

1ST QUARTER 2020 EARNINGS CALL

MAY 7, 2020

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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, CenterPoint Energy also provides guidance based on adjusted income, adjusted diluted earnings per share and adjusted funds from operations ("FFO"), which are non-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.

To provide greater transparency on utility earnings, CenterPoint Energy's 2020 guidance will be presented in two components, a guidance basis Utility EPS range and a Midstream Investments EPS expected range. Refer to slide 26 for further detail. The 2020 Utility EPS guidance range includes net income from Houston Electric, Indiana Electric and Natural Gas Distribution business segments, as well as after tax operating income from the Corporate and Other business segment. The 2020 Utility EPS guidance range considers operations performance to date and assumptions for certain significant variables that may impact earnings, such as customer growth (approximately 2% for electric operations and 1% for natural gas distribution) and usage including normal weather, throughput, recovery of capital invested through rate cases and other rate filings, effective tax rates, financing activities and related interest rates, regulatory and judicial proceedings, anticipated cost savings as a result of the merger and reflects dilution and earnings as if the newly issued preferred stock were issued as common stock. In addition, the Utility EPS guidance range incorporates a COVID-19 scenario range of \$0.05 - \$0.08 which assumes reduced demand levels with April as the peak and reflects anticipated deferral and recovery of incremental expenses, including bad debt. The COVID-19 scenario also assumes a gradual re-opening of the economy in CenterPoint Energy's service territories, leading to diminishing levels of demand reduction, which would continue through August. To the extent actual recovery deviates from these COVID-19 scenario assumptions, the 2020 Utility EPS guidance range may not be met and our projected full-year guidance range may change. The Utility EPS guidance range also assumes an allocation of corporate overhead based upon its relative earnings contribution. Corporate overhead consists of interest expense, preferred stock dividend requirements, income on Enable preferred units and other items directly attributable to the parent along with the associated income taxes. Utility EPS guidance excludes (a) certain integration and transaction-related fees and expenses associated with the merger, (b) severance costs, (c) Midstream Investments and associated allocation of corporate overhead, (d) results related to Infrastructure Services and Energy Services, including anticipated costs and impairment resulting from the sale of those businesses, and (e) earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities. In providing this guidance, CenterPoint Energy uses a non-GAAP measure of adjusted diluted earnings per share that does not consider other potential impacts, such as changes in accounting standards or unusual items, which could have a material impact on GAAP reported results for the applicable guidance period. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward looking adjusted diluted earnings per share because changes in the value of ZENS and related securities are not estimable as they are highly variable and difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control.

The 2020 Midstream Investments EPS expected range assumes a 53.7 percent limited partner ownership interest in Enable and includes the amortization of the Company's basis differential in Enable and assumes an allocation of CenterPoint Energy corporate overhead based upon Midstream Investments relative earnings contribution. The Midstream Investments EPS expected range reflects dilution and earnings as if the CenterPoint Energy newly issued preferred stock were issued as common stock. The Midstream Investments EPS expected range takes into account such factors as Enable's most recent public outlook for 2020 dated May 6, 2020, and effective tax rates. The company does not include other potential impacts such as any changes in accounting standards, impairments or Enable's unusual items

A reconciliation of income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share to the basis used in providing guidance is provided in this presentation on slides 27 and 28. The Company is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking adjusted income and adjusted diluted earnings per share used in providing earnings guidance because changes in the value of ZENS and related securities are not estimable as they are highly variable and difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control. These excluded items, including unusual items, could have a material impact on GAAP-reported results for the applicable guidance period. A reconciliation of net cash from operating activities to adjusted FFO is provided in this presentation on slides 29 and 30.

Management evaluates the company's financial performance in part based on adjusted income, adjusted diluted earnings per share and adjusted 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 does not most accurately reflect the Company's fundamental business performance. These excluded items are reflected in the reconciliation tables, where applicable. CenterPoint Energy's adjusted income, adjusted diluted earnings (loss) per share and adjusted FFO non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a suphement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, income (loss) available to common shareholders, diluted earnings per share and net cash from 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.

THANK YOU EMPLOYEES





During these unprecedented times, we are proud of the tremendous efforts our employees are making every day to continue providing safe and reliable electricity and natural gas to our customers. We would like to extend a special thank you to our operations personnel who are on the front lines keeping the electricity on and the natural gas flowing during a time when our customers need them most.





Strong First Quarter

Utility guidance basis EPS of \$0.50⁽¹⁾, over 20% Q-o-Q increase

Mitigating COVID-19 Impact

Constructive regulatory mechanisms



Transformative Equity Capital Raise

\$1.4 billion of new equity capital to reduce debt and eliminate anticipated equity needs through 2022

Strong Investment Grade Balance Sheet

Equity issuance improves estimated 2020 FFO to debt by ~ 60 bps⁽²⁾

Two New Directors and New Board Committee

New Business Review and Evaluation Committee to support value enhancement for all stakeholders

Reiterating Utility EPS Guidance

2020 Utility EPS of \$1.10 - 1.20 and 5-7% Utility EPS CAGR, including COVID impact

Notes: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures, full year 2020 COVID-19 guidance assumptions and other guidance assumptions (1) Excluding non-cash impairments. Refer to slides 27 and 28 for a reconciliation of diluted EPS on a GAAP basis to diluted EPS on a guidance basis

Excluding non-cash impairments. Refer to slides 27 and 28 for a reconciliation of diluted EPS on a GAAP basis t
 Versus prior equity guidance. Dependent on equity treatment from Moody's and Fitch

