

**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): **February 22, 2022**

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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	CNP	The New York Stock Exchange Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.

On February 22, 2022, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (“CenterPoint Energy”) reported fourth quarter and full-year 2021 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy’s fourth quarter and full-year 2021 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy’s press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the “Press Release”), which Press Release is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

CenterPoint Energy is holding a conference call to discuss its fourth quarter and full-year 2021 earnings on February 22, 2022. Information about the call can be found in the Press Release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy’s fourth quarter and full-year 2021 earnings, please refer to the supplemental materials which are being posted on CenterPoint Energy’s website and are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 (the “Supplemental Materials”), which Supplemental Materials are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The information in the Press Release and the Supplemental Materials is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Items 2.02 and 7.01, respectively. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release and the Supplemental Materials will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>EXHIBIT NUMBER</u>	<u>EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION</u>
99.1	Press Release issued February 22, 2022 regarding CenterPoint Energy's fourth quarter and full-year 2021 earnings
99.2	Supplemental Materials regarding CenterPoint Energy's fourth quarter and full-year 2021 earnings
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document

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.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Date: February 22, 2022

By: /s/ Stacey L. Peterson
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CenterPoint Energy reports strong Q4 and full year 2021 earnings results

- *Reported Q4 2021 earnings of \$1.01 per diluted share and full year 2021 earnings of \$2.28 per diluted share*
- *Non-GAAP utility earnings per diluted share ("Utility EPS") was \$0.27 for Q4 2021 and \$1.27 for full year 2021*
- *Non-GAAP EPS range for 2022 reaffirmed at \$1.36 - \$1.38. Reiterating industry-leading 8% non-GAAP EPS annual growth rate target for 2022 through 2024 and mid-to-high end of the 6-8% range thereafter through 2030*
- *Made significant progress toward full midstream exit; executed on sale of 75% of ET common units and 50% of ET Series G preferred units shortly after Energy Transfer and Enable merger close; Plan to exit the remaining Energy Transfer stake well within year end 2022 target*

Houston – February 22, 2022 - CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) or "CenterPoint" today reported income available to common shareholders of \$641 million, or \$1.01 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2021. For the full year, income available to common shareholders and earnings per diluted share were \$1,391 million and \$2.28, respectively.

On a non-GAAP basis, Utility EPS for the fourth quarter 2021 and the full year 2021 was \$0.27 and \$1.27 per diluted share, respectively. On a consolidated non-GAAP basis, EPS for the fourth quarter 2021 and the full year 2021 was \$0.36 and \$1.64 per diluted share, respectively. Beginning in 2022, the company will no longer separate utility and midstream operations and will report on a consolidated non-GAAP EPS basis.

"2021 was a great year for CenterPoint with quarter after quarter of meeting or exceeding expectations," said Dave Lesar, President and Chief Executive Officer of CenterPoint. "In summary, we have had seven quarters of execution, achieved 8.5% Utility EPS growth for 2021, executed two large strategic transactions, increased our 5-year capital plan to \$19.2 billion and are continuing to find ways to increase our capital plan over the course of our 10-year plan to benefit our customers and our investors. This includes the potential of what may come from the recently announced resiliency initiative for the greater Houston area."

Lesar added, "I firmly believe we are becoming a premium utility by consistently extending our track record of delivering on our strategy. Looking ahead, we intend to invest \$40+ billion in capital during our 10-year plan dedicated to growth, safety and resiliency, and clean enablement. This supports our plan to grow our non-GAAP EPS at 8% per year through 2024, and the mid-to-high end of our 6-8% annual range thereafter through 2030."

Earnings Outlook

Given the merger between Enable and Energy Transfer and its anticipated divestiture of its remaining midstream investments during 2022, CenterPoint Energy will be presenting a consolidated non-GAAP EPS guidance range for 2022.

In addition to presenting its financial results in accordance with GAAP, including presentation of income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share, CenterPoint Energy provides guidance based on non-GAAP income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share. 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.

Management evaluates CenterPoint Energy's financial performance in part based on non-GAAP income and non-GAAP earnings per share. 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 of this news release, where applicable. CenterPoint Energy's non-GAAP income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, income available to common shareholders and diluted earnings per share, 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.

2021 non-GAAP Utility EPS guidance range

"Utility EPS" includes net income from the company's Electric and Natural Gas segments, as well as after tax Corporate and Other operating income and an allocation of corporate overhead based upon Electric's and Natural Gas'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.

- 2021 Utility EPS excludes:
 - Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities
 - 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 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
 - Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt
 - Impacts associated with Arkansas and Oklahoma gas LDC sales
 - Certain impacts associated with other mergers and divestitures

2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance range

Beginning in 2022, CenterPoint Energy will no longer separate utility and midstream operations and will report on a consolidated non-GAAP EPS basis.

