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Through Sustainable Growth...



**THIRD QUARTER 2021
INVESTOR UPDATE**

November 4, 2021



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Premium Value Proposition: Tracking Delivery



CNP Value Proposition

Sustainable Growth for Shareholders

Sustainable, Resilient, and Affordable Service for Customers

Sustainable Positive Impact on our Environment

10-Year Plan Deliverables

Progress

Raising 2021 non-GAAP Utility EPS (“Utility EPS”) Guidance to **\$1.26-1.28** (3rd raise); Targeting **industry-leading growth** of 8% annually 2022 – 2024 and mid to high-end of 6%-8% annually through 2030 ⁽¹⁾

✓ **6** quarters of meeting/exceeding expectations

Increasing 5-year Capital plan to \$18B+ ⁽²⁾, and introducing **10-year Capital plan** of \$40B+ ⁽²⁾, with more potential beyond our 10-year horizon

✓ **2** increases To 5-year plan

Utilizing >\$3B in expected proceeds ⁽³⁾; **No external equity issuance** planned through 2030 ⁽⁴⁾

✓ **No** issuance since May 2020 ⁽⁴⁾

Becoming a **Pure-play** Regulated Utility with a consistent **track record** of delivery

✓ **On track**

Executed contingent forward sale of Energy Transfer (ET) common units ⁽⁵⁾; Plan to **accelerate future midstream exit**

✓ **On track**

Maintaining balance sheet health; long term **FFO/Debt** ⁽⁶⁾ target of **14%-15%** through 2030

✓ **On track**

Keeping rates affordable through maintained O&M ⁽⁷⁾ discipline and customer growth ⁽⁸⁾

✓ **On track**

Announced **Net Zero direct emissions by 2035** target; nearly 15 years ahead of peer average ⁽⁹⁾

✓ **On track**

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 18 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS assumptions, non-GAAP measures and for the Net Zero disclaimer.

(1) Refers to Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021E – 2030E

(2) Refers to 5-year capital plan from 2021E to 2025E and 10-year capital plan from 2021E-2030E

(3) Refers to expected proceeds from announced transactions, coal asset securitization, and cash savings from repairs tax deduction

(4) Not including small issuance through dividend reinvestment plan

(5) Refers to forward sale agreement of 50M ET common units, subject to close of the pending ENBL and ET merger

(6) Consistent with Moody’s methodology; FFO is a non-GAAP measure

(7) Inclusive of Electric and Natural Gas Distribution business segments. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets

(8) Internal projection through 2030

(9) Peer group includes operators owning large scale generation, including CMS, AEE, D, DTE, DUK, LNT, PPL, SO, WEC, XEL

Third Quarter 2021 Results

Delivered non-GAAP EPS ⁽¹⁾ of \$0.33 with \$0.25 from Utility operations

Raising 2021 Utility EPS Guidance for the 3rd time this year

Raising 2021 Utility EPS guidance to \$1.26 - \$1.28;

Raising 2022 Utility EPS guidance to \$1.36 - \$1.38;

Projected annual Utility EPS growth of 8% through 2024, and mid to high-end of 6% - 8% annually thereafter through 2030

Disciplined Industry-Leading 11% Rate Base CAGR ⁽²⁾

Substantiated by five-year \$18B+ capital plan ⁽³⁾; Started executing on opportunities from TX legislation

Demonstrated Constructive Regulatory Outcomes

Constructive rate case settlements and CPCN approval for 400 MW of solar generation in Indiana; Started winter storm cost recovery or securitization proceedings in all natural gas jurisdictions ⁽⁴⁾; Rate case filed in Minnesota

No External Equity Issuance through 2030 ⁽⁵⁾ Due to Strategic Proceeds ⁽⁶⁾

Executing on strategic initiatives and recycling >\$3B in proceeds ⁽⁶⁾

Continued O&M ⁽⁷⁾ Management Effort to Support Growth

1% - 2% annual O&M ⁽⁷⁾ reduction savings can be re-injected into the business

....DISCIPLINED EXECUTION

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 18 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.

(1) GAAP diluted EPS was \$0.32 for third quarter 2021. Refer to slide 13 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures.