SIGNIFICANT EQUITY INVESTMENT REMOVED ANTICIPATED EQUITY NEEDS THROUGH 2022



Significant \$1.4 billion equity investment from highly credible investors with a record of value creation

\$1.4 billion equity investment comprised of:

- **<u>\$725 million</u>** mandatory convertible preferred stock
- <u>\$675 million</u> common stock

Transaction Furthers Several Key Goals

- <u>Strengthens investment grade credit profile</u> with 2020E FFO to debt above prior guidance of low- to mid-14%
- <u>Eliminates all anticipated equity needs</u> through 2022, with total 2020 to 2022 equity issuance below midpoint of prior guidance
- Funds robust \$13 billion investment program driving forecasted 7.5% long-term rate base growth
- Supports 50-55% utility dividend payout while maintaining favorable credit metrics
- <u>Drives forecasted 5-7% utility EPS CAGR</u> over long-term guidance range
- Benefits all stakeholders through a stronger balance sheet and no impact on customer rates

Transaction Led by Long-Term Oriented, Highly Credible Investors

"We are pleased that these sophisticated and experienced investors have chosen to invest with CenterPoint. All of the investors in this transaction have a proven ability in collaborating to drive substantial value enhancement and bring strong, long-term credibility in the U.S. utility industry. With no further anticipated equity needs through 2022, these equity investments provide a transformational opportunity for the Company to operate from a position of heightened strength and flexibility while remaining focused on providing safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable service to our customers and executing on the wide range of long-term opportunities across our utility businesses."

> John W. Somerhalder II Interim president and CEO CenterPoint Energy

NEW BUSINESS REVIEW AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE FORMED BY THE BOARD



Includes 2 new Board members and will complete a 5-month comprehensive review

- New Board Members: David Lesar (former CEO of Halliburton) and Barry Smitherman (former chairman of PUCT and Railroad Commission of Texas) will join the Board
- Comprehensive Mandate: Provide advice and recommendations to the Board on potential value maximizing strategic business actions to further enhance the Company's financial strength, positioning and value proposition, including configuration and alignment of current portfolio
- Transparent Outcomes: Investor Day by early 2021 to update stakeholders on strategic business plan



John Somerhalder

- Director Since 2016
- Outstanding energy industry executive with vast utility experience and the skills



Martin Nesbitt

- Director Since 2018
- Financial, strategic and operational experience as CEO and founder of various companies

Committee Membership



Phillip Smith

- Director Since 2014
- Over 40 years of business, financial and accounting experience



David Lesar (Chair)

- New Director
- Enhanced shareholder value as CEO of Halliburton for 17 years



Barry Smitherman

- New Director
- Former Chairman of the PUCT and the Railroad Commission of Texas

New Directors

Q1 2020 COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE OPERATIONS



- Safety and well-being of CenterPoint's customers, employees, contractors and the communities we serve are <u>top priorities</u>
 - Committed to being "Always There" for our customers by enacting temporary suspension of DNP⁽¹⁾
 - Implementation of Pandemic Preparedness and Corporate Response Plans ensuring business continuity
- Feet STICK TO SIX
- \$1.5 million COVID-19 Relief Fund via CenterPoint Energy Foundation
- No material impact on field operations or customer service; minimal confirmed cases among workforce
- Supply chain no material impacts experienced or anticipated at this time
- Capital projects implemented safety precautions with no significant construction impacts or delays experienced or anticipated as a result of the pandemic
- Indiana Electric IRP no material delays expected, filing remains on target for Q2 as previously disclosed
- Management currently preparing for gradual and safe return to normal operations

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements; IRP – Integrated Resource Plan; DNP – Disconnect for non-pay

(1) DNP moratorium program for Houston Electric is applicable for qualified residential customers, subject to third party verification, as permitted by the Texas Public Utility Commission

- Refer to slides 27 and 28 for a reconciliation of diluted EPS on a GAAP basis to diluted EPS on a guidance basis
- Primarily due to the annual true-up of transition charges (2)

\$0.05

\$0.41

Q1 2019

Utility Operations⁽¹⁾

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First guarter 2020 loss of \$2.44 per diluted share, which included non-cash impairment charges and losses on assets held for sale totaling \$3.12 per diluted share, compared with earnings of \$0.28 per diluted share for the first quarter of 2019

Guidance Basis (Non-GAAP) Diluted EPS⁽¹⁾

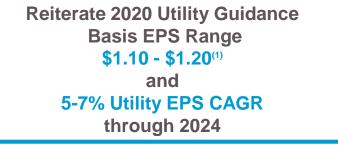
FIRST QUARTER 2020 EARNINGS SUMMARY

\$0.10

\$0.50

Q1 2020

Midstream Investments⁽¹⁾



Q-o-Q Utility Guidance Basis Diluted

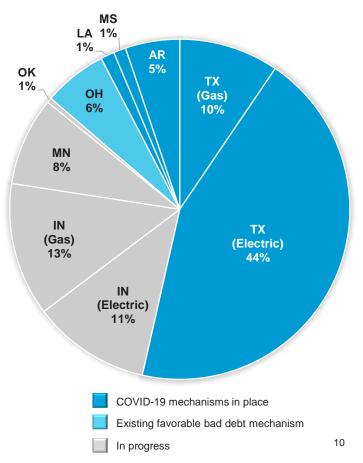
COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE *COVID-19 EXPENSES, INCLUDING BAD DEBT*