- 2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance excludes:
 - Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities
 - Gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with Arkansas and Oklahoma gas LDC sales
 - Income and expense related to ownership and disposal of Energy Transfer common and Series G preferred units, and a corresponding amount of debt related to the units

In providing this guidance, CenterPoint Energy 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. The 2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance range 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. To the extent actual results deviate from these assumptions, the 2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance range may not be met or the projected annual non-GAAP EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP diluted earnings per share because changes in the value of Energy Transfer, 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.

Reconciliation of Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share (GAAP) to non-GAAP income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share

Quarter Ended December 31, 2021								
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments (Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁷⁾		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⁾	\$ 185	\$ 0.29	\$ 616	\$ 0.97	\$ (160)	\$ (0.25)	\$ 641	\$ 1.01
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$20) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	71	0.11	71	0.11
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$19) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	(71)	(0.11)	(71)	(0.11)
Impacts associated with gas LDC sales (net of taxes of \$2, \$2) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	7	0.01	—	—	6	0.01	13	0.02
Impacts associated with Enable & Energy Transfer merger:								
Gain at merger close, net of transaction costs (net of taxes of \$134 and \$0) ⁽²⁾	—	—	(546)	(0.86)	(1)	—	(547)	(0.86)
Loss on equity securities (net of taxes of \$24) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	98	0.15	98	0.15
Costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	6	0.01	6	0.01
Impacts associated with other mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$3, \$13) ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	(1)	—	—	—	20	0.03	19	0.03
Corporate and Other Allocation	(20)	(0.03)	(11)	(0.02)	31	0.05	—	—
Consolidated on a non- GAAP basis	<u>\$ 171</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 59</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>	<u>\$ 0.36</u>

(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) Includes gain from remeasurement of state deferred taxes, costs to achieve the sales and costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt

(5) Comprised of Energy Transfer common and Series G preferred units

(6) Includes impacts associated with the Vectren merger and the sales of Infrastructure Services (CIS) and Mobile Energy Solutions (MES)

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

Year-to-Date
December 31, 2021

	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments (Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁷⁾		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⁾	\$ 878	\$ 1.44	\$ 818	\$ 1.34	\$ (305)	\$ (0.50)	\$ 1,391	\$ 2.28
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	40	0.07	40	0.07
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	(39)	(0.06)	(39)	(0.06)
Impacts associated with gas LDC sales (net of taxes of \$2, \$3) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	(4)	(0.01)	—	—	5	0.01	1	—
Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$7) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	27	0.04	27	0.04
Impacts associated with Enable & Energy Transfer merger:								
Gain at merger close, net of transaction costs (net of taxes of \$134 and \$0) ⁽²⁾	—	—	(546)	(0.90)	(1)	—	(547)	(0.90)
Loss on equity securities (net of taxes of \$24) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	98	0.16	98	0.16
Costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	6	0.01	6	0.01
Impacts associated with other mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$2, \$13) ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	4	0.01	—	—	20	0.03	24	0.04
Corporate and Other Allocation	(105)	(0.17)	(44)	(0.07)	149	0.24	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 773</u>	<u>\$ 1.27</u>	<u>\$ 228</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,001</u>	<u>\$ 1.64</u>

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

Quarter Ended

December 31, 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 ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 119	\$ 0.21	\$ 64	\$ 0.12	\$ (32)	\$ (0.06)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 151	\$ 0.27
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$8) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(27)	(0.05)	—	—	(27)	(0.05)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$8) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	27	0.05	—	—	27	0.05
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2)	—
Severance costs (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽⁴⁾	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Impacts associated with BREC activities (net of taxes of \$0, \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Impacts associated with Series C preferred stock:										
Preferred stock dividend requirement and amortization of beneficial conversion feature	—	—	—	—	19	0.04	—	—	19	0.04
Impact of increased share count on EPS if issued as common stock	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	—	—	—	—	—	(0.02)
Total Series C impacts	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	19	0.04	—	—	19	0.02
Corporate and Other Allocation	13	0.02	(24)	(0.04)	12	0.02	(1)	—	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	\$ 133	\$ 0.22	\$ 40	\$ 0.07	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ 172	\$ 0.29
Exclusion of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ Discontinued Operations ⁽⁷⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis, excluding CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾	\$ 133	\$ 0.22	\$ 40	\$ 0.07	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 173	\$ 0.29

