	355	(994)	—	—	—
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassification	(7,200)	1,825	(5,375)	3,605	(1,404)	2,201
Reclassification adjustment for realized and unrealized losses (gains) included in net income	1,052	(238)	814	105	(41)	64
	(6,148)	1,587	(4,561)	3,710	(1,445)	2,265
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, end of period	<u>\$ (5,210)</u>	<u>\$ 1,349</u>	<u>\$ (3,861)</u>	<u>\$ 7,034</u>	<u>\$ (2,646)</u>	<u>\$ 4,388</u>

11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share (“EPS”) is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period, including vested restricted stock awards during the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares outstanding, noted above, adjusted for the dilutive effect of stock options and unvested restricted stock awards. Dilutive securities are common stock equivalents that are freely exercisable into common stock at less than market prices or otherwise dilute earnings if converted. The net effect of common stock equivalents is based on the incremental common stock that would be issued upon the assumed exercise of common stock options and the vesting of RSAs using the treasury stock method. Common stock equivalents are not included in diluted earnings per share when their inclusion is antidilutive.

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted EPS:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(in thousands, except per share data)	
Net income attributable to Federated National Holding Company shareholders	\$ 7,463	\$ 2,422
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - basic	12,850	13,432
Net income per share - basic	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	<u>\$ 0.18</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - basic	12,850	13,432
Dilutive effect of stock compensation plans	95	127
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - diluted	12,945	13,559
Net income per share - diluted	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	<u>\$ 0.18</u>
Dividends per share	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>

Dividends Declared

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In February 2018, our Board of Directors declared a \$0.08 per common share dividend, payable in June 2018, to shareholders of record on May 1, 2018, amounting to \$1.0 million.

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12. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITY

Refer to *Monarch National Insurance Company* in Note 1 above, for information about how we acquired 100% of Monarch Delaware; therefore, as of February 21, 2018, Monarch Delaware became a wholly-owned subsidiary instead of a VIE. Prior to February 21, 2018, FNU through the Monarch MGA Agreement, directed the activities which most significantly impact the Monarch Entities' insurance operating company, MNIC. MNIC's activities directed by FNU through the Monarch MGA Agreement included underwriting and claims. As a result, MNIC was a VIE prior to February 21, 2018, because the equity holders (i.e., FNHC, Crosswinds Holdings and TransRe owned 42.4%, 42.4%, and 15.2%, respectively, of Monarch Delaware), as a group, lacked the characteristics of a controlling financial interest.

In addition to having power to direct the activities which most significantly impacted MNIC, FNHC had the obligation to absorb the losses and/or the right to receive benefits that potentially could be significant through its 42.4% indirect equity interests in MNIC through Monarch Delaware and Monarch Holding.

As a result, FNHC was the primary beneficiary of MNIC, resulting in Monarch Delaware, MNIC's indirect parent company, consolidating into our financial statements.

The carrying amounts of Monarch Delaware, which could only be used to settle obligations of Monarch Delaware, and liabilities of Monarch Delaware for which creditors did not have recourse included the following:

	December 31, 2017
ASSETS	
Investments	
Debt securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	\$ 25,111
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value	1,173
Total investments	26,284
Cash and cash equivalents	14,211
Reinsurance recoverable	3,323
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	2,481
Premiums receivable, net	1,184
Deferred acquisition costs	1,722
Other assets	2,322
Total assets	\$ 51,527
LIABILITIES	
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	\$ 6,356
Unearned premiums	8,752
Reinsurance payable	1,802
Debt, net of deferred financing costs	4,930
Other liabilities	1,825
Total liabilities	\$ 23,665

Earned premiums and loss and LAE, attributable to Monarch Delaware, from January 1, 2018 to February 21, 2018, were \$2.3 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. Earned premiums and loss and LAE, attributable to Monarch Delaware for the three months ended March 31, 2017 were \$2.7 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

General information about Federated National Holding Company can be found at www.FedNat.com; however, the information that can be accessed through our web site is not part of our report. We make our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 available free of charge on our web site, as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with the SEC.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included under Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the “Form 10-Q”). In addition, reference should be made to our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and related “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the “2017 Form 10-K”).

Unless the context requires otherwise, as used in this Form 10-Q, the terms “FNHC,” “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Federated National Holding Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q or in documents that are incorporated by reference contains 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. These statements are therefore entitled to the protection of the safe harbor provisions of these laws. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “budget,” “contemplate,” “continue,” “could,” “envision,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “guidance,” “indicate,” “intend,” “may,” “might,” “outlook,” “plan,” “possibly,” “potential,” “predict,” “probably,” “pro-forma,” “project,” “seek,” “should,” “target,” “will,” “would,” “will be,” “will continue” or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections. While we believe these expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections are reasonable, such forward-looking statements are only predictions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. These and other important factors may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Management cautions that the forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q are not guarantees of future performance, and we cannot assume that such statements will be realized or the forward-looking events and circumstances will occur. Factors that might cause such a difference include, without limitation, the risks and uncertainties discussed under “Risk Factors” in our 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and discussed from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

Given these risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference into this Form 10-Q are made only as of the date hereof. We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to update any such statements or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any such statements to reflect future events or developments.

