



# The Benefits of a Balanced Electric & Natural Gas Portfolio

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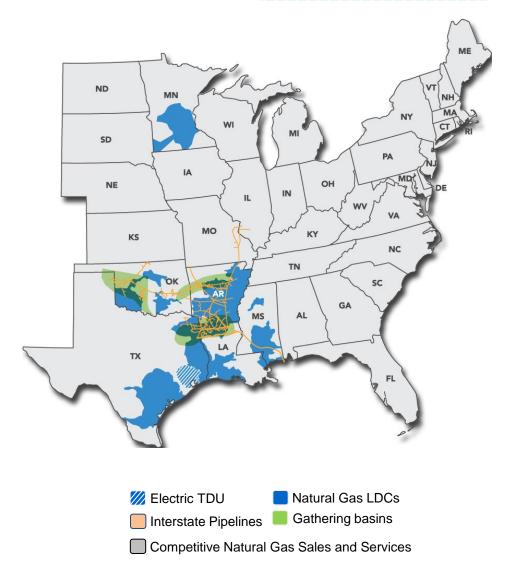
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# **Investment Highlights**



- Strategically located assets and attractive service territories which provide operating scale and diversification of risk
- Regulated and fee-based operations provide over 90 percent of operating income with stable earnings and cash flow
- Opportunity to leverage market position as a leading provider of gas infrastructure services to capture opportunities, particularly in the prolific shale plays
- Organic growth opportunities across all businesses
- Committed to a secure, competitive dividend with growth while continuing to improve financial strength and flexibility





#### **Our Vision**

# To Be Recognized As America's Leading Energy Delivery Company...and More

"... America's Energy Delivery..."

- Focused on domestic energy delivery businesses
  - Continental U.S. market
  - Regulated energy delivery
    - Electric transmission and distribution (TDU)
    - Natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs)
    - Natural gas interstate pipelines
  - Unregulated energy delivery
    - Natural gas field services (gas gathering, treating and processing)
- Pursue complementary businesses that leverage our core businesses/business skills
  - Competitive natural gas sales and services

"... and More"



Building a domestic energy delivery company with a balanced portfolio of electric and natural gas businesses

- Seek geographic, economic and regulatory diversity
- Capture organic growth in our attractive electric and natural gas service territories and seek opportunities to acquire other regulated electric and natural gas businesses
- Take advantage of our strategically located interstate pipeline assets and their access to active natural gas supply basins and attractive end-use markets
- Invest in gas gathering, treating and processing facilities in attractive gas producing areas, especially in the new shale plays
- Optimize our competitive natural gas sales and services business

Committed to our investment thesis of providing a secure, competitive dividend with growth

# **Complementary Electric and Natural Gas Portfolio**



# Electric Transmission & Distribution

- Regulated 'wires only' business
- 5,000 sq. mile service territory in and around Houston
- Over 2 million metered customers in the Houston area
- Solid, consistent customer growth

# Natural Gas Distribution

- Regulated local gas distribution companies in AR, LA, MN, MS, OK, TX
- 3.2 million customers
- Solid growth in key urban areas
- 406 Bcf throughput in 2009

# Natural Gas Pipelines

- FERC regulated pipelines and storage
- Strategically located at the center of the nation's gas transportation infrastructure
- Connected to over 20 other pipelines
- 1,592 Bcf throughput in 2009

# Natural Gas Field Services

- Non-rate regulated; primarily fee-based business
- Gathering, treating and processing
- Primarily focused on mid-continent production basins and new shale plays
- 426 Bcf throughput in 2009

### Natural Gas Sales & Services

- Non-rate regulated
- Markets natural gas and services
- ~11,900 commercial, industrial and utility customers in 18 states
- 504 Bcf throughput in 2009

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#### Adjusted Operating Income (in millions)

2009:	\$414 <sup>(1)</sup>	2009:	\$204	2009:	\$256	2009:	\$ 94	2009:	\$21
2008:	\$407 <sup>(1)</sup>	2008:	\$215	2008:	\$293	2008:	\$147	2008:	\$62
2007:	\$383 <sup>(1)</sup>	2007:	\$218	2007:	\$237	2007:	\$ 99	2007:	\$75
2006:	\$395 <sup>(1)</sup>	2006:	\$124	2006:	\$181	2006:	\$ 89	2006:	\$77
2005:	\$429 <sup>(1)</sup>	2005:	\$175	2005:	\$165	2005:	\$ 70	2005:	\$60

<sup>(1)</sup> Results exclude operating income from the Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies, the Competition Transition Charge and the Final Fuel Reconciliation (see reconciliation on page 21).

