
**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): September 30, 2015

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))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The attached Exhibit 99.1 is a slide presentation that will be used at the Wolfe Research Power and Gas Leaders Conference on September 30, 2015 and is being posted to CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s website.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 is furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 7.01. Accordingly, the information in Exhibit 99.1 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 as being incorporated by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

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EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

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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: September 30, 2015

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

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CenterPoint Energy
Electric & Natural Gas Utilities in Texas

Bill Rogers, EVP & Chief Financial Officer
Scott Doyle, SVP Regulatory & Public Affairs

September 30, 2015



Cautionary Statement

This presentation contains statements concerning our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance or underlying assumptions (including future dividends) and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these 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,” “will,” or other similar words. The absence of these words, however, does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking.

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 the timing and impact of future regulatory, legislative and IRS decisions, financial market conditions, future market conditions, economic and employment conditions, customer growth and other factors described in CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2014 under “Risk Factors” and “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Certain Factors Affecting Future Earnings,” in CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 under “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information,” “Risk Factors” and “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries” and in other filings with the SEC by CenterPoint Energy, which can be found at www.centerpointenergy.com on the Investor Relations page or on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

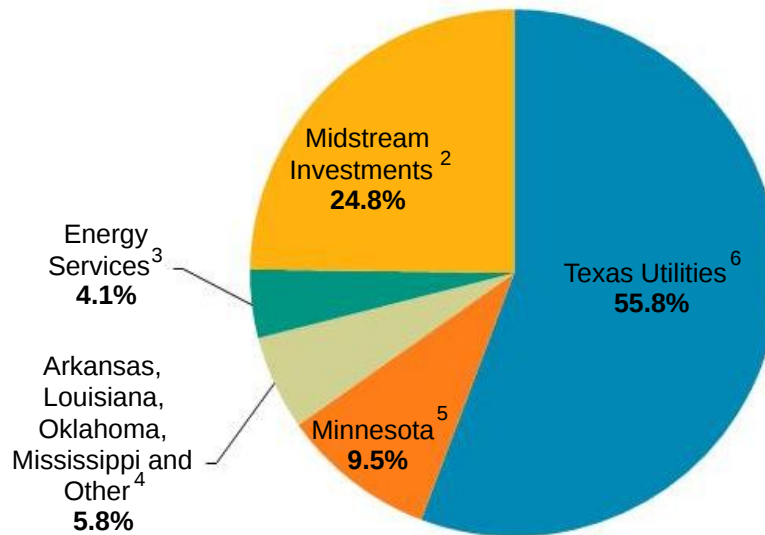
This presentation contains time sensitive information that is accurate as of the date hereof. Some of the information in this presentation is unaudited and may be subject to change. We undertake no obligation to update the information presented herein except as required by law.

Investors and others should note that we may announce material information using SEC filings, press releases, public conference calls, webcasts and the Investors page of our website. In the future, we will continue to use these channels to distribute material information about CenterPoint Energy and to communicate important information about CenterPoint Energy, 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 CenterPoint Energy to review the information we post on our website.

2014 Operating Income and Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates

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Total: \$1,243 million¹



¹ 2014 10-K, pg. 72, Statement of Consolidated Income, Operating income: \$935 million + Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates: \$308 million = \$1,243 million

² 2014 10-K, pg. 103, Note 9 – Unconsolidated Affiliates, Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Affiliates, net, Enable Midstream Partners, LP: \$303 million + Southeast Supply Header, LLC: \$5 million = \$308 million (24.8% of \$1,243 million)

³ 2014 10-K, pg. 49, Operating Income (Loss) by Business Segment, Energy Services: \$52 million (4.1% of \$1,243 million)

