

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 20, 2024

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 NYSE Chicago

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 20, 2024, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (“CenterPoint Energy”) reported fourth quarter and full-year 2023 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy’s fourth quarter and full-year 2023 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 2023 earnings on February 20, 2024. 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 2023 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 20, 2024 regarding CenterPoint Energy’s fourth quarter and full-year 2023 earnings
99.2	Supplemental Materials regarding CenterPoint Energy’s fourth quarter and full-year 2023 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 20, 2024

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin
Kristie L. Colvin
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer



For more information contact

Media:

Communications

Media.Relations@CenterPointEnergy.com

Investors:

Jackie Richert / Ben Vallejo

Phone 713.207.6500

CenterPoint Energy reports strong Q4 and full-year 2023 results; increases capital investment plan; reiterates 2024 guidance

- *Reported Q4 2023 earnings of \$0.30 per diluted share and full year 2023 earnings of \$1.37 per diluted share on a GAAP basis*
- *Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share (“non-GAAP EPS”) was \$0.32 for Q4 2023 and \$1.50 for full year 2023; 9% increase over 2022 full year non-GAAP EPS of \$1.38*
- *Increased the 10-year capital plan through 2030 to \$44.5 billion, a \$600 million increase through 2030 which includes \$100 million already deployed in 2023 with the remaining \$500 million to be invested over the remainder of the decade*
- *Reiterated 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance range of \$1.61-\$1.63, which represents 8% growth over full-year 2023 non-GAAP EPS and further maintains non-GAAP EPS growth targets of 8% for 2024 and the mid-to-high end of 6%-8% annually thereafter through 2030¹*

Houston – February 20, 2024 - CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) or “CenterPoint” today reported income available to common shareholders of \$192 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share on a GAAP basis for the fourth quarter of 2023, compared to \$0.19 per diluted share in the previous comparable period of 2022, and \$867 million, or \$1.37 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$1,008 million, or \$1.59 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Non-GAAP EPS for the fourth quarter 2023 was \$0.32, a 14% increase to the comparable quarter of 2022. These strong fourth quarter results were primarily driven by growth and regulatory recovery, which contributed \$0.05 per share of favorability, and a one-time tax benefit, which, combined with other favorable earnings drivers, contributed another \$0.06 per share when compared to the fourth quarter of 2022. These favorable drivers were partially offset by an unfavorable variance of \$0.05 per share attributable to increased interest expense over the comparable quarter of 2022.

“I am excited and humbled to have the privilege to lead CenterPoint into its next chapter,” said Jason Wells, CEO of CenterPoint. “The last few years have proven that our strategy is truly one of the best in the industry and that we have the ability to execute it at a high-level. These latest quarter and full year 2023 results exemplify this point as

¹ CenterPoint is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP diluted earnings per share without unreasonable effort because changes in the value of ZENS (as defined herein) 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.

we delivered on a third consecutive year of 9% non-GAAP EPS growth and delivered premium results for all stakeholders despite the ongoing headwinds our industry has faced.”

“With our announced LDC asset sale this morning, we’ve now entered into a fourth transaction since Analyst Day 2021, for the benefit of efficiently recycling capital into states in which we either have combined electric and gas operations or a larger presence. We believe this portfolio optimization will allow us to further enhance our ability to continue executing our industry-leading long-term growth strategy for many years to come,” said Wells.

Earnings Outlook

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 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’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’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’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.

2022 and 2023 non-GAAP EPS; 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance range

- 2022 non-GAAP EPS excluded:
 - Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities; and
 - Gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with Arkansas and Oklahoma gas LDC sales; and
 - 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.

- 2023 non-GAAP EPS and 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance excludes:
 - Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities; and
 - Gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with mergers and divestitures, such as the divestiture of Energy Systems Group, LLC and Louisiana and Mississippi gas LDC sales.

In providing 2022 and 2023 non-GAAP EPS and 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance, CenterPoint 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 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance ranges also consider 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 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance ranges may not be met, or the projected annual non-GAAP EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP diluted earnings per share without unreasonable effort because changes in the value of CenterPoint Energy's 2.0% Zero-Premium Exchangeable Subordinated Notes due 2029 ("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, 2023	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 192	\$ 0.30
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$5) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	20	0.03
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$5) ⁽²⁾	(20)	(0.03)
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$9) ⁽²⁾	12	0.02
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 204</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</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.
- 2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the operating results of Energy Systems Group, as well as cash taxes payable and other tax impacts related to the sale of Energy Systems Group, are excluded from non-GAAP EPS.
- 3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.

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

	Year-to-Date Ended December 31, 2023	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 867	\$ 1.37
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$7) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(25)	(0.04)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$6) ⁽²⁾	21	0.03
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$64) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	89	0.14
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 952</u>	<u>\$ 1.50</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.
- 2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the operating results of Energy Systems Group, as well as cash taxes payable and other tax impacts related to the sale of Energy Systems Group, are excluded from non-GAAP EPS.
- 3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.
- 4) Includes \$4.4 million of pre-tax operating loss related to Energy Systems Group, a divested non-regulated business, as well as the \$13 million loss on sale and approximately \$2 million of other indirect related transaction costs associated with the divestiture.

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, 2022	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 122	\$ 0.19
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$12) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(46)	(0.07)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$12) ⁽²⁾	45	0.07
Midstream-related earnings (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	(12)	(0.02)
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$18) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	69	0.11
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 178</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</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.
- 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., Charter Communications, Inc. and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.
- 4) Includes earnings and expenses related to ownership and disposal of Energy Transfer units, a corresponding amount of debt related to the units and an allocation of associated corporate overhead.
- 5) Includes a settlement charge of \$35 million, net of tax, related to CenterPoint Energy pension plan's purchase of a group annuity contract in December 2022 to transfer benefit obligations of CenterPoint Energy's previously divested business to an insurance company.