GENERAL

Federated National Holding Company (“FNHC,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) is an insurance holding company that controls substantially all aspects of the insurance underwriting, distribution and claims processes through our subsidiaries and contractual relationships with independent agents and general agents. We, through our wholly owned subsidiaries, are authorized to underwrite, and/or place homeowners multi-peril (“homeowners”), personal automobile, commercial general liability, federal flood and other lines of insurance in Florida and other states. We market, distribute and service our own and third-party insurers’ products and other services through a network of independent and general agents.

Federated National Insurance Company (“FNIC”), one of our wholly owned insurance subsidiaries, is licensed as an admitted carrier, to write specific lines of insurance by the state’s insurance departments, in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. Monarch National Insurance Company (“MNIC”), our other insurance subsidiary, is licensed as an

admitted carrier in Florida. Admitted carriers are bound by rate and form regulations, and are strictly regulated to protect policyholders. Admitted carriers are also required to financially contribute to the state guarantee fund used to pay for losses if an insurance carrier becomes insolvent or unable to pay loss amounts due to their policyholders.

Through our wholly-owned subsidiary, FedNat Underwriters, Inc. (“FNU”), we serve as managing general agent for FNIC and MNIC. MNIC was founded in 2015 through a joint venture. On February 21, 2018, FNIC acquired the interests in MNIC’s indirect parent company, Monarch Delaware Holdings LLC (“Monarch Delaware”) from our joint venture partners (see “Joint Venture,” below, for more information).

Joint Ventures

Monarch National Insurance Company

In March 2015, we organized MNIC and obtained its certificate of authority to write homeowners property and casualty insurance in Florida from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (the “Florida OIR”). We and Crosswinds Investor Monarch LP (“Crosswinds Investor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Crosswinds Holdings Inc. (“Crosswinds Holdings”), a private equity firm and asset manager, each invested \$14.0 million for a 42.4% membership interest (each holding 50.0% of the voting interests in Monarch Delaware). Transatlantic Reinsurance Company (“TransRe”), an international property and casualty reinsurance company invested \$5.0 million for a 15.2% non-voting membership interest in Monarch Delaware. TransRe also received a six-year promissory note in the principal amount of \$5.0 million bearing an annual interest rate of 6.0% payable by Monarch National Holding Company (“Monarch Holding”), the direct parent of MNIC and wholly owned subsidiary of Monarch Delaware (together with MNIC and Monarch Holding, the “Monarch Entities”). Crosswinds AUM LLC (“Crosswinds AUM”) provided investment management services to the Monarch Entities pursuant to an investment management agreement between the Monarch Entities and Crosswinds AUM.

MNIC expands our ability to provide insurance policies in Florida and strengthens our relationships with our partner agents. In connection with the organization of MNIC through the joint venture, we entered into the following agreements:

- FNU and MNIC entered into a managing general agent and claims administration agreement, pursuant to which FNU provided underwriting, accounting, reinsurance placement and claims administration services to MNIC. FNU received 4% of MNIC’s total written annual premium, excluding acquisition expenses payable to agents, for FNU’s managing general agent services; 3.6% of MNIC’s total earned annual premium for FNU’s claims administration services; and, a per-policy administrative fee of \$25 for each policy underwritten for MNIC. We also received an annual expense reimbursement for accounting and related services.
- The Monarch Entities and Crosswinds AUM, a wholly owned subsidiary of Crosswinds Holdings, entered into an investment management agreement, pursuant to which Crosswinds AUM managed the investment portfolios of the Monarch Entities. The management fee, on an annual basis, was 0.75% of assets under management up to \$100 million; 0.50% of assets under management of more than \$100 million but less than \$200 million; and, 0.30% of assets under management of more than \$200 million.
- MNIC and TransRe also entered into a reinsurance capacity right of first refusal agreement, pursuant to which TransRe had a right of first refusal for all quota share and excess of loss reinsurance agreements that MNIC determined necessary in its sole discretion for so long as TransRe remains a member of Monarch Delaware or the MNHC debt remains outstanding. TransRe also had the right to provide, at market rates and terms, a maximum of 15% of any reinsurance coverage obtained by MNIC in any individual reinsurance contract.
- Our Chief Executive Officer held his respective position and our Chief Accounting Officer held the position of Chief Financial Officer with the Monarch Entities.

On November 27, 2017, we entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Crosswinds Investor and TransRe, whereby we agreed to purchase Crosswinds Investor’s 42.4% Class A membership interest and 50.0% voting interest for \$12.3 million, and TransRe’s 15.2% non-voting membership interest in Monarch Delaware for \$4.4 million. We completed this transaction on February 21, 2018 for the agreed-upon purchase price and repaid the outstanding principal balance and interest due on the \$5.0

million promissory note to TransRe. Following the closing, Monarch Delaware and Monarch Holdings were merged into MNIC. With the completion of these transaction, FNIC owns 100% of MNIC.

Crosswinds AUM continues to serve as a investment consultant to FNHC for a quarterly fee of \$75,000 through December 31, 2018, and a subsidiary of Crosswinds Holdings and TransRe each have a right of first refusal through December 31, 2018 to participate in our catastrophe excess of loss reinsurance program, at market rates and terms, up to a placement of \$10.0 million in reinsurance limit in the aggregate from Crosswinds Holdings and up to a placement of \$10.0 million in reinsurance limit in excess of its placement on our current catastrophe excess of loss reinsurance program from TransRe.