- Collaboration with various PUCs across CenterPoint's regulated footprint to address recovery of COVID-19 expenses
- <u>Nearly 70%</u> of CenterPoint's regulated footprint has addressed recovery of COVID-19 expenses
 - Allowing deferral of incremental expenses associated with COVID-19, which includes bad debt expense
 - Potential recovery through annual mechanisms or other rate proceedings
- Bad debt expense not anticipated to be materially different than planned with regulatory mechanisms in place

COVID-19 expense deferral available in <u>nearly 70%</u> of jurisdictions

Rate base by jurisdiction(1)



Note: Refer to slides 23 - 25 for full detail on regulatory filings; PUC - Public Utility Commission

(1) Total projected rate base for the year ended December 31, 2019 and not just the amount that has been reflected in rates. Amounts may differ from regulatory filings

COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

Q2 DEMAND SENSITIVITIES & FY GUIDANCE ASSUMPTIONS

Early Q2 Estimated Impacts

- "Stay-at-home" practices estimated to yield modest negative demand impacts associated with electric commercial and small industrial customer classes
- Negative C&I electric demand impacts anticipated to be partially offset by increased residential electric usage with more individuals working from home
- Natural gas C&I demand reduction influenced primarily by restaurant, retail and manufacturing closures; demand for construction, agriculture and some electric energy production is normal
- Warmer than normal weather conditions experienced for April across all utilities
- While long-term pandemic impacts continue to unfold, anticipate April to be the demand decline peak with conditions to gradually reverse over the summer

April 2020 Estimated Demand Impact⁽¹⁾

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	Houston Electric	Indiana Electric	Natural Gas Distribution				
Residential	↑ 4-6%	↑ 10 – 11%	Flat				
Commercial	↓ 15 – 20%	↓ 11 – 12%	↓ 10 – 25%				
Industrial	↓ 10 – 15% ⁽²⁾	↓ 10 – 11%	↓ 10 – 25%				

Modest demand impacts with estimated April utility EPS reduced by <u>\$0.01 - \$0.02</u> under COVID-19 guidance assumptions

Full Year 2020 COVID-19 Guidance Assumptions

- Gradual re-opening of economy
- Anticipate April to be peak of reduced demand levels
- Anticipate reduced demand levels to diminish over summer months through August
- Reflects anticipated deferral and recovery of incremental expenses including bad debt
- Assumes normal weather conditions
- Estimated full year utility EPS impact of \$0.05 \$0.08

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on 2020 Utility EPS guidance assumptions and non-GAAP measures; C&I – Commercial and Industrial

(1) Represents estimated impacts based upon data available as of the date of this presentation. Decline in demand not completely indicative of lost revenues due to fixed charges and minimum volume

commitments which help to support revenues. See slide 22 for further detail on fixed charges as a function of rates

(2) Small industrial only. The majority of the Houston Electric sensitivity shown on slide 22 is related to small industrial



SALE OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES & ENERGY SERVICES FOR \$1.25B



Transaction Details

Infrastructure Services⁽¹⁾

- Sale closed April 9, 2020
- Sales price \$850 million; net-after tax proceeds ~\$670 million
- Proceeds repaid outstanding debt
- Energy Services⁽²⁾
 - Expected closing Q2 2020
 - Sales price \$400 million; estimated netafter tax proceeds ~\$385 million
 - Proceeds expected to repay outstanding debt

Strategic Rationale

- Improves Business Risk Profile⁽³⁾
- Strengthens Balance Sheet and Credit Quality⁽⁴⁾
- Increases Earnings Contribution from Core Utility
- Reduces Earnings Volatility
- Focuses on Robust Utility Capital Investment Program

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

⁽¹⁾ For additional detail, refer to press release and Form 8-K filed on February 3, 2020 and April 9, 2020

⁽²⁾ For additional detail, refer to press release and Form 8-K filed on February 24, 2020

⁽³⁾ As determined by rating agencies

⁽⁴⁾ Specifically CenterPoint Energy and CERC

ENABLE UPDATE



Market Update

- Enable expects some amount of volume curtailment in the Anadarko and Williston Basins
- Most producer drilling and completion activity for the balance of 2020 is expected to be focused in the Haynesville Shale

Enable Positioning

- Recently announced actions expected to increase retained cash flow on an annualized basis by approximately \$450 million, improving financial flexibility and positioning Enable to fully fund its expansion capital program and reduce total debt in 2020
- Limited capital spending to contracted, long-term transportation and storage projects and contracted, capital-efficient gathering and processing projects
- Committed to making further capital and cost reductions, as appropriate, should challenging market conditions persist

Other Key Business Updates

- Recently received FERC approval of MRT's rate case settlements, establishing rates for services on the MRT system that provide a return on MRT's historical investments, recovery of the pipeline's ongoing operating costs and rate certainty for customers
- Gulf Run Pipeline project is proceeding on schedule with certificate applications filed Feb. 28, 2020

ACHIEVING OUR 5-7% UTILITY GROWTH TARGET



Lower-risk T&D and Gas LDC

- 96%⁽¹⁾ of rate base from lower-risk Gas LDC and electric T&D utility asset bases
- Premium utilities earning at or near their allowed ROEs

Scale Utility Operations

- Total rate base: \$15B⁽¹⁾
- Serve over 7M⁽⁴⁾ customers
- Diversified across 8 states