(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

Year-to-Date
December 31, 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⁾	\$ 508	\$ 0.95	\$ (1,074)	\$ (2.02)	\$ (201)	\$ (0.38)	\$ (182)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (949)	\$ (1.79)
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:										
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(38)	(0.07)	—	—	(38)	(0.07)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$13) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	47	0.09	—	—	47	0.09
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1, \$3) ⁽⁴⁾	3	0.01	—	—	12	0.02	—	—	15	0.03
Impacts associated with BREC activities and Severance costs (net of taxes of \$4, \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	14	0.03	—	—	3	—	—	—	17	0.03
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	—	—	—	—	58	0.11	—	—	58	0.11
Impact of increased share count on EPS if issued as common stock	—	(0.06)	—	0.12	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.07
Total Series C impacts	—	(0.06)	—	0.12	58	0.12	—	—	58	0.18
Losses on impairment (net of taxes of \$0, \$408) ⁽⁴⁾	185	0.33	1,269	2.25	—	—	—	—	1,454	2.58
Corporate and Other Allocation	(48)	(0.09)	(64)	(0.12)	119	0.22	(7)	(0.01)	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	662	1.17	131	0.23	—	—	18	0.04	811	1.44
Exclusion of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ Discontinued Operations ⁽⁷⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	(18)	(0.04)	(18)	(0.04)
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis, excluding CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾	\$ 662	\$ 1.17	\$ 131	\$ 0.23	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 793	\$ 1.40

(1) Energy Services segment

(2) Infrastructure Services segment

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Filing of Form 10-K for CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

Today, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. A copy of that report is available on the company's website, under the Investors section. Investors and others should note that we may announce material information using SEC filings, press releases, public conference calls, webcasts, and the Investor Relations page of our website. In the future, we will continue to use these channels to distribute material information about the company and to communicate important information about the company, key personnel, corporate initiatives, regulatory updates and other matters. Information that we post on our website could be deemed material; therefore we encourage investors, the media, our customers, business partners and others interested in our company to review the information we post on our website.

Webcast of Earnings Conference Call

CenterPoint Energy's management will host an earnings conference call on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. Central time / 8:00 a.m. Eastern time. Interested parties may listen to a live audio broadcast of the conference call on the company's website under the Investors section. A replay of the call can be accessed approximately two hours after the completion of the call and will be archived on the website for at least one year.

About CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

As the only investor owned electric and gas utility based in Texas, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) is an energy delivery company with electric transmission and distribution, power generation and natural gas distribution operations that serve more than 7 million metered customers in Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and Texas. As of December 31, 2021, the company owned approximately \$38 billion in assets. With approximately 9,400 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 150 years. For more information, visit [CenterPointEnergy.com](https://www.centerpointenergy.com).

Forward-looking Statements

This news release includes, and the earnings conference call will include, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this news release, the words "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "goal," "intend," "may," "objective," "plan," "potential," "predict," "projection," "should," "target," "will" or other similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions of management which are believed to be reasonable at the time made and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual events and results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Any statements in this news release or on the earnings conference call regarding capital investments (including with respect to renewables projects, mobile generation spend and the City of Houston's Master Energy Plan), the impacts of the February 2021 winter storm event on our business and service territories and the recovery and timing of recovery of gas costs in connection with the winter storm event, future earnings and guidance, including long-term growth rate, dividends and dividend growth rate, operations and maintenance expense reductions, financing plans (including future equity issuances, credit metrics and parent level debt), and future financial performance and results of operations, including with respect to regulatory actions and recoverability of capital investments, our ability to exit midstream investments (including the disposition of Energy Transfer common units and Series G preferred units we own), customer rate affordability, value creation, opportunities and expectations, ESG strategy, including transition to Net Zero, and any other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement contained in this news release or discussed on the earnings conference call speaks only as of the date of this release or the earnings conference call.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the provided forward-looking information include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties relating to: (1) CenterPoint Energy's potential business strategies and strategic initiatives, restructurings, joint ventures and acquisitions or dispositions of assets or businesses, including the completed sale of our Natural Gas businesses in Arkansas and Oklahoma, which we cannot assure you will have

the anticipated benefits to us, our planned sales of our remaining Energy Transfer equity securities, which may not be completed or result in the benefits anticipated by CenterPoint Energy; (2) industrial, commercial and residential growth in CenterPoint Energy's service territories and changes in market demand; (3) CenterPoint Energy's ability to fund and invest planned capital, and timely and appropriate rate actions that allow recovery of costs and a reasonable return on investment, including those related to Indiana Electric's generation transition plan as part of its more recent IRP; (4) financial market and general economic conditions, including access to debt and equity capital and the effect on sales, prices and costs; (5) continued disruptions to the global supply chain; (6) actions by credit rating agencies, including any potential downgrades to credit ratings; (7) the timing and impact of regulatory proceedings and actions and legal proceedings, including those related to Houston Electric's mobile generation leases; (8) legislative decisions, including tax and developments related to the environment such as global climate change, air emissions, carbon, waste water discharges and the handling of coal combustion residuals, among others, and CenterPoint Energy's Net Zero targets; (9) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; (10) the recording of impairment charges; (11) weather variations and CenterPoint Energy's ability to mitigate weather impacts, including impacts from the February 2021 winter storm event; (12) changes in business plans; (13) CenterPoint Energy's ability to execute on its initiatives, targets and goals, including its Net Zero emission goals and operations and maintenance goals; and (14) other factors discussed CenterPoint Energy's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, including in the "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information" sections of such reports, and other reports CenterPoint Energy or its subsidiaries may file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Establishing a path towards

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Through Sustainable Growth...