Refer to Notes 1 and 12 for additional information regarding the accounting and consolidation of the joint venture.

Southeast Catastrophe Consulting Company, LLC

The Company owns 33% of Southeast Catastrophe Consulting Company, LLC (“SECCC”), based in Mobile, Alabama. The Company has an agreement with SECCC in which it provides claims adjusting services for FNIC and MNIC, primarily in the event of catastrophes, such as Hurricane Irma and Matthew.

Overview of Insurance Lines of Business

Homeowners’ Property and Casualty Insurance

FNIC and MNIC underwrite homeowners’ insurance in Florida and FNIC also underwrites insurance in Alabama, Texas, Louisiana and South Carolina. Homeowners’ insurance generally protects an owner of real and personal property against covered causes of loss to that property. The Florida homeowners’ policies in-force totaled 265,184 and 272,346 as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Florida

Our homeowners’ insurance products provide maximum dwelling coverage in the amount of approximately \$3.5 million, with the aggregate maximum policy limit being approximately \$6.3 million. We currently offer dwelling coverage “A” up to \$4.0 million with an aggregate total insured value of \$6.5 million. We continually review and update these subject limits. The typical deductible is either \$2,500 or \$1,000 for non-hurricane-related claims and generally 2% of the coverage amount for the structure for hurricane-related claims.

Premium rates charged to our homeowners’ insurance policyholders are continually evaluated to assure that they meet the expectation that they are actuarially sound and produce a reasonable level of profit (neither excessive, inadequate or discriminatory). Premium rates in Florida and other states are regulated and approved by the respective states’ office of insurance regulation. We continuously monitor and seek appropriate adjustment to our rates in order to remain competitive and profitable.

In 2017, FNIC applied for a statewide average rate increase of 6.5% for Florida homeowners multiple-peril insurance policies only, which was approved and increased by the Florida OIR to a statewide average rate increase of 10.0% and became effective for new and renewal policies on August 1, 2017. In 2016, FNIC applied for a rate increase of 5.6% for Florida homeowners multiple-peril insurance policies, which was approved by the Florida OIR and became effective for new and renewal policies on August 1, 2016.

Also in 2016, MNIC applied for a statewide average rate decrease of 11.9% for Florida homeowners multiple-peril insurance policies, which was approved by the Florida OIR and became effective for new and renewal policies on April 15, 2016. Lastly, in 2017, MNIC applied for a statewide average rate increase of 2.0% for Florida homeowners multiple-peril insurance policies, which was approved by the Florida OIR and became effective for new and renewal policies on October 1, 2017.

Non-Florida

Our non-Florida homeowners insurance products provide maximum dwelling coverage of approximately \$1.8 million, with the aggregate maximum policy limit being approximately \$3.5 million. We currently offer dwelling coverage “A” up to \$2.0 million with an aggregate total insured value of \$3.5 million. The approximate average premium on the policies currently in-force is \$1,803. The typical deductible is either \$2,500 or \$1,000 for non-hurricane-related claims and generally 2% of the coverage amount for the structure for hurricane-related claims. SageSure Insurance Managers, LLC (“SageSure”) receives a 50% profit share on our non-Florida homeowners insurance products. See Note 1 for information about our general underwriting agreement with SageSure.

Other Lines of Business

Personal Automobile: On December 19, 2017, we announced our decision to undergo an orderly withdrawal from this line of business and began the appropriate steps, including submitting all required regulatory filings and obtaining regulatory approvals. Subject to such approvals, we expect our personal automobile line of business to materially cease by the fourth quarter of 2018. We provide nonstandard personal automobile insurance principally to insureds who were unable to obtain standard insurance coverage due to such factors such as driving record, age, vehicle type or other, including market conditions. FNIC offered this

line of business as an admitted carrier in Florida, Texas, Georgia and Alabama, and marketed the insurance through licensed general agents in their respective territories.

Commercial General Liability: On March 13, 2018, we announced our decision to undergo an orderly withdrawal from this line of business and will begin the appropriate steps, including submitting all required regulatory filings and obtaining regulatory approvals. We underwrite for approximately 380 classes of skilled craft workers (excluding home-builders and developers) and mercantile trades (such as owners, landlords and tenants). The limits of liability range from \$100,000 per occurrence with a \$200,000 policy aggregate to \$1.0 million per occurrence with a \$2.0 million policy aggregate. We market the commercial general liability insurance products through independent agents and a limited number of unaffiliated general agencies.

Flood: FNIC writes flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”). We write the policy for the NFIP, which assumes 100% of the flood risk while we retain a commission for our service. FNIC offers this line of business in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina and Alabama.

See the discussion in Item 1: “Business” in our 2017 Form 10-K for additional information with respect to our business.

