

CenterPoint Energy Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2007 Earnings

HOUSTON, Feb 28, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE:CNP) today reported net income of \$108 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to \$67 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, for the same period of 2006. Results for the fourth quarter of 2006 were reduced by \$12 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, related to the resolution of the company's Zero Premium Exchangeable Subordinated Notes (ZENS) tax issue. Excluding this item, net income for the fourth quarter of 2006 would have been \$79 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, compared to \$108 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2007.

Net income for the year 2007 was \$399 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share, compared to \$432 million, or \$1.33 per diluted share, for 2006. Results for the year 2006 were favorably impacted by \$92 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, due to the resolution of the ZENS tax issue but were negatively impacted by \$21 million, or \$0.06 per diluted share, from a settlement related to the company's 2001 unbundled cost of service order (UCOS) issued by the Texas Public Utility Commission. Excluding the net effect of these items, net income for the year 2006 would have been \$361 million, or \$1.11 per diluted share, compared to \$399 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share, for the year 2007.

"I am very pleased with the overall financial results that we are reporting today," said David M. McClanahan, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "Our natural gas utilities showed significant improvement reflecting actions we have taken to enhance the operational and financial performance of this business. Our interstate pipelines and field services businesses turned in strong performances and our electric utility and competitive natural gas marketing businesses had a very solid year. Our company is well positioned to continue to take advantage of opportunities in each of our businesses."

OPERATING INCOME BY SEGMENT

Electric Transmission & Distribution

The electric transmission & distribution segment reported operating income of \$104 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, consisting of \$65 million from the regulated electric transmission & distribution utility operations (TDU), \$10 million from the competition transition charge (CTC), and \$29 million related to transition bonds. Operating income for the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$96 million, consisting of \$55 million from the TDU, \$11 million from the CTC, and \$30 million related to transition bonds. Operating income for the TDU for the fourth quarter of 2007 was positively impacted by customer growth of over 53,000 metered customers since December 2006, increased usage primarily due to favorable weather and higher revenues from ancillary services, partially offset by increased operating expenses.

Operating income for the year 2007 was \$561 million, consisting of \$400 million from the TDU, \$42 million from the CTC, and \$119 million related to transition bonds. Operating income for 2006 was \$576 million, consisting of \$395 million from the TDU, \$55 million from the CTC, and \$126 million related to transition bonds. In addition to the factors noted above, operating income for the TDU for 2007 was impacted by a full year of reduced base rates and increased spending on low income assistance and energy efficiency programs resulting from a rate settlement implemented in October 2006. In addition, operating income for 2007 included a \$17 million favorable settlement related to the final fuel reconciliation of the formerly integrated electric utility. Operating income for 2006 included a \$32 million charge related to the UCOS settlement and proceeds from land sales.

Natural Gas Distribution

The natural gas distribution segment reported operating income of \$89 million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to \$34 million for the same period of 2006. The increase in operating income for the fourth quarter of 2007 resulted from the addition of over 38,000 customers since December 2006, increased customer usage, the benefit of rate increases and reduced operating expenses, partially offset by higher bad debt expense. Operating income for the fourth quarter of 2006 included a \$21 million write-off for purchased natural gas costs for periods prior to July 2004, which were denied recovery by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Operating income for the year 2007 was \$218 million compared to \$124 million for 2006. In addition to the factors noted, operating income for 2007 benefited from a return to more normal weather.

The competitive natural gas sales and services segment reported operating income of \$19 million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to \$33 million for the same period of 2006. The decrease in operating income was due to a reduction in locational and seasonal natural gas price differentials. In addition, the fourth quarter of 2007 included a \$2 million gain resulting from mark-to-market accounting compared to a \$3 million gain for the same period of 2006. The fourth quarter of 2007 included a \$2 million gain resulting from a \$10 million inventory write-down of natural gas inventory to the lower of average cost or market.

Operating income for the year 2007 was \$75 million compared to \$77 million for 2006. For the year 2007, an increase in sales to commercial and industrial customers was more than offset by reduced opportunities for optimization of the company's pipeline and storage assets resulting from lower locational and seasonal natural gas price differentials. In addition, the year 2007 included a \$10 million charge resulting from mark-to-market accounting and an \$11 million inventory write-down, compared to a \$37 million gain resulting from mark-to-market accounting and a \$66 million inventory write-down for 2006.

Interstate Pipelines

The interstate pipelines segment reported operating income of \$71 million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to \$44 million for the same period of 2006. The increase in operating income was driven primarily by the new Carthage to Perryville pipeline, which went into commercial service in May 2007 and favorable settlements of certain state tax issues, partially offset by higher operating expenses and a write-off of project development costs. The fourth quarter of 2006 included a gain from the sale of excess gas no longer required following improvements to a storage facility and a write-off of expenses associated with a discontinued pipeline project.

