



INVESTOR MARKET UPDATE

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REDUCTION TO ANNUAL CASH DISTRIBUTION FROM MIDSTREAM INVESTMENTS



- Enable Midstream Partners, LP (Enable) announced a reduction to its annual LP common unit distributions
- Enable's 50% reduction in distributions results in approximately \$155 million of lower annualized cash flow to CNP relative to CNP's 2020 financial plan of ~\$310 million in distributions described on the Q4 earnings call
- To adjust for the reduction in cash flow and strengthen its financial position, CNP expects to take the following measures intended to maintain solid investment grade credit quality:
 - Targeted reduction in CNP's quarterly common stock dividend from \$0.2900 per share⁽¹⁾ to \$0.1500 per share⁽¹⁾, targeting approximately 50% - 55% utility earnings payout ratio
 - Approximately \$40 million target reduction in 2020 O&M expense⁽²⁾
 - Approximately \$300 million⁽³⁾ reduction in anticipated 2020 utility capital investment from \$2.6 billion to \$2.3 billion; CNP will continue to target 5-year total capital investment of approximately \$13 billion

Note: Refer to Enable's press release dated April 1, 2020 for further detail.

(1) Representative of a targeted reduction to CenterPoint Energy's common stock dividend, as the Board of Directors have not formally declared a common stock dividend as of the date of this presentation

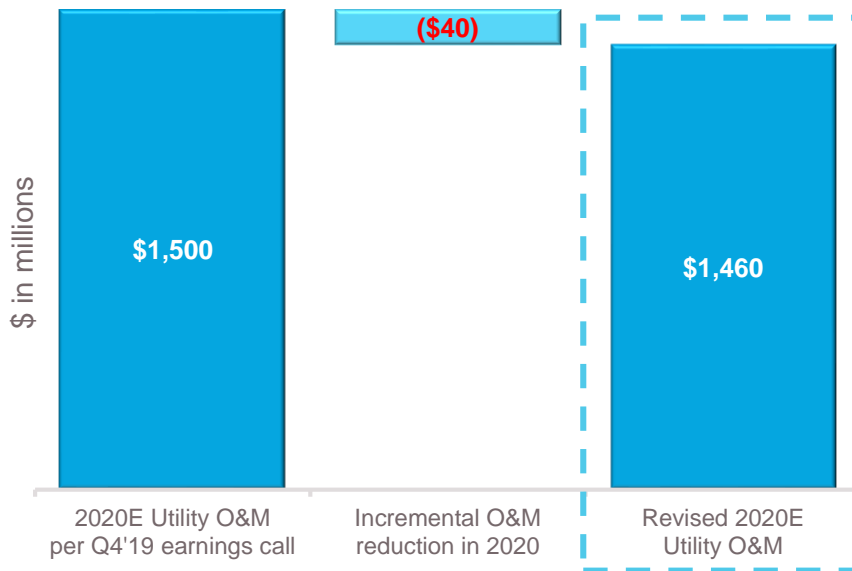
(2) Inclusive of Houston Electric, Indiana Electric Integrated and Natural Gas Distribution business segments. Excluding certain merger costs, utility costs to achieve, severance and amounts with revenue offsets

(3) Deferrals by business unit are estimated at the following levels: Houston Electric - \$120 - \$130 million; Indiana Electric Integrated - \$12 - \$13 million; Natural Gas Distribution - \$150 million; Other - \$15 million

DISCIPLINED O&M MANAGEMENT

- Accelerated action on key O&M management initiatives seeking to realize incremental targeted savings of ~\$40 million in 2020

Utility O&M Management⁽¹⁾



Key O&M Management Initiatives

- Continued systematic review of operating areas to reduce O&M by aligning work activities with core utilities and optimizing organizational design
- Seek to drive O&M savings from increased process improvements, workforce planning and strategic alignment
- Use of data analytics to streamline decision making across all functional areas