(2) Refer to rate base compound annual growth rate from 2020 to 2025E

(3) Refers to capital plan from 2021E to 2025E

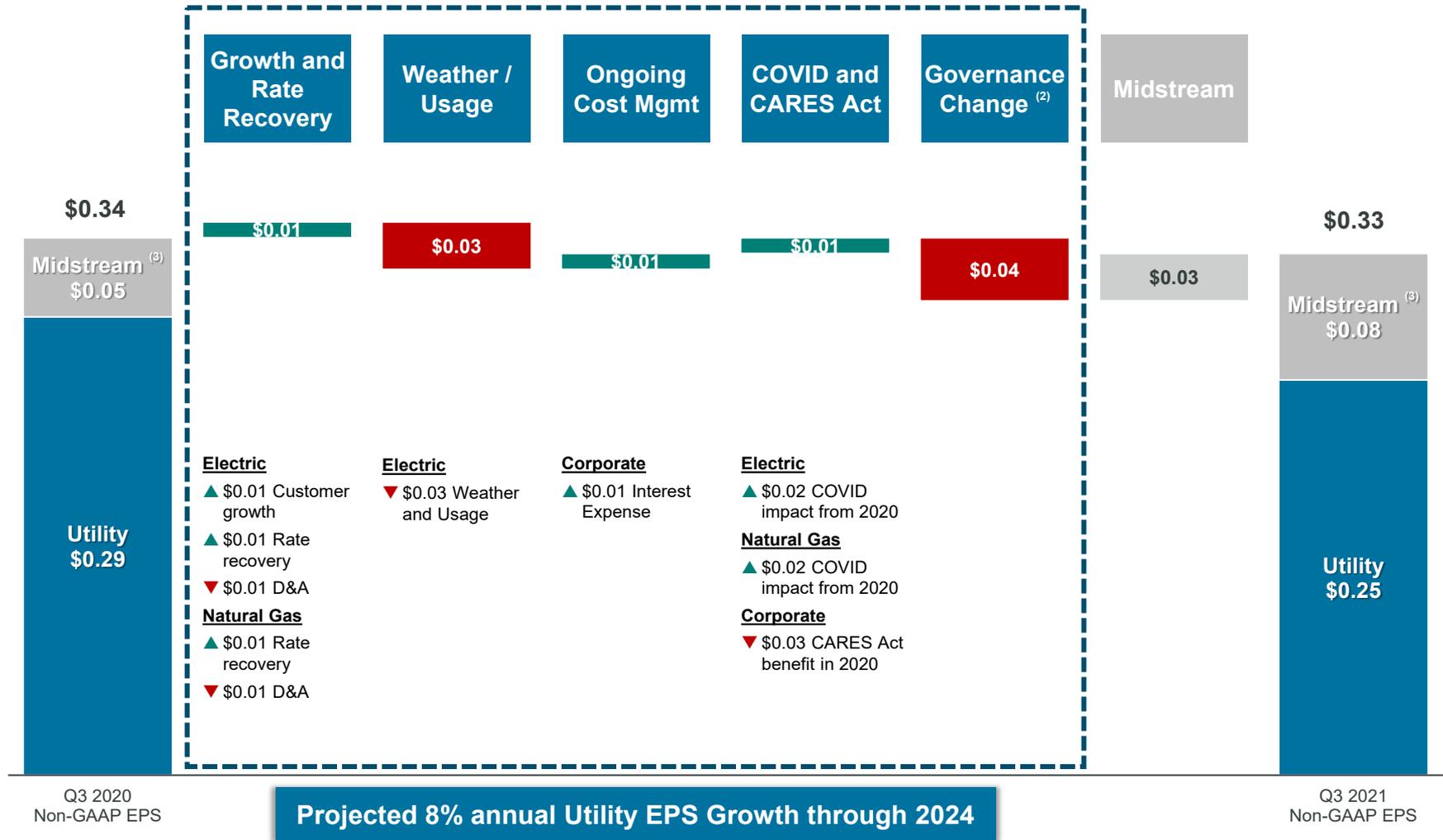
(4) Actual timing and the duration of the recovery may vary. Recovery in all jurisdictions subject to customary prudence reviews which may impact amounts recovered.