# **Attractive and Balanced Portfolio with**

# **Stability and Growth**



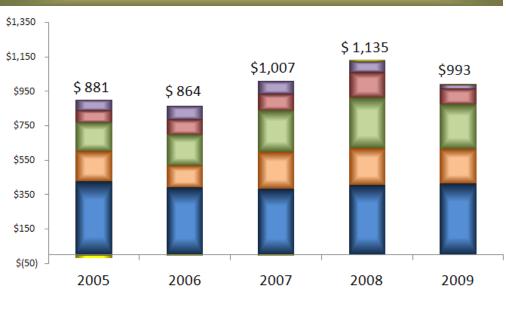
#### **Balanced Portfolio**

#### 2009 Adjusted Operating Income: \$993(1)

# 26%

#### **Stability and Growth**





- Electric Transmission & Distribution
- Natural Gas Distribution
- Natural Gas Interstate Pipelines
- Natural Gas Field Services
- Natural Gas Sales & Services
- Other Operations

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- (1) In millions; excludes operating income from Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies (see reconciliation on page 21).
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# **CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric**

#### **Electric Transmission & Distribution**



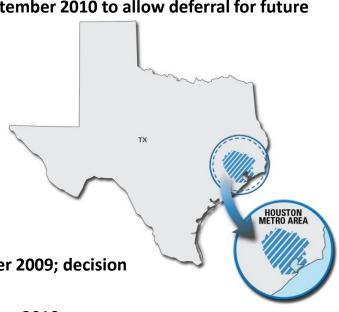
- Rate case filed June 30, 2010
  - Rate case package supports distribution base rate increase of \$92 million for delivery customers and an \$18 million increase for transmission customers
  - Requested increase in equity capitalization to 50 percent; requested 11.25 percent return on equity
  - Requested recovery of increased annual and deferred pension costs
  - Requested reconciliation of incurred AMS costs and reduction in duration of AMS surcharge
  - Hearings concluded in October 2010; decision from the Texas PUC expected by late December 2010 or early January 2011

• Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) rules amended by PUC in September 2010 to allow deferral for future recovery of increased costs from transmission providers

- New capital expenditures drive growth in rate base
- Advanced meter deployment progressing
  - ~700,000 advanced meters installed through September 2010
  - ~\$290 million invested through September 2010
- Grant for \$200 million in DOE stimulus funding awarded
  - \$150 million to accelerate completion of advanced metering deployment to 2012
  - \$50 million for intelligent grid technology
  - \$58 million received from DOE through September 2010

 Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments on true-up appeal in October 2009; decision could be issued at any time, but no timeline is prescribed

Texas Supreme Court issued a favorable decision in CTC appeal in October 2010



#### **Natural Gas Distribution**



- Focused on implementation of rate strategies which limit rate case frequency and decouple revenues from consumption
  - Align company and customers' interests on conservation and energy efficiency
  - Significant progress in a number of jurisdictions
    - Weather normalization approved in AR, LA and OK
    - Decoupling or cost of service adjustment mechanisms in AR, LA, MN, OK and parts of TX (subject to appeal)
    - Energy efficiency riders in AR and MN
    - Asset management agreements providing sharing of benefits in AR, LA, MS, and OK; substantial reduction in working capital realized

 Minnesota: Filed for \$60 million in November 2008; in January 2010, MPUC approved \$41 million increase (implemented in July 2010) and a three-year decoupling pilot

◆ Texas: Houston rate case - Filed for \$20.4 million in July 2009; in February 2010 Railroad Commission approved \$5.1 million plus recovery of Hurricane Ike costs of \$0.9 million annually for three years