⁴ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Regulatory Information" section, "Natural Gas Utilities" presentation, pgs. 2, 3, 5, 6 - AR Op Income: \$40 million, LA Op Income: \$13 million, MS Op Income: \$8 million, OK Op Income: \$7 million; 2014 10-K, pg. 49, Operating Income (Loss) by Business Segment, Other Operations: \$1 million, \$3 million included for rounding to tie to Natural Gas Distribution Operating Income = \$72 million (5.8% of \$1,243 million)

⁵ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Regulatory Information" section, "Natural Gas Utilities" presentation, pg. 4 MN Op Income: \$118 million (9.5% of \$1,243 million)

⁶ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Regulatory Information" section, "Natural Gas Utilities" presentation, pg. 7 TX Op Income: \$98 million; 2014 10-K pg. 49 Operating Income (Loss) by Business Segment, Electric T&D: \$595 million = \$693 million (55.8% of \$1,243 million)

2014 Key Highlights¹

- Average Rate Base: \$815 million
- Operating Income: \$98 million
- Capital Expenditures: \$176 million
- Miles of Main: 30,986
- Miles of Service: 20,737

Texas Natural Gas Distribution Customers as of December 31, 2014 ³	
Residential	1,546,404
Commercial / Industrial	91,141
Total Customers	1,637,545

Authorized Rate Structure^{1,2}

- Capital Structure weighted average, 45% Debt / 55% Equity
- Authorized weighted average ROE: 10.31%
- Authorized weighted average ROR: 8.66%



¹ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Regulatory Information" section, "Natural Gas Utilities" presentation, pg. 7

² Blended weighted average of Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, and Beaumont/East Texas as of March 31, 2015

³ 2014 10-K, pg. 5, Natural Gas Distribution customers by state

2014 Key Highlights

- Average Rate Base: \$4,090 million¹
- Operating Income: \$477 million²
- Capital Expenditures: \$818 million³
 - 37% Transmission; 59% Distribution
- ~55,000 new meters⁴
- ERCOT deemed critical the Brazos Valley Connection, an estimated \$276-383 million transmission line expected to be in service mid-2018⁵
- Authorized ROE: 10%⁶

Houston Electric Metered Customers as of December 31, 2014⁷

Residential	2,033,027
Total Customers	2,299,247

¹ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Financial Information" section, "2014 Supplemental Materials" PDF, pg. 9

² investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Financial Information" section, "2014 Supplemental Materials" PDF, pg. 6

³ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Financial Information" section, "2014 Supplemental Materials" PDF, pg. 8

⁴ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Financial Information" section, "2014 Supplemental Materials" PDF, pg. 3

⁵ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Second Quarter 2015 Earnings Call Presentation", pg. 10

⁶ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "4th Quarter and Full Year 2014 Earnings Conference Call Transcript", pg. 17

⁷ 2014 10-K, pg. 50, Electric Transmission & Distribution, Number of metered customers at end of period



Raising high voltage transmission towers to accommodate new Highway US-99 corridor and serve load growth

Constructive Regulatory Mechanisms in Texas



Electric Transmission & Distribution ¹

Mechanism	Recovers	Filing Timeline
Distribution Capital Recovery Factor (DCRF)	Distribution Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually in April • Rates effective in September
Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS)	Transmission Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice per year • Rates effective ~3 months after filing
Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF)	Energy Efficiency Program Incentive and Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually
Pension Expense Deferral	Pension Expense Variance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciled in future rate case
Bad Debt Deferral	Bad Debt from Defaults by REPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciled in future rate case

Texas Natural Gas Distribution ²

Mechanism	Recovers	Filing Timeline
Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP)	Capital Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed annually • Rates effective 60-105 days after filing
Pension Expense Deferral	Pension Expense Variance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciled in future rate case

¹ investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Regulatory Information" section, "Houston Electric" presentation, pg. 2; 2014 10-K, pg. 21, Bad Debt Deferral; 2014 10-K, pg. 44, Pension Expense Deferral

² investors.centerpointenergy.com, "Regulatory Information" section, "Natural Gas Utilities" presentation, pg. 7