**FOURTH QUARTER 2021
INVESTOR UPDATE**

February 22, 2022



Cautionary Statement and Other Disclaimers



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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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Premium Value Proposition: Tracking Delivery



CNP Value Proposition	10-Year Plan Deliverables	Progress
Sustainable Growth for Shareholders	Targeting industry-leading growth of 8% non-GAAP EPS annually through 2024 and mid to high-end of 6%-8% annually through 2030 ⁽¹⁾	✓ 7 quarters of meeting/exceeding expectations
	Increasing 5-year Capital plan to \$19.2B ⁽²⁾ , and executing 10-year Capital plan of \$40B+ ⁽²⁾ , with more potential beyond our 10-year horizon	✓ Year 1 of 10-yr plan completed
Sustainable, Resilient, and Affordable Service for Customers	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
	~70% of ET stake sold in 2021 ⁽⁵⁾ ; Plan to fully exit midstream well within year end 2022 target	✓ On track
Sustainable Positive Impact on our Environment	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⁾	✓ Year 1 of 10-yr plan completed
	Focused on achieving Net Zero Scope 1 emissions by 2035 target ; nearly 15 years ahead of peer average ⁽⁹⁾ ; Additional disclosure led to better ESG score	✓ On track

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 19 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS and non-GAAP EPS assumptions, non-GAAP measures and for the Net Zero disclaimer.

(1) Refers to non-GAAP EPS annual growth rate for 2022E – 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 employee incentive plan and employee savings plan

(5) Refers to units received from ENBL and ET merger

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

(7) Inclusive of Electric and Natural Gas 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 as of Analyst Day 2021

Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2021 Results; Reaffirmed 2022 Guidance

Delivered non-GAAP Utility EPS ⁽¹⁾ of \$0.27 for fourth quarter and \$1.27 for full year 2021; Moving to consolidated non-GAAP EPS for 2022 with reaffirmed guidance range of \$1.36 - \$1.38

Successful Execution of Capital Plan

~\$100M of incremental CapEx in 2021 and \$200M of accelerated CapEx in 2022 ⁽²⁾ primarily due to accelerated deployment of mobile generation; Collaborated with the City of Houston to develop Master Energy Plan which may lead to incremental investments

Focus on Net Zero Target and Improved ESG Strategy

Improved ESG score from Sustainalytics due to announced ESG targets and additional disclosure; Aligning management long-term incentive compensation with carbon emission reduction targets beginning in 2022

Constructive Regulatory Environment

Received financing order for gas cost securitization in TX; Interim rates in-place for ongoing rate case in Minnesota; No other rate cases anticipated until 2023

Significant Step Toward Full Midstream Exit

Executed on sale of 75% of ET common units and 50% of ET Series G preferred units shortly after ET-ENBL merger close; Plan to exit the remaining stake well within year end 2022 target

Continued O&M ⁽³⁾ Management Effort to Support Growth

1% - 2% annual average O&M ⁽³⁾ savings can be re-injected into the business; 1% savings in 2021 vs 2020 includes over \$25M of accelerated O&M

...EXTENDING TRACK RECORD OF EXECUTION

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 19 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS and non-GAAP EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.

(1) GAAP diluted EPS was \$1.01 for fourth quarter and \$2.28 for full year 2021. Refer to slide 14 and slide 15 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures.

(2) Includes incremental and accelerated investments in 2021 and 2022 related to capital leases for mobile generation units above 2021 Analyst Day estimates. Exact amount for mobile generation subject to certain regulatory treatments.

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

	Fourth Quarter	FY 2021	2022E Non-GAAP EPS
GAAP EPS ^{(1) (3)}	\$1.01	\$2.28	
Non-GAAP Adjustments:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mark-to-market gains/losses on ZENS ▪ Impact associated with gas LDC sales ▪ Impact associated with Enable and ET merger ▪ Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt ▪ Impact associated with other mergers and divestitures 			
Non-GAAP EPS ^{(1) (3)}	36¢	\$1.64	
Midstream EPS ⁽²⁾ (Discontinued Operations)	9¢	\$0.37	
Utility EPS ⁽²⁾	27¢	\$1.27	\$1.36 - \$1.38

Non-GAAP Adjustments:

- Mark-to-market gains/losses on ZENS
- Impact associated with gas LDC sales
- Impact related to ownership and disposal of ET units ⁽⁴⁾

....MOVING TO A SIMPLE BUSINESS MODEL

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 19 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS and non-GAAP EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures. ET – Energy Transfer