Regulation

All insurance companies must file quarterly and annual statements with certain regulatory agencies and are subject to regular and special examinations by those agencies. We may be the subject of additional special examinations or analysis. These examinations or analysis may result in one or more corrective orders being issued by the Florida OIR. The Florida OIR has completed their regularly scheduled statutory examination of FNIC for the five years ended December 31, 2015, of MNIC for the period of March 17, 2015 (inception) through December 31, 2015 and of MNIC for the year ended December 31, 2016. There were no material findings by the Florida OIR in connection with these examinations.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Operating Results Overview - Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2017

The following overview does not address all of the matters covered in the other sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations or contain all of the information that may be important to our shareholders or the investing public. This overview should be read in conjunction with the other sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations herein and in our 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following table sets forth results of operations for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	2018	% Change	2017
	(In thousands)		
Revenue:			
Gross premiums written	\$ 134,395	(8.0)%	\$ 146,051
Gross premiums earned	146,442	(1.0)%	147,978
Ceded premiums	(64,333)	(3.0)%	(66,318)
Net premiums earned	82,109	0.5 %	81,660
Net investment income	2,943	27.0 %	2,318
Net realized and unrealized investment losses	(1,052)	901.9 %	(105)
Direct written policy fees	3,576	(24.1)%	4,712
Other income	5,501	23.1 %	4,469
Total revenue	93,077	— %	93,054
Costs and expenses:			
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	46,071	(19.0)%	56,899
Commissions and other underwriting expenses	30,221	9.6 %	27,568
General and administrative expenses	6,085	31.7 %	4,619
Interest expense	1,084	1,190.5 %	84
Total costs and expenses	83,461	(6.4)%	89,170
Income before income taxes	9,616	147.6 %	3,884
Income taxes	2,371	65.2 %	1,435
Net income	7,245	195.8 %	2,449
Net (loss) income attributable to non-controlling interest	(218)	(907.4)%	27
Net income attributable to FNHC shareholders	\$ 7,463	208.1 %	\$ 2,422
Ratios to net premiums earned:			
Net loss ratio	56.1%		69.7%
Net expense ratio	44.2%		39.4%
Combined ratio	100.3%		109.1%

- (1) Net loss ratio is calculated as losses and LAE divided by net premiums earned.
- (2) Net expense ratio is calculated as all operating expenses less interest expense divided by net premiums earned.
- (3) Combined ratio is calculated as the sum of losses and loss adjustment expense and all operating expenses less interest expense divided by net premiums earned.

The following table summarizes our unaudited results of operations by line of business for the periods presented. Although we conduct our operations under a single reportable segment, we have provided line of business information as we believe it is useful

to our shareholders and the investing public. “Homeowners” line of business consists of our homeowners and fire property and casualty insurance business. “Automobile” line of business consists of our nonstandard personal automobile insurance business. “Other” line of business primarily consists of our commercial general liability and federal flood businesses, along with corporate and investment operations.

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
	2018				2017			
	Homeowners	Automobile	Other	Consolidated	Homeowners	Automobile	Other	Consolidated
	(Dollars in thousands)							
Revenue:								
Gross premiums written	\$ 122,815	\$ 6,347	\$ 5,233	\$ 134,395	\$ 121,221	\$ 19,291	\$ 5,539	\$ 146,051
Gross premiums earned	132,463	8,328	5,651	146,442	126,644	15,647	5,687	147,978
Ceded premiums	(55,058)	(6,117)	(3,158)	(64,333)	(56,048)	(7,611)	(2,659)	(66,318)
Net premiums earned	77,405	2,211	2,493	82,109	70,596	8,036	3,028	81,660
Net investment income	—	—	2,943	2,943	—	—	2,318	2,318
Net realized and unrealized investment losses	—	—	(1,052)	(1,052)	—	—	(105)	(105)
Direct written policy fees	1,923	1,467	186	3,576	2,124	2,430	158	4,712
Other income	3,977	488	1,036	5,501	2,791	1,059	619	4,469
Total revenue	83,305	4,166	5,606	93,077	75,511	11,525	6,018	93,054
Costs and expenses:								
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	41,955	2,236	1,880	46,071	44,802	9,559	2,538	56,899
Commissions and other underwriting expenses	27,356	1,860	1,005	30,221	22,046	4,266	1,256	27,568
General and administrative expenses	4,889	125	1,071	6,085	3,490	175	954	4,619
Interest expense	100	—	984	1,084	84	—	—	84
Total costs and expenses	74,300	4,221	4,940	83,461	70,422	14,000	4,748	89,170
Income (loss) before income taxes	9,005	(55)	666	9,616	5,089	(2,475)	1,270	3,884
Income taxes (benefits)	2,282	(14)	103	2,371	1,964	(956)	427	1,435
Net income (loss)	6,723	(41)	563	7,245	3,125	(1,519)	843	2,449
Net (loss) income attributable to non-controlling interest	(218)	—	—	(218)	27	—	—	27
Net income (loss) attributable to FNHC shareholders	\$ 6,941	\$ (41)	\$ 563	\$ 7,463	\$ 3,098	\$ (1,519)	\$ 843	\$ 2,422
Ratios to net premiums earned:								
Net loss ratio	54.2%	101.1%	75.4%	56.1%	63.5%	119.0%	83.8%	69.7%
Net expense ratio	41.7%			44.2%	36.2%			39.4%
Combined ratio	95.9%			100.3%	99.6%			109.1%

Revenue

Total revenue remained steady at \$93.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. Higher other income and net premiums earned was largely offset by lower direct written policy fees, as described below.