Operating income for the year 2007 was \$237 million compared to \$181 million for 2006. In addition to the factors noted above, operating income for 2007 benefited from increased ancillary services.

Field Services

The field services segment reported operating income of \$24 million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to \$23 million for the same period of 2006. In addition to operating income, this business had equity income of \$3 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared to a loss of \$1 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 from its 50 percent interest in a jointly-owned gas processing plant. These amounts are included in Other - net under the Other Income (Expense) caption.

Operating income for the year 2007 was \$99 million compared to \$89 million for 2006. Operating income increased due to higher throughput and increased ancillary services, partially offset by higher operating expenses and lower commodity prices. In addition, equity income from the jointly-owned gas processing plant was \$10 million for the year 2007 compared to \$6 million for the year 2006. The increase was primarily due to a plant expansion.

DIVIDEND DECLARATION

On January 24, 2008, CenterPoint Energy's board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.1825 per share of common stock payable on March 10, 2008, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 15, 2008.

OUTLOOK FOR 2008

CenterPoint Energy expects diluted earnings per share for 2008 to be in the range of \$1.15 to \$1.25. This guidance takes into consideration various economic and operational assumptions related to the business segments in which the company operates. The company has made certain assumptions regarding the impact to earnings of various regulatory proceedings but cannot predict the ultimate outcome of any of those proceedings. In providing this guidance, the company has not projected the impact of any changes in accounting standards, any impact from acquisitions or divestitures, or the outcome of the TDU's true-up appeal.

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, 2007. A copy of that report is available on the company's web site, www.CenterPointEnergy.com, under the "Investors" section. Other filings the company makes at the SEC and other documents relating to its corporate governance can also be found on that site.

WEBCAST OF EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

CenterPoint Energy's management will host an earnings conference call on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. Central time or 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. Interested parties may listen to a live audio broadcast of the conference call at www.CenterPointEnergy.com/investors/events. A replay of the call can be accessed approximately two hours after the

completion of the call and will be archived on the Web site for at least one year.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution, competitive natural gas sales and services, interstate pipelines and field services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Assets total over \$17 billion. With about 8,600 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 130 years. For more information, visit the Web site at www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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This news release includes forward-looking statements. Actual events and results may differ materially from those projected. The statements in this news release regarding future financial performance and results of operations and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect actual results include the timing and outcome of appeals from the true-up proceedings, the timing and impact of future regulatory, legislative and IRS decisions, effects of competition, weather variations, changes in CenterPoint Energy's or its subsidiaries' business plans, financial market conditions, the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices, particularly natural gas, the impact of unplanned facility outages, and other factors discussed in CenterPoint Energy's Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2007, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Statements of Consolidated Income (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	er 31,	Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
2006	2007				
1,079 908 89 36 3 (58)	1,158 864 152 50 2 (62)	3,593 3,651 388 150 15 (259)	3,759 3,579 500 175 10 (237)		
2,464	2,602	9,319	9,623		
381 147 78	409 156 88	1,399 599 367	1,440 631		
2,229			8,438		
235	303		1,185		
77	(40)	94	(114)		
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Interest and other finance	(117)	(125)	(470)	(5 0 2)
charges Interest on transition	(1 1 7)	(135)	(470)	(503)
bonds	(22)	(20)	(130)	(122)
Distribution from AOL Time	(32)	(30)	(130)	(123)
Warner litigation				
settlement				32
Additional distribution				34
to ZENS holders				(27)
Other - net	8	10	35	33
other - net	0	10	30	33
Total	(101)	(154)	((E01)
IOLAI	(131)	(154)	(551)	(591)
Income Before Income Taxes	104	140	494	594
Income Berore Income Taxes	104	149	494	594
Income Tax Expense	(37)	(41)	(62)	(195)
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Net Income	\$ 67	\$ 108	\$ 432	\$ 399
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Reference is made to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Selected Data From Statements of Consolidated Income (Millions of Dollars, Except Share and Per Share Amounts) (Unaudited)

Quarter Ended	Twelve Months	Ended
December 31,	December	31,
2006 2007	2006	2007

Basic Earnings Per Common Share:								
Net Income	\$	0.21	\$	0.34	\$	1.39	\$	1.25
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Diluted Earnings Per Common Share:								
Net Income	\$	0.20	\$	0.32	\$	1.33	\$	1.17
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Dividends Declared per Common Share	\$	0.15	\$	0.17	\$	0.60	\$	0.68
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (000):								
- Basic		•				311,826		320,480
- Diluted		334,618		342,841		324,778		342,507
Operating Income (Loss) by								