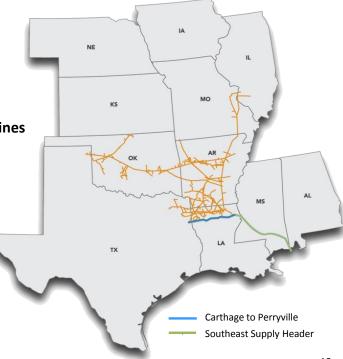
- Continue to promote natural gas as the clean fuel of choice for cooking, space and water heating
- Operations are structured to capture synergies across all six states
  - Excellent results in reducing delinquencies and bad debts and controlling operation and maintenance expenses



#### **Interstate Pipelines**



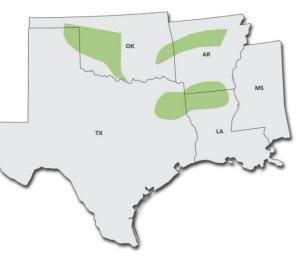
- Maintain core customer base through effective and timely re-contracting
  - Long-term agreements with affiliated LDCs and Laclede in place
    - Entered into extension with affiliated LDCs through March 2021; regulatory approvals pending
  - Focused on shifting short-term contracts to longer term arrangements
- Continue to invest in pipeline expansions and greenfield development projects to provide access to markets for new gas supplies
  - Carthage to Perryville Pipeline
    - 274 MMcf per day Phase IV compression expansion completed February 2010
      - Over 80 percent contracted with major producer (Chesapeake)
    - Total capacity increased to nearly 1.9 Bcf per day
    - Backhaul contract for up to 0.5 Bcf per day with Chesapeake expires mid-2011
  - Southeast Supply Header (SESH); joint venture with Spectra
    - 270-mile, 1 Bcf per day pipeline; connects Perryville Hub to Southeast and Northeast markets
    - Potential future expansion opportunities
  - Continue to capture expansion opportunities to maximize value of core pipelines
    - Contracted nearly 0.6 Bcf per day of power generation load since 2007
    - Continuing to evaluate Haynesville and other shale opportunities
  - Maintenance capital expected to average ~\$80 million annually
  - New environmental regulations (e.g. RICE MACT) expected to increase environmental capital expenditures
  - Additional capital investment dependent on growth opportunities



#### **Field Services**



- Secure core business through superior customer service and product offerings
  - Attractive margins despite highly competitive business dynamics
  - Relatively low risk business model
    - Majority of new capital supported by agreements with guaranteed throughput or return provisions
    - Positioned to capture value from commodity up-swings
    - Over half of near-term gross margin projected to come from XTO/Exxon, Shell and Encana
  - Strategic footprint in both traditional and shale basins
    - Drilling in shale areas remains steady
    - Well positioned to benefit when drilling returns to traditional basins
- Significant investment opportunities driven primarily by shale gas plays (Haynesville, Fayetteville and Woodford)
  - Executed agreements with Encana and Shell for gathering and treating Haynesville shale production
  - Strategic footprint and recent long-term contracts position business for solid long-term growth
  - Actively pursuing other opportunities in the Eagle Ford and Marcellus shale plays



