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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): October 28, 2010

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**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**

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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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On October 28, 2010, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (“CenterPoint Energy”) reported third quarter 2010 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy’s third quarter 2010 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. The information in the Press Release is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release 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.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The exhibit listed below is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued October 28, 2010 regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc.’s third quarter 2010 earnings.

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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: October 28, 2010

By: /s/ Walter L. Fitzgerald

Walter L. Fitzgerald  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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### CENTERPOINT ENERGY REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2010 EARNINGS

**Houston, TX — October 28, 2010** - CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today reported net income of \$123 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$114 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share, for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the third quarter of 2010 was \$327 million compared to \$287 million for the same period of 2009.

“I am pleased with the overall results from our business units this quarter,” said David M. McClanahan, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. “Our regulated electric and natural gas utilities performed well and we continue to see the benefits of the significant investments we have made in our field services and pipeline businesses.”

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, net income was \$318 million, or \$0.78 per diluted share, compared to \$267 million, or \$0.74 per diluted share, for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$947 million compared to \$825 million for the same period of 2009.

#### OPERATING INCOME BY SEGMENT

##### Electric Transmission & Distribution

The electric transmission & distribution segment reported operating income of \$212 million for the third quarter of 2010, consisting of \$178 million from the regulated electric transmission & distribution utility operations (TDU) and \$34 million related to transition and system restoration bonds. Operating income for the third quarter of 2009 was \$218 million, consisting of \$187 million from the TDU and \$31 million related to transition bonds. Operating income for the TDU increased from growth of nearly 21,000 metered customers since September 2009, but was more than offset by reduced revenues associated with the credit to customers' bills reflecting the benefit of deferred taxes associated with Hurricane Ike storm restoration costs, and increased operation and maintenance expenses.

Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$477 million, consisting of \$371 million from the TDU and \$106 million related to transition and system restoration bonds. Operating income for the same period of 2009 was \$450 million, consisting of \$353 million from the TDU and \$97 million related to transition bonds.

##### Natural Gas Distribution

The natural gas distribution segment reported an operating loss of \$4 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to an operating loss of \$15 million for the same period of 2009. Operating results benefited from rate increases and rate design changes, and higher system throughput, partially offset

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by higher operation and maintenance expenses. Due to seasonal impacts, this segment typically reports a loss in the third quarter.

Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$145 million compared to \$105 million for the same period of 2009.

**Interstate Pipelines**

The interstate pipelines segment reported operating income of \$68 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$64 million for the same period of 2009. Operating income increased due to higher revenue from firm contracts associated with Phase IV of the Carthage to Perryville pipeline and for deliveries to gas-fired power generators, as well as lower operation and maintenance expenses, partially offset by reduced revenues from ancillary services.

In addition to operating income, this segment recorded equity income of \$8 million for the third quarter of 2010 primarily from its 50 percent interest in the Southeast Supply Header (SESH) compared to an equity loss of \$5 million for the third quarter of 2009, which included a non-cash charge of \$11 million to reflect SESH's discontinued use of regulatory accounting.

Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$207 million compared to \$194 million for the same period of 2009. In addition to operating income, this segment recorded equity income of \$15 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, primarily from its 50 percent interest in SESH compared to \$2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which included non-cash charges of \$16 million to reflect SESH's discontinued use of regulatory accounting.

**Field Services**

The field services segment reported operating income of \$40 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$23 million for the same period of 2009. Revenue growth from higher gathering volumes was partially offset by increased operation and maintenance expenses primarily related to facility expansions.

In addition to operating income, this business had equity income of \$3 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$2 million in the third quarter of 2009 from its 50 percent interest in a gas processing plant.

Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$94 million compared to \$72 million for the same period of 2009. Equity income from the jointly-owned gas processing plant was \$8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$6 million for the same period of 2009.