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

	Year-to-Date Ended December 31, 2022	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 1,008	\$ 1.59
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of taxes of \$66) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	247	0.39
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$68) ⁽²⁾	(256)	(0.40)
Midstream-related earnings (net of taxes of \$2) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	(46)	(0.07)
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of taxes of \$165) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	(80)	(0.13)
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 873</u>	<u>\$ 1.38</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.
- 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., Charter Communications, Inc. and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.
- 4) Includes earnings and expenses related to ownership and disposal of Energy Transfer units, a corresponding amount of debt related to the units and an allocation of associated corporate overhead. Includes costs associated with early extinguishment of \$600 million debt at CenterPoint Energy, Inc. of approximately \$35 million, net of taxes.
- 5) Includes a settlement charge of \$35 million, net of tax, related to CenterPoint Energy pension plan's purchase of a group annuity contract in December 2022 to transfer benefit obligations of CenterPoint Energy's previously divested businesses to an insurance company.

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, 2023. 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's management will host an earnings conference call on February 20, 2024, 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, 2023, the company owned approximately \$39 billion in assets. With approximately 9,000 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 150 years. For more information, visit 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. Examples of forward-looking statements in this news release or on the earnings conference call include statements regarding capital investments (including with respect to incremental capital opportunities, deployment of capital, renewables projects, and financing of such projects), the timing of and projections for upcoming rate cases for CenterPoint and its subsidiaries, the timing and extent of CenterPoint's recovery, including with regards to its generation transition plans and projects, mobile generation spend, projects included in CenterPoint's Natural Gas Innovation Plan, and projects included under its 10-year capital plan, the extent of anticipated benefits from new legislation, the pending sale of CenterPoint's Natural Gas businesses in Louisiana and Mississippi, future earnings and guidance, including long-term growth rate, customer charges, operations and maintenance expense reductions, financing plans (including the timing of any future equity issuances, securitization, credit metrics and parent level debt), the timing and anticipated benefits of our generation transition plan, including our exit from coal and our 10-year capital plan, the ZENS and impacts of the maturity of ZENS, tax planning opportunities, future financial performance and results of operations, including with respect to regulatory actions and recoverability of capital investments, customer rate affordability, value creation, opportunities and expectations, expected customer growth, sustainability strategy, including our net zero and carbon emissions reduction goals, 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's business strategies and strategic initiatives, restructurings, joint ventures and acquisitions or dispositions of assets or businesses, including the announced sale of our Natural Gas businesses in Louisiana and Mississippi, and the completed sale of Energy Systems Group, LLC, which we cannot assure you will have the anticipated benefits to us; (2) industrial, commercial and residential growth in CenterPoint's service territories and changes in market demand; (3) CenterPoint's ability to fund and invest planned capital, and the timely recovery of its investments; (4) financial market and general economic conditions, including access to debt and equity capital and inflation, interest rates and instability of banking institutions, and their effect on sales, prices and costs; (5) continued disruptions to the global supply chain and increases in commodity prices; (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 and the February 2021 winter storm event; (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's net zero and carbon emissions reduction goals; (9) the impact of pandemics, including the COVID-19 pandemic; (10) the recording of impairment charges; (11) weather variations and CenterPoint's ability to mitigate weather impacts, including the approval and timing of securitization issuances; (12) changes in business plans; (13) CenterPoint's ability to execute on its initiatives, targets and goals, including its net zero and carbon emissions reduction goals and operations and maintenance goals; and (14) other factors discussed CenterPoint's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, including in the "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information" sections of such reports, and other reports CenterPoint or its subsidiaries may file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Establishing a path towards

PREMIUM

Through Sustainable Growth...



FOURTH QUARTER 2023
INVESTOR UPDATE

February 20, 2024



Cautionary Statement and Other Disclaimers



This presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith are forward-looking statements made in good faith by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy" or the "Company") and are intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements concerning CenterPoint Energy's expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future operations, events, financial position, earnings and guidance, growth, costs, prospects, capital investments or performance or underlying assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. You can generally identify our forward-looking statements by the words "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "goal," "intend," "may," "objective," "plan," "potential," "predict," "projection," "should," "target," "will," or other similar words. The absence of these words, however, does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking.

Examples of forward-looking statements in this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith include statements about capital investments (including with respect to incremental capital opportunities, deployment of capital, renewables projects, and financing of such projects), the timing of and projections for upcoming rate cases for CenterPoint and its subsidiaries, the timing and extent of CenterPoint's recovery, including with regards to its generation transition plans and projects, mobile generation spend, projects included in CenterPoint's Natural Gas Innovation Plan, and projects included under its 10-year capital plan, the extent of anticipated benefits of new legislation, the pending sale of our Natural Gas businesses in Louisiana and Mississippi, future earnings and guidance, including long-term growth rate, customer charges, operations and maintenance expense reductions, financing plans (including the timing of any future equity issuances, securitization, credit metrics and parent level debt), the timing and anticipated benefits of our generation transition plan, including our exit from coal and our 10-year capital plan, the Company's 2.0% Zero-Premium Exchangeable Subordinated Notes due 2029 ("ZENS") and impacts of the maturity of ZENS, tax planning opportunities, future financial performance and results of operations, including with respect to regulatory actions and recoverability of capital investments, customer rate affordability, value creation, opportunities and expectations, expected customer growth, and sustainability strategy, including our net zero and carbon emissions reduction goals. We have based our forward-looking statements on our management's beliefs and assumptions based on information currently available to our management at the time the statements are made. We caution you that assumptions, beliefs, expectations, intentions, and projections about future events may and often do vary materially from actual results. Therefore, we cannot assure you that actual results will not differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements.