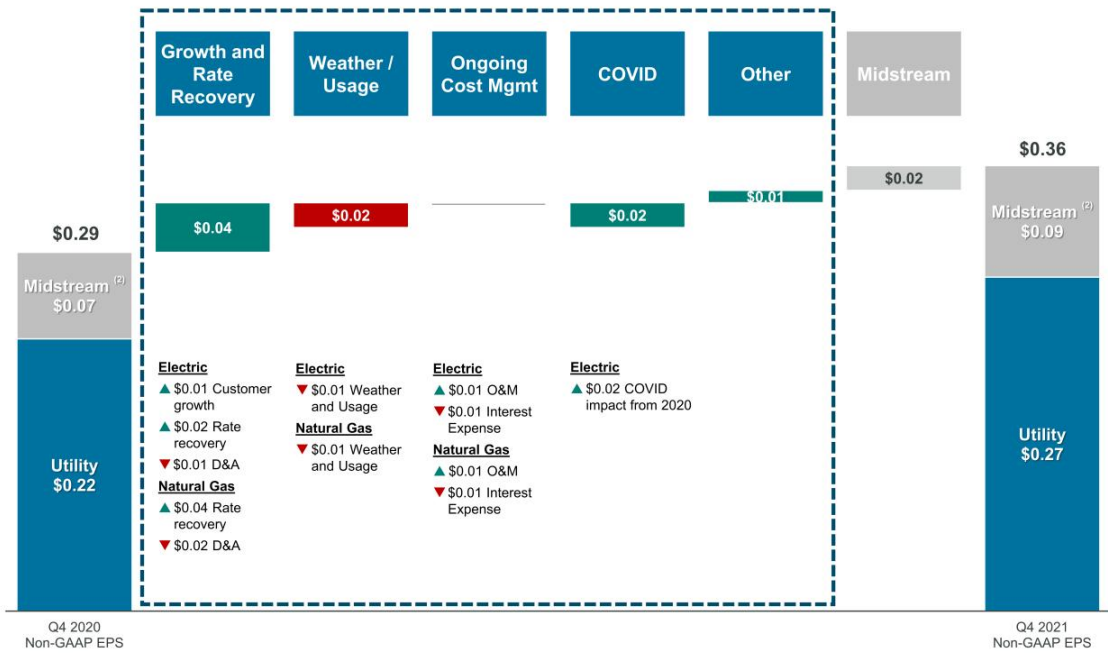
(1) Inclusive of results from Discontinued Operations, i.e., Midstream Investments.

(2) Includes the associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution. Midstream EPS also includes impact from debt associated with midstream investments.

(3) Refer to slide 14 and slide 15 for a full reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures and complete list of adjustments

(4) Includes impact from debt associated with midstream investments.

Q4 2021 v Q4 2020 Non-GAAP EPS ⁽¹⁾ Primary Drivers



Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 19 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS and non-GAAP EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures

(1) Refer to slide 14 and slide 16 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures

(2) Reference Energy Transfer 2021 Form 10-K and fourth quarter 2021 earnings materials dated February 16, 2022. Includes the effect of share dilution and associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution. Reported under Discontinued Operations.

Capital Expenditures by Segment....

Current 5-Yr Plan ⁽¹⁾			10-Yr Plan ⁽²⁾		CapEx Plan Update
	FY 2021	FY 2022E ⁽³⁾	5-YR Plan	10-YR Plan	
Electric ⁽⁴⁾	~\$2.1B	~\$2.4B	\$11.2B	\$23B+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Incremental to Analyst Day:</u> accelerated and increased mobile generation - 500 MW ▪ <u>Potential Incremental Capital:</u> "Master Energy Plan" collaboration with City of Houston could lead to further investments; Similar initiatives ongoing with other cities in our Electric footprint
Natural Gas	~\$1.4B	~\$1.4B	\$7.6B	\$16B+	
Corporate and other	~\$40M	~\$10M	\$0.1B	\$0.2B	
Total CapEx (2021 Analyst Day)	~\$3.5B	~\$3.8B	\$18B+	\$40B+	
<i>Incremental Spend above Analyst Day ⁽⁵⁾</i>	~\$100M <i>increase</i>	~\$200M <i>accelerated</i>	~\$300M <i>increase</i>	~\$300M <i>increase</i>	
Total Capital Expenditures ⁽⁵⁾	~\$3.6B	~\$4.0B	~\$19.2B	\$40B+	

....SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF ACCELERATED CAPEX PLAN WITH UPSIDES

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 2022 capital estimated as of 12/31/2021

(4) Includes estimated investments related to TX legislation namely capital leases for mobile generation units as of 2021 Analyst Day of approximately \$600M spread across 2021 - 2023

(5) Includes incremental and accelerated investments in 2021 and 2022 related to capital leases for mobile generation units above 2021 Analyst Day estimates and incremental CapEx in 2023 to offset the accelerated investments related to mobile generation. Exact amount for mobile generation subject to certain regulatory treatments.