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**Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services**

The competitive natural gas sales and services segment reported operating income of \$7 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared to an operating loss of \$8 million for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the third quarter of 2010 included gains of \$19 million resulting from mark-to-market accounting for derivatives associated with certain forward natural gas purchases and sales used to lock in economic margins compared to charges of \$6 million for the same period of 2009. The third quarter of 2010 also included a \$6 million write-down of natural gas inventory to the lower of average cost or market.

Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, was \$16 million compared to no operating income for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, included gains of \$14 million resulting from mark-to-market accounting compared to charges of \$22 million for the same period of 2009. Each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, also included \$6 million in inventory write-downs.

**DIVIDEND DECLARATION**

On October 21, 2010, CenterPoint Energy's board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.195 per share of common stock payable on December 10, 2010, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on November 16, 2010.

**OUTLOOK REAFFIRMED FOR 2010**

CenterPoint Energy reaffirmed its 2010 earnings guidance of \$1.02 to \$1.12 per diluted share. This guidance takes into consideration performance to date, equity issuances and various economic and operational assumptions related to the business segments in which the company operates. The company has made certain assumptions regarding the timing and cost of financing activities and the impact to earnings of various regulatory proceedings. In providing this guidance, the company has not included the impact of any changes in accounting standards, any impact from significant acquisitions or divestitures, any impact to income from the change in value of Time Warner stocks and the related ZENS securities, the timing effects of mark-to-market or inventory accounting in the company's competitive natural gas sales and services business, or the outcome of the TDU's true-up appeal. The company has also excluded increased taxes recorded in the first quarter of 2010 as a result of recent health care legislation. For the impact of these factors on the company's earnings for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, see the reconciliation below.

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**FILING OF FORM 10-Q FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.**

Today, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2010. A copy of that report is available on the company's Web site, [www.CenterPointEnergy.com](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com), under the Investors section. Other filings the company makes with the SEC and other documents relating to its corporate governance can also be found on that site.

**WEBCAST OF EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL**

CenterPoint Energy's management will host an earnings conference call on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. Central time or 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. Interested parties may listen to a live audio broadcast of the conference call at [www.CenterPointEnergy.com](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com). A replay of the call can be accessed approximately two hours after the completion of the call and will be archived on the Web site for at least one year.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution, competitive natural gas sales and services, interstate pipelines, and field services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Assets total over \$19 billion. With about 8,800 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 135 years. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.CenterPointEnergy.com](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com).

This news release includes forward-looking statements. Actual events and results may differ materially from those projected. The statements in this news release regarding the company's earnings outlook for 2010 and future financial performance and results of operations, and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect actual results include the timing and outcome of the appeal from the true-up proceedings, the timing and impact of future regulatory, legislative, and IRS decisions, effects of competition, weather variations, changes in CenterPoint Energy's or its subsidiaries' business plans, financial market conditions, the timing and extent of changes in natural gas and natural gas liquids prices, the impact of unplanned facility outages, and other factors discussed in CenterPoint Energy's and its subsidiaries' Forms 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, CenterPoint Energy's and its subsidiaries' Forms 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2010, and June 30, 2010, CenterPoint Energy's Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2010, and other filings with the SEC.

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**CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Reconciliation of reported Net Income and diluted EPS to the basis used in providing annual earnings guidance**

	Quarter Ended September 30, 2010		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010	
	<u>Net Income</u> (in millions)	<u>EPS</u>	<u>Net Income</u> (in millions)	<u>EPS</u>
<b>As reported</b>	<b>\$ 123</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ 318</b>	<b>\$ 0.78</b>
Timing effects impacting CES <sup>(1)</sup> :				
Mark-to-market (gains) losses — natural gas derivative contracts	(12)	(0.03)	(9)	(0.02)
Natural gas inventory write-downs	4	0.01	4	0.01
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:				
Marketable securities <sup>(2)</sup>	(12)	(0.03)	(23)	(0.06)
Indexed debt securities	3	0.01	—	—
Tax impact of federal health care legislation	—	—	21	0.05
<b>Per the basis used in providing annual earnings guidance</b>	<b>\$ 106</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>	<b>\$ 311</b>	<b>\$ 0.76</b>

(1) Competitive natural gas sales and services

(2) Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc. and AOL Inc.