#### **Field Services**

#### Haynesville – Magnolia and Olympia Systems; Shell/Encana

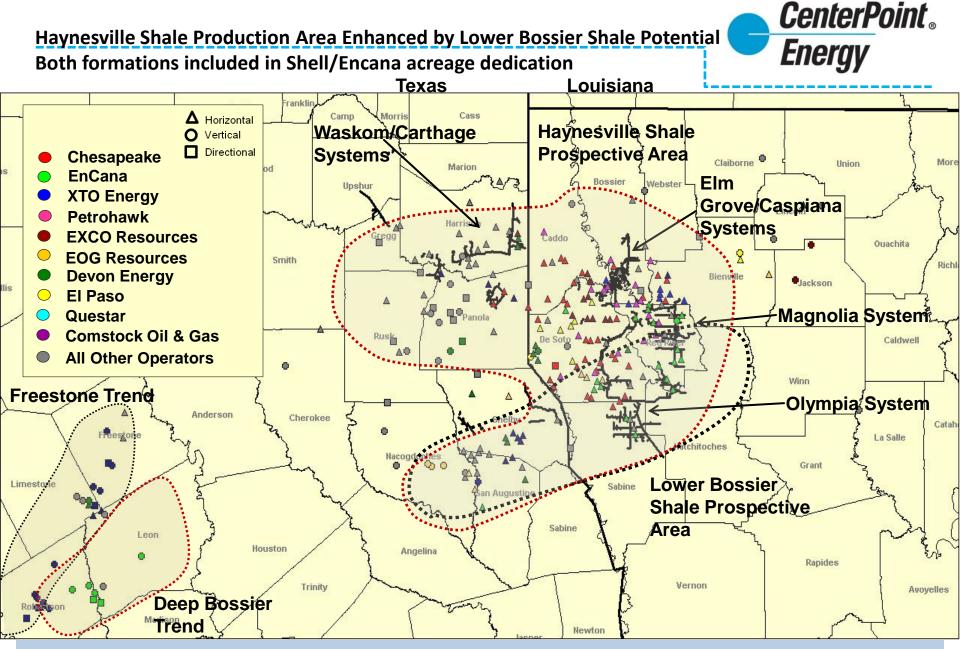


#### <u>Olympia Gathering System – Current Capacity Commitment of 600 MMcf per day</u>

- In April 2010, CenterPoint Energy Field Services (CEFS) signed additional long-term agreements with Shell and Encana to provide gathering and treating services for their Southern Haynesville acreage
  - Expands relationships with 2 high quality producers
  - 15-year agreements to provide gathering and treating services for 600 MMcf per day
    - ~\$210 million of estimated \$400 million in capital spent through September 2010; substantially all facilities, except well connects, expected to be in service first quarter 2011
  - Potential for expansion of up to an additional 520 MMcf per day at producers' election
    - Up to an additional \$200 million of capital if full elections exercised

#### Magnolia Gathering System - Current Capacity Commitment of 900 MMcf per day

- In September 2009, CEFS signed long-term agreements with Shell and Encana to provide gathering and treating services for their Northern Haynesville acreage
  - Established new relationships with 2 high quality producers
  - 15-year agreements to provide gathering and treating services for 700 MMcf per day
    - ~\$294 million of estimated \$325 million in capital spent through September 2010; initial expansion substantially complete, with only well connects remaining
  - Potential for expansion of up to an additional 1Bcf per day at producers' election
    - As much as an additional \$300 million of capital if full elections exercised
- In March 2010, producers requested 200 MMcf per day expansion
  - Estimated capital of \$60 million; expected to be in service in the first quarter 2011



The north Louisiana shales present concentrated infrastructure opportunities within CEFS' footprint

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#### **Field Services**

## **Attributes of Shell/Encana Transactions**



- All agreements include volume throughput commitments and acreage dedication
  - Current volume commitment of 1.5 Bcf per day over 10 years
  - Commitments increase with expansion elections
  - ~700,000 acres dedicated under agreements also cover the Lower Bossier play
- Contracting philosophy aligns with CNP risk profile and augments investment thesis
  - Fee-based revenue structure with volume commitments or guaranteed returns for all capital deployed
  - Significant revenue growth potential
- Project scale provides competitive advantage to capture significant long-term opportunities
  - CEFS has a significant position in potentially the largest US production play
  - Extends North Louisiana footprint
  - Leverages core commercial and operating competencies

#### **Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services**



- Risk management and internal controls essential to success (maintain a low risk model)
  - Principally a physical gas provider using back-to-back contracting strategy
  - Disciplined risk management model
  - Low Value at Risk (VaR) limit of \$4 million
  - Rigorous credit scoring and collateral management
  - Economic gains locked in through the use of financial derivatives

 Retail customer base and throughput volumes growing; wholesale opportunities have been significantly impacted by reduced basis differentials and seasonal spreads



# **Third Quarter 2010 Consolidated Results**



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(unaudited, in millions except per share amounts)