Rate Case Updates

- **Minnesota Rate Case:**
 - Filed 11/1/2021
 - \$67.1M Revenue increase
 - 10.2% ROE / 51.00% Equity / 7.06% ROR
 - \$42M Interim rates went into effect 1/1/2022

Indiana IRP Update

- **Electric CPCNs:**
 - ✓ **400 MW Solar:** Approved in October 2021
 - BTA downsizing from 300 MW to 200 MW
 - PPA remains at 100 MW
 - **460 MW Gas CT:** Order expected Q2/Q3 2022
 - **335 MW Solar:** Order expected Q1/Q2 2022
- **Next IRP filing – target 2023**

Winter Storm Uri Updates

- **AR and OK \$398M** ⁽¹⁾
 - ✓ Received through AR and OK gas LDC sale process
 - ✓ Paid down \$425M of floating rate notes in January
- **TX \$1.1B (remaining balance)**
 - ✓ Financing order approved
 - Expected securitization by mid-2022
- **MN \$379M (remaining balance)** ⁽²⁾
 - ✓ Recovery over 63 months, started September 2021
 - On going prudence case

Estimated remaining balance ~\$520M ^{(3) (4)}
excluding expected proceeds from TX gas cost securitization

...CONSTRUCTIVE ACROSS OUR FOOTPRINT

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. BTA – Build-Transfer Agreement; PPA – Power Purchase Agreement; CPCN – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity;

CT – Combustion Turbine; IRP – Integrated Resource Plan

(1) Represents unrecovered winter storm gas cost balance in Arkansas and Oklahoma as of 12/31/2021

(2) Full amount of \$409M is subject to ongoing prudence review

(3) Assumes current cost recovery mechanisms in place and excludes amount to be received through securitization of winter storm-related gas costs in Texas. Actual amount, timing and the duration of the recovery may vary. Recovery in all jurisdictions subject to customary prudence reviews which may impact amounts recovered.

(4) 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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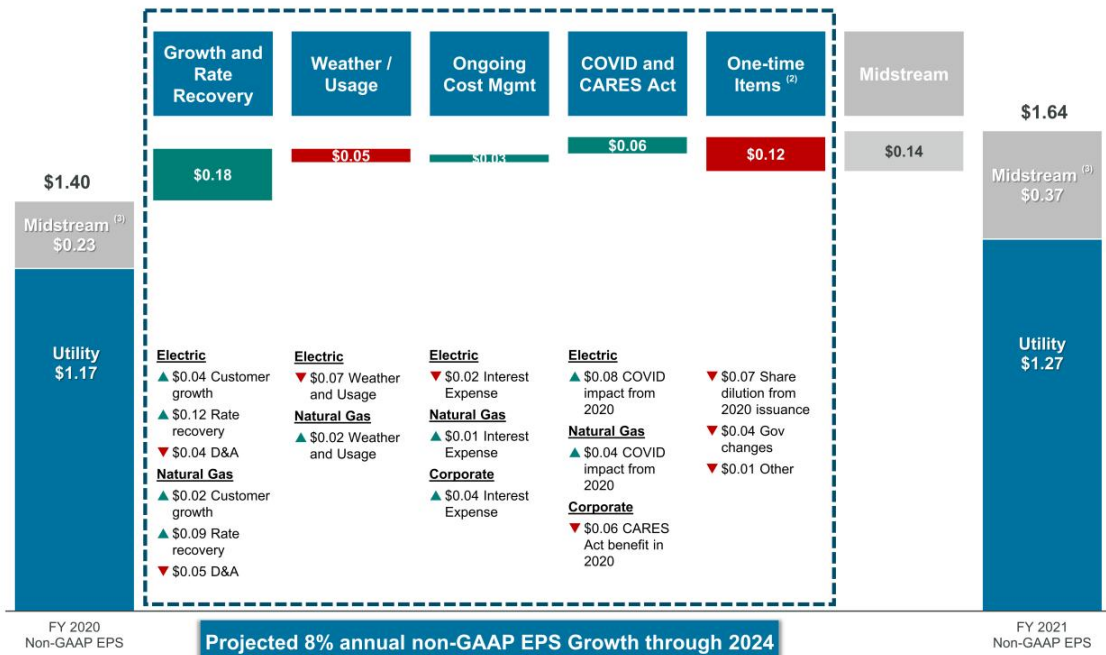
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Appendix

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



Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 19 for information on non-GAAP Utility EPS and non-GAAP EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures

(1) Refer to slide 15 and slide 17 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures

(2) Includes one-time lump sum payment associated with board-implemented governance change announced in July 2021 and share dilution from May 2020 equity issuance

(3) Reference Energy Transfer 2021 Form 10-K and fourth quarter 2021 earnings materials dated February 16, 2022. Includes the effect of share dilution and associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution. Reported under Discontinued Operations.