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

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Electric Transmission & Distribution	\$ 608	\$ 655	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,699
Natural Gas Distribution	402	398	2,341	2,400
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services	399	647	1,596	2,059
Interstate Pipelines	153	170	461	456
Field Services	63	94	176	242
Other Operations	3	3	9	9
Eliminations	(52)	(59)	(142)	(178)
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,576</u>	<u>1,908</u>	<u>5,982</u>	<u>6,687</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Natural gas	582	808	3,081	3,521
Operation and maintenance	415	444	1,226	1,268
Depreciation and amortization	208	243	562	660
Taxes other than income taxes	84	86	288	291
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,289</u>	<u>1,581</u>	<u>5,157</u>	<u>5,740</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<u>287</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>947</u>
<b>Other Income (Expense) :</b>				
Gain on marketable securities	47	19	68	35
Loss on indexed debt securities	(30)	(5)	(54)	—
Interest and other finance charges	(126)	(121)	(384)	(364)
Interest on transition and system restoration bonds	(32)	(34)	(98)	(106)
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	(3)	10	8	22
Other — net	9	3	31	7
<b>Total</b>	<u>(135)</u>	<u>(128)</u>	<u>(429)</u>	<u>(406)</u>
<b>Income Before Income Taxes</b>	152	199	396	541
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>	<u>(38)</u>	<u>(76)</u>	<u>(129)</u>	<u>(223)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ 114</u>	<u>\$ 123</u>	<u>\$ 267</u>	<u>\$ 318</u>

Reference is made to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements  
contained in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

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

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Income from Discontinued Operations	—	—	(0.01)	—
Extraordinary item, net of tax	—	—	0.10	—
Basic Earnings Per Common Share	<u>\$ 0.31</u>	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>\$ 0.75</u>	<u>\$ 0.79</u>
Income from Discontinued Operations		6.00		
Extraordinary item, net of tax		1.00		
Diluted Earnings Per Common Share	<u>\$ 0.31</u>	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>\$ 0.74</u>	<u>\$ 0.78</u>
Dividends Declared per Common Share	\$ 0.190	\$ 0.195	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.585
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (000):				
- Basic	369,512	422,178	356,570	404,957
- Diluted	371,742	424,968	358,745	407,728
<b>Operating Income (Loss) by Segment</b>				
Electric Transmission & Distribution:				
Electric Transmission and Distribution Operations	\$ 187	\$ 178	\$ 353	\$ 371
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies	31	34	97	106
Total Electric Transmission & Distribution	218	212	450	477
Natural Gas Distribution	(15)	(4)	105	145
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services	(8)	7	—	16
Interstate Pipelines	64	68	194	207
Field Services	23	40	72	94
Other Operations	5	4	4	8
Total	<u>\$ 287</u>	<u>\$ 327</u>	<u>\$ 825</u>	<u>\$ 947</u>

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Results of Operations by Segment  
(Millions of Dollars)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>Electric Transmission &amp; Distribution</b>					
	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>						
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Electric transmission and distribution utility	\$ 503	\$ 520	3%	\$ 1,281	\$ 1,355	6%
Transition and system restoration bond companies	105	135	29%	260	344	32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Operation and maintenance	194	215	(11%)	563	609	(8%)
Depreciation and amortization	70	75	(7%)	207	219	(6%)
Taxes other than income taxes	52	52	—	158	156	1%
Transition and system restoration bond companies	74	101	(36%)	163	238	(46%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>(14%)</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>(12%)</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 218</b>	<b>\$ 212</b>	<b>(3%)</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Operating Income:</b>						
Electric transmission and distribution operations	\$ 187	\$ 178	(5%)	\$ 353	\$ 371	5%
Transition and system restoration bond companies	31	34	10%	97	106	9%
<b>Total Segment Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 218</b>	<b>\$ 212</b>	<b>(3%)</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Electric Transmission & Distribution Operating Data:**