(5) Based on current 10-year plan; Does not include small issuance through dividend reinvestment plan

(6) Refers to expected proceeds from AR and OK gas LDC sales, ET unit sales, coal asset securitization, and cash savings from repairs tax deduction

(7) Inclusive of Electric and Natural Gas business. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets.

Q3 2021 v Q3 2020 Non-GAAP EPS ⁽¹⁾ Primary Drivers



Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 18 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures

(1) Refer to slide 13 and slide 15 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures

(2) Includes one-time lump sum payment associated with board-implemented governance change announced on July 22, 2021

(3) Reference Enable's Q3 2021 Form 10-Q and third quarter 2021 earnings materials dated November 1, 2021. Includes the effect of share dilution and associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution. Reported under Discontinued Operations.

2021 Financial Results and Current Guidance



	Third Quarter	YTD	2021E	2022E
GAAP EPS ^{(1) (2)}	32¢	\$1.25		
Non-GAAP EPS ^{(1) (2)}	33¢	\$1.28		
Utility EPS	25¢	\$1.00	\$1.26 – \$1.28	\$1.36 – \$1.38
Electric	31¢	64¢		
Gas	1¢	50¢		
Corporate & Other ⁽³⁾	(7)¢	(14)¢		

Raising Utility EPS Guidance

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(1) Inclusive of results from Discontinued Operations, i.e., Midstream Investments. Reference Enable's Q3 2021 Form 10-Q and third quarter 2021 earnings materials dated November 1, 2021. Includes the associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution.

(2) Refer to slide 13 and slide 14 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures

(3) Represents Corporate & Other results allocated to utility business, inclusive of costs related to board-implemented governance change

Capital Expenditures by Segment



	Current 5-Yr Plan ⁽¹⁾			10-Yr Plan ⁽²⁾	
	Q3	YTD	FY	5-YR	10-YR
	2021	2021	2021E ⁽³⁾	Plan	Plan
	<i>(\$ in millions)</i>				
Electric ⁽⁴⁾	444	1,364	~2,040	\$11B+	\$23B+
Natural Gas	359	900	~1,380	\$7B+	\$16B+
Corporate and other	11	32	~30	\$0.1B	\$0.2B
Total Capital Expenditures ⁽⁴⁾	\$814	\$2,296	~\$3,450	\$18B+	\$40B+

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements

(1) Refers to capital plan from 2021E to 2025E

(2) Refers to capital plan from 2021E to 2030E

(3) Represents 2021 capital plan forecast as of September 2021 Analyst Day

(4) Includes current and planned spend related to opportunities from recent TX legislation such as lease payments related to mobile generation units. Exact amount subject to certain regulatory treatments.

Key Regulatory Updates....



Rate Case Updates

- **Indiana South Rate Case:**
 - Approved 10/6/21
 - \$20.5M Revenue increase
 - 9.7% ROE / 45.74% Equity
- **Indiana North Rate Case:**
 - Settlement filed 6/25/21
 - \$5.967M Revenue decrease
 - 9.8% ROE / 46.21% Equity
- **Minnesota Rate Case:**
 - Filed 11/1/2021
 - \$67.1M Revenue increase
 - 10.2% ROE / 51.00% Equity / 7.06% ROR
 - Alternative Stabilization Plan: \$39.7M revenue increase with 6.86% ROR

Indiana IRP Update

- **Electric CPCNs:**
 - ✓ **400 MW Solar:** Approved in October 2021
 - **460 MW Gas CT:** Order expected Q2/Q3 2022
 - **335 MW Solar:** Order expected Q3 2022

Winter Storm Uri Updates

- **TX \$1.1B (remaining balance)**
 - ✓ Prudence Review Settled
 - Expected securitization by H1 2022
- **MN \$405M ⁽¹⁾**
 - ✓ Recovery over 27 months, started September 2021
 - Proposed to extend recovery to 63 months as part of rate case Stabilization Plan
- **AR \$329M**
 - ✓ Recovery over 5 years, started in May 2021
 - Expected sale close in Q4 2021
- **OK \$79M**
 - ✓ Securitization application filed in May 2021
 - Expected sale close in Q4 2021

Estimated remaining balance ~\$450M 12-15 months from the winter storm ^{(2) (3)}

....CONSTRUCTIVE ACROSS OUR FOOTPRINT

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.