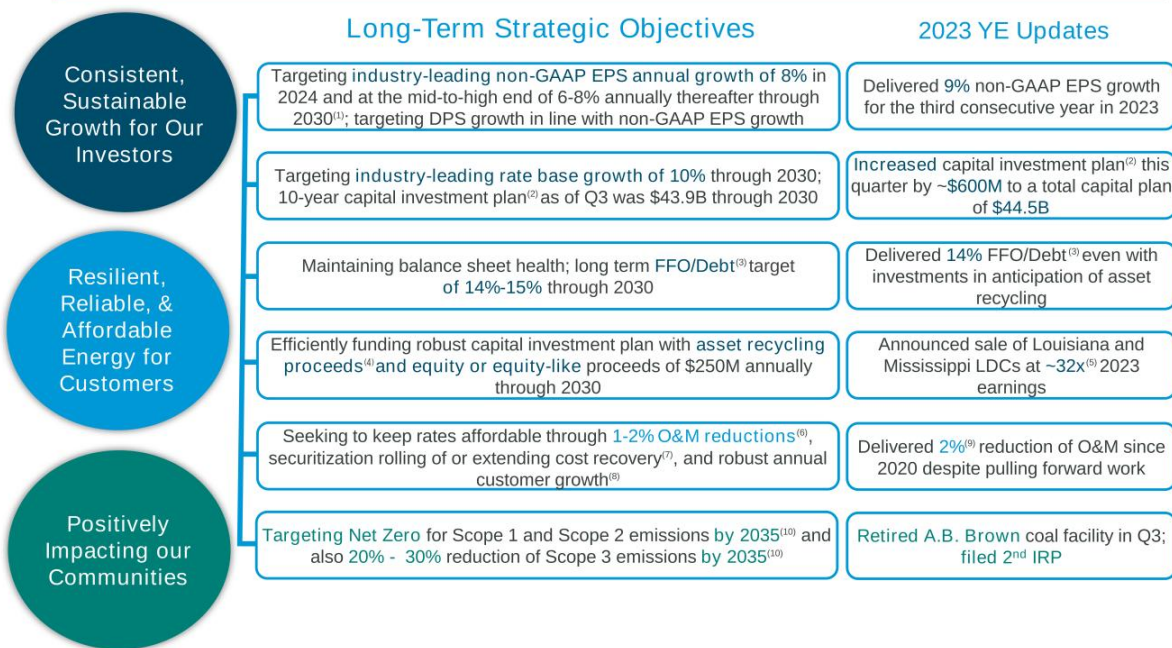
Some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties relating to: (1) CenterPoint Energy's business strategies and strategic initiatives, restructurings, joint ventures and acquisitions or dispositions of assets or businesses, including the announced sale of our Natural Gas businesses in Louisiana and Mississippi, and the completed sale of Energy Systems Group, which we cannot assure you will have the anticipated benefits to us; (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 the timely recovery of its investments; (4) financial market and general economic conditions, including access to debt and equity capital, inflation, interest rates and instability of banking institutions and their effect on sales, prices and costs; (5) continued disruptions to the global supply chain and increases in commodity prices; (6) actions by credit rating agencies, including any potential downgrades to credit ratings; (7) the timing and impact of regulatory proceedings and actions and the legal proceedings, including those related to Houston Electric's mobile generation and the February 2021 winter storm event; (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 and carbon emissions reduction goals; (9) the impact of pandemics, including the COVID-19 pandemic; (10) the recording of impairment charges; (11) weather variations and CenterPoint Energy's ability to mitigate weather impacts, including approval and timing of securitization issuances; (12) changes in business plans; (13) CenterPoint Energy's ability to execute on its initiatives, targets and goals, including its net zero and carbon emissions reduction goals and operations and maintenance goals; and (14) other factors discussed in CenterPoint Energy's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, including under "Risk Factors," "Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Certain Factors Affecting Future Earnings" in such reports and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") by the Company, which can be found at www.centerpointenergy.com on the Investor Relations page or on the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

This presentation contains time sensitive information that is accurate as of the date hereof (unless otherwise specified as accurate as of another date). Some of the information in this presentation is unaudited and may be subject to change. We undertake no obligation to update the information presented herein except as required by law. 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.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to presenting its financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), including presentation of income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share, the Company also provides guidance based on non-GAAP income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share and also provides non-GAAP funds from operations / non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt ("FFO/Debt"). 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. Please refer to the Appendix for detailed discussion of the use of non-GAAP financial measures presented herein.

OUR PREMIUM VALUE PROPOSITION AND CONTINUING TRACK RECORD OF EXECUTION



Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slides 18-20 and 22 for reconciliations and information on non-GAAP assumptions and measures, including non-GAAP EPS.

(1) Refers to non-GAAP EPS annual growth rate for 2022A - 2030E

(2) Refers to 10-year capital plan from 2021A-2030E

(3) Consistent with Moody's methodology; Adjusted for TX Securitization; FFO/Debt is a non-GAAP measure. Refer to slide 20 for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measure to GAAP measure

(4) Refers to proceeds received from the anticipated sale of Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDCs

(5) Subject to a true-up at transaction close

(6) O&M average annual reduction target includes Electric and Natural Gas business, excludes utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets

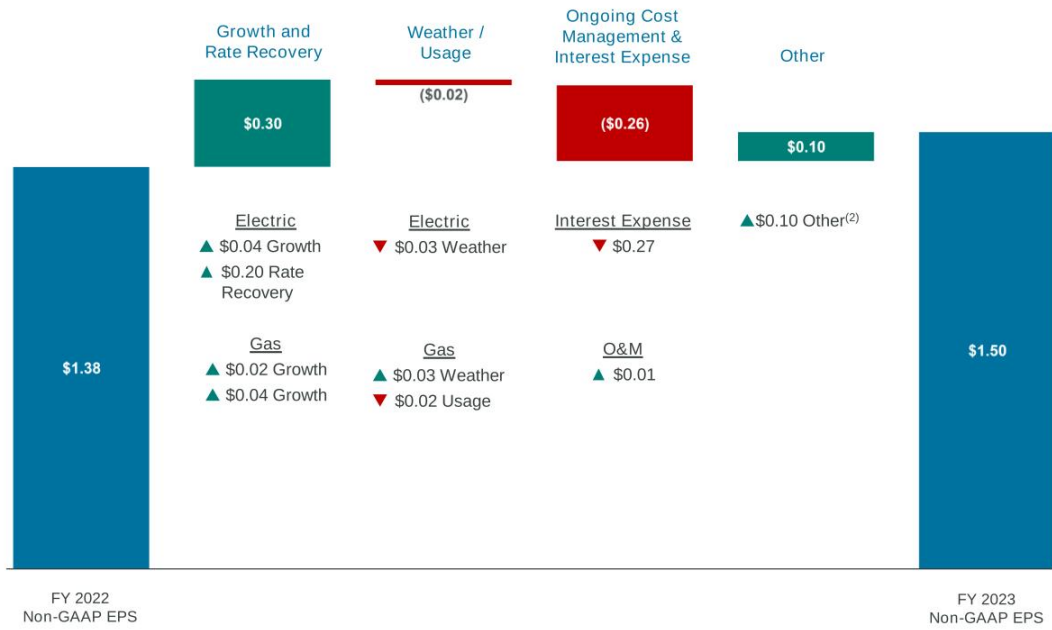
(7) Securitization includes CEHE transition bonds ending by 2024 and SIGECO securitization bonds

(8) Internal projection through 2030

(9) 2% per year on average; includes the sale of Arkansas and Oklahoma LDCs

(10) See Net Zero disclaimer on slide 22. Scope 3 estimates exclude the emissions of transport customers and emissions related to upstream extraction

FY 2023 v FY 2022 Non-GAAP EPS⁽¹⁾ Primary Drivers

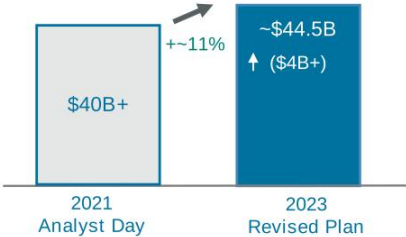


Note: Refer to slide 22 for information on non-GAAP EPS assumptions.
 (1) Refer to slide 18 and slide 19 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures
 (2) Primarily driven by favorable one-time tax benefits, other miscellaneous revenues, and AFUDC

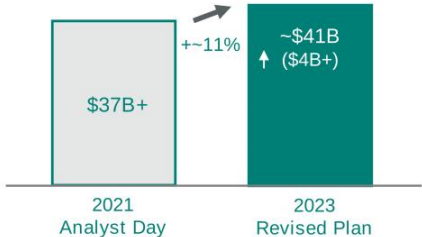
Increases in Customer-Driven Investments



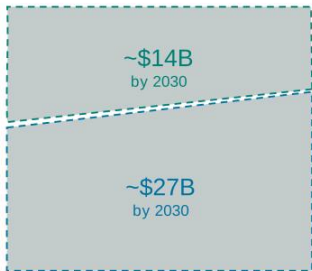
Capital 10-Year Plan (2021A – 2030E)⁽¹⁾



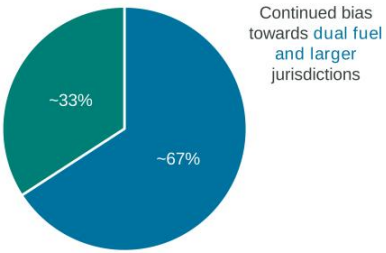
Rate Base 10-Year Ending (2030E)



\$40B+ Rate Base by 2030E



Rate Base Projection 2030E



■ Gas ■ Electric

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
 (1) Refers to capital plan from 2021A to 2030E.

Louisiana and Mississippi Sale....



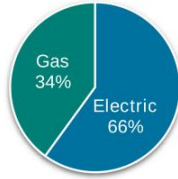
Transaction Highlights

- ✓ Efficiently recycle capital, upside for additional
- ✓ Supports balance sheet optimization
- ✓ Signals continued demand for U.S. gas LDC's
- ✓ Aligns with the continued execution of our plan

Key Transaction Terms

- Gross Purchase Price: ~\$1,200 million
- Net Purchase Price: ~\$1,000 million
 - 1.55x of 2023 rate base⁽¹⁾
 - ~32x of 2023 earnings⁽²⁾
- Buyer: Bernhard Capital
- Anticipated transaction close: By end of Q1 2025

2025 Utility Mix (post sale)



Proceeds Calculation (\$ in millions)

Gross Purchase Price	~\$1,200
Taxes ⁽³⁾ and transaction costs	~\$200
Net Proceeds	~\$ 1,000

....Targeting Our 4th Efficient Recycling of Capital over the last 3 years

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. Based on forecasted year-end rate base

(1) 2023 year-end rate base of approximately \$800 million, inclusive of North and South Louisiana and Mississippi

(2) Represents reported estimated earnings for 2023 on a standalone basis of \$25.7MM. Subject to a true-up at transaction close