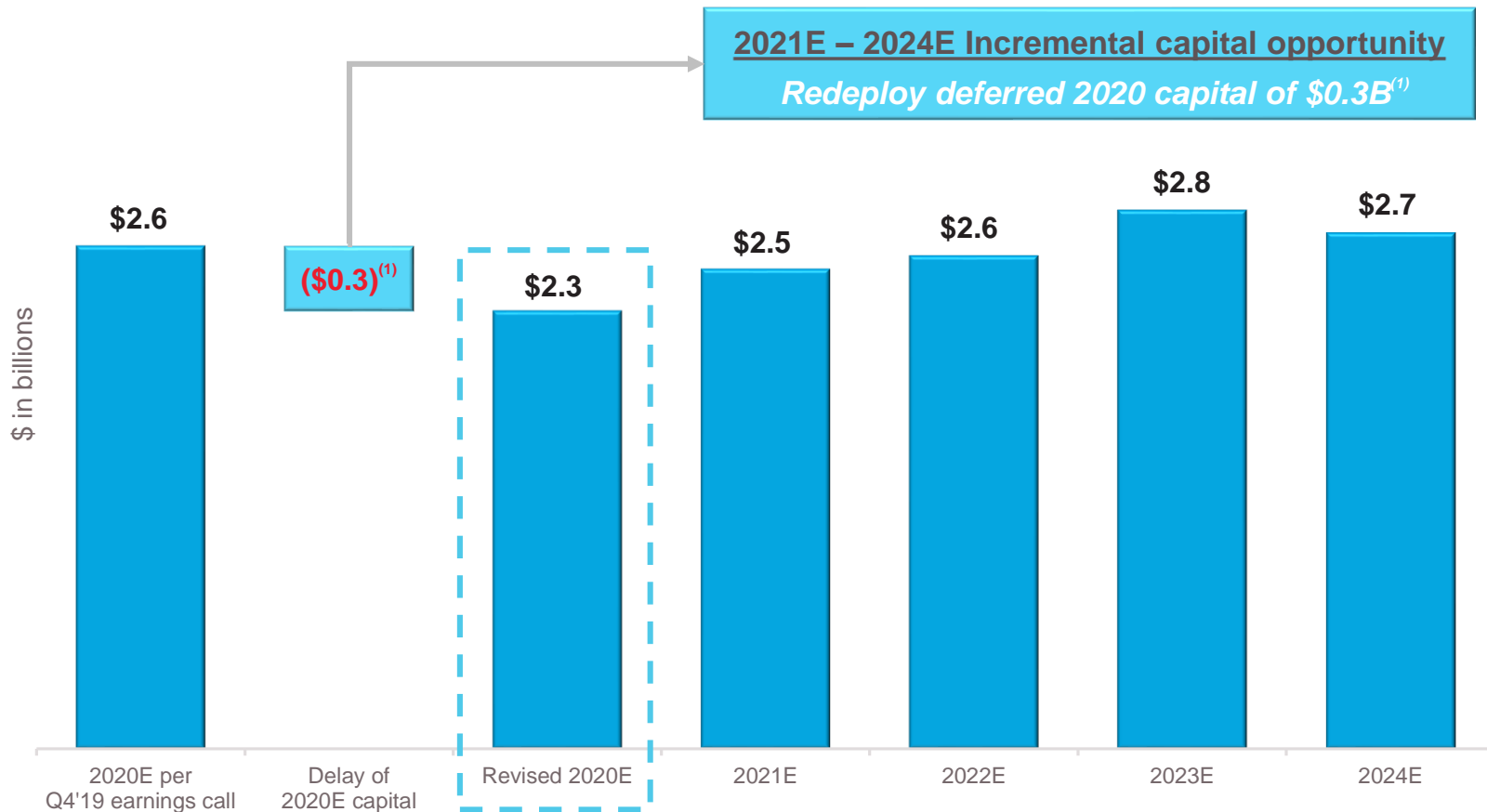
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UTILITY CAPITAL INVESTMENT DEFERRAL



