UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 3, 2018

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-31447 (Commission File Number) 74-0694415 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77002 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

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Emerging Growth Company $\ \square$

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.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 21, 2018, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the "Company") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Company, Vectren Corporation, an Indiana corporation ("Vectren"), and Pacer Merger Sub, Inc., an Indiana corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, Merger Sub will merge with and into Vectren (the "Merger"), with Vectren continuing as the surviving corporation in the Merger and becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. The Company expects to complete the Merger in the first quarter of 2019.

This Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed to provide pro forma condensed combined financial information relating to the Merger, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information relating to the Merger is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The exhibits listed below are filed herewith.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99.1

Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information relating to the Merger.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 3, 2018

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin

Kristie L. Colvin Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements (pro forma financial statements) have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint Energy) and Vectren Corporation (Vectren). The following pro forma financial statements should be read in conjunction with:

- the accompanying Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements;
- the consolidated financial statements of CenterPoint Energy as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, included in CenterPoint Energy's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 22, 2018;
- the unaudited consolidated financial statements of CenterPoint Energy as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2018, included in CenterPoint Energy's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018, filed with the SEC on August 3, 2018;
- the consolidated financial statements of Vectren as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, attached as Exhibit 99.1 to CenterPoint Energy's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 14, 2018; and
- the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Vectren as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2018, attached as Exhibit 99.2 to CenterPoint Energy's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 14, 2018.

On April 21, 2018, CenterPoint Energy entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (Merger Agreement), by and among CenterPoint Energy, Vectren and Pacer Merger Sub, Inc., an Indiana corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy (Merger Sub). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, Merger Sub will merge with and into Vectren (Vectren Merger), with Vectren continuing as the surviving corporation in the Vectren Merger and becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income (pro forma statements of income) for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and the year ended December 31, 2017, give effect to the Vectren Merger as if it were completed on January 1, 2017. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet (pro forma balance sheet) as of June 30, 2018, gives effect to the Vectren Merger as if it were completed on June 30, 2018.

The historical financial information has been adjusted in the pro forma financial statements to give effect to pro forma events that are (i) directly attributable to the Vectren Merger, (ii) factually supportable and (iii) with respect to the statements of income, expected to have a continuing impact on the combined results following the Vectren Merger.

The Vectren Merger will be accounted for as an acquisition of Vectren common shares by CenterPoint Energy and will follow the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations. The pro forma financial statements reflect an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$6.0 billion in cash, based upon the "Merger Consideration" (as defined in the Merger Agreement) of \$72.00 per share for each share of common stock of Vectren issued and outstanding immediately prior to close of the Vectren Merger.

CenterPoint Energy has obtained committed financing in the form of a \$5.0 billion senior unsecured bridge term loan facility (Bridge Facility) from Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and a syndicate of lenders. CenterPoint Energy intends to terminate all remaining commitments under the Bridge Facility promptly following the planned issuance of unsecured senior notes (Senior Notes Issuance). As a result, these pro forma financial statements assume that CenterPoint Energy will not borrow any amounts under the Bridge Facility. To the extent, however, there were any borrowings under the Bridge Facility, such borrowings would be classified as short-term debt in current liabilities.

For purposes of the pro forma financial statements, CenterPoint Energy has assumed the receipt of gross proceeds from the following transactions (three of which have been completed) to fund, after payment of issuance costs and discounts, the approximately \$6 billion gross cash consideration Vectren Merger purchase price (see Note 3 for further details):

\$800 million from the issuance of CenterPoint Energy's Series A Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock (Series A Preferred Stock) completed on August 22, 2018;

- \$978 million from the issuance of CenterPoint Energy's 7.00% Series B Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (Series B Preferred Stock) completed on October 1, 2018;
- \$1.9 billion from the issuance of CenterPoint Energy common stock (Common Stock) completed on October 1, 2018;
- \$1.5 billion from the planned Senior Notes Issuance; and
- borrowings of approximately \$900 million under the Revolving Credit Facility.

However, in lieu of drawing on the Revolving Credit Facility, CenterPoint Energy anticipates financing that portion of the Vectren Merger reflected above with commercial paper, subject to then current market conditions, as well as with cash on hand. CenterPoint Energy's financing assumptions for the commercial paper issuances (Remaining Merger Debt Financings) are detailed in the accompanying notes but are not reflected in the pro forma statements of income or pro forma balance sheet.

Assumptions and estimates underlying the pro forma adjustments are described in the accompanying notes, which should be read with the pro forma financial statements. Because the pro forma financial statements have been prepared based on preliminary estimates, the total amounts recorded at the date of the Vectren Merger may differ materially from the information presented in the pro forma financial statements. These estimates are subject to change pending further review of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the Vectren Merger and the final purchase price of the Vectren Merger.