7.5%⁽⁵⁾ Rate Base CAGR

- \$13B⁶ regulated capital investment plan
- Utility investments supported by attractive capital recycling from Enable cash flow

Top Quartile Customer Growth and Low Customer Rates

- Electric customer growth of 2.0%⁽²⁾ and gas of 1.2%⁽³⁾, both above the national average
- Electric T&D⁽²⁾ and natural gas distribution customer rates below peers

Disciplined O&M Control

Focus on O&M creates rate headroom and drives earnings growth and shareholder value creation

Investment Grade Credit Metrics

 Continued focus on strengthening the balance sheet and maintaining investment-grade credit quality across our utilities

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on full year 2020 COVID-19 guidance assumptions and other guidance assumptions

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(1) Based on 2019E Electric T&D, Electric Generation and Natural Gas Distribution rate base as calculated by the individual jurisdictions

(4) As of December 31, 2019

(6) For the period 2020E through 2024E

⁽²⁾ Houston Electric service territory customer growth rate from 2019 versus 2018

⁽³⁾ Exclusive of jurisdictions acquired through the merger, customer growth rate from 2019 versus 2018

⁽⁵⁾ Based off 2019E through 2024E Electric T&D, Electric Generation and Natural Gas Distribution rate base as calculated by the individual jurisdictions

FIRST QUARTER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS UTILITY OPERATIONS





Customer growth and capital

- Approximately \$600 million utility capital deployed across growing service territories on
 - Load growth
 - System modernization
 - Pipeline replacement
- Approximately 2.3% electric⁽¹⁾ and 1.0% gas Y-o-Y customer growth



Disciplined O&M management

- On target to achieve estimated
 2020 \$40 million⁽²⁾ incremental
 O&M savings by YE
- Sustained O&M management supports EPS growth and maintaining investment-grade credit metrics



Optimize regulatory outcomes

- Rate relief filings increasing incremental annual revenue by approximately \$40 million⁽³⁾
- MN interim rates into effect
 January 1, 2020
- Houston Electric rate case final order, new rates into effect April 23, 2020

(3) Related to regulatory proceedings filed in the first quarter of 2020, exclusive of TCJA impacts

Note: TCOS - Transmission Cost of Service

⁽¹⁾ Representative of Houston Electric

⁽²⁾ Inclusive of Houston Electric, Indiana Electric Integrated and Natural Gas Distribution business segments. Excluding utility costs to achieve and amounts with revenue offsets

FIRST QUARTER 2020 NON-CASH IMPAIRMENTS (CONTINUING OPERATIONS)

Impairment charges are non-cash AND do not impact:

- ✓ Liquidity
- ✓ Cash flow
- Compliance with debt covenants

Midstream Investments

- \$1,177 million after-tax non-cash impairment charge
 - \$1,166 million related to investment in Enable
 - \$11 million related to company's share of impairment charges recorded by Enable for goodwill and long-lived assets
- Reduces equity investment from \$2.4 billion to \$848 million
- Annualized basis difference accretion to increase from approximately \$47 million to \$100 million

 \$185 million non-cash impairment charge related to goodwill

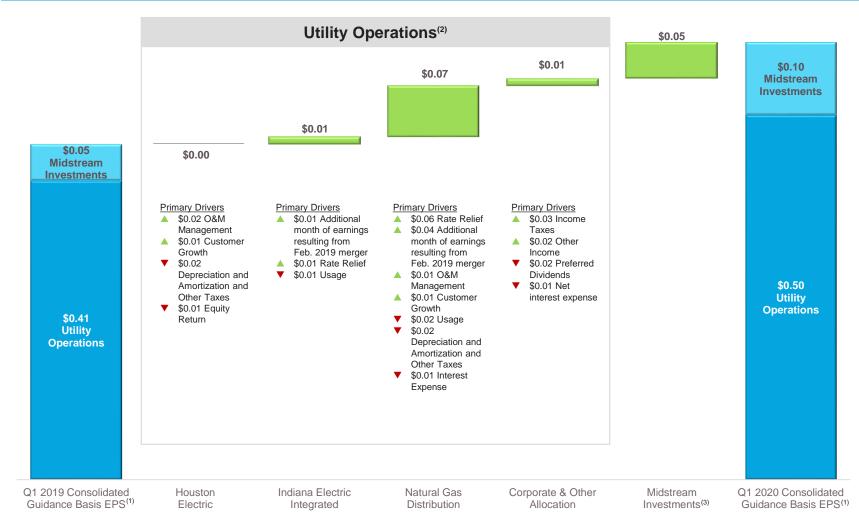
Indiana Electric

- Impairment charge is result of BV = FV at Vectren merger close (February 1, 2019) and no cushion to absorb current market conditions
- Resulting BV represents FV per market participants, however not indicative of management's view on the long-term value of business due to continued significant capital investment opportunity supporting growth and replacement of rate base assets



Q1 2020 V Q1 2019 GUIDANCE BASIS (NON-GAAP) EPS⁽¹⁾ DRIVERS FOR CONTINUING OPERATIONS





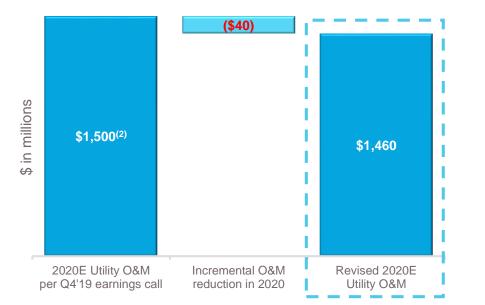
Note: All bars exclude certain integration and transaction-related fees and expenses associated with the merger, severance costs and non-cash impairment charges. Quarterly 2019 Utility EPS on a guidance basis is as follows: Q1 2019 - \$0.41; Q2 - \$0.23; Q3 - \$0.39; Q4 - \$0.28