Reduce 2020 utility capital investment from \$2.6B to \$2.3B
 Continue to target ~\$13B of total capital to be invested over next 5 years



Note: Amounts include allowance for funds used during construction and exclude Energy Services and Infrastructure Services

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COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND REBALANCE



*Target approximately 50% - 55% payout ratio
relative to utility earnings*



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PRUDENT AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL POSITION



\$40 million
Incremental O&M
reductions

\$300 million
Deferral of utility
capital investment

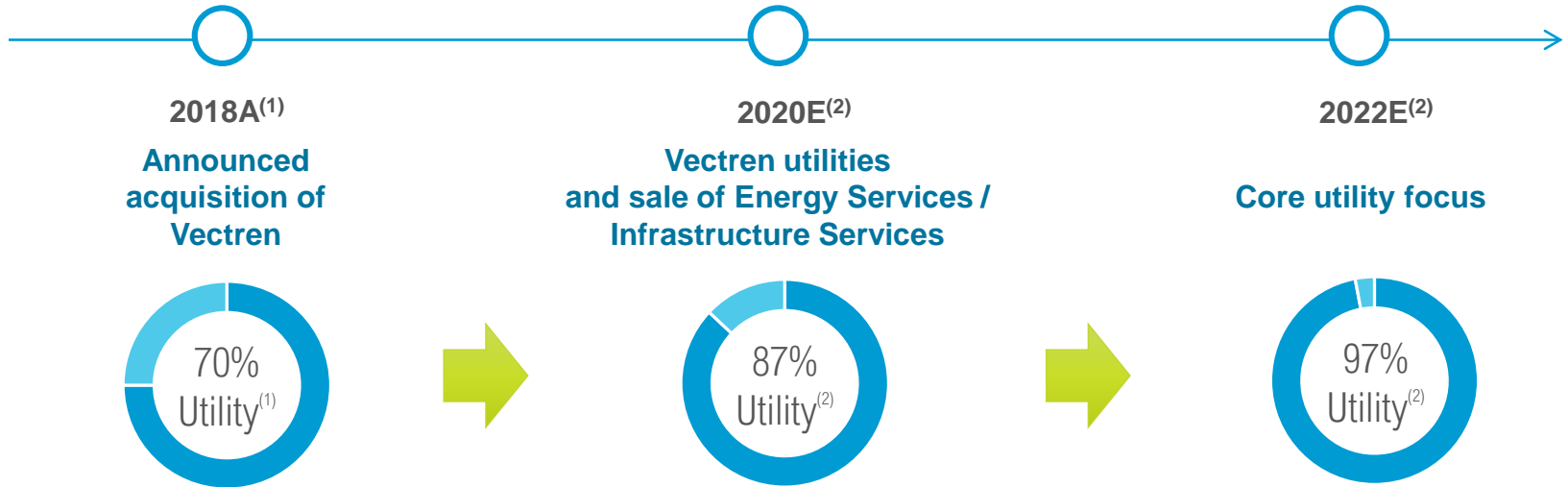
~48%
Reduction to common
stock dividend⁽¹⁾

- Planned actions above and increased earnings contribution from utilities are expected to strengthen CenterPoint Energy's financial position and improve credit quality, which will also provide multi-year flexibility as to the timing and total amount of equity issuances
- Company will evaluate market and economic conditions, including the potential impacts of COVID-19, and will remain opportunistic as it assesses equity needs

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CENTERPOINT'S CONTINUED TRANSITION TO MORE UTILITY FOCUSED STRATEGY



- Regulated utility across 8 states serving over ~7M customers
- Vectren added scale with \$4B rate base and 1.1M customers

- Pure play gas LDC and T&D utility driven purchase
- ~\$15B rate base, 96% regulated gas LDC / T&D⁽³⁾
- Enhanced credit quality post sale⁽⁴⁾

- ~\$19B⁽⁵⁾ rate base driven by robust 7.5%⁽⁶⁾ compound annual rate base growth
- Core utility business approaching 100% earnings contribution

(1) Calculated as a combined total of operating income and Midstream Investments equity earnings, where operating income excludes Houston Electric transition and system restoration bonds, Energy Services mark-to-market gains and losses as well as certain merger-related expenses

(2) Calculated as the relative earnings contribution of both Utility Operations and Midstream Investments.