(3) Assumes blended tax rate of 23.5%, inclusive of state taxes

Rate Case Snapshot

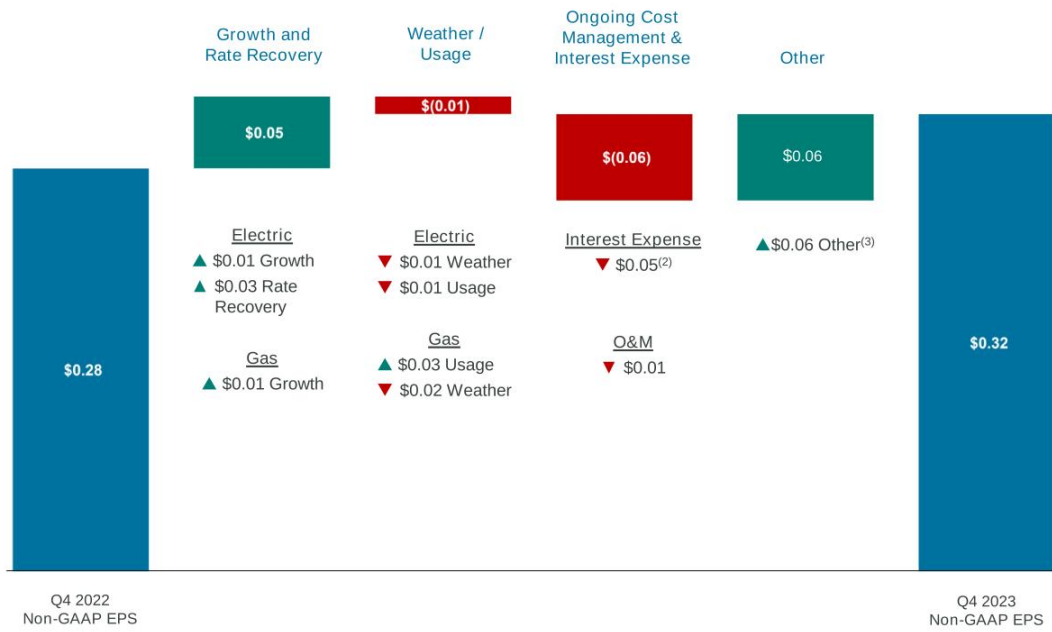


	TX Gas (Docket 15513)	MN Gas (Docket 23-173)	IN Electric (Docket 45990)
Date Filed	October 30, 2023 ✓	November 1, 2023 ✓	December 5, 2023 ✓
Test Year End	June 30, 2023	Forward test year: 2024 & 2025	Forward test year: 2025
Revenue Request	2024: \$37.4M ⁽¹⁾	2024: \$84.6M 2025: \$51.8M	2024: \$42.1M 2025: \$24.5M 2026: \$52.1M
Equity Layer / ROE	Requested: 60.61%/ 10.5% Authorized: 55.5%/ 9.64%	Requested: 52.5%/ 10.3% Authorized: 51.0%/ 9.39%	Requested: 48.28% ⁽²⁾ / 10.4% Authorized: 43.5%/ 10.4%
Debt	Requested: 39.39%/ 4.78% Authorized: 44.5%/ 5.9%	Requested: 47.5%/ 4.49% Authorized: 49.0%/ 4.09%	Requested: 39.50%/ 5.12% Authorized: 56.5%/ 6.25%
Interim Rates	N/A	Effective as of 1/1/2024 Based on Rev. Req. of \$68.7	Phase I Rates: Estimated to be in effect late Q3 / early Q4 '24
Key Dates			

Houston Electric to file by March 9, 2024

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
 (1) Errata filed on December 19, 2023 with an updated revenue request of -\$38.8M
 (2) Equity % net of cost-free capital and other capital of 11.90% and 0.32%, respectively

Q4 2023 v Q4 2022 Non-GAAP EPS⁽¹⁾ Primary Drivers



Note: Refer to slide 22 for information on non-GAAP EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.
 (1) Refer to slide 18 and slide 19 for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures
 (2) Offset by favorable impact due to removal of dividend associated with the now redeemed Series A Preferred
 (3) Primarily driven by favorable one-time tax benefits, AFUDC, and other miscellaneous revenues

Capital Expenditures by Segment....



	Current 5-Yr Plan ⁽¹⁾				10-Yr Plan ⁽²⁾ Through 2030	Continued Incremental Capital Opportunities
	4Q	FY	FY	5-YR	10-YR	
	2023	2023	2024E ⁽³⁾	Plan	Plan	
Electric ⁽⁴⁾	~\$0.6B	~\$2.7B	\$~2.2B	\$13.7B	~\$29B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased & accelerated C&I electrification • Accelerated EV adoption • Resiliency investments at Houston Electric
Natural Gas	~\$0.3B	~\$1.7B	~\$1.4B	\$7.5B	~\$15.3B	
Corporate and Other	~\$5MM	~\$11MM	~14MM	\$0.1B	\$0.2B	
Total Capital Expenditures	~\$0.9B	~\$4.3B↑ (was \$4.2B)	~\$3.7B	~\$21.3B↑ (was \$21.2B)	~\$44.5B↑ (was \$43.9B)	

....Executed year 3 of plan and increased capital plan

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

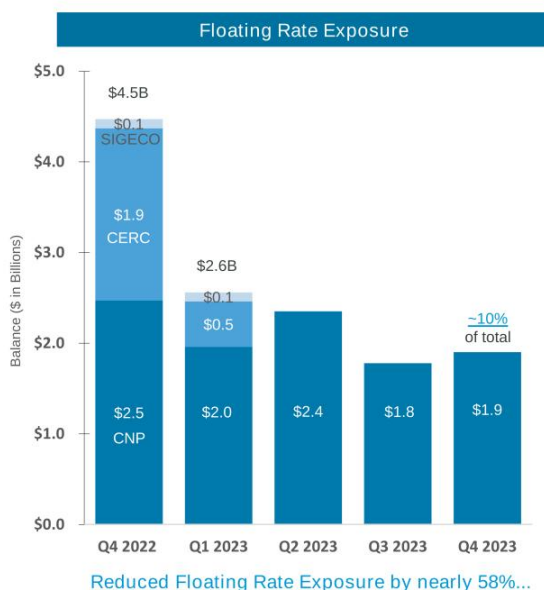
(1) Refers to capital plan from 2021A to 2025E

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

(3) Represents 2024 capital estimated as of 12/31/2023

(4) Includes incremental and accelerated investments in 2021 and 2022 related to capital leases for temporary emergency mobile generation units

Continued Focus on Balance Sheet Strength



FFO / Debt - Moody's methodology⁽¹⁾

Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
14.2%	13.9%	14.3%	14.0%

Target 14% - 15% FFO/Debt Thru 2030...