(1) Refer to slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures and slide 27 and 28 for reconciliation to GAAP measures

- (2) Includes Houston Electric T&D, Indiana Electric Integrated and Natural Gas Distribution and the associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution. See slide 26 for details
- (3) Reference Enable's Q1 2020 Form 10-Q and first quarter 2020 earnings materials dated May 6, 2020. Includes the associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution. See slide 26 for details

DISCIPLINED O&M MANAGEMENT





Utility O&M Management⁽¹⁾

Key O&M Management Initiatives

- Approximately half of targeted 2020
 O&M reductions anticipated to be derived from support functions
- Align work activities and organizational approaches with our utility-focused strategy
- Assess operational practices and optimize to drive O&M savings

Disciplined O&M management

Earnings growth, shareholder value and customer rate headroom

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

(1) Inclusive of Houston Electric, Indiana Electric Integrated and Natural Gas Distribution business segments. Excluding certain merger costs, utility costs to achieve, severance and amounts with revenue 18 offsets

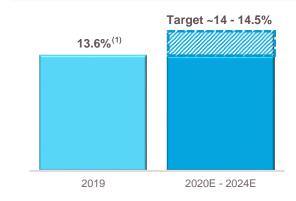
FINANCING OUTLOOK UPDATE COMMITTED TO INVESTMENT-GRADE CREDIT



Execution of <u>\$1.4 billion equity transaction</u>

- \$725 million Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock
- \$675 million Common Stock
- Delevers balance sheet, strengthens investment-grade credit metrics and overall credit profile
- Anticipate no further equity needs through 2022
- Remain committed to maintaining solid, investment-grade credit quality
 - Balance sheet strength provides base to capture the robust capital investment opportunity in our regulated utility portfolio
 - Improved business risk profile from sale of Infrastructure Services and pending sale of Energy Services seen as credit positive by rating agencies
 - Proceeds from sale of Infrastructure Services and pending sale of Energy Services to pay down debt
 - Rigorous capital allocation process and on-going disciplined
 O&M management
- Ample liquidity to withstand expected COVID-19 pandemic impact





Ample Liquidity Capacity

	(in billions)
Total credit facility capacity (2)	\$5.1
Total utilized ⁽³⁾	(2.0)
Available liquidity as of May 1, 2020	<u>\$3.1</u>

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures

(1) Reference slides 29 and 30 for reconciliation

(2) Includes all credit facilities at both parent and subsidiary levels. For additional detail, refer to CenterPoint Energy's first quarter 2020 Form 10-Q

(3) Represents outstanding loans, letters of credit and commercial paper. For additional detail, refer to CenterPoint Energy's first quarter 2020 Form 10-Q

REITERATE 2020 – 2024 UTILITY GUIDANCE BASIS EPS OUTLOOK



Robust regulated utility growth plan drives 5-7% utility growth



Note: Refer to slide 3 for information on 2020 Utility EPS guidance assumptions and non-GAAP measures. Full-year 2020 COVID-19 guidance impact assumptions consider the following: a gradual reopening of economy in Company's service territories; anticipate April to be peak of reduced demand levels; anticipate reduced demand levels to diminish over summer months through August; reflects anticipated deferral and recovery of incremental expenses including bad debt; assumes normal weather conditions; and other assumptions as described on slide 3

(1) Refer to slide 26 for additional detail

(2) Houston Electric service territory

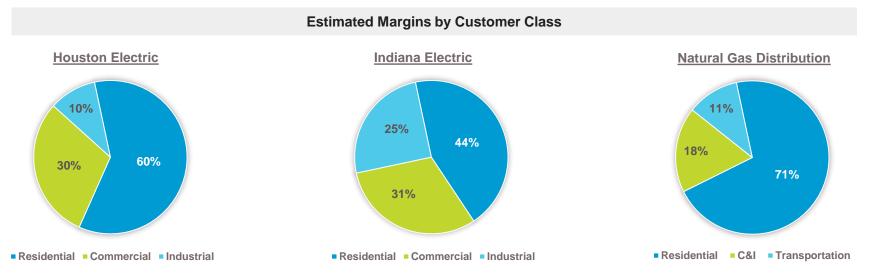






UTILITY DEMAND SENSITIVITIES





Estimated Annual Sensitivity to +/- 2% Change in Demand

	Revenue Impact (in millions)	Estimated EPS Impact (in millions)
Houston Electric Residential ⁽¹⁾	\$10 - \$15	\$0.02
Houston Electric Commercial ⁽¹⁾	\$6 - \$8	\$0.01
Houston Electric Industrial ^{(1) (2)}	\$1 - \$3	\$0.01
Indiana Electric	\$5 - \$6	\$0.01
Natural Gas Distribution	\$8 - \$10	\$0.01

Note: Amounts presented above are estimates and meant to provide general guides and/or principles. Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements; C&I - Commercial and Industrial

- (1) Incorporates new rate structure in effect as of April 2020
- (2) Based on both current and previous year demand
- (3) Representative of blended percentage across all customer classes
- (4) Does not include fuel and purchased power and gas cost
- (5) Consists of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma

Rates: Percent Fixed +Trued Up (including decoupling)⁽³⁾

Electric								
Houston Electric	55%							
Indiana Electric ⁽⁴⁾	22%							
Natural Gas Distribution ⁽⁴⁾								
Indiana	80%							
Texas	81%							
Minnesota	88%							
Ohio	72%							
Other ⁽⁵⁾	43%							

ELECTRIC OPERATIONS Q1 2020 REGULATORY UPDATE



Mechanism	Annual Increase (Decrease) ⁽¹⁾ (in millions)	Filing Date	Effective Date	Approval Date	Additional Information					
			CenterPoint E	Energy and Hou	ston Electric (PUCT)					
Rate Case (1)	\$13	Apr-19	Apr-20	Mar-20	For full disclosure on Houston Electric rate case, refer to "Regulatory Matters" in of CenterPoint Energy's First Quarter 2020 Form 10-Q.					
TCOS (1)	17	Mar-20	TBD	TBD	Requested an increase of \$204 million to rate base.					
			CenterPoin	t Energy - India	na Electric (IURC)					
TDSIC ⁽¹⁾	4	Feb-20	May-20	TBD	Requested an increase of \$34 million to rate base, which reflects a \$4 million annual increase in current revenues. 80% of revenue requirement is included in requested rate increase and 20% is deferred until next rate case. The mechanism also includes a change in (over)/under-recovery variance of \$2 million annually.					

Note: Please see slides posted under regulatory information for additional detail (http://investors.centerpointenergy.com/regulatory-information)

TCOS - Transmission Cost of Service; TDSIC - Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge

(1) Represents proposed increases (decreases) when effective date and/or approval date is not yet determined. Approved rates could differ materially from proposed rates

NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION Q1 2020 REGULATORY UPDATE



Mechanism	Annual Increase (Decrease) ⁽¹⁾ (in millions)	Filing Date	Effective Date	Approval Date	Additional Information
		CenterPoint	Energy and CEF	RC - Beaumont	/East Texas (Railroad Commission)
Rate Case ⁽¹⁾	\$7	Nov-19	TBD	TBD	Unanimous settlement agreement filed with the Railroad Commission in March 2020 that recommends a \$4 million annual increase in current revenues, a refund for an Unprotected EDIT Rider amortized over three years of which \$2.2 million is refunded in the first year and establishes a 9.65% ROE and a 56.95% equity ratio for future GRIP filings for the Beaumont/East Texas jurisdiction. The settlement calls for new rates to be effective with October 2020 usage and would be reflected starting with November 2020 bills.
	Center	Point Energy a	nd CERC - Sout	h Texas, Houst	ton and Texas Coast (Railroad Commission)
GRIP ⁽¹⁾	18	Mar-20	TBD	TBD	Based on net change in invested capital of \$144 million.
			CenterPoint E	nergy and CER	C - Arkansas (APSC)
FRP ⁽¹⁾	(8)	Apr-20	TBD	TBD	Based on ROE of 9.5% with 50 basis point (+/-) earnings band. Revenue reduction of \$8.1 million based on prior test year true-up earned return on equity of 11.75% combined with projected test year return on equity of 8.40%.
			CenterPoint En	ergy and CER	C - Minnesota (MPUC)
CIP Financial Incentive ⁽¹⁾	9	May-20	TBD	TBD	CIP Financial Incentive based on 2019 activity.
Rate Case (1)	62	Oct-19	TBD	TBD	Reflects a proposed 10.15% ROE on a 51.39% equity ratio. Interim rates reflecting an annual increase of \$53 million were implemented on January 1, 2020.
			CenterPoint E	nergy and CER	RC - Oklahoma (OCC)
PBRC ⁽¹⁾	(2)	Mar-20	TBD	TBD	Based on ROE of 10% with 50 basis point (+/-) earnings band. Revenue credit of approximately \$2 million based on 2019 test year adjusted earned ROE of 15.37%.
			CenterPoint En	ergy and CERC	C – Mississippi (MPSC)
RRA ⁽¹⁾	2	May-20	TBD	TBD	Based on ROE of 9.292% with 100 basis point (+/-) earnings band. Revenue increase of \$2 million based on 2019 test year adjusted earned ROE of 7.45%.

Note: Please see slides posted under regulatory information for additional detail (http://investors.centerpointenergy.com/regulatory-information)

GRIP – Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program; EDIT – Excess Deferred Income Taxes; FRP – Formula Rate Plan; CIP – Conservation Improvement Program; PBRC – Performance Based Rate Change Plan; 24 RRA – Rate Regulation Adjustment

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Mechanism	Annual Increase (Decrease) ⁽¹⁾ (in millions)	Filing Date	Effective Date	Approval Date	Additional Information
			CenterPoint E	nergy - Indiana	a South - Gas (IURC)
CSIA ⁽¹⁾	1	Apr-20	Jul-20	TBD	Requested an increase of \$13 million to rate base, which reflects a \$1 million annual increase in current revenues. 80% of revenue requirement is included in requested rate increase and 20% is deferred until the next rate case. The mechanism also includes refunds associated with the TCJA, resulting in no change to the previous credit provided, and a change in the total (over)/under-recovery variance of \$1 million annually.
			CenterPoint E	nergy - Indiana	a North - Gas (IURC)
CSIA ⁽¹⁾	4	Apr-20	Jul-20	TBD	Requested an increase of \$35 million to rate base, which reflects a \$4 million annual increase in current revenues. 80% of revenue requirement is included in requested rate increase and 20% is deferred until the next rate case. The mechanism also includes refunds associated with the TCJA, resulting in no change to the previous credit provided, and a change in the total (over)/under-recovery variance of \$14 million annually.
			Center	Point Energy -	Ohio (PUCO)
TSCR ⁽¹⁾	(N/A)	Jan-19	TBD	TBD	Application to flow back to customers certain benefits from the TCJA. Initial impact reflects credits for 2018 of \$(10) million and 2019 of \$(9) million, and 2020 of \$(6) million, with mechanism to begin subsequent to new approval by the PUCO. The order is expected in 2020.
DRR	10	May-20	Sep-20	TBD	Requested an increase of \$67 million to rate base for investments made in 2019, which reflects a \$10 million annual increase in current revenues. A change in (over)/under-recovery variance of \$2 million annually is also included in rates.