Gross Premiums Written

The following table sets forth the gross premiums written for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Gross premiums written:		
Homeowners Florida	\$ 108,371	\$ 110,853
Homeowners non-Florida	14,444	10,368
Automobile	6,347	19,291
Commercial general liability	2,514	3,296
Federal flood	2,719	2,243
Total gross premiums written	<u>\$ 134,395</u>	<u>\$ 146,051</u>

Gross written premiums decreased \$11.7 million, or 8%, to \$134.4 million in the quarter, compared with \$146.1 million for the same three-month period last year. Gross premiums written decreased due to the decline in Automobile and, to a lesser extent, homeowners Florida offset by the growth in homeowners non-Florida.

The lower premiums in Automobile was due to our decision to select specific types and amounts of premiums to be underwritten with consideration and focus on profitability. Automobile was not profitable throughout the 2017 year and we announced in December 2017 that we were taking the appropriate steps, including the completion of all required regulatory filings and approvals, to withdraw from Automobile. The increase in the homeowners non-Florida gross premiums written was due to the expansion of our operations outside of Florida, allowing us to leverage personnel and diversify insurance risk. Additionally, homeowners Florida written premiums this quarter includes the rate increase of 10.0%, which became effective on August 1, 2017.

Gross Premiums Earned

The following table sets forth the gross premiums earned for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Gross premiums earned:		
Homeowners Florida	\$ 118,824	\$ 117,544
Homeowners non-Florida	13,639	9,100
Automobile	8,328	15,647
Commercial general liability	2,629	3,194
Federal flood	3,022	2,493
Total gross premiums earned	<u>\$ 146,442</u>	<u>\$ 147,978</u>

Gross premiums earned decreased \$1.6 million, or 1%, to \$146.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, as compared to \$148.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017. Gross premiums earned decreased due to lower premiums written in Automobile over the past six to nine months, offset by higher premiums written over the past twelve to eighteen months in Homeowners, which have resulted in higher earned premiums as the premiums written has earned in.

Ceded Premiums Earned

Ceded premiums decreased \$2.0 million, or 3%, to \$64.3 million in the quarter, compared to \$66.3 million the same three-month period last year. Ceded premiums earned include the effect of the 10% Florida-only property quota share treaty, which became effective on July 1, 2017, offset the impact by the expiration of the 10% and 30% Florida-only property quota share treaties, which ended on July 1, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The ceded premiums associated with the 2017-2018 excess of loss reinsurance program in the first quarter of 2018 were in line with the costs associated with the 2016-2017 excess of loss reinsurance program in the first quarter of 2017.

Net Investment Income

Net investment income increased \$0.6 million, or 27%, to \$2.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2018, as compared to \$2.3 million during the three months ended March 31, 2017. The increase in net investment income was primarily due to the growth in our fixed income portfolio including a re-allocation of \$30 million of equity investments into fixed income securities. The increase was also due to the improvement in the yield on our fixed income portfolio as a result of portfolio repositioning during the first quarter of 2018, particularly the sale of tax-free municipal bonds, the proceeds of which were reinvested in taxable municipal and corporate fixed income securities with higher coupon rates. A portion of the increase in net investment income will be offset by higher federal income taxes, given that a lower percentage of our investment income originates from tax-free securities.

Net Realized and Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)

Net realized and unrealized investment losses were \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared to \$0.1 million in the prior year period. The results for the first quarter of 2018 reflect the decision to liquidate and transfer certain bond positions, including positions related to tax-free municipal securities. This liquidation was done to reduce exposure in certain bond types as well as consolidate our investment strategy between MNIC's investment securities and the rest of the Company's investment securities, which resulted in us selling out of certain bond and equity positions.

As discussed in Note 2 of the notes of our Consolidated Financial Statements, effective January 1, 2018, we began recording any unrealized gains (losses) for equity securities only through the income statement instead of through other comprehensive income. In future periods, this new accounting for equity securities may create volatility in our earnings.

Direct Written Policy Fees

Direct written policy fees decreased by \$1.1 million, or 24.1%, to \$3.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with \$4.7 million in the same period in 2017. The decrease in direct written policy fees is correlated to the lower number of policies issued in Automobile offset by an increase in policy issued in Homeowners. Additionally, further impacting the variance is the fact that Automobile policies have a higher policy fee amount per premium dollar than Homeowners policies.

Other Income

Other income included the following for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	2018	% Change	2017
	(In thousands)		
Other income:			
Commission income	\$ 1,409	(14.9)%	\$ 1,656
Brokerage	3,542	54.3 %	2,295
Partnership income	43	(172.9)%	(59)
Financing revenue	507	(12.1)%	577
Total other income	\$ 5,501	23.1 %	\$ 4,469

The increase in other income was due to higher brokerage revenue, which is the result of an increase in the amount of our homeowners reinsurance placed, the type of reinsurance purchased and the commissions paid on these reinsurance agreements in place during the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to during the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Expenses

Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

Losses and loss adjustment expenses (“LAE”) decreased \$10.8 million, or 19%, to \$46.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with \$56.9 million for the same three-month period last year. In the first quarter of 2018, the Company experienced decreased losses of approximately \$7.0 million in Automobile due to lower premiums earned and lower net loss ratio as compared to the first quarter of 2017. Additionally, the Company reduced the homeowners Florida net loss ratio selection due to earning in more of the 10.0% rate increase, effective August 1, 2017, which resulted in approximately \$1.0 million of lower losses. In the quarter, we had no severe weather events and \$0.7 million of favorable loss and LAE reserve redundancy in accident year 2017. The redundancy was the result of additional ceded losses to reinsurers associated with Hurricane Irma.