Upcoming Maturities

	2024	2025	2026
CNP (Parent)			
Floating Rate Sr. Notes @ 5.99%	\$350M	\$ -	\$ -
Senior Notes @ 2.50%	\$500M	\$ -	\$ -
Senior Notes @ 1.45%, 5.25%	\$ -	\$ -	\$900M
Convertible Senior Notes @ 4.25%	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,000M
CEHE			
General Mortgage Bonds @ 2.40%	\$ -	\$ -	\$300M
CERC			
Private Placement Notes @ 5.02%	\$ -	\$ -	\$60M
IGC Senior Notes @ 6.53%	\$ -	\$10M	\$ -
SIGECO			
First Mortgage Bonds @ 3.5%	\$23M	\$ -	\$ -
First Mortgage Bonds @ 3.45%	\$ -	\$41M	\$ -
Total	\$873M	\$51M	\$2,260M

...and mitigating exposure to floating interest rates

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

⁽¹⁾ Based on Moody's methodology with certain adjustments noted on slide 20; target based on plan assumptions; See slide 20 for reconciliation to nearest GAAP measures and slide 22 for information regarding non-GAAP EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures



Contacts

Jackie Richert

Vice President
Corporate Planning, Investor Relations and Treasurer
Tel. (713) 207 – 9380
jackie.richert@centerpointenergy.com

Ben Vallejo

Director
Investor Relations and Corporate Planning
Tel. (713) 207 – 5461
ben.vallejo@centerpointenergy.com

General Contact

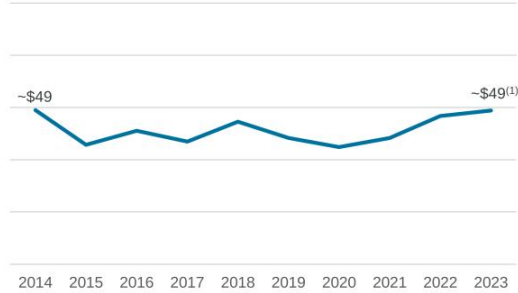
Tel. (713) 207 – 6500
<https://investors.centerpointenergy.com/contact-us>

Appendix

Customer Affordability Houston Electric



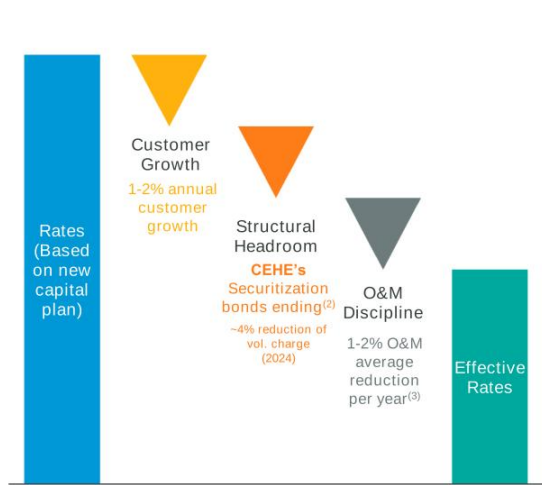
Average Monthly CEHE Charges (per 1,000 kWh)



Nearly flat charges on customer bills over the last 10 years at Houston Electric

~2.8% average annual inflation rate for that same period

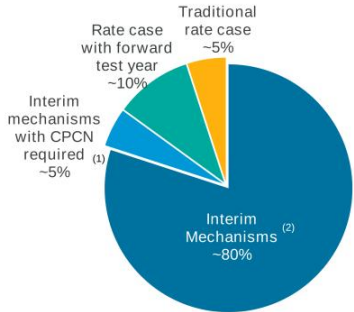
Future Expected Bill Mitigants



...Executing capital plan while working to keeping rates affordable

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
 (1) As of December 31, 2023
 (2) Refers to Houston Electric's securitization bonds; One tranche of transition bonds remain, with a scheduled final payment date in 2024
 (3) Projections based on internal forecast and are based on annual targets

Over 80% of 10-year Capital Plan expected to be recoverable through interim mechanisms



Regulatory Highlights	Stakeholder Benefits
<p>Existing Mechanisms for timely recovery of major storm costs</p>	Reasonable cost recovery minimizes customer impact and earnings volatility
<p>Winter storm cost almost fully recovered in all impacted states⁽³⁾</p>	Reasonable cost recovery minimizes customer impact and earnings volatility
<p>Generation transition proceedings in Indiana on plan</p>	Cleaner energy transition good for communities

....No big bets with recovery through established regulatory mechanisms

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
 (1) Includes capital expenditures that are expected to be recovered through interim mechanisms but requires approval of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
 (2) Includes capital expenditures that are expected to be recovered through interim mechanisms and riders. Excludes capital expenditures that require approvals for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
 (3) Refers to CenterPoint's recovery of extraordinary gas costs associated with Winter Storm Uri

Weather and Throughput Data



Electric					Natural Gas				
		4Q 2023	4Q 2022	2023 vs 2022			4Q 2023	4Q 2022	2023 vs 2022
Throughput (in GWh)	Residential	4,975	6,755	(26)%	Throughput (in Bcf)	Residential	61	74	(18)%
	Total	19,068	22,529	(16)%		Commercial and Industrial	110	117	(5)%
Metered Customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	2,588,510	2,534,730	2%	Metered Customers ⁽¹⁾	Total	171	191	(10)%
	Total	2,916,028	2,858,203	2%		Residential	4,010,113	3,964,221	1%
Weather vs Normal ⁽²⁾	Cooling Degree Days	(37)	10	(47)	Weather vs Normal ⁽²⁾	Commercial and Industrial	303,841	301,834	1%
	Heating Degree Days	(18)	64	(82)		Total	4,313,954	4,266,055	1%
	Houston Cooling Degree Days	(39)	13	(52)		Heating Degree Days	(205)	34	(239)
	Houston Heating Degree Days	(4)	62	(66)		Texas Heating Degree Days	(3)	72	(75)

Margin Sensitivities	CEHE	IE	TX Gas ⁽³⁾
Per HDD / CDD	\$50k - \$70k	\$20k - \$30k	\$30k - \$40k

Note: Data as of 12/31/2023.