(1) Subject to ongoing prudence review

(2) Assume current cost recovery mechanisms in place and securitization of winter storm-related gas costs in Texas. Actual timing and the duration of the recovery may vary. Recovery in all jurisdictions subject to customary prudence reviews which may impact amounts recovered.

(3) Recovery status for the remaining states: Indiana, Mississippi, South Louisiana – recovery through existing cost recovery mechanisms over 12 months; North Louisiana – recovery through existing cost recovery mechanism over 3 years with carrying costs.

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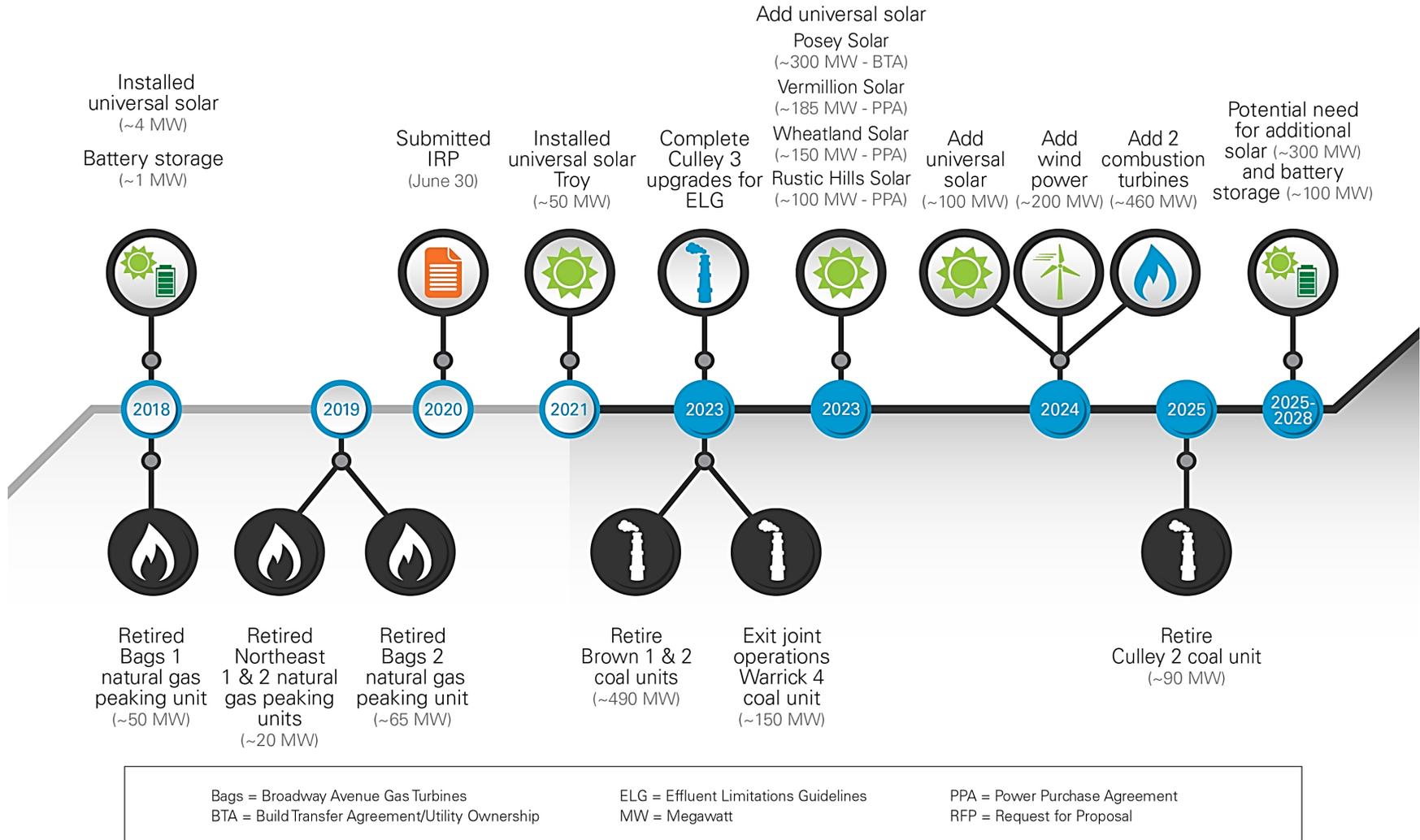
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Appendix