Lastly, in the first quarter of 2017, the Company recorded \$5.2 million of gross losses related to severe weather events offset by \$2.3 million of higher ceded losses related to homeowners' quota share treaties in the first quarter of 2017 as compared to the current quarter.

Commissions and Other Underwriting Expenses

The following table sets forth the commissions and other underwriting expenses for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Commissions and other underwriting expenses:		
Homeowners Florida	\$ 14,363	\$ 13,759
All others	6,452	8,524
Ceding commissions	(3,715)	(4,382)
Total commissions and other fees	17,100	17,901
Salaries and wages	3,766	3,675
Other underwriting expenses	9,355	5,992
Total commissions and other underwriting expenses	\$ 30,221	\$ 27,568

Commissions and other underwriting expenses increased \$2.6 million, or 9.6%, to \$30.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with \$27.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017. The increase was due primarily to higher costs related to the homeowners non-Florida 50% profit share provision as a result of higher profitability this quarter as compared to the first quarter of 2017. The higher profitability is the direct result of continued earned premium growth, together with good loss experience in these states. The increase in the ratio was also driven by higher legal and professional fees, including audit, tax and actuarial fees, related to work associated with year-end activities.

During the first three months of 2018, we also incurred \$0.4 million of severance and other related costs associated with our decision to exit our personal automobile lines of business and headcount reduction initiatives. Some of these costs are included in general and administrative expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses increased \$1.5 million, or 31.7%, to \$6.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with \$4.6 million in the prior year period. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to higher legal and professional fees, including audit, tax and actuarial fees, as well as higher payroll costs.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$1.0 million to \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with \$0.1 million in the prior year period. The increase in interest expense is the result of the Company issuing \$45.0 million of senior notes, late in December 2017. During the first quarter of 2017, the Company only had \$5.0 million of debt on its balance sheet. As a result of the Federal Reserve Board's rate actions, our interest expense associated with the \$25.0 million senior unsecured floating rate

note that bears interest at 7% above three month LIBOR, will increase by less than \$0.1 million during the second quarter of 2018.

Income Taxes

Income taxes increased \$1.0 million, to \$2.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, compared with a tax expense of \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017. The increase in income tax expense is the result of higher taxable income during the quarter as compared to the first quarter of 2017, offset by the decrease in the federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, effective January 1, 2018.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary sources of funds are net premiums, investment income, commission income and fee income. Our primary uses of funds are the payment of claims, catastrophe reinsurance premiums and operating expenses. As of March 31, 2018, the Company held \$451.3 million in investments. Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$30.6 million, to \$55.6 million as of March 31, 2018, compared with \$86.2 million as of December 31, 2017. Contributing to this decrease was a \$16.7 million payment related to FNIC acquiring the interest in MNIC's indirect parent company (see "General", "Joint Ventures," above for more information) and the \$5 million payment in full of the promissory note to TransRe. Total shareholders' equity decreased \$19.4 million, to \$208.1 million as of March 31, 2018, compared with \$227.5 million as of December 31, 2017. Contributing to this decrease was the \$16.7 million payment discussed above.

Historically, we have met our liquidity requirements primarily through cash generated from operations. In December 2017, we received proceeds of \$25.0 million principal amount of Senior Unsecured Floating Rate Notes due 2027 (the "2027 Notes"), pursuant to an indenture dated as of December 28, 2017 (the "Indenture"), as supplemented by a supplemental indenture dated as of December 28, 2017. In December 2017, we also received proceeds of \$20.0 million of Senior Unsecured Fixed Rate Notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes"), pursuant to the Indenture, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture dated as of December 29, 2017. A portion of the proceeds from the 2027 Notes and 2022 Notes was used on February 28, 2018 to infuse capital into FNIC. Refer to Note 17 of our 2017 Form 10-K for additional information regarding the capital infusion. The remaining proceeds are available to repurchase shares of our common stock, and for general corporate purposes, including managing the capital needs of our subsidiaries.

Among other things, the Indenture limits the Company's ability to incur additional debt without the approval of the existing noteholders. The supplemental indentures limit the Company's debt to equity ratio to 35%. The Company's actual debt to equity ratio at March 31, 2018 was approximately 21%.

Statutory Capital and Surplus of our Insurance Subsidiaries

As described more fully in "Item 1. Description of Business—Regulation," of our 2017 Form 10-K, the Company's insurance operations are subject to the laws and regulations of the states in which we operate. The Florida OIR and their regulatory counterparts in other states utilize the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") risk-based capital ("RBC") requirements, and the resulting RBC ratio, as a key metric in the exercise of their regulatory oversight. The RBC ratio is a measure of the sufficiency of an insurer's statutory capital and surplus. In addition, the RBC ratio is used by insurance industry ratings services in the determination of the financial strength ratings (i.e. claims paying ability) they assign to insurance companies. At December 31, 2017, FNIC's statutory surplus was \$162.2 million and its RBC ratio was 301.9%.

Based upon the 2017 statutory financial statements for FNIC and MNIC, statutory surplus exceeded the regulatory action levels established by the NAIC's RBC requirements.