(1) End of period number of metered customers

(2) As compared normal weather for service area; Normal weather is based on past 10-year weather in service area

(3) Only pertains to HDD

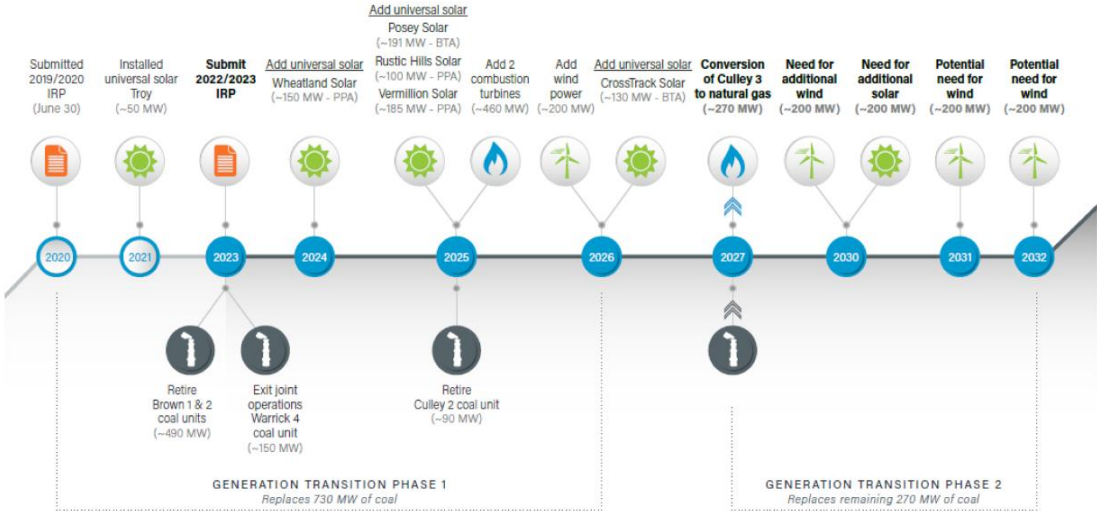
Upcoming Rate Case Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ROE / Equity Ratio	'23 Rate Base ⁽²⁾	
TX (E)			GRC											9.40% / 42.5%	\$12.0B
IN (E)	GRC									Phase 1 Rates			10.40% / 43.5%	\$2.0B	
TX (G)	GRC												9.64% / 55.5% ⁽¹⁾	\$2.0B	
MN (G)	GRC												9.39% / 51.0%	\$2.0B	
N. IN (G)	No Rate Case Planned Until Post-2025												9.80% / 46.8%	\$2.0B	
OH (G)	GRC						GRC						N/A / 51.1%	\$1.0B	
S. IN (G)	No Rate Case Planned Until Post-2025												9.70% / 46.2%	\$0.6B	
LA (G)	No Rate Case Planned Until Post-2025												9.95% / 52.0%	\$0.4B	
MS (G)	No Rate Case Planned Until Post-2025												9.75% / 50.0%	\$0.3B	
Total =														\$22.3B	

GRC General Rate Case

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. TCOS – Transmission Cost of Service; DCRF – Distribution Cost Recovery Factor CPCN – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
 (1) TX Gas regulatory metrics reflect jurisdictional average
 (2) Represents the latest available information, may differ slightly from regulatory filings

Generation Project Timeline



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

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 March 31, 2023		Quarter Ended June 30, 2023		Quarter Ended September 30, 2023		Quarter Ended December 31, 2023		Year-to-Date December 31, 2023	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 313	\$ 0.49	\$ 106	\$ 0.17	\$ 256	\$ 0.40	\$ 192	\$ 0.30	\$ 867	\$ 1.37
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Equity securities (net of taxes) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(31)	(0.05)	25	0.04	(39)	(0.06)	20	0.03	(25)	(0.04)
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes) ⁽²⁾	31	0.05	(27)	(0.04)	37	0.06	(20)	(0.03)	21	0.03
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of taxes)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	1	0.00	74	0.12	2	-	12	0.02	89	0.14
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	\$ 314	\$ 0.50	\$ 178	\$ 0.28	\$ 256	\$ 0.40	\$ 204	\$ 0.32	\$ 952	\$ 1.50

- (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.
- (2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the operating results of Energy Systems Group, as well as cash taxes payable and other tax impacts related to the sale of Energy Systems Group, are excluded from non-GAAP EPS.
- (3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.
- (4) Includes \$4.4 million of pre-tax operating loss related to Energy Systems Group, a divested non-regulated business, as well as the \$13 million loss on sale and approximately \$2 million of other indirect related transaction costs associated with the divestiture.