Regulatory Schedule



Limited regulatory risk in the near term

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Revenue Requirement	ROE / Equity Ratio	Estimated '21 Rate Base		
TX (E)	No rate case until late 2023 / early 2024 – Two TCOS filings, DCRF in April												N/A	9.40% / 42.5%	\$8.7B		
IN (E)	No rate case until late 2023												N/A	10.40% / 43.5%	\$2.1B		
TX (G)	No rate case until late 2023												N/A	9.69% / 55.6% ⁽¹⁾	\$1.7B		
MN (G) (Rate case)		IT	RT	EH	RB							FO	\$67.1M ⁽²⁾	10.2% / 51.0% ⁽²⁾	\$1.6B		
N. IN (G)				Phase 2 of GRC		No rate case until post-2025							N/A	9.80% / 46.2%	\$1.6B		
OH (G)	No rate case until 2023												N/A	N/A	\$1.0B		
S. IN (G)				Phase 2 of GRC		No rate case until post-2025							N/A	9.70% / 45.7%	\$0.5B		
LA (G)	No rate case until post-2025												N/A	9.95% / 52.0%	\$0.3B		
MS (G)	No rate case until post-2025												N/A	9.29% / 50.0%	\$0.2B		
CPCN (Posey)		AF												IT	Intervenor Testimony	FO	Final Order
CPCN (CT)		EH												RT	Rebuttal Testimony	AF	Amendment Filing
CPCN (Original)														RB	Reply Briefs	EH	Evidentiary Hearing

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. TCOS – Transmission cost of service adjustment; DCRF – Distribution cost recovery factor; GRC – General rate case
 (1) TX Gas regulatory metrics reflect jurisdictional average
 (2) Represent requested metrics per the latest rate case filing

Weather and Throughput Data



Electric

		FY 2021	FY 2020	2021 vs 2020
Throughput (in GWh)	Residential	32,067	32,630	(2)%
	Total	103,000	98,647	4%
Metered customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	2,493,832	2,433,474	2%
	Total	2,814,859	2,749,116	2%
Weather ⁽²⁾	Cooling degree days	108%	109%	(1)%
	Heating degree days	82%	76%	6%
	<i>Houston</i> Cooling degree days	109%	110%	(1)%
	<i>Houston</i> Heating degree days	80%	70%	10%

Natural Gas

		FY 2021	FY 2020	2021 vs 2020
Throughput (in Bcf)	Residential	241	237	2%
	Commercial and Industrial	428	439	(3)%
	Total	669	676	(1)%
Metered customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	4,372,428	4,328,607	1%
	Commercial and Industrial	354,602	349,725	1%
	Total	4,727,030	4,678,332	1%
Weather ⁽²⁾	Heating degree days	91%	91%	-
	<i>Texas</i> Heating degree days	87%	77%	10%

Note: Data as of 12/31/2021

(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								
December 31, 2021								
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments (Disc. Operations)		Corporate and Other ⁽⁷⁾		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⁾	\$ 185	\$ 0.29	\$ 616	\$ 0.97	\$ (160)	\$ (0.25)	\$ 641	\$ 1.01
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$20) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	71	0.11	71	0.11
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$19) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	(71)	(0.11)	(71)	(0.11)
Impacts associated with gas LDC sales (net of taxes of \$2, \$2) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	7	0.01	—	—	6	0.01	13	0.02
Impacts associated with Enable & Energy Transfer merger:								
Gain at merger close, net of transaction costs (net of taxes of \$134 and \$0) ⁽²⁾	—	—	(546)	(0.86)	(1)	—	(547)	(0.86)
Loss on equity securities (net of taxes of \$24) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	98	0.15	98	0.15
Costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	6	0.01	6	0.01
Impacts associated with other mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$3, \$13) ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	(1)	—	—	—	20	0.03	19	0.03
Corporate and Other Allocation	(20)	(0.03)	(11)	(0.02)	31	0.05	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 171</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 59</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>	<u>\$ 0.36</u>

Note: Refer to slide 19 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) Includes gain from remeasurement of state deferred taxes, costs to achieve the sales and costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt

(5) Comprised of Energy Transfer common and Series G preferred units

(6) Includes impacts associated with the Vectren merger and the sales of Infrastructure Services (CIS) and Mobile Energy Solutions (MES)

(7) 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 December 31, 2021							
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments		Corporate and Other ⁽⁷⁾		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⁾	\$ 878	\$ 1.44	\$ 818	\$ 1.34	\$ (305)	\$ (0.50)	\$ 1,391	\$ 2.28
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	40	0.07	40	0.07
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	(39)	(0.06)	(39)	(0.06)
Impacts associated with gas LDC sales (net of taxes of \$2, \$3)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	(4)	(0.01)	—	—	5	0.01	1	—
Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$7)⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	27	0.04	27	0.04
Impacts associated with Enable & Energy Transfer merger:								
Gain at merger close, net of transaction costs (net of taxes of \$134 and \$0) ⁽²⁾	—	—	(546)	(0.90)	(1)	—	(547)	(0.90)
Loss on equity securities (net of taxes of \$24) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	98	0.16	98	0.16
Costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	6	0.01	6	0.01
Impacts associated with other mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$2, \$13)⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	4	0.01	—	—	20	0.03	24	0.04
Corporate and Other Allocation	(105)	(0.17)	(44)	(0.07)	149	0.24	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 773</u>	<u>\$ 1.27</u>	<u>\$ 228</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,001</u>	<u>\$ 1.64</u>

