



First Quarter 2026 Investor Update



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(3) CenterPoint's ability to fund and invest planned capital, and the timely recovery of its investments, including those related to CenterPoint's 10-year capital plan; (4) the ability to execute and complete CenterPoint's planned capital projects and programs, including those within CenterPoint's 10-year capital plan, in a timely and cost-effective manner and within budget, obtain the anticipated benefits of such projects, and manage costs and impacts of such projects on customer affordability; (5) CenterPoint's ability to successfully construct, operate, repair, maintain, replace and restart electric generating facilities, natural gas facilities, TEEEF and electric transmission facilities; (6) the timing and success of, and the ability to obtain approval for matters relating to, Houston Electric's release of its large TEEEF units to the San Antonio area, proposed removal of its medium TEEEF units, reduction of its TEEEF fleet capacity and reduction of rates to reflect the removal of the large and medium TEEEF units from Houston Electric's TEEEF fleet, as well as the ability to complete one or more other future transactions involving the large and medium TEEEF units on acceptable terms and conditions within the anticipated timeframe; 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(12) the impact of public health threats; (13) severe weather events, natural disasters and other climate-related impacts, and CenterPoint's ability to mitigate such impacts, including the approval and timing of securitization issuances; (14) damages to our network, facilities and systems, including as a result of wildfires; (15) changes in business plans; (16) changes to technology and our ability to anticipate, adapt to and implement technological changes and advances in and our ability to timely adopt, develop and deploy, artificial intelligence; (17) operations and maintenance costs, our ability to control such costs and cost-related impacts on the affordability of our rates for our customers; (18) CenterPoint's ability to timely obtain and maintain necessary land rights, licenses, permits, easements and approvals from landowners and local, federal and other regulatory authorities on acceptable terms and resolve disputes or third-party challenges to such licenses, permits or approvals, as applicable; (19) CenterPoint's ability to execute on its strategy, initiatives, targets and goals, including its energy transition goals and operations and maintenance goals; and (20) other factors discussed in CenterPoint's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, and CenterPoint's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2026 including under "Risk Factors," "Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Certain Factors Affecting Future Earnings" in such reports and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") by CenterPoint, which can be found at www.centerpointenergy.com on the Investor Relations page or on the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

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In addition to presenting its financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), including presentation of net income (loss) or income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share, the Company also provides guidance based on non-GAAP income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share and also provides non-GAAP funds from operations / non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt ("FFO/Debt"). Generally a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's historical or future financial performance that excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Please refer to the Appendix for detailed discussion of the use of non-GAAP financial measures presented herein.

First Quarter Update

Our 10-Year Plan Deliverables

Q1 2026 Updates

Consistent, Sustainable Growth for Our Investors

- Targeting **top decile⁽¹⁾ non-GAAP EPS annual growth for 2026** and dividend per share growth of 6%
- Targeting **top decile⁽¹⁾ long-term non-GAAP EPS annual growth target of 7-9% through 2035**, expecting to deliver in **the mid-to-high end of the range in 2026-2028⁽²⁾**

Delivered **\$0.56** non-GAAP EPS for the first quarter of 2026

Reaffirmed 2026 non-GAAP EPS guidance range of **\$1.89 - \$1.91**

Efficient Financing and Balance Sheet Health

- Maintaining balance sheet health; long-term **FFO/Debt⁽³⁾ target of 100 – 150bps of cushion** above the downgrade threshold through 2035
- Plan to efficiently fund robust capital investment plan through **asset recycling, securitization proceeds**, and **~\$4B of common equity** through 2035⁽⁴⁾
- Seeking to keep rates affordable through **1-2% O&M reductions⁽⁶⁾**, extending cost recovery, and robust annual customer growth⁽⁷⁾

Delivered **12.5%** TTM Q1 2026 FFO/Debt⁽³⁾

Completed nearly 70% of planned 2026 financing needs through Q1 debt issuances and prior forward equity sales⁽⁵⁾

Announced 12.2GWs of firmly committed load; Anticipate utilizing 10GWs of capacity will provide **~\$4B in savings for Texas customers