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	•		2009	:	2010		2009		2010			
Revenues		\$	1,576	\$	1,908	\$	5,982	\$	6,687			
Expenses:												
Natural gas			582		808		3,081		3,521			
Operation and maintenance			415		444		1,226		1,268			
Depreciation and amortization			208		243		562		660			
Taxes other than income taxes			84		86		288		291			
Total			1,289		1,581		5,157		5,740			
Operating Income			287		327		825		947			
Gain (loss) on Time Warner Investment*			47		19		68		35			
Gain (loss) on indexed debt securities			(30)		(5)		(54)		-			
Interest and other finance charges			(126)		(121)		(384)		(364)			
Interest on transition and system restoration bonds			(32)		(34)		(98)		(106)			
Other income - net			6		13		39		29			
Income tax expense			(38)		(76)		(129)		(223)			
Net Income		\$	114	\$	123	\$	267	\$	318			
Per Share:	Basic	\$	0.31	\$	0.29	\$	0.75	\$	0.79			
	Diluted	\$	0.31	\$	0.29	\$	0.74	\$	0.78			

<sup>\*</sup>Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc. and AOL Inc.

# **Third Quarter 2010 Operating Income by Segment**



(unaudited, in millions)

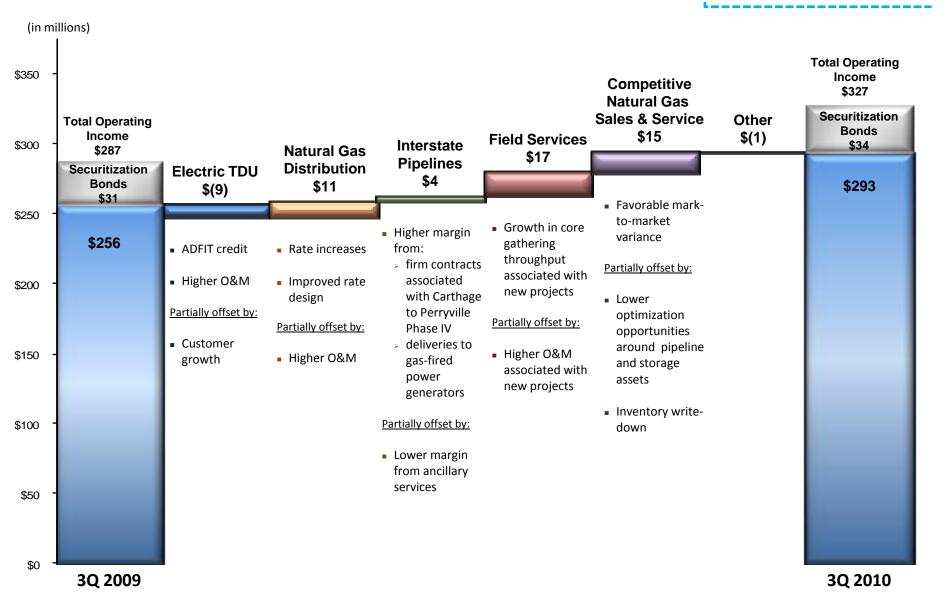
	Qι	ıarter end	ded Sep	t. 30,	Nine Months ended Sept. 30					
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Electric Transmission & Distribution:										
Electric Transmission and Distribution Operations	\$	187	\$	178	\$	353	\$	371		
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies		31		34		97		106		
Total Electric Transmission & Distribution		218		212		450	477			
Natural Gas Distribution		(15)		(4)		105		145		
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services		(8)		7		-	16			
Interstate Pipelines		64		68		194		207		
Field Services		23		40		72		94		
Other Operations	5_		4			4		8		
Total Operating Income	\$	287	\$	327	\$	825	\$	947		

# **Third Quarter 2010 Operating Income Drivers**



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3 months ended September 30, 2010



## Objectives for 2010 and beyond



- Maximize return on regulated utilities portfolio
- Pursue growth projects in interstate pipelines and field services
- Capture profitability of competitive natural gas sales and services while maintaining appropriate level of risk
- Maintain and improve strong liquidity and credit profile
- Provide secure, competitive dividend with growth
- Consistently achieve top quartile shareholder returns



# **Appendix**

# **Reconciliation of Operating Income to**

# **Adjusted Operating Income**



(in millions)