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	Quarter Ended									
	December 31, 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⁾	\$ 119	\$ 0.21	\$ 64	\$ 0.12	\$ (32)	\$ (0.06)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 151	\$ 0.27
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$8) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(27)	(0.05)	—	—	(27)	(0.05)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$8) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	27	0.05	—	—	27	0.05
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2)	—
Severance costs (net of taxes of \$1) ⁽⁴⁾	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Impact associated with BREC activities (net of taxes of \$0, \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Impacts associated with Series C preferred stock:										
Preferred stock dividend requirement and amortization of beneficial conversion feature	—	—	—	—	19	0.04	—	—	19	0.04
Impact of increased share count on EPS if issued as common stock	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	—	—	—	—	—	(0.02)
Total Series C impacts	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	19	0.04	—	—	19	0.02
Corporate and Other Allocation	13	0.02	(24)	(0.04)	12	0.02	(1)	—	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	\$ 133	\$ 0.22	\$ 40	\$ 0.07	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ 172	\$ 0.29
Exclusion of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ Discontinued Operations ⁽⁷⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis, excluding CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾	\$ 133	\$ 0.22	\$ 40	\$ 0.07	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 173	\$ 0.29

Note: Refer to slide 19 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

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 December 31, 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⁾	\$ 508	\$ 0.95	\$ (1,074)	\$ (2.02)	\$ (201)	\$ (0.38)	\$ (182)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (949)	\$ (1.79)
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:										
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	(38)	(0.07)	—	—	(38)	(0.07)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$13) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	47	0.09	—	—	47	0.09
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1, \$3)⁽⁴⁾	3	0.01	—	—	12	0.02	—	—	15	0.03
Impact associated with BREC activities and Severance costs (net of taxes of \$4, \$0)⁽⁴⁾	14	0.03	—	—	3	—	—	—	17	0.03
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	—	—	—	—	58	0.11	—	—	58	0.11
Impact of increased share count on EPS if issued as common stock	—	(0.06)	—	0.12	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.07
Total Series C impacts	—	(0.06)	—	0.12	58	0.12	—	—	58	0.18
Losses on impairment (net of taxes of \$0, \$408)⁽⁴⁾	185	0.33	1,269	2.25	—	—	—	—	1,454	2.58
Corporate and Other Allocation	(48)	(0.09)	(64)	(0.12)	119	0.22	(7)	(0.01)	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	662	1.17	131	0.23	—	—	18	0.04	811	1.44
Exclusion of CES⁽¹⁾ and CIS⁽²⁾ Discontinued Operations⁽⁷⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	(18)	(0.04)	(18)	(0.04)
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis, excluding CES⁽¹⁾ and CIS⁽²⁾	\$ 662	\$ 1.17	\$ 131	\$ 0.23	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 793	\$ 1.40

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Regulatory Information



Information	Location
<p>Electric</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated 2020 year-end rate base by jurisdiction ▪ Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction ▪ Definition of regulatory mechanisms ▪ Projected regulatory filing schedule 	<p>Regulatory Information – Electric</p>
<p>Natural Gas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated 2020 year-end rate base by jurisdiction ▪ Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction ▪ Definition of regulatory mechanisms ▪ Projected regulatory filing schedule 	<p>Regulatory Information – Gas</p>
<p>Estimated amortization for pre-tax equity earnings related to Houston Electric’s securitization bonds</p>	<p>Regulatory Information – Electric (Pg. 5)</p>
<p>Rate changes and Interim mechanisms filed</p>	<p>Form 10-K – <i>Rate Change Applications</i> section</p>

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, non-GAAP Utility earnings per share ("Utility EPS") and non-GAAP earnings per share ("non-GAAP 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 company's Electric and Natural Gas segments' 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) 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 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, (c) Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt, (d) Impacts associated with Arkansas and Oklahoma gas LDC sales and (e) Certain impacts associated with other mergers and divestitures. 2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance excludes: (a) Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities, (b) Gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with Arkansas and Oklahoma gas LDC sales and (c) Income and expense related to ownership and disposal of Energy Transfer common and Series G preferred units, and a corresponding amount of debt related to the units. In providing this guidance, CenterPoint Energy 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. The 2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance range 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. To the extent actual results deviate from these assumptions, the 2022 non-GAAP EPS guidance range may not be met or the projected annual non-GAAP EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP diluted earnings per share because changes in the value of Energy Transfer, 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, non-GAAP 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, non-GAAP 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 (in the case of Utility EPS and non-GAAP EPS) 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.

Net Zero Disclaimer

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.