Based on RBC requirements, the extent of regulatory intervention and action increases as the ratio of an insurer's statutory surplus to its ACL, as calculated under the NAIC's requirements, decreases. The first action level, the Company Action Level, requires an insurer to submit a plan of corrective actions to the insurance regulators if statutory surplus falls below 200.0% of the ACL amount. The second action level, the Regulatory Action Level, requires an insurer to submit a plan containing corrective actions and permits the insurance regulators to perform an examination or other analysis and issue a corrective order if statutory surplus falls below 150.0% of the ACL amount. The third action level, ACL, allows the regulators to rehabilitate or liquidate an insurer in addition to the aforementioned actions if statutory surplus falls below the ACL amount. The fourth action level is the Mandatory Control Level, which requires the regulators to rehabilitate or liquidate the insurer if statutory surplus falls below 70.0% of the ACL amount. FNIC's ratio of statutory surplus to its ACL was 301.9% as of December 31, 2017. MNIC's ratio of statutory surplus to its ACL was 1,070.1% as of December 31, 2017.

Cash Flows Discussion

We believe that existing cash and investment balances, when combined with anticipated cash flows and the proceeds of our debt offering as described above, will be adequate to meet our expected liquidity needs in both the short-term and the reasonably

foreseeable future. We believe the combined balances will be sufficient to meet our ongoing operating requirements and anticipated cash needs, and satisfy debt requirements. Future growth strategies may require additional external financing and we may from time to time seek to obtain external financing. We cannot assure that additional sources of financing will be available to us on favorable terms, or at all, or that any such financing would not negatively impact our results of operations. We expect to continue declaring and paying dividends at comparable levels, subject to our future liquidity needs and reserve requirements.

Subject to our compliance with capital requirements as described above, we may consider various opportunities to deploy our capital, including repurchases of our common stock if such repurchases represent a more favorable use of available capital.

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$12.4 million in the three months ended March 31, 2018 from \$23.7 million in the same period in 2017. This decrease primarily reflects the decreases in reinsurance recoverable, unearned premiums, and reinsurance payable, partly offset by an increase in loss and LAE reserves.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities of \$15.3 million in the three months ended March 31, 2018 related to purchases of debt and equity investment securities of \$143.9 million, partly offset by sales, maturities and redemptions of our debt and equity investment securities of \$128.7 million. Net cash used in investing activities of \$14.9 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 related to purchases of debt and equity investment securities of \$156.7 million, partly offset by sales, maturities and redemptions of our debt and equity investment securities of \$142.1 million.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 of \$27.8 million, primarily reflects purchase of non-controlling interest of \$16.7 million, payment of long-term debt of \$5.0 million, and repurchase of our common stock of \$5.0 million. Net cash used in financing activities of \$2.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017, primarily reflects repurchases of our common stock of \$1.9 million and dividend payments of \$1.1 million.

Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices

The consolidated financial statements and related data presented herein have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, which requires the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. Our primary assets and liabilities are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on performance than the effects of general levels of inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or with the same magnitude as the inflationary effect on the cost of paying losses and LAE.

Insurance premiums are established before we know the amount of losses and LAE and the extent to which inflation may affect such expenses. Consequently, we attempt to anticipate the future impact of inflation when establishing rate levels. While we attempt to charge adequate premiums, we may be limited in raising premium levels for competitive and regulatory reasons. Inflation may also affect the market value of our investment portfolio and the investment rate of return. Any future economic changes that result in prolonged and increasing levels of inflation could cause increases in the dollar amount of incurred losses and LAE and thereby materially adversely affect future liability requirements.

Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires us to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty. Therefore, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment. Actual results may materially differ from those estimates.

We believe our most critical accounting estimates inherent in the preparation of our financial statements are: (i) fair value measurements of our investments; (ii) accounting for investments; (iii) premium and unearned premium calculation; (iv) reinsurance contracts; (v) the amount and recoverability of deferred acquisition costs; (vi) reserve for loss and losses adjustment

expenses; and, (vii) income taxes. The accounting estimates that result require the use of assumptions about certain matters that are highly uncertain at the time of estimation. To the extent actual experience differs from the assumptions used, our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows would be affected.

There have been no significant changes to our critical accounting estimates during the three months ended March 31, 2018. Refer to Part II, Item 7: “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Critical Accounting Estimates” included in our 2017 Form 10-K for a more complete description of our critical accounting estimates.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our investment objective is to maximize total rate of return after federal income taxes while maintaining liquidity and minimizing risk. Our current investment policy limits investment in non-investment-grade debt securities (including high-yield bonds), and limits total investments in preferred stock, common stock and mortgage notes receivable. We also comply with applicable laws and regulations that further restrict the type, quality and concentration of our investments. In general, these laws and regulations permit investments, within specified limits and subject to certain qualifications, in federal, state and municipal obligations, corporate bonds, preferred and common equity securities and real estate mortgages.

Our investment policy is established by the Board of Directors Investment Committee and is reviewed on a regular basis. Pursuant to this investment policy, as of March 31, 2018, approximately 96% of investments were in debt securities and cash and cash equivalents, which are considered to be either held-until-maturity or available-for-sale, based upon our estimates of required liquidity. Approximately 99% of the debt securities are considered available-for-sale and are marked to market. We may in the future consider additional debt securities to be held-to-maturity securities, which are carried at amortized cost. We do not use any swaps, options, futures or forward contracts to hedge or enhance our investment portfolio.