The pro forma financial statements have been presented for illustrative purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations and financial position that would have been achieved had the pro forma events taken place on the dates indicated, or the future consolidated results of operations or financial position of the combined company.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC. UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2018

	CenterPoin Energy Historical	t Vectren Historical (Note 6)	Pro Forma Adjustments (Note 4) (In Millions)	CenterPoint Energy Pro Forma
Current Assets:			(in Minions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 328	3 \$ 10	\$ — (a)) \$ 328
			(10)(g)
Investment in marketable securities	584	1 —	_	584
Accounts receivable, net	958	3 232		1,190
Accrued unbilled revenues	207	7 148		355
Natural gas and fuel inventory	152	2 51		203
Materials and supplies	192	2 53		245
Non-trading derivative assets	74	4 —		74
Taxes receivable	39) —	—	39
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	167	7 53	—	220
Total current assets	2,701	L 547	(10)	3,238
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	13,397	7 4,923	_	18,320
Other Assets:				
Goodwill	867	7 293	4,156 (b)) 5,316
Regulatory assets	2,067	7 441	(107)(d) 2,401
Non-trading derivative assets	46	6 —	_	46
Investment in unconsolidated affiliate	2,451	L 2	_	2,453
Preferred units – unconsolidated affiliate	363	3 —	_	363
Intangible assets	69) 30	170 (c)) 269
Other	147	7 60	(18)(h) 233
			(2)(j)	
			<u>46 (g)</u>)
Total other assets	6,010	826	4,245	11,081
Total Assets	\$ 22,108	\$ 6,296	\$ 4,235	\$ 32,639

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC. UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET—(continued) June 30, 2018

	Ei	erPoint nergy torical	Vectren Historical (Note 6)		Adju (N	Forma stments ote 4)	E	nterPoint Energy 5 Forma
Current Liabilities:				(lı	n Million	5)		
Short-term borrowings	\$	_	\$	248	\$	36 (g)	\$	284
Current portion of VIE Securitization Bonds long-term debt		446	-	_	-			446
Indexed debt, net		26				_		26
Current portion of other long-term debt		50		60				110
Indexed debt securities derivative		641		_				641
Accounts payable		706		225		43 (e)		1,015
1 5						41 (f)		
Taxes accrued		103		45		_		148
Interest accrued		118		19		_		137
Non-trading derivative liabilities		26						26
Due to ZENS note holders		382		—		_		382
Other		344		167				511
Total current liabilities		2,842		764		120		3,726
Other Liabilities:				<u></u>				
Deferred income taxes, net		3,168		501		15 (k)		3,684
Non-trading derivative liabilities		12						12
Benefit obligations		723		151				874
Regulatory liabilities		2,521		943				3,464
Other		412		146		_		558
Total other liabilities		6,836	1	,741		15		8,592
Long-term Debt:	. <u></u>	0,000		,, 11		10		0,002
VIE Securitization Bonds, net		1,193						1,193
Other long-term debt, net		6,567	1	,929		 1,488 (i)		10,892
Oniei iong-term debt, net		0,507	1	,525		908 (j)		10,052
Total long tarm dabt not		7,760	1	,929				12,085
Total long-term debt, net		7,700		,929		2,396		12,005
Shareholders' Equity:								
Cumulative preferred stock				_				
Series A Preferred Stock						790 (l)		790
Series B Preferred Stock		4		739		950(m)		950 5
Common stock		4		/39		(739)(o)		5
		4 01 5				1 (n)		
Additional paid-in-capital		4,215 513	1			1,843(n)		6,058 495
Retained earnings		513	1	,124		(1,040)(0)		495
						(43)(e) (41)(f)		
A commutated other comprehensive loss		(62)		(1)		(18)(h)		(67)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(62)		(1)		1 (0)		(62)
Total shareholders' equity		4,670		,862		1,704		8,236
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	22,108	\$6	,296	\$	4,235	\$	32,639

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC. UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENTS OF INCOME For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018

	CenterPoint Energy Historical	Vectren Historical (Note 6) Millions Except Pe	Pro Forma Adjustments (Note 5) r Common Share Amount	CenterPoint Energy Pro Forma
Revenues:	(111)	vinitons, Except i c		3)
Utility revenues	\$ 3,235	\$ 756	\$ —	\$ 3,991
Non-utility revenues	2,106	547	_	2,653
Total	5,341	1,303		6,644
Expenses:				
Utility natural gas, fuel and purchased power	825	277	—	1,102
Non-utility cost of revenues, including natural gas	2,063	178	_	2,241
Operation and maintenance	1,147	528	(36)(e)	1,639
Depreciation and amortization	656	144	10 (b)	810
Taxes other than income taxes	212	36		248
Total	4,903	1,163	(26)	6,040
Operating Income	438	140	26	604
Other Income (Expense):				
Gain on marketable securities	23		_	23
Loss on indexed debt securities	(272)		_	(272)
Interest and other finance charges	(169)	(32)	(42)(a)	(243)
Interest on Securitization Bonds	(30)		—	(30)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate, net	127	(18)	—	109
Other, net	7	4		11
Total	(314)	(46)	(42)	(402)
Income Before Income Taxes	124	94	(16)	202
Income tax expense (benefit)	34	8	(4)(f)	38
Net Income	90	86	(12)	164
Series A Preferred Stock dividend	_		25 (c)	25
Series B Preferred Stock dividend	—		34 (d)	34
Earnings available to common shareholders	\$ 90	\$ 86	\$ (71)	\$ 105
Basic Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 0.21			\$ 0.21
Diluted Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 0.21			\$ 0.21
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding, Basic	431		70 (g)	501
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding, Diluted	434		70 (g)	504