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CSIA - Compliance and System Improvement Adjustment; TSCR - Tax Savings Credit Rider; DRR - Distribution Replacement Rider

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2020 EPS GUIDANCE BASIS CONSIDERATIONS



Translating Enable Guidance to CenterPoint's Portion (in millions, except percentages)									
Enable Net Income Attributable to Common Units	\$195 - \$235 ⁽²⁾								
CNP Common Unit ownership percentage	53.7% ⁽³⁾								
Basis difference amortization	\$85 ⁽⁴⁾								
Interest (CNP Midstream internal note)	4.5% on \$1,200								
Marginal effective tax rate	24%								
Estimated 2020 CNP Share Count	560								
Midstream Investments EPS before allocation of Corporate & Other	\$0.18 - \$0.21								
Proportion share of Corporate & Other allocation (12%)	(\$0.03)								
Midstream Investments EPS after allocation of Corporate & Other	\$0.15 – \$0.18								

Guidance basis EPS before allocation of Corporate & Other								
Utility Operations	Midstream Investments	Corporate & Other						
\$1.32 - \$1.42	\$0.18 - \$0.21	(\$0.25)						
~ 88% ⁽¹⁾	~ 12 % ⁽¹⁾							

Guidance basis EPS after allocation of Corporate & Other							
Utility Operations	Midstream Investments						
\$1.10 - \$1.20	\$0.15 - \$0.18						
~88%	~12%						

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures and for additional detail on the 2020 Utility EPS guidance range assumptions and 2020 Midstream Investments EPS expected range assumptions

(1) Calculated as the relative contribution of each reporting area based off the guidance basis EPS for Utility Operations and Midstream Investments EPS expected range attributable to CenterPoint's share of Enable's Net Income Attributable to Common Units guidance range. The guidance basis earnings (loss) per share related to Corporate & Other is then proportionally allocated based on each reporting range's relative contribution. Corporate & Other consists of interest expense, preferred stock dividend requirements, income on Enable preferred units and other items directly attributable to the parent along with the associated income taxes.

(2) Source: Enable's first quarter 2020 earnings presentation dated May 6, 2020

(3) Enable ownership position as of March 31, 2020

(4) Estimated full year 2020 basis difference accretion following company's impairment of its investment in Enable in the first quarter of 2020. Does not consider any potential loss on dilution, net of proportional basis difference recognition

RECONCILIATION: INCOME (LOSS) AND DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE TO ADJUSTED INCOME AND ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS USED IN PROVIDING ANNUAL EARNINGS GUIDANCE



Quarter Ended March 31, 2020

	Utility Operations	Midstream Investments	Corporate and Other ⁽⁶⁾	CES ⁽¹⁾ & CIS ⁽²⁾ (Disc. Operations)	Consolidated			
	Dollars in Diluted millions EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in Diluted millions EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in Diluted millions EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in Diluted millions EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in Diluted millions EPS ⁽³⁾			
Consolidated income available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$ 70 \$ 0.14	\$ (1,127) \$ (2.24)	\$ (25) \$ (0.05)	\$ (146) \$ (0.29)	\$ (1,228) \$ (2.44)			
Timing effects impacting CES ⁽¹⁾ :								
Mark-to-market (gains) losses (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽⁴⁾				(35) (0.07)	(35) (0.07)			
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses: Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$30) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾			114 0.23		114 0.23			
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of 530) ⁽⁴⁾			(107) (0.21)		(107) (0.21)			
			()		()			
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1) $^{ m (4)}$			6 0.01		6 0.01			
Severance costs (net of taxes of \$2, \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	6 0.01		1 -		7 0.01			
Impacts associated with the sales of CES $^{(1)}$ and CIS $^{(2)}$ (net of taxes of \$28) $^{(4)}$				206 0.41	206 0.41			
Consolidated on a guidance basis	76 0.15	(1,127) (2.24)	(11) (0.02)	25 0.05	(1,037) (2.06)			
Losses on impairment (net of taxes of \$0, \$379) ⁽⁴⁾	185 0.37	1,177 2.34			1,362 2.71			
Consolidated on a guidance basis, excluding losses on impairment	261 0.52	50 0.10	(11) (0.02)	25 0.05	325 0.65			
Corporate and Other Allocation	(8) (0.02)	(1) -	11 0.02	(2) -				
Consolidated on a guidance basis, excluding losses on impairment and with allocation of Corporate and Other	\$ 253 \$ 0.50	\$ 49 \$ 0.10	\$ - \$ -	\$ 23 \$ 0.05	\$ 325 \$ 0.65			