Expected Generation Project Timeline



Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. IRP – Integrated Resource Plan

Weather and Throughput Data



Electric

		Q3 2021	Q3 2020	2021 vs 2020
Throughput (in GWh)	Residential	11,174	11,675	(4)%
	Total	31,178	29,452	6%
Metered customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	2,480,292	2,420,855	2%
	Total	2,800,548	2,735,018	2%
Weather ⁽²⁾	Cooling degree days	101%	105%	(4)%
	Heating degree days	100%	200%	(100)%
	<i>Houston</i> Cooling degree days	101%	106%	(5)%
	<i>Houston</i> Heating degree days	0%	0%	-

Natural Gas

		Q3 2021	Q3 2020	2021 vs 2020
Throughput (in Bcf)	Residential	17	18	(6)%
	Commercial and Industrial	79	84	(6)%
	Total	96	102	(6)%
Metered customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	4,332,079	4,295,169	1%
	Commercial and Industrial	348,443	346,641	1%
	Total	4,680,522	4,641,810	1%
Weather ⁽²⁾	Heating degree days	39%	100%	(61)%
	<i>Texas</i> Heating degree days	0%	0%	-

Note: Data as of 9/30/2021

(1) End of period number of metered customers

(2) Percentage of normal weather for service area. Normal weather is based on past 10-year weather in service area.

Reconciliation: Income (Loss) and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per share to non-GAAP Income and non-GAAP Diluted EPS used in providing annual earnings guidance



	Quarter Ended							
	September 30, 2021							
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments (Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁴⁾		Consolidated	
Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	\$ 190	\$ 0.32	\$ 68	\$ 0.11	\$ (63)	\$ (0.11)	\$ 195	\$ 0.32
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$2) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	10	0.02	10	0.02
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$2) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	(9)	(0.02)	(9)	(0.02)
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$0) ⁽²⁾	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Impacts associated with pending gas LDC sales (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	5	0.01	5	0.01
Corporate and Other Allocation	(39)	(0.07)	(18)	(0.03)	57	0.10	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 152</u>	<u>\$ 0.25</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 202</u>	<u>\$ 0.33</u>

Note: Refer to slide 18 for information on non-GAAP measures

(1) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS. EPS figures for Utility Operations, Corporate and Other, and Discontinued Operations are non-GAAP financial measures.

(2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense

(3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc.

(4) Corporate and Other, plus income allocated to preferred shareholders

Reconciliation: Income (Loss) and Diluted Earnings (Loss) per share to non-GAAP Income and non-GAAP Diluted EPS used in providing annual earnings guidance



Year-to-Date
September 30, 2021

	Midstream Investments							
	Utility Operations		(Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁴⁾		Consolidated	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	\$ 693	\$ 1.15	\$ 202	\$ 0.34	\$ (145)	\$ (0.24)	\$ 750	\$ 1.25
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$9) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	(31)	(0.05)	(31)	(0.05)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$8) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	32	0.05	32	0.05
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽²⁾	5	0.01	—	—	—	—	5	0.01
Impacts associated with pending gas LDC sales (net of taxes of \$0, \$1) ⁽²⁾	(11)	(0.02)	—	—	(1)	—	(12)	(0.02)
Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$7) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	27	0.04	27	0.04
Corporate and Other Allocation	(85)	(0.14)	(33)	(0.06)	118	0.20	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 602</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ 169</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 771</u>	<u>\$ 1.28</u>