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC. UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	CenterPoint Energy Historical	Vectren Historical (Note 6)	Pro Forma Adjustments (Note 5) er Common Share Amount	CenterPoint Energy Pro Forma
Revenues:	(111)	vinnons, Except Fe	a Common Share Amount	5)
Utility revenues	\$ 5,603	\$ 1,382	\$ —	\$ 6,985
Non-utility revenues	4,011	1,275	_	5,286
Total	9,614	2,657		12,271
Expenses:				
Utility natural gas, fuel and purchased power	1,109	444	_	1,553
Non-utility cost of revenues, including natural gas	3,785	444	_	4,229
Operation and maintenance	2,221	1,116	—	3,337
Depreciation and amortization	1,036	276	17 (b)	1,329
Taxes other than income taxes	391	59		450
Total	8,542	2,339	17	10,898
Operating Income	1,072	318	(17)	1,373
Other Income (Expense):				
Gain on marketable securities	7	—	—	7
Loss on indexed debt securities	49	—	—	49
Interest and other finance charges	(313)	(62)	(97)(a)	(472)
Interest on Securitization Bonds	(77)	—	—	(77)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate, net	265	(1)	_	264
Other, net	60	7	<u> </u>	67
Total	(9)	(56)	(97)	(162)
Income Before Income Taxes	1,063	262	(114)	1,211
Income tax expense (benefit)	(729)	46	(43)(f)	(726)
Net Income	1,792	216	(71)	1,937
Series A Preferred Stock dividend	—		49 (c)	49
Series B Preferred Stock dividend			<u>68</u> (d)	68
Earnings available to common shareholders	\$ 1,792	\$ 216	\$ (188)	\$ 1,820
Basic Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 4.16			\$ 3.63
Diluted Earnings Per Common Share	\$ 4.13			\$ 3.50
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding, Basic	431		70 (g)	501
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding, Diluted	434		106 (g)	540

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC. NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Basis of presentation

The pro forma statements of income for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and the year ended December 31, 2017, give effect to the Vectren Merger as if it were completed on January 1, 2017. The pro forma balance sheet as of June 30, 2018, gives effect to the Vectren Merger as if it were completed on June 30, 2018.

The pro forma financial statements have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of CenterPoint Energy and Vectren. Certain financial statement line items included in Vectren's historical presentation have been reclassified to conform to corresponding financial statement line items included in CenterPoint Energy's historical presentation (see Note 6). These reclassifications have no material impact on the historical operating income, net income, total assets, total liabilities or shareholders' equity reported by CenterPoint Energy or Vectren. The historical consolidated financial statements have been adjusted in the pro forma financial statements to give effect to pro forma events that are (i) directly attributable to the Vectren Merger, (ii) factually supportable and (iii) with respect to the pro forma statements of income, expected to have a continuing impact on the combined results following the Vectren Merger.

Assumptions and estimates underlying the pro forma adjustments are described in these notes, which should be read in conjunction with the pro forma financial statements. Since the pro forma financial statements have been prepared based upon preliminary estimates, the final amounts recorded at the date of the Vectren Merger may differ materially from the information presented. These estimates are subject to change pending further review.

The Vectren Merger is reflected in the pro forma financial statements as an acquisition of Vectren by CenterPoint Energy, based on the guidance provided by accounting standards for business combinations. Under these accounting standards, the total estimated purchase price is allocated as described in Note 2 to the pro forma financial statements, and the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed have been measured at estimated fair value.

Vectren's regulated operations are comprised of electric generation and electric and natural gas energy delivery services. These operations are subject to the rate-setting authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and are accounted for pursuant to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, including the accounting guidance for regulated operations. The rate-setting and cost-recovery provisions currently in place for Vectren's regulated operations provide revenues derived from costs including a return on investment of assets and liabilities included in rate base. Thus, the fair values of Vectren's tangible and intangible assets and liabilities subject to these rate-setting provisions approximate their carrying values, and the pro forma financial statements do not reflect any net adjustments related to these amounts. Therefore, the excess purchase price over carrying value of net assets attributable to regulated operations is estimated to be comprised entirely of goodwill. The carrying values of Vectren's non-regulated property, plant and equipment, which consists primarily of vehicles and equipment, and long-term debt, including the elimination of debt issuance costs, as of June 30, 2018, were reviewed and determined to approximate fair value; therefore, no fair value adjustment was reflected in the pro forma financial statements related to these balances.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the pro forma financial statements are those described in CenterPoint Energy's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017. CenterPoint Energy performed a preliminary review of Vectren's accounting policies to determine whether any adjustments were necessary to ensure comparability in the pro forma financial statements. At this time, CenterPoint Energy is not aware of any differences that would have a material effect on the pro forma financial statements, including any differences in the timing of adoption of new accounting standards, except for certain amounts that have been reclassified to conform to CenterPoint Energy's financial statement presentation (see Note 6). Upon completion of the Vectren Merger, or as more information becomes available, CenterPoint Energy will perform a more detailed review of Vectren's accounting policies. As a result of that review, differences may be identified between the accounting policies of the two companies that, when conformed, could have a material impact on the pro forma financial statements. The 2017 historical statements of income for CenterPoint Energy and Vectren do not reflect new accounting standards retrospectively adopted on January 1, 2018.