#### Consolidated

	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>		<u> 2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
Operating Income	\$	939	\$ 1,04	5 \$	1,185	\$ 1,273	\$	1,124
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies		(39)	(12	6)	(119)	(133)		(131)
Competition Transition Charge		(19)	(5	5)	(42)	(5)		-
Final Fuel Reconciliation					(17)			
Adjusted Operating Income	\$	881	\$ 86	4 \$	1,007	\$ 1,135	\$	993

#### **Electric Transmission & Distribution**

	<u>2005</u>			<u>:006</u>	<u>2</u>	<u> 2007</u>	<u>2</u>	<u> 2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
Operating Income	\$	487	\$	576	\$	561	\$	545	\$	545
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies		(39)		(126)		(119)		(133)		(131)
Competition Transition Charge		(19)		(55)		(42)		(5)		-
Final Fuel Reconciliation						(17)		_		_
Adjusted Operating Income	\$	429	\$	395	\$	383	\$	407	\$	414

Note: Pursuant to financing orders issued by the Texas Utility Commission in accordance with the Texas Electric Choice Plan (Texas electric restructuring law), subsidiaries of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric have issued \$749 million, \$1.85 billion, and \$488 million in transition bonds in October 2001, December 2005 and February 2008, respectively. Final maturity dates on the bonds range from September 2015 to February 2023. The transition bonds were issued to recover certain costs determined by the Texas Utility Commission to be recoverable in connection with the transition to competition under the Texas electric restructuring law. Pursuant to a financing order issued by the Texas Utility Commission in August 2009, a subsidiary of CenterPoint Houston Electric issued \$665 million of system restoration bonds in November 2009. Final maturity dates on the bonds range from February 2016 to August 2023. The system restoration bonds were issued to recover the portion of approved distribution-related storm restoration costs associated with Hurricane Ike. The transition and system restoration bonds are non-recourse to CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric and are serviced through dedicated amounts included in revenues.

# **Total Debt and Capitalization Ratio**

## **Excluding transition and system restoration bonds\***



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(in millions)

	Dece	ember 31, 2009	-	ember 30, 2010
Current Debt:				
Short-Term Borrowings	\$	55	\$	73
Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds long-term debt		241		283
Current portion of indexed debt (ZENS) **		121		125
Current Portion of other long-term debt		541		570
Long-term Debt:				
Transition and system restoration bonds		2,805		2,522
Other		6,314		5,745
Total Debt	\$	10,077	\$	9,318
Less: Transition and system restoration bonds debt (including current portion)		3,046		2,805
Total Debt, excluding transition and system restoration bonds debt	\$	7,031	\$	6,513
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$	2,639	\$	3,129
Total Capitalization, excluding transition and system restoration bonds debt	\$	9,670	\$	9,642
Total Debt/Total Capitalization, excluding transition and system restoration bonds deb	t	72.7%		67.5%

<sup>\*</sup> The transition and system restoration bonds are non-recourse to CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric and are serviced through collections of separate charges which are held in trust.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The debt component reflected on the financial statements was \$125 million as of September 30, 2010 and \$121 million as of December 31, 2009. The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid was \$840.2 million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The contingent principal amount payable at maturity was \$806.1 million as of September 30, 2010 and \$813.8 million as of December 31, 2009.



	Availat			
Entity	Type of Facility	Size of Facility	Amount Utilized at Oct. 15, 2010	Amount Undrawn at Oct. 15, 2010
CenterPoint Energy	Revolver	\$ 1,156	\$ 20 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,136
CEHE	Revolver	289	4 (1)	285
CERC	Revolver	915	-	915
CERC	Receivables	160 - 375	-	160
Total Credit & Receivabl	es Facilities	\$2,520 - \$2,735	\$ 24	\$ 2,496

#### Available cash (as of September 30, 2010)

**\$15** (2)

#### **Credit Ratings**

		Moody's	S8	&P	Fitch		
	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	
CenterPoint Energy (Senior Unsecured)	Ba1	Positive	BBB-	Stable	BBB-	Stable	
CEHE (Senior Secured) (1)	A3	Stable	BBB+	Stable	A-	Stable	
CERC (Senior Unsecured)	Baa3	Positive	BBB	Stable	BBB	Stable	

<sup>(1)</sup> General mortgage bonds and first mortgage bonds

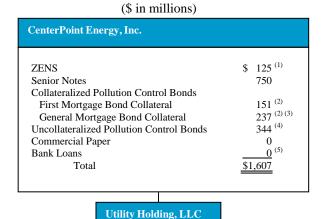
<sup>(1)</sup> Represents outstanding letters of credit.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes \$84 million held in trust to pay debt service on transition and system restoration bonds. Total cash and cash equivalents was \$99 million.