Segment

Electric Transmission &

Distribution: Electric Transmission and Distribution Operations Competition Transition Charge		11	10	55	42
Total Electric Transmissio and Distribution Utility Transition Bond Companies	n	66 30	75 29	126	442 119
Total Electric Transmissio & Distribution Natural Gas Distribution Competitive Natural Gas Sale			104	576 124	561
and Services Interstate Pipelines Field Services Other Operations		44 23	71 24	77 181 89 (2)	237
Total				\$ 1,045	
Reference is made to the Note Statements contained in the A CenterPoint Energy, Inc.					L
	of Op (Mill:	perati	ons by Seg f Dollars)	gment	
Electri			ion & Dist	ribution	
Quarter Ende December 31	d	olo	Twelve		

	Decembe	c 31,	Diff	Twelve Month Decembe	er 31,	Diff
	2006	2007 (Unfav)	2006	2007 (U	nfav)
Results of Operations: Revenues: Electric transmission and distribution						
utility \$ Transition bond	346 \$	373	8%\$	1,516 \$	1,560	3%
-				265		5%
Total	407	438	88	1,781	1,837	38
Expenses: Operation and maintenance Depreciation and	175	185	(6%)	611	652	(7%)
amortization Taxes other than income	61	61		243	243	
taxes	44	52	(18%)	212	223	(5%)

Transition bond companies		31		36	(16%)		139		158	(14%)
										(110)
Total						1				(6%)
Operating Income	\$	96	\$ =======	104	8%	\$	576	\$	561	(3%)
Operating Income: Electric transmiss: and distribut: opera-	ion									
tions Competition transition	n	55	\$	65	18%	\$	395	\$	400	18
charge Transition bond		11		10	(9%)		55		42	(24%)
companies										(6%)
Total Segment Operating										
Income			\$ =======							(3%)
Electric Transmissio & Distribut Operating Da Actual MWH Delivered Residentia Total	tion ata: 1 4,637		4,939 17,729			23,954 75,876				 1%
Weather (average for service are Percentage of 10-year average: Cooling deg days	ea): of gree	1115	ð	140%	5 298		102%		104%	2%
Heating deg days	Jree	859		768	5 (9%)		76%		98%	22%
Average numl of metered customers: Residentia: Total							2,6563,114		8,319 8,636	2% 2%
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					Gas D)istribu				
			er Ended mber 31,		% Diff	Twe]		nths En mber 31		% Diff

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Results of Operations:						
Revenues \$	1,079					5%
Expenses: Natural gas Operation and	811	838	(3%)	2,598	2,683	
maintenanc Depreciatic and	e 165 m	158	4%	594	579	3%
amortizati Taxes other than incom		41	(5%)	152	155	(2%)
taxes	30			125	124	18
Total		1,069	(2%)	3,469	3,541	(2%)
	34				\$ 218	76%
Natural Gas Distributic Operating Data:						
Throughput data in BCF Residential Commercial and		53	(2%)	152	172	13%
Industrial	64	65		224		4%
Total Throughp		118		376	404	7%
Weather (average for service are Percentage of 10-year average: Heating degree	or					
days	95%	939	응 (2%)	888	96%	8%
Average number of customers: Residential	2,909,673	2,944,729	1%	2,883,927	2,931,523	2%
Commercial and						
Industrial -	244,030	248,824	2%	243,265	246,993	2%
Total =	3,153,703	3,193,553 ======	1% =:	3,127,192 =======	3,178,516	2%

Reference is made to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial

CenterPoint E	nergy,	Inc.				
	Cei	Results	Energy, Inc of Operation Millions of 1 (Unaudite	ns by Seg Dollars)		S
	Coi	mpetitive	Natural Gas	Sales a	nd Servic	es
	Decem	r Ended oer 31,			Ended per 31,	
	2006	2007	% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	2006	2007	% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
Results of Operations: Revenues		\$ 864	(5%)		\$3,579	(2%)
Expenses: Natural gas Operation and	867	836	4%	3,540	3,467	2%
maintenance Depreciation and		8	(14%)	30	31	(3%)
amortizatio Taxes other than income		1		1	5	(400%)
taxes	1		100%	3	1	67%
Total	875	845	3%		3,504	2%
	\$ 33 =====	\$ 19 =====	(42%)		\$ 75 =====	(3%)
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services Operating Data: Throughput data in BCF Wholesale - third						
parties Wholesale -	84	73	(13%)	335	314	(6%)
affiliates Retail &	9	2	(78%)	36	9	(75%)
Pipeline	46	55	20%	184	199	8%
Total Throughput	139 =====	130 =====	(6%)	555 =====	522 =====	(6%)
Average number of customers: Wholesale	140	237	69%	140	235	68%