CenterPoint Energy reviewed the historical financial information for intercompany transactions and found no eliminations were necessary. Transaction costs recorded in the historical income statement have been excluded from the pro forma statements of income as they reflect nonrecurring charges directly related to the Vectren Merger. However, the transaction costs not recorded in the historical balance sheet are reflected in the pro forma balance sheet as an increase in other current liabilities and a decrease in retained earnings.

The pro forma financial statements do not reflect the realization of any expected cost savings or other synergies from the Vectren Merger as a result of restructuring activities following the completion of the Vectren Merger. Certain of Vectren employment agreements contain severance or other termination arrangements; however, the pro forma financial statements do not reflect any such payments under these arrangements as employment decisions have not been finalized.

(2) Estimated Purchase Price Consideration and Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation

The estimated purchase price consideration of approximately \$6.0 billion is based on the cash price of \$72.00 per outstanding share of common stock of Vectren. The value of the purchase price consideration could change based on the actual number of shares of common stock of Vectren issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Vectren Merger.

Vectren common shares outstanding as of June 30, 2018	83,0	80,695
Cash consideration per Vectren common share	\$	72.00
Total estimated cash consideration to be paid (in millions)	\$	5,982

CenterPoint Energy has performed a preliminary valuation analysis of the fair market value of Vectren's assets and liabilities. The following table summarizes the allocation of the preliminary purchase price as of the acquisition date (in millions):

Current assets	\$ 537
Property, plant and equipment, net	4,923
Identifiable intangibles	200
Regulatory assets	334
Other assets	108
Total assets acquired	6,102
Current liabilities	884
Other liabilities	1,756
Long-term debt	1,929
Total liabilities assumed	4,569
Net assets acquired	1,533
Goodwill	4,449
Total purchase price consideration	\$5,982

This preliminary purchase price allocation has been used to prepare proforma adjustments in the proforma balance sheet and proforma statements of income. CenterPoint Energy has not completed a final valuation analysis necessary to determine the fair market values of all of Vectren's assets and liabilities or the allocation of its purchase price. The final allocation could differ materially from the preliminary allocation used in the proforma adjustments and, as such, no assurances can be provided regarding the preliminary purchase accounting. The final allocation may include (1) changes in fair values of property, plant and equipment, (2) changes in allocations to intangible assets and goodwill and (3) other changes to assets and liabilities.

(3) Financing Transactions

CenterPoint Energy sometimes refers to the planned issuances of commercial paper as its Remaining Merger Debt Financings. The actual size and terms of, and amounts of proceeds CenterPoint Energy receives from its Senior Notes Issuance and Remaining Merger Debt Financings will depend on, among other things, market conditions at the time of its Senior Notes Issuance and Remaining Merger Debt Financings and such other factors as CenterPoint Energy deems relevant and may differ, perhaps substantially, from the size, terms and amounts CenterPoint Energy has assumed in this Note 3 to the pro forma financial statements.

For purposes of the pro forma financial statements, CenterPoint Energy has assumed the receipt of gross proceeds from the following transactions (three of which have been completed) to fund, after payment of issuance costs and discounts, the approximately \$6 billion gross cash consideration Vectren Merger purchase price further described below:

- \$800 million from the issuance of Series A Preferred Stock completed on August 22, 2018;
- \$978 million from the issuance of Series B Preferred Stock completed on October 1, 2018;
- \$1.9 billion from the issuance of Common Stock completed on October 1, 2018;
- \$1.5 billion from the planned Senior Notes Issuance; and
- borrowings of approximately \$900 million under its Revolving Credit Facility.

However, in lieu of drawing on the Revolving Credit Facility, CenterPoint Energy anticipates financing the portion of the Vectren Merger reflected as borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility above with its Remaining Merger Debt Financings, subject to then current market conditions, as well as with cash on hand. CenterPoint Energy's financing assumptions for its Remaining Merger Debt Financings are detailed below but are not reflected in the pro forma statements of income or pro forma balance sheet.

CenterPoint Energy obtained commitments by lenders for a \$5.0 billion, 364-day Bridge Facility to provide flexibility for the timing of the acquisition financing and fund, in part, amounts payable by CenterPoint Energy in connection with the Vectren Merger. Upon execution of the Bridge Facility, CenterPoint Energy deferred debt issuance costs of \$25 million in other assets, of which \$7 million was amortized as debt issuance expense in the historical financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2018. CenterPoint Energy intends to terminate all remaining commitments under the Bridge Facility promptly following the planned Senior Notes Issuance. As a result, these pro forma financial statements assume that CenterPoint Energy will not borrow any amounts under the Bridge Facility. To the extent, however, there were any borrowings under the Bridge Facility, such borrowings would be classified as short-term debt in current liabilities.

On August 22, 2018, CenterPoint Energy completed the issuance of 800,000 shares of its Series A Preferred Stock for \$790 million, net of \$10 million of issuance costs and discounts, with an aggregate liquidation value of \$800 million. The Series A Preferred Stock accrue dividends in cash, calculated as a percentage of the aggregate liquidation value, at a fixed annual rate of 6.125% per annum to, but excluding, September 1, 2023, and at an annual rate of 3-month LIBOR plus a spread of 3.270% thereafter.