# Principal amounts of external debt

As of September 30, 2010





**CenterPoint Energy** 

Transition Bonds

Transition Bond Company II, LLC

\$1,440

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC First Mortgage Bonds Debentures / Notes \$2,747 General Mortgage Bonds Commercial Paper 0 Collateralized Pollution Control Bonds  $0^{(6)}$ Bank Loans Bank Loans Advances for Purchases of Receivables  $0^{(7)}$ Total Total \$2,747

(4)	Excludes \$175 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy,
	Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in April 2008 and are held for
	future remarketing.

\$425

\$ 103

1.762

\$2,094

229(8)

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**CenterPoint Energy** 

System Restoration Bonds

**Restoration Bond Company, LLC** 

\$645

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Borrowings under \$1.156 billion bank facility.

**CenterPoint Energy** 

Transition Bonds

Transition Bond Company III, LLC

- Borrowings under \$915 million bank facility.
- Advances under \$160 million receivables facility.
- The pollution control bonds are collateralized by general mortgage bonds.
- Borrowings under \$289 million bank facility.

(1) The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid is \$840.2 million. The debt component reflected on the financial statements was \$125 million. The contingent principal amount payable at maturity was \$806.1 million.

CenterPoint Energy

Transition Bonds

Transition Bond Company, LLC

\$296

- (2) The collateralized pollution control bonds aggregating \$388 million are obligations of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. However, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC has issued first mortgage bonds aggregating \$151 million and general mortgage bonds aggregating \$237 million as collateral for these CenterPoint Energy, Inc. obligations.
- (3) Excludes \$290 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in January 2010 and are held for future remarketing.

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# Principal amounts of maturing external debt

As of September 30, 2010



(\$ in millions) Year	erPoint ergy <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>.</u>	<u>CEHE</u>	<u>C</u>	ERC	Sul	b-total	Trans Bor	<u>nds</u> (2)	) <u>E</u>	ansition Bonds Beries A)	(2)	Trans Bon	<u>ds</u>	(2)	Systerestorates Series 20	ion <u>s</u> (2)	<u> </u>	Γotal
2010	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-	9	3	-	\$	-
2011	19		-		550		569		88		118			33			44		852
2012	-		46		-		46		99		127			36			45		353
2013	-		450		762		1,212		109		137			38			46		1,542
2014	-		800		160		960		-		147			41			47		1,195
2015-2019	1,120 (3)		127		875		2,122		-		911			248		2	66		3,547
2020-2024	- (4)		303		-		303		-		-			29		1	97		529
2025-2029	1,079 (5)		56		-		1,135		-		-			-			-		1,135
2030-2034	70		312		-		382		-		-			-			-		382
2035-2037			-		400		400				-								400
Total	\$ 2,288	\$	2,094	\$	2,747	\$	7,129	\$	296	\$	1,440		\$	425	\$	6	45	\$	9,935

<sup>(1)</sup> Debt of \$150.85 milion collateralized by First Mortgage Bonds of CEHE matures in 2015. Debt collateralized by General Mortgage Bonds of CEHE matures on the following dates: 2011, \$19.2 million; 2018, \$50 million; 2026, \$100 million; and 2028, \$68 million.

<sup>(2)</sup> Using scheduled payment dates.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes \$300 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. w hich were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in April 2008 (\$100 million) and January 2010 (\$200 million) and are held for future remarketing.

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes \$90 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in January 2010 and are held for future remarketing.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes ZENS at their contingent amount payable at maturity of \$806.1 million. The principal amount of ZENS on which interest is paid was \$840.2 million. The ZENS debt component reflected on the Company's financial statements was \$125 million as of 9/30/2010. Excludes \$75 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in April 2008 and are held for future remarketing.