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 March 31, 2022		Quarter Ended June 30, 2022		Quarter Ended September 30, 2022		Quarter Ended December 31, 2022		Year-to-Date December 31, 2022	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 518	\$ 0.82	\$ 179	\$ 0.28	\$ 189	\$ 0.30	\$ 122	\$ 0.19	\$ 1,008	\$ 1.59
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Equity securities (net of taxes) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	81	0.13	49	0.08	163	0.25	(46)	(0.07)	247	0.39
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes) ⁽²⁾	(83)	(0.13)	(52)	(0.08)	(166)	(0.26)	45	0.07	(256)	(0.40)
Midstream-related earnings (net of taxes):⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	(32)	(0.05)	(1)	-	(1)	-	(12)	(0.02)	(46)	(0.07)
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of taxes)⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	(189)	(0.30)	19	0.03	21	0.03	69	0.11	(80)	(0.13)
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	\$ 295	\$ 0.47	\$ 194	\$ 0.31	\$ 206	\$ 0.32	\$ 178	\$ 0.28	\$ 873	\$ 1.38

(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

(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., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.

(4) Includes earnings and expenses related to ownership and disposal of Energy Transfer units, a corresponding amount of debt related to the units and an allocation of associated corporate overhead

(5) Includes costs associated with early extinguishment of \$600 million debt at CenterPoint Energy, Inc. of approximately \$35 million, net of taxes

(5) Includes a settlement charge of \$35 million, net of tax, related to CenterPoint Energy pension plan's purchase of a group annuity contract in December 2022 to transfer benefit obligations of CenterPoint Energy's previously divested businesses to an insurance company

Reconciliation: Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities and Total Debt, Net to non-GAAP Funds from Operations (FFO) and non-GAAP Rating Agency Adjusted Debt



Twelve month to date ended and as of period ended, respectively (\$ in millions)	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$2,943	\$3,314	\$3,542	\$3,877
Add back:				
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net	(91)	(122)	28	(423)
Inventory	296	132	(28)	(167)
Taxes receivable	7	15	67	74
Accounts payable	35	68	121	302
Other current assets and liabilities	173	(39)	(141)	(162)
Adjusted cash from operations	3,363	3,368	3,589	3,501
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(947)	(946)	(951)	(868)
Non-GAAP funds from operations (FFO)	\$2,416	\$2,422	\$2,649	\$2,633
Total Debt, Net				
Short-term Debt:				
Short-term borrowings	500	2	4	4
Current portion of VIE Securitization Bonds long-term debt	156	170	170	178
Indexed debt, net	6	6	5	5
Current portion of other long-term debt	57	756	1,255	872
Long-term Debt:				
VIE Securitization bonds, net	161	408	408	320
Other long-term debt, net	15,622	15,624	16,430	17,239
Total Debt, net	16,502	16,966	18,272	18,618
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽²⁾	491	508	123	141
Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt	\$16,993	\$17,474	\$18,395	\$18,759
Net cash provided by operating activities / total debt, net	17.8%	19.5%	19.4%	20.8%
Non-GAAP FFO / Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt ("FFO/Debt")	14.2%	13.9%	14.3%	14.0%

(1) Based on Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to total lease costs (net of lease income), Series A preferred stock dividends, non-recurring items, and defined benefit plan.

(2) CNP further reduces FFO for non-recurring Winter Storm Uri related securitization proceeds.

(3) Based on Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to Series A preferred stock, pension benefit obligations, and operating lease liabilities. CNP also adjusts for non-recurring Winter Storm Uri debt.

Regulatory Information



Information	Location
Electric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated 2022 year-end rate base by jurisdiction ▪ Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction ▪ Definition of regulatory mechanisms ▪ Projected regulatory filing schedule 	Regulatory Information – Electric
Natural Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated 2022 year-end rate base by jurisdiction ▪ Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction ▪ Definition of regulatory mechanisms ▪ Projected regulatory filing schedule 	Regulatory Information – Gas
Estimated amortization for pre-tax equity earnings related to Houston Electric’s securitization bonds	Regulatory Information – Electric (Pg. 5)
Rate changes and Interim mechanisms filed	Form 10-K – Rate Change Applications section

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith, CenterPoint Energy presents, based on income available to common shareholders, diluted earnings per share, and net cash provided by operating activities to total debt, net, the following financial measures which are not generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") financial measures: non-GAAP income, non-GAAP earnings per share ("non-GAAP EPS"), as well as non-GAAP funds from operations / non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt ("FFO/Debt") 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.

2022 and 2023 non-GAAP EPS excluded and 2024 non-GAAP EPS guidance excludes: (a) Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities, (b) (for 2022) Gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with Arkansas and Oklahoma gas LDC sales, (2023 and 2024) associated with the divestiture of Energy Systems Group, LLC, and (2023 and 2024) associated with the Louisiana and Mississippi gas LDC sales, and (c) (for 2022) 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 2024 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 2024 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 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.

Funds from operations excludes from net cash provided by operating activities accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net, inventory, taxes receivable, accounts payable, and other current assets and liabilities, and includes certain adjustments consistent with Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to total lease costs (net of lease income), Series A preferred stock dividends, and defined benefit plan contributions (less service costs). Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt adds to Total Debt, net certain adjustments consistent with Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to Winter Storm Uri debt, Series A preferred stock, pension benefit obligations, and operating lease liabilities.

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, as well as a reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities / total debt, net to FFO/Debt.

Management evaluates the Company's financial performance in part based on non-GAAP income, non-GAAP EPS and long-term FFO/Debt. 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, non-GAAP EPS and non-GAAP FFO/Debt financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, income available to common shareholders, diluted earnings per share and net cash provided by operating activities to total debt, net 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

Our Scope 1 emissions estimates are calculated from emissions that directly come from our operations. Our Scope 2 emissions estimates are calculated from emissions that indirectly come from our energy usage, but because Texas is in an unregulated market, our Scope 2 estimates do not take into account Texas electric transmission and distribution assets in the line loss calculation and exclude emissions related to purchased power between 2024E-2026E. Our Scope 3 emissions estimates are based on the total natural gas supply delivered to residential and commercial customers as reported in the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form EIA-176 reports and do not take into account the emissions of transport customers and emissions related to upstream extraction. 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; 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 or 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; changes in applicable standards or methodologies; and enhancement of energy efficiencies.