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	Quarter Ended September 30, 2020									
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments (Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁶⁾		CES ⁽¹⁾ & CIS ⁽²⁾ (Disc. Operations)		Consolidated	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	\$ 186	\$ 0.34	\$ (72)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (39)	\$ (0.07)	\$ (6)	\$ (0.01)	\$ 69	\$ 0.13
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$18) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(65)	(0.12)	—	—	(65)	(0.12)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$18) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	66	0.12	—	—	66	0.12
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$0, \$1) ⁽⁴⁾										
	2	—	—	—	2	0.01	—	—	4	0.01
Severance costs (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽⁴⁾										
	4	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	0.01
Impacts associated with the sales of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ (net of taxes of \$0) ⁽⁴⁾										
	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	0.01	7	0.01
Impacts associated with Series C preferred stock										
Preferred stock dividend requirement and amortization of beneficial conversion feature	—	—	—	—	23	0.04	—	—	23	0.04
Impact of increased share count on EPS if issued as common stock	—	(0.03)	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	(0.01)
Total Series C impacts	—	(0.03)	—	0.01	23	0.05	—	—	23	0.03
Loss on impairment (net of taxes of \$29) ⁽⁴⁾										
	—	—	92	0.15	—	—	—	—	92	0.15
Corporate and Other Allocation										
	(19)	(0.03)	7	0.02	13	0.01	(1)	—	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 173</u>	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>\$ 27</u>	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 200</u>	<u>\$ 0.34</u>

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- (1) Energy Services segment
- (2) Infrastructure Services segment
- (3) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS. EPS figures for Utility Operations, Corporate and Other, and Discontinued Operations are non-GAAP financial measures.
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	Year-to-Date September 30, 2020									
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments (Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁶⁾		CES ⁽¹⁾ & CIS ⁽²⁾ (Disc. Operations)		Consolidated	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	\$ 389	\$ 0.74	\$ (1,138)	\$ (2.17)	\$ (169)	\$ (0.32)	\$ (182)	\$ (0.35)	\$ (1,100)	\$ (2.10)
Timing effects impacting CES ⁽¹⁾:										
Mark-to-market (gains) losses (net of taxes of \$3) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	(10)	(0.02)	(10)	(0.02)
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$3) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(11)	(0.02)	—	—	(11)	(0.02)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$5) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	20	0.04	—	—	20	0.04
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1, \$3) ⁽⁴⁾	5	0.01	—	—	12	0.02	—	—	17	0.03
Severance costs (net of taxes of \$3, \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	11	0.02	—	—	2	—	—	—	13	0.02
Impacts associated with the sales of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ (net of taxes of \$10) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	217	0.41	217	0.41
Impacts associated with Series C preferred stock										
Preferred stock dividend requirement and amortization of beneficial conversion feature	—	—	—	—	39	0.08	—	—	39	0.08
Impact of increased share count on EPS if issued as common stock	—	(0.04)	—	0.12	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.09
Total Series C impacts	—	(0.04)	—	0.12	39	0.09	—	—	39	0.17
Losses on impairment (net of taxes of \$0, \$408) ⁽⁴⁾	185	0.33	1,269	2.29	—	—	—	—	1,454	2.62
Corporate and Other Allocation	(61)	(0.11)	(40)	(0.08)	107	0.19	(6)	—	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	529	0.95	91	0.16	—	—	19	0.04	639	1.15
Exclusion of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ Discontinued Operations⁽⁷⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	(19)	(0.04)	(19)	(0.04)
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis, excluding CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾	\$ 529	\$ 0.95	\$ 91	\$ 0.16	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 620	\$ 1.11

Note: Refer to slide 18 for information on non-GAAP measures

- (1) Energy Services segment
- (2) Infrastructure Services segment
- (3) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS. EPS figures for Utility Operations, Corporate and Other, and Discontinued Operations are non-GAAP financial measures.
- (4) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense
- (5) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc.
- (6) Corporate and Other, plus income allocated to preferred shareholders
- (7) Results related to Energy Services and Infrastructure Services discontinued operations are excluded from the company's non-GAAP results

Regulatory Information



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Estimated amortization for pre-tax equity earnings related to Houston Electric's securitization bonds

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Rate changes and Interim mechanisms filed

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith, CenterPoint Energy presents, based on diluted earnings per share, non-GAAP income and non-GAAP Utility earnings per share ("Utility EPS") as well as non-GAAP long-term funds from operations ("FFO") which are not generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's historical or future financial performance that excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