There have been no material changes to the Company’s exposures to market risks since December 31, 2017. Please refer to the 2017 Form 10-K for a complete discussion of the Company’s exposures to market risks.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2018.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Limitations on Effectiveness

Our management and our audit committee do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors or all instances of fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated,

can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of the control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control gaps and instances of fraud have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments and decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and any design may not succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Part II: OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company is a party to a Co-Existence Agreement effective as of August 30, 2013 (the "Co-Existence Agreement") with Federated Mutual Insurance Company ("Mutual") pursuant to which the Company has agreed to certain restrictions on its use of the word "FEDERATED" without the word "NATIONAL" when referring to FNHC and Federated National Insurance Company. In response to Mutual's allegations that the Company's use of the word "FED" as part of the Company's federally registered "FEDNAT" trademark infringes on Mutual's federal and common law trademark rights, which the Company disputes, on July 21, 2016, the Company filed a declaratory judgment action for non-infringement of trademark in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Specifically, the Company seeks a declaration that its federally registered trademark "FEDNAT" does not infringe any alleged trademark rights of Mutual and that Mutual does not own any trademark rights to the name or mark "FED" in connection with insurance services outside of Owatonna, Minnesota. Mutual made a demand for arbitration in July 2016, and the district court referred the dispute to arbitration under the terms of the Co-Existence Agreement. On February 16, 2018, the arbitrator determined that the Company's "FEDNAT" trademark does not infringe on Mutual's trademarks and does not violate the Co-Existence Agreement. As a result, the Company has begun the process of re-branding the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to use the "FEDNAT" name. The arbitrator also required the Company to cease using the Federated National name within 90 days. FNHC was unable to reach agreement with Mutual as to the timing of the name change ordered by the arbitrator and therefore two proceedings have been filed as a result. Mutual has filed a petition to confirm the award in federal court in the District of Minnesota. The Company has moved to dismiss that action on the bases that the Minnesota court does not have subject matter jurisdiction and may not exercise personal jurisdiction over FNHC. A hearing is set for June 6, 2018. The Company has also filed a motion to confirm the arbitration award in part and to vacate it in part in federal court in the Northern District of Illinois, which is where the arbitrator is located, to confirm that part of the award ruling that the Company's "FEDNAT" trademark does not violate Mutual's trademarks or the Co-Existence Agreement, and seeks to vacate that portion of the award that requires the Company to cease using the "Federated" in its name within 90 days on the basis that arbitrator exceeded his authority by requiring the Company to change its name in 90 days. There can be no assurances as to the outcome of this matter.

On March 2, 2017, the Company filed a complaint in Broward County, Florida court to enforce the terms of the restrictive covenants set forth in the Amended and Restated Non-Competition, Non-Disclosure and Non-Solicitation Agreement dated August 5, 2013, as amended, entered into between Peter J. Prygelski, III and the Company during Mr. Prygelski's employment with the Company and set forth in the separation agreement he entered into in connection with his separation from the Company. The Company believes that he accepted employment with a competitor in contravention of these restrictive covenants and therefore the Company is seeking injunctive relief, declaratory relief and damages. Mr. Prygelski has also filed an arbitration seeking declaratory relief as to his obligations under the above-referenced agreements and to recover the remainder of his severance and health insurance premium reimbursements. Because the Company is seeking monetary relief, the Company filed a counterclaim in the arbitration seeking damages and recovery of separation payments. The litigation seeking injunctive relief and the companion arbitration related to damages are ongoing. The final hearing on the arbitration is scheduled for May 14, 2018. There can be no assurances as to the outcome of this matter.

Refer to Note 9 to our consolidated financial statements set forth in Part I, "Financial Statements" for further information about legal proceedings.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors,” of the Company’s 2017 Form 10-K. Please refer to that section for disclosures regarding what we believe are the most significant risks and uncertainties related to our business.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities. The following table sets forth information with respect to purchases of shares of our common stock made during the quarter ended March 30, 2018 by or on behalf of FNHC. All purchases were made in the open market or under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act.

	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans (1)
January 2018	40,789	\$ 16.03	40,789	10,127,392
February 2018	213,304	\$ 15.22	213,304	6,881,302
March 2018	68,772	\$ 16.00	68,772	5,780,911

- (1) In December 2017, the Company’s Board of Directors authorized an additional share repurchase program under which the Company may repurchase up to \$10.0 million (plus \$0.8 million remaining from previous authorization) of its outstanding shares of common stock through December 31, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, the remaining availability for future repurchases of our common stock was \$5.8 million.

Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Reimbursement Contract between Federated National Insurance Company and The State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA) as administrator of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF), effective June 1, 2018*
10.2	Reimbursement Contract between Monarch National Insurance Company and The State Board of Administration of Florida (SBA) as administrator of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (FHCF), effective June 1, 2018*
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act*
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document**
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document**
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document**
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document**
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document**

*Filed herewith.

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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.

FEDERATED NATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael H. Braun

Michael H. Braun, Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Ronald Jordan

Ronald Jordan, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: May 8, 2018