On October 1, 2018, CenterPoint Energy completed the issuance of 977,500 shares of its Series B Preferred Stock for \$950 million, net of \$28 million of issuance costs and discounts, with an aggregate liquidation value of \$978 million and a per share liquidation value of \$1,000. Each share of Series B Preferred Stock is represented by 20 depositary shares offered and sold to the public. At the mandatory conversion date, each outstanding share of Series B Preferred Stock will be converted into a variable number of shares of Common Stock, depending on a preceding 20-day volume-weighted-average-price of Common Stock and subject to possible adjustment pursuant to the terms of the Series B Preferred Stock. Once declared by the Board of Directors, CenterPoint Energy will pay dividends in cash or shares of Common Stock, calculated as a percentage of the aggregate liquidation value, at a rate of 7% per annum.

Additionally, on October 1, 2018, CenterPoint Energy completed the issuance of 69,633,027 shares of its Common Stock at a public offering price of \$27.25 per share for \$1,844 million, net of \$54 million of issuance costs and discounts.

For purposes of the pro forma financial statements, CenterPoint Energy has presented its planned Senior Notes Issuance of \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount, net of issuance costs of \$12 million. CenterPoint Energy has assumed a weighted average interest rate on the Senior Notes Issuance of 3.9% based on current market conditions.

In May 2018, CenterPoint Energy entered into an amendment to its Revolving Credit Facility that will increase the aggregate commitments from \$1.7 billion to \$3.3 billion effective the earlier of (i) the termination of all commitments by certain lenders to provide the Bridge Facility and (ii) the payment in full of all obligations (other than contingent obligations) under the Bridge Facility and termination of all commitments to advance additional credit thereunder, and in each case, so long as the Merger Agreement has not been terminated pursuant to the terms thereof without consummation of the Vectren Merger. For purposes of the pro forma financial statements, CenterPoint Energy has assumed the balance of the purchase price consideration will be met by borrowings of \$910 million under the Revolving Credit Facility at a weighted-average interest rate of 3.8%. Interest expense reflected in the pro forma financial statements includes arranger and commitments fees, as well as estimated interest on drawn amounts based on current 1-month LIBOR of 2.26% as of September 28, 2018, plus applicable rate under the Revolving Credit Facility, assuming current CenterPoint Energy Inc. issuer credit ratings.

In lieu of borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, CenterPoint Energy intends to consummate the Remaining Merger Debt Financings aggregating up to \$910 million of commercial paper, with an assumed weighted-average interest rate of 2.35% per annum. This assumed rate is based on borrowing costs for commercial paper under current market conditions. The actual interest rate on the Remaining Merger Debt Financings will be based on market conditions at the time and may differ, perhaps substantially, from the rate assumed for purposes of the pro forma financial statements. Furthermore, any cash on hand may be used to reduce the Remaining Merger Debt Financings. However, there is no guarantee that CenterPoint Energy will be able to consummate the Remaining Merger Debt Financings as planned or at all.

(4) Adjustments to Pro Forma Balance Sheet

The pro forma adjustments are based on our preliminary estimates and assumptions that are subject to change. The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and certain assumptions that management believes are reasonable. The following adjustments have been reflected in the pro forma balance sheet:

(a) *Cash and cash equivalents.* Reflects pro forma adjustment to cash and cash equivalents related to the debt and equity financing planned by CenterPoint Energy and cash on hand to be used to fund the estimated purchase price consideration.

	(in millions)	Reference Note
Proceeds from the issuance of Series A Preferred Stock, net	\$ 790	Note 4(l)
Proceeds from the issuance of Series B Preferred Stock, net	950	Note 4(m)
Proceeds from the issuance of Common Stock, net	1,844	Note 4(n)
Proceeds from the Senior Notes Issuance, net	1,488	Note 4(i)
Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility	910	Note 4(j)
Estimated cash consideration	(5,982)	Note 2
Net adjustment to cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	

(b) *Goodwill*. Reflects the elimination of Vectren's historical goodwill and the preliminary estimated goodwill resulting from the purchase price consideration in excess of the fair value of the net assets acquired in connection with the Vectren Merger.

	(in millions)	
Elimination of Vectren's existing goodwill	\$	(293)
Preliminary estimated goodwill resulting from Vectren Merger		4,449
Net adjustment to goodwill	\$	4,156

(c) *Intangible assets*. Reflects the preliminary purchase accounting adjustment for estimated intangible assets based on the acquisition method of accounting.

	Estimated Useful Lives		
	(in years)	(in m	illions)
Elimination of Vectren's existing intangible assets		\$	(30)
Preliminary operation and maintenance agreements	8-12		49
Preliminary backlog	1-2		78
Preliminary customer relationships	3-5		73
Net adjustment to intangible assets (1)		\$	170

(1) Reflects the adjustment to increase the basis in intangible assets to estimated fair value. The estimated fair value is expected to be amortized over the estimated useful lives. The fair value and useful life calculations are preliminary and subject to change.

(d) *Regulatory assets*. Reflects the preliminary purchase accounting adjustment for regulatory assets not earning a return based on the acquisition method of accounting.

	Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u> (in years)	(in r	nillions)
Elimination of Vectren's regulatory assets not earning a return (1)		\$	(287)
Preliminary valuation of Vectren's regulatory assets not earning a return	3-34		180
Net adjustment to regulatory assets (2)		\$	(107)

- (1) Vectren's historical balance sheet as of June 30, 2018, reflects regulatory assets of \$441 million, of which \$287 million are not earning a return.
- (2) The valuation and useful life calculations are preliminary and subject to change.
- (e) Transaction costs. Reflects the accrual of estimated Vectren Merger transaction costs of \$43 million consisting of fees related to advisory services to be paid by Vectren upon closing of the Vectren Merger, all of which are directly attributable to the Vectren Merger and not recorded in the historical balance sheet. These costs have not been reflected on the pro forma statements of income as they will not have an ongoing impact on the results of the combined company.
- (f) Stock-based compensation. Reflects the vesting and cash out of \$41 million in the unvested stock units and performance units of Vectren (at target), inclusive of unpaid dividends, held by Vectren's employees and non-employee directors upon closing of the Vectren Merger, approximating 568,371 units, inclusive of units for unpaid dividends, at \$72.00 per unit. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, the performance units will vest at the greater of target or actual results; accordingly, the value of these payments could be greater than the amount reflected in the adjustment. These costs have not been reflected on the pro forma statements of income as they will not have an ongoing impact on the results of the combined company.
- (g) Deferred compensation. Reflects the funding of the trusts underlying Vectren's two unfunded nonqualified deferred compensation plans and one unfunded supplemental executive retirement plan totaling \$46 million that will be contributed by Vectren immediately prior to closing of the Vectren Merger. Trust funding requirements in excess of cash on hand immediately prior to closing will be financed with Vectren's short-term borrowings. Certain benefit payments under the plans will be payable from the trust within 60 days upon closing of the Vectren Merger.
- (h) Bridge Facility fees. Reflects the write off of \$18 million of Bridge Facility fees recorded in Other Assets in CenterPoint Energy's historical balance sheet to retained earnings. These costs have not been reflected on the pro forma statements of income as they will not have an ongoing impact on the results of the combined company as no borrowings have been assumed under the Bridge Facility for the pro forma financial statements.
- (i) Senior Notes Issuance. Reflects the planned Senior Notes Issuance to finance a portion of the Vectren Merger purchase price.

	(in millions)		
Proceeds from Senior Notes Issuance	\$	1,500	
Debt issuance costs		(12)	
Net adjustment to long-term debt	\$	1,488	

(j) *Long-term debt*. Reflects borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility to finance a portion of the Vectren Merger purchase price.

	(in millions	
Proceeds from borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility	\$	910
Reclassify debt issuance costs recorded in historical balance sheet (1)		(2)
Net adjustment to long-term debt	\$	908

(1) Recorded in Other assets in CenterPoint Energy's historical balance sheet as there were no outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility as of June 30, 2018.

(k) Deferred income taxes. Reflects additional estimated deferred income taxes attributable to the fair value adjustments of the acquired assets and liabilities, excluding goodwill. Adjustment is based on the combined company's estimated post-Vectren Merger composite statutory tax rate of 24% as of June 30, 2018. The assumed statutory tax rate does not take into account any possible future tax events that may impact the combined company.

	(IN N	ullions)
Elimination of Vectren's deferred tax liability	\$	(501)
Deferred tax liability—fair value		516
Net adjustment to deferred tax liability	\$	15

(l) *Series A Preferred Stock*. Reflects the issuance of Series A Preferred Stock completed on August 22, 2018 to finance a portion of the Vectren Merger purchase price.

	(in mil	lions)
Proceeds from issuance of Series A Preferred Stock	\$	800
Series A Preferred Stock issuance costs and discounts		(10)
Net adjustment to Series A Preferred Stock	\$	790

(m) *Series B Preferred Stock*. Reflects the issuance of Series B Preferred Stock completed on October 1, 2018 to finance a portion of the Vectren Merger purchase price.

	(ın m	illions)
Proceeds from issuance of Series B Preferred Stock	\$	978
Series B Preferred Stock issuance costs and discounts		(28)
Net adjustment to Series B Preferred Stock	\$	950

(n) *Common Stock*. Reflects the issuance of Common Stock completed on October 1, 2018 to finance a portion of the Vectren Merger purchase price.

	(in n	nillions)
Proceeds from issuance of Common Stock	\$	1,898
Common Stock issuance costs and discounts		(54)
Net adjustment to common stock and additional paid-in-capital (1)	\$	1,844

- (1) The adjustment to record the issuance of Common Stock reflects 69,633,027 shares at par value of \$0.01 per share or \$1 million to Common stock and \$1,843 million to Additional paid-in-capital on the pro forma balance sheet.
- (o) *Equity.* Reflects the elimination of Vectren's historical equity balances, inclusive of pro forma adjustments to retained earnings recorded by Vectren prior to the close of the Vectren Merger.