Utility EPS includes net income from Electric and Natural Gas segments, as well as after tax Corporate and Other operating income and an allocation of corporate overhead based upon the Utility's relative earnings contribution. Corporate overhead consists primarily of interest expense, preferred stock dividend requirements, and other items directly attributable to the parent along with the associated income taxes. Utility EPS excludes (a) earnings or losses from the change in value of CenterPoint Energy's 2.0% Zero-Premium Exchangeable Subordinated Notes due 2029 ("ZENS") and related securities, (b) certain expenses associated with Vectren merger integration, (c) earnings and losses associated with the ownership and disposal of midstream common and preferred units (including amounts reported in discontinued operations), net gain associated with the consummation of the pending merger between Enable and Energy Transfer, a corresponding amount of debt related to midstream common and preferred units, and an allocation of associated corporate overhead, (d) cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt and (e) gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with gas LDC sales. 2022 Utility EPS guidance excludes (a) earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities and (b) income and expense related to ownership and disposal of Energy Transfer units, a corresponding amount of debt related to the units and an allocation of associated corporate overhead. To the extent, the pending gas LDC sales or the pending merger between Enable and Energy Transfer do not occur in 2021, 2022 Utility EPS guidance will exclude the impacts associated with those items as referenced in the 2021 Utility EPS guidance. Utility EPS does not consider the items noted above and other potential impacts, such as changes in accounting standards, impairments or other unusual items, which could have a material impact on GAAP reported results for the applicable guidance period. Utility EPS also considers assumptions for certain significant variables that may impact earnings, such as customer growth and usage including normal weather, throughput, recovery of capital invested, effective tax rates, financing activities and related interest rates and regulatory and judicial proceedings. In addition, the Utility EPS guidance ranges assume the timing of pending gas LDC sales, the timing of pending merger between Enable and Energy Transfer, and the timing of our planned disposition of the Energy Transfer common units and preferred units that we expect to receive as part of the merger between Enable and Energy Transfer. To the extent actual results deviate from these assumptions, the Utility EPS guidance ranges may not be met or the projected annual Utility EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking Utility EPS and long-term FFO because changes in the value of ZENS and related securities, future impairments and other unusual items are not estimable and are difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control.

The appendix to this presentation contains a reconciliation of income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share to the basis used in providing guidance.

Management evaluates the Company's financial performance in part based on non-GAAP income, Utility EPS and long-term FFO. Management believes that presenting these non-GAAP financial measures enhances an investor's understanding of CenterPoint Energy's overall financial performance by providing them with an additional meaningful and relevant comparison of current and anticipated future results across periods. The adjustments made in these non-GAAP financial measures exclude items that Management believes do not most accurately reflect the Company's fundamental business performance. These excluded items are reflected in the reconciliation tables, where applicable. CenterPoint Energy's non-GAAP income, Utility EPS and long-term FFO non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, income available to common shareholders, diluted earnings per share and net cash provided by operating activities, which, respectively, are the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures also may be different than non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

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While we believe that we have a clear path towards achieving our net zero emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) by 2035 goals, our analysis and path forward required us to make a number of assumptions. These goals and underlying assumptions involve risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees. Should one or more of our underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and ability to achieve net zero emissions by 2035 could differ materially from our expectations. Certain of the assumptions that could impact our ability to meet our net zero emissions goals include, but are not limited to: emission levels, service territory size and capacity needs remaining in line with Company expectations (inclusive of changes related to the sale of our Natural Gas businesses in Arkansas and Oklahoma); regulatory approval of Indiana Electric's generation transition plan; impacts of future environmental regulations or legislation; impacts of future carbon pricing regulation or legislation, including a future carbon tax; price, availability and regulation of carbon offsets; price of fuel, such as natural gas; cost of energy generation technologies, such as wind and solar, natural gas and storage solutions; adoption of alternative energy by the public, including adoption of electric vehicles; rate of technology innovation with regards to alternative energy resources; our ability to implement our modernization plans for our pipelines and facilities; the ability to complete and implement generation alternatives to Indiana Electric's coal generation and retirement dates of Indiana Electric's coal facilities by 2035; the ability to construct and/or permit new natural gas pipelines; the ability to procure resources needed to build at a reasonable cost, the lack of scarcity of resources and labor, the lack of any project cancellations, construction delays or overruns and the ability to appropriately estimate costs of new generation; impact of any supply chain disruptions; and enhancement of energy efficiencies. Please also review the section entitled "Cautionary Statement and Other Disclaimers" included in this presentation