Note: Refer to slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures

(1) Energy Services segment

(2) Infrastructure Services segment

(3) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and guidance 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

(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 segment plus preferred stock dividend requirements

RECONCILIATION: INCOME (LOSS) AND DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE TO ADJUSTED INCOME AND ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS **USED IN PROVIDING ANNUAL EARNINGS GUIDANCE**



Quarter Ended March 31, 2019

	Utilit	Utility Operations			Midstream Investments			Corporate and Other ⁽⁶⁾			CES ⁽¹⁾ & CIS ⁽²⁾ (Disc. Operations)			Consolidated		
	Dolla milli	ars in ions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾		ars in ions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dolla milli		Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾			Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars millio		Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	
Consolidated income available to common shareholders and diluted EPS	\$	141	\$ 0.28	\$	24	\$ 0.05	\$	(51)	\$ (0.10)	\$	26	\$ 0.05	\$	140	\$ 0.28	
Timing effects impacting CES ⁽¹⁾ :																
Mark-to-market (gains) losses (net of taxes of \$5) ⁽⁴⁾		-	-		-	-		-	-		(14)	(0.03)		(14)	(0.03)	
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:																
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$17) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾		-	-		-	-		(66)	(0.13)		-	-		(66)	(0.13)	
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$18) $^{(4)}$		-	-		-	-		68	0.13		-	-		68	0.13	
Consolidated on a guidance basis		141	0.28		24	0.05		(49)	(0.10)		12	0.02		128	0.25	
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger																
Merger impacts other than the increase in share count (net of taxes of \$13, \$11, \$0) $^{ m (4)}$		70	0.14		-	-		22	0.05		2	-		94	0.19	
Impact of increased share count on EPS		-	0.02		-	-		-	-		-	-		-	0.02	
Total merger impacts		70	0.16		-	-		22	0.05		2	-		94	0.21	
Consolidated on a guidance basis, excluding impacts associated with the Vectren merger		211	0.44		24	0.05		(27)	(0.05)		14	0.02		222	0.46	
Corporate and Other Allocation		(13)	(0.03)		(1)	-		27	0.05		(13)	(0.02)		-	-	
Consolidated on a guidance basis, excluding impacts associated with the Vectren merger and with allocation of Corporate and Other	\$	198	\$ 0.41	\$	23	\$ 0.05	\$	-	\$ -	\$	1	\$ -	\$	222	\$ 0.46	

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(1) Energy Services segment

(2) Infrastructure Services segment

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Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense (4)

(5) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc.

Corporate and Other segment plus preferred stock dividend requirements (6)

CENTERPOINT ENERGY CONSOLIDATED ADJUSTED CASH FROM OPERATIONS PRE-WORKING CAPITAL



	Year Ended
(\$ in millions)	December 31, 2019
	1 (20
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,638
Less: Changes in other assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net	(226)
Inventory	52
Taxes receivable	106
Accounts payable	455
Fuel cost recovery	(92)
Margin deposits, net	56
Interest and taxes accrued	(54)
Other current assets	22
Other current liabilities	107
Cash From Operations, Pre-working Capital	2,064
Amounts included in Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings	42
Cash From Operations, Pre-working Capital, including Distributions	2,106
Plus: Other Adjustments	
Defined Benefit Plan Contribution Less Service Cost	69
Operating Leases Rent Expense	19
Adjusted Cash From Operations Pre-Working Capital	2,194

Note: Refer to slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures. This slide includes adjusted cash from operations pre-working capital which is net cash provided by operating activities excluding certain changes in other assets and liabilities, and including (i) distributions from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings included in cash flow from investing activities, as applicable and (ii) other adjustment for defined benefit plans and operating leases.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF ADJUSTED CASH FROM OPERATIONS PRE-WORKING CAPITAL/ADJUSTED TOTAL DEBT



	Year Ended
	December 31, 2019
(\$ in millions)	
Short-term Debt:	
Short-term borrowings	-
Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds	231
Indexed debt (ZENS)**	19
Current portion of other long-term debt	618
Long-term Debt:	
Transition and system restoration bonds, net*	746
Other, net	13,498
Total Debt, net	15,112
Plus: Other Adjustments	
50% of Series A Preferred Stock Aggregate Liquidation Value	400
Benefit obligations	448
Present Value of Operating Lease Liabilities	63
Unamortized debt issuance costs and unamortized discount and premium, net	95
Adjusted Total Debt	16,118
Adjusted Total Debt	16,118

Adjusted Cash From Operations Pre-Working Capital/Adjusted Total Debt (Adjusted FFO/Debt) 13.6%

Note: Refer to slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures and slide 29 for CenterPoint Energy's adjusted cash from operations pre-working capital calculation. This slide includes adjusted cash from operations pre-working capital which is net cash provided by operating activities excluding certain changes in other assets and liabilities, and including (i) distributions from unconsolidated affiliates in excess of cumulative earnings included in cash flow from investing activities, as applicable, (ii) other adjustment for defined benefit plans and operating leases and (iii) multiemployer plans associated with discontinued operations

*The transition and system restoration bonds are serviced with dedicated revenue streams, and the bonds are non-recourse to CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric.

**The debt component reflected on the financial statements was \$19 million as of December 31, 2019. The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid was \$828 million on each of December 31, 2019. The contingent principal amount was \$75 million as of December 31, 2019. At maturity or upon redemption, holders of ZENS will receive cash at the higher of the contingent principal amount or the value of the reference shares of AT&T and Charter Communications, Inc.