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Retail & Pipeline		,697		,870	3%		,590		,801	3%
Total	6	,837	7	,107 ====	48	6		7	,036 ====	5%
					Interstate I					
	Qı I	uarten Decemb	r En oer	ded 31,		M	Twe Ionths Deceml	lve End per		
	2	2006 2007		007		2	006	2	007	Fav/(Unfav)
Results of Operations: Revenues	\$	89	\$	152	71%	\$	388		500	29%
Expenses: Natural gas Operation and		8			(250%)				83	(168%)
maintenance Depreciation and		23		40	(74%)		120		125	(4%)
amortizatio Taxes other than income		9		12	(33%)		37		44	(19%)
taxes		5		1	80%		19		11	42%
Total		45		81	(80%)		207		263	(27%)
Operating Income	\$	44	\$	71	61%	\$	181	\$	237 ====	31%
Pipelines Operating Data: Throughput data in BCF Transporta- tion	:	221	==	336	52%	==	939		,216	29%
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> CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Results of Operations by Segment (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

Field Services

			Twelve M	ionths	
Quarter	Ended		Ende	ed	
Decemb	er 31,	% Diff	Decembe	er 31,	% Diff
		Fav/			Fav/
2006	2007	(Unfav)	2006	2007	(Unfav)

Results of											
Operations: Revenues	•	36		50	39%	•	150	•	175	17%	
Expenses: Natural gas		(6)			(183%)					(60%)	
Operation and maintenance		17		17			59		66	(12%)	
Depreciation and amortization		2		3	(50%)		10		11	(10%)	
Taxes other than income		2		5	(50%)		10		ΤŢ	(10%)	
taxes				1			2		3	(50%)	
Total		13		26	(100%)		61		76	(25%)	
Operating Income	\$	23		24	4%	•	89	•	99	11%	
Field Services Operating Data: Throughput											
data in BCF Gathering	===	96 ====			6%		375			6%	
				Ot	her Oper	atio	ons				
							Twelve	-	iths		
	Quarter Ended December 31,				Endec % Diff December			led	31, % Diff		
	2	 006	2	2007	Fav/ (Unfav)		 2006		2007	Fav/ (Unfav)	
Results of Operations:	2		2	2007	Fav/		 2006		2007	Fav/	
Results of Operations: Revenues Expenses	 2 \$	3 (2)	 \$	2007 22007 2 2 6	Fav/ (Unfav)	 \$	2006 15 17	 \$	2007 10 15	Fav/ (Unfav) 	
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Natural Gas Distribution	54	1 56		187	191
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and					
Services Interstate	4	1 2		18	7
Pipelines Field	259	9 55		437	308
Services	24	4 19		65	74
Other Operations	F	7 8		25	30
Total	\$ 459 =====	•		1,121 =====	\$ 1,011 ======
			rest Expense I llions of Doll (Unaudited)		
	Quarter Ended December 31,			Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	Dece	ember 31,		Decembe	er 31,
	Dece 2006	ember 31, 2007	2	Decembe 2006	er 31, 2007
Interest Expense Detai	Dece 2006	ember 31,	2	Decembe 2006	er 31,
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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

> December 31, December 31, 2006 2007

Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Other current assets	\$ 127 2,868	2,659
Total current assets		2,788
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	9,204	9,740
Other Assets: Goodwill	1.705	1,696
Regulatory assets	3,290	
Other non-current assets	439	655
Total other assets	5,434	5,344
Total Assets	\$ 17,633	\$ 17,872
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 187	\$ 232
Current portion of transition bond	+ 107	+ _0_
long-term debt	147	159
Current portion of other long-term debt	1,051	1,156
Other current liabilities	2,836	2,244
Total current liabilities	4,221	3,791
Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated deferred income taxes, net		
and investment tax credit	2,362	2,266
Regulatory liabilities	792	828
Other non-current liabilities	900	813
Total other liabilities	4,054	3,907
Long-term Debt:		
Transition bond	2,260	2,101
Other	5,542	6,263
Total long-term debt	7,802	8,364
Shareholders' Equity	1,556	1,810
Total Liabilities and Shareholders'		
Equity	\$ 17,633	\$ 17,872
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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Statements of Consolidated Cash Flows (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Iwelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2006	2007	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net	\$ 43	2 \$ 399	
cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	65	5 696	
Deferred income taxes and investment tax			
credit	(24	1)	
Tax and interest reserves reductions			
related to ZENS and ACES	(10	7)	
Write-down of natural gas inventory	6	6 11	
Changes in net regulatory assets	7	9 81	
Changes in other assets and liabilities	10	8 (425)	
Other, net	()	-	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	99		
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(1,05	6) (1,300)	
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		8 528	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	3 2	
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	7	4 127	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 12	 7 \$ 129	
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