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

(4) Specifically CenterPoint Energy and CERC

(5) Based on 2022E Electric T&D, Electric Generation and Natural Gas Distribution rate base as calculated by the individual jurisdictions

(6) For the period 2020E through 2024E

AREAS OF STRATEGIC FOCUS



Lower-risk T&D and Gas LDC

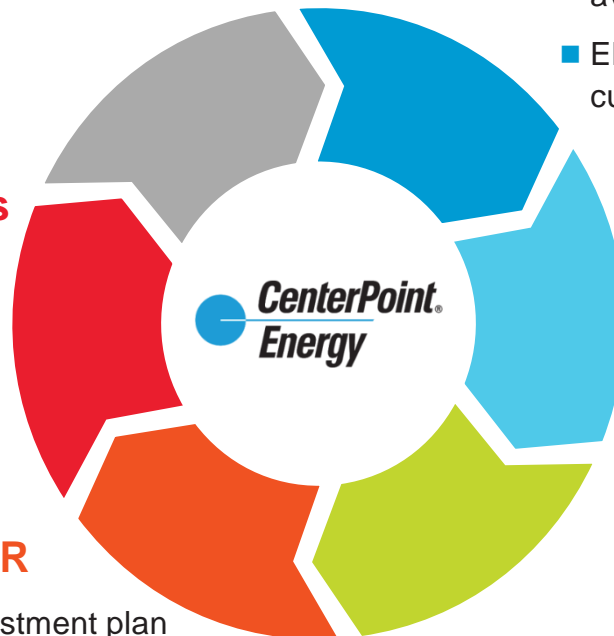
- 96%⁽¹⁾ of rate base from lower-risk Gas LDC and electric T&D utility asset bases
- Premium utilities earning their allowed ROEs

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

Scale Utility Operations

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



Disciplined O&M Control

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

7.5%⁽⁵⁾ Rate Base CAGR

- \$13B⁽⁶⁾ regulated capital investment plan
- Investments supported by attractive capital recycling from Enable cash flow

Investment Grade Credit Metrics

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

Note:

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

(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

(4) As of December 31, 2019

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

(6) For the period 2020E through 2024E



APPENDIX



- The COVID-19 pandemic poses safety, economic and financial challenges throughout the United States
 - CenterPoint maintains liquidity via our \$5.1 billion credit facilities, utility cash flow and commercial paper programs
 - CenterPoint has engaged with regulators and industry partners to respond to the pandemic, supporting the company’s financial position and safety of our employees and communities
- In response to COVID-19, CenterPoint has reviewed business continuity plans for the entire enterprise
 - Non-essential personnel are working from home and performing daily functions remotely
 - Essential personnel are practicing social distancing, rotational shifts and alternative work facilities
 - Back up control centers have been established as appropriate

- The PUCT approved an accounting order approving a regulatory asset for Houston Electric's incremental expenses associated with COVID-19
 - The amount of carrying costs and the period of recovery will be addressed in a future proceeding
 - Constructive precedent for use in other jurisdictions
- Retail Electric Provider reimbursement program for residential customers was also approved
 - Program will provide a DNP moratorium for qualified residential customers, subject to third party verification
 - Initial rate set to recover ~\$2.5 million/month; PUCT expressed willingness to address a revised rate as needed
 - Company will receive an interest-free loan from ERCOT to help address regulatory lag
 - Program is temporary, lasting initially for 6 months but extension will be revisited at a future open meeting
 - Company will still process DNP for customers not participating in the program which includes non-residential customers