<b>Actual MWH Delivered</b>						
Residential	9,242,635	9,262,154	—	20,040,598	21,499,427	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,963,434</b>	<b>23,342,324</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>57,946,697</b>	<b>59,952,416</b>	<b>3%</b>

**Weather (average for service area):**

<b>Percentage of 10-year average:</b>						
Cooling degree days	107%	109%		108%	104%	
Heating degree days	0%	0%		89%	160%	

**Number of metered customers — end of period:**

Residential	1,849,158	1,868,421	1%	1,849,158	1,868,421	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,094,847</b>	<b>2,115,595</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,094,847</b>	<b>2,115,595</b>	<b>1%</b>

	<b>Natural Gas Distribution</b>					
	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>						
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 402</b>	<b>\$ 398</b>	<b>(1%)</b>	<b>\$ 2,341</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Natural gas	198	180	9%	1,538	1,563	(2%)
Operation and maintenance	157	160	(2%)	478	471	1%
Depreciation and amortization	40	40	—	121	124	(2%)
Taxes other than income taxes	22	22	—	99	97	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>(1%)</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (15)</b>	<b>\$ (4)</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ 145</b>	<b>38%</b>

**Natural Gas Distribution Operating Data:**

<b>Throughput data in BCF</b>						
Residential	13	13	—	111	125	13%
Commercial and Industrial	41	46	12%	164	182	11%
<b>Total Throughput</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>12%</b>

**Weather (average for service area)**

Percentage of 10-year average:

Heating degree days	58%	97%		102%	110%
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**Number of customers — end of period:**

Residential	2,954,095	2,969,452	1%	2,954,095	2,969,452	1%
Commercial and Industrial	241,036	242,032	—	241,036	242,032	—
Total	<u>3,195,131</u>	<u>3,211,484</u>	1%	<u>3,195,131</u>	<u>3,211,484</u>	1%

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Results of Operations by Segment  
(Millions of Dollars)  
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	<b>Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services</b>					
	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>						
Revenues	\$ 399	\$ 647	62%	\$ 1,596	\$ 2,059	29%
Expenses:						
Natural gas	396	629	(59%)	1,562	2,009	(29%)
Operation and maintenance	10	10	—	30	29	3%
Depreciation and amortization	1	1	—	3	3	—
Taxes other than income taxes	—	—	—	1	2	(100%)
Total	407	640	(57%)	1,596	2,043	(28%)
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (8)</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>	188%	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>	—

**Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services Operating Data:**

<b>Throughput data in BCF</b>	<u>115</u>	<u>135</u>	17%	<u>370</u>	<u>404</u>	9%
<b>Number of customers — end of period</b>	<u>10,934</u>	<u>11,883</u>	9%	<u>10,934</u>	<u>11,883</u>	9%

	<b>Interstate Pipelines</b>					
	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>						
Revenues	\$ 153	\$ 170	11%	\$ 461	\$ 456	(1%)
Expenses:						
Natural gas	22	38	(73%)	85	72	15%
Operation and maintenance	47	42	11%	123	112	9%
Depreciation and amortization	12	13	(8%)	36	39	(8%)
Taxes other than income taxes	8	9	(13%)	23	26	(13%)
Total	89	102	(15%)	267	249	7%
Operating Income	<u>\$ 64</u>	<u>\$ 68</u>	6%	<u>\$ 194</u>	<u>\$ 207</u>	7%

**Pipelines Operating Data:**

<b>Throughput data in BCF</b>						
Transportation	<u>378</u>	<u>422</u>	12%	<u>1,235</u>	<u>1,260</u>	2%