	(in millions)
Elimination of Vectren's historical common stock	\$ (739)
Elimination of Vectren's historical retained earnings	(1,124)
Elimination of impact to retained earnings of pro forma adjustment Note 4(e)	43
Elimination of impact to retained earnings of pro forma adjustment Note 4(f)	41
Net adjustment to retained earnings	(1,040)
Elimination of Vectren's historical accumulated comprehensive loss	1
Net adjustment to shareholders' equity	\$ (1,778)

(5) Adjustments to Pro Forma Statements of Income and Earnings Per Share

(a) *Interest and other finance charges.* Reflects additional interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs related to the planned financing transactions described in Note 3 above.

	Ju	nths ended ne 30, 2018	Dece	r ended mber 31, 2017
		(in millio	ons)	
Estimated interest expense related to Senior Notes Issuance (1)	\$	(30)	\$	(59)
Amortization of Senior Notes Issuance debt issuance costs (2)		(1)		(2)
Elimination of CenterPoint Energy's historical amortization of Bridge Facility fees (3)		7		
Estimated interest expense related to Revolving Credit Facility (4)		(17)		(35)
Amortization of Revolving Credit Facility issuance costs (5)		(1)		(1)
Net adjustments to interest and other finance charges	\$	(42)	\$	(97)

- (1) An increase or decrease of one-eighth percent to the assumed interest rate would increase or decrease interest expense for the Senior Notes Issuance by approximately \$1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and by approximately \$2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017.
- (2) Reflects total debt issuance costs of \$12 million amortized over the assumed weighted-average term of the Senior Notes Issuance of 6 years.
- (3) No Bridge Facility fees were incurred by CenterPoint Energy during the year ended December 31, 2017; therefore, no historical amortization of Bridge Facility fees needs to be eliminated.
- (4) An increase or decrease of one-eighth percent to the assumed interest rate would increase or decrease interest expense for the Revolving Credit Facility by less than \$1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and by approximately \$1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017.
- (5) Reflects total debt issuance fee of \$2 million on the Revolving Credit Facility amortized on a straight-line basis over 18 months.
- (b) *Depreciation and amortization*. Reflects the amortization expense (benefit) related to the preliminary purchase accounting adjustments for estimated intangible assets and regulatory assets not earning a return, calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated weighted average useful lives.

	Weighted Average Useful Lives (in years)			Decer 2	Year ended December 31, 2017	
Eliminate Vectren's historical amortization of intangible assets	(in years)	\$	(1)	\$	(3)	
Operation and maintenance agreements	9		3		5	
Backlog (1)	1		_			
Customer relationships	3		12		24	
Regulatory assets not earning a return	12		(4)		(9)	
Net adjustment to depreciation and amortization		\$	10	\$	17	

- (1) Amortization expense related to backlog amounts has not been included as the weighted average useful life has been estimated at one year and therefore will not have a continuing impact on the combined results.
- (c) *Series A Preferred Stock dividends*. Reflects the accumulated dividends from the issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock of \$25 million and \$49 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and the year ended December 31, 2017, respectively.
- (d) *Series B Preferred Stock dividends.* Reflects the accumulated dividends from the issuance of the Series B Preferred Stock of \$34 million and \$68 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and the year ended December 31, 2017, respectively.



- (e) *Transaction costs*. Reflects the elimination of non-recurring transaction costs of \$26 million and \$10 million related to the Vectren Merger incurred by CenterPoint Energy and Vectren, respectively, and included in the historical income statements for the six months ended June 30, 2018. No such amounts were incurred by CenterPoint Energy or Vectren during the twelve months ended December 31, 2017.
- (f) *Income tax expense*. Reflects the income tax effects of the pro forma adjustments calculated using an estimated combined company statutory income tax rate of 24% and 38% for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and for the year ended December 31, 2017, respectively. The assumed statutory tax rates do not take into account any possible future tax events that may impact the combined company.
- (g) Earnings per common share. The following table provides the pro forma weighted average number of basic and diluted common shares outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2018, and the year ended December 31, 2017. Diluted shares outstanding include potential dilution of common stock equivalent shares that may occur if securities to issue common stock were exercised or converted into Common Stock. Diluted earnings per common share applies the if-converted method by adjusting for the more dilutive effect of the Series B Preferred Stock as a result of either its accumulated dividend for the period in the numerator or the assumed-converted common share equivalent in the denominator. No adjustment for the shares issuable on conversion is reflected in the computation of the pro forma diluted earnings per common share for the six months ended June 30, 2018 because the assumed conversion of those shares would be anti-dilutive.

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1,820
68
1,888
431
70
501
434
70
36
540
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3.50

(6) Reclassification Adjustments

CenterPoint Energy has completed a preliminary review of the financial statement presentation of Vectren for purposes of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements. During this review, the following financial statement reclassifications were performed in order to align the presentation of Vectren's financial information with that of CenterPoint Energy:

		As of June 30, 2018		
	Vectren Historical As Reported	Reclassification Adjustments	Vectren Historical As Adjusted	CenterPoint Energy Line Item
Current Assets:		(in millions)		Current Assets:
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10	\$ —	\$ 10	Cash and cash equivalents
Accounts receivable, less reserves	232	—	232	Accounts receivable, less bad debt reserve
Accrued unbilled revenues	148	—	148	Accrued unbilled revenues
Inventories	104	(53)	51	Natural gas and fuel inventory
		53	53	Materials and supplies
Recoverable fuel & natural gas costs	10	(10)	—	
Prepaid expenses & other current assets	43	10	53	Prepaid expenses and other current assets
Total current assets	547		547	Total current assets
Net utility plant	4,444	479	4,923	Property, Plant and Equipment, net
Other Assets:				Other Assets:
Investment in unconsolidated affiliate	2	—	2	Investment in unconsolidated affiliate
Other utility & corporate investments	45	(45)		
Other nonutility investments	10	(10)		
Nonutility plant—net	479	(479)		
Goodwill	293	—	293	Goodwill
Regulatory assets	441	—	441	Regulatory assets
	_	30	30	Intangible assets
Other assets	35	25	60	Other
Total other assets	1,305	(479)	826	Total other assets
Total Assets	\$ 6,296	\$	\$ 6,296	Total Assets

		As of June 30, 2018		
	Vectren Historical	Reclassification	Vectren Historical As	
	As Reported	Adjustments	Adjusted	CenterPoint Energy Line Item
Current Liabilities:		(in millions)		Current Liabilities:
Accounts payable	\$ 225	\$ —	\$ 225	Accounts payable
Accrued liabilities	231	(186)	45	Taxes accrued
		19	19	Interest accrued
		167	167	Other
Short-term borrowings	248	—	248	Short-term borrowings
Current maturities of long-term debt	60		60	Current portion of other long-term debt
Total current liabilities	764	_	764	Total current liabilities
Deferred Credits & Other Liabilities:				Other Liabilities:
Deferred income taxes	501	—	501	Deferred income taxes, net
Regulatory liabilities	943	—	943	Regulatory liabilities
Deferred credits & other liabilities	297	(151)	146	Other
		151	151	Benefit obligations
Total other liabilities	1,741		1,741	Total other liabilities
Long-term Debt—Net of Current				
Maturities	1,929	—	1,929	Other long-term debt, net
Common Shareholders' Equity:				Shareholders' Equity:
Common stock (no par value)	739	—	739	Common stock
Retained earnings	1,124	—	1,124	Retained earnings
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1)	—	(1)	Accumulated other comprehensive loss
Total shareholders' equity	1,862		1,862	Total shareholders' equity
Total Liabilities and Shareholders'				Total Liabilities and Shareholders'
Equity	\$ 6,296	<u>\$ </u>	\$ 6,296	Equity

	Six	Months Ended June 30,		
	VectrenVectrenHistoricalReclassificationHistorical AsAs ReportedAdjustmentsAdjusted			
Operating Revenues:		(in millions)		Revenues:
Gas utility	\$ 479	\$ 277	\$ 756	Utility revenues
Electric utility	277	(277)	_	
Non-utility	547		547	Non-utility revenues
Total operating revenues	1,303		1,303	Total
Operating Expenses:				Expenses:
Cost of gas sold	187	90	277	Utility natural gas, fuel and purchased power
Cost of fuel & purchased power	90	(90)		1
Cost of nonutility revenues	178	_	178	Non-utility cost of revenues, including natural gas
Other operating	513	15	528	Operation and maintenance
Merger-related	15	(15)		-
Depreciation & amortization	144	_	144	Depreciation and amortization
Taxes other than income taxes	36	—	36	Taxes other than income taxes
Total operating expenses	1,163	_	1,163	Total
Operating Income	140		140	Operating Income
Other Income:				Other Income (Expense):
Equity in (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	(18)	_	(18)	Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate, net
Other income—net	19	(15)	4	Other, net
Total other income	1	(15)	(14)	
nterest Expense	47	(15)	32	Interest and other finance charges
income Before Income Taxes	94		94	Income Before Income Taxes
Income taxes	8	_	8	Income tax expense
Net Income and Comprehensive Income	\$ 86	\$ —	\$ 86	Net Income

		Year	Ended D	ecember 31, 2	017		
	Vectro Histori As Repo	cal		sification stments	Hist	ectren orical As ljusted	CenterPoint Energy Line Item
Operating Revenues:			(in millions)				Revenues:
Gas utility	\$	813	\$	569	\$	1,382	Utility revenues
Electric utility		569		(569)		—	
Non-utility	1,	275				1,275	Non-utility revenues
Total operating revenues	2,	657				2,657	Total
perating Expenses:							Expenses:
Cost of gas sold		272		172		444	Utility natural gas, fuel and purchased power
Cost of fuel & purchased power		172		(172)			1
Cost of nonutility revenues		444		_		444	Non-utility cost of revenues, including natural gas
Other operating	1,	116		—		1,116	Operation and maintenance
Depreciation & amortization		276				276	Depreciation and amortization
Taxes other than income taxes		59	_			59	Taxes other than income taxes
Total operating expenses	2,	339		_		2,339	Total
perating Income		318				318	Operating Income
ther Income:							Other Income (Expense):
Equity in (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates		(1)				(1)	Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate, net
Other income—net		33		(26)		7	Other, net
Total other income		32		(26)		6	,
iterest Expense		88		(26)		62	Interest and other finance charges
ncome Before Income Taxes		262				262	Income Before Income Taxes
Income taxes		46		_		46	Income tax expense
et Income and Comprehensive Income	\$	216	\$	_	\$	216	Net Income