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Results of Operations by Segment  
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	<b>Field Services</b>					
	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>						
Revenues	\$ 63	\$ 94	49%	\$ 176	\$ 242	38%
Expenses:						
Natural gas	18	19	(6%)	36	53	(47%)
Operation and maintenance	17	29	(71%)	54	75	(39%)
Depreciation and amortization	4	6	(50%)	11	17	(55%)
Taxes other than income taxes	1	—	—	3	3	—
Total	40	54	(35%)	104	148	(42%)
Operating Income	<u>\$ 23</u>	<u>\$ 40</u>	74%	<u>\$ 72</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	31%

**Field Services Operating Data:**

**Throughput data in BCF**

Gathering	<u>106</u>	<u>180</u>	70%	<u>312</u>	<u>464</u>	49%
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	<b>Other Operations</b>					
	Quarter Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Diff Fav/(Unfav)
	2009	2010		2009	2010	
<b>Results of Operations:</b>						
Revenues	\$ 3	\$ 3	—	\$ 9	\$ 9	—
Expenses	(2)	(1)	(50%)	5	1	80%
Operating Income	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	(20%)	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 8</u>	100%

**Capital Expenditures by Segment**  
(Millions of Dollars)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>Capital Expenditures by Segment</b>			
Electric Transmission & Distribution	\$ 99	\$ 121	\$ 288	\$ 317
Hurricane Ike	8	—	26	—
Total Electric Transmission & Distribution	107	121	314	317
Natural Gas Distribution	44	54	121	128
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services	1	1	2	2
Interstate Pipelines	44	31	118	71
Field Services	113	131	217	472
Other Operations	9	8	18	15
Total	<u>\$ 318</u>	<u>\$ 346</u>	<u>\$ 790</u>	<u>\$ 1,005</u>

(Millions of Dollars)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>Interest Expense Detail</b>			
Amortization of Deferred Financing Cost	\$ 9	\$ 6	\$ 27	\$ 18
Capitalization of Interest Cost	(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)
Transition and System Restoration Bond Interest Expense	32	34	98	106
Other Interest Expense	118	117	361	351
Total Interest Expense	<u>\$ 158</u>	<u>\$ 155</u>	<u>\$ 482</u>	<u>\$ 470</u>

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(Millions of Dollars)  
(Unaudited)

	December 31, 2009	September 30, 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 740	\$ 99
Other current assets	2,164	2,044
Total current assets	2,904	2,143
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment, net</b>	10,788	11,420
<b>Other Assets:</b>		
Goodwill	1,696	1,696
Regulatory assets	3,677	3,444
Other non-current assets	708	696
Total other assets	6,081	5,836
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 19,773	\$ 19,399
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 55	\$ 73
Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds long-term debt	241	283
Current portion of indexed debt	121	125
Current portion of other long-term debt	541	570
Other current liabilities	2,080	1,830
Total current liabilities	3,038	2,881
<b>Other Liabilities:</b>		
Accumulated deferred income taxes, net and investment tax credit	2,792	2,850
Regulatory liabilities	921	978
Other non-current liabilities	1,264	1,294
Total other liabilities	4,977	5,122
<b>Long-term Debt:</b>		
Transition and system restoration bonds	2,805	2,522
Other	6,314	5,745
Total long-term debt	9,119	8,267
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>	2,639	3,129
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	\$ 19,773	\$ 19,399

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Statements of Consolidated Cash Flows  
(Millions of Dollars)  
(Unaudited)

	<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 267	\$ 318
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	591	681
Deferred income taxes	250	112
Write-down of natural gas inventory	6	6
Changes in net regulatory assets	19	23
Changes in other assets and liabilities	296	(170)
Other, net	8	13
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<u>1,437</u>	<u>983</u>
<b>Net Cash Used in Investing Activities</b>	(582)	(1,014)
<b>Net Cash Used in Financing Activities</b>	<u>(961)</u>	<u>(610)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(106)	(641)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period</b>	<u>167</u>	<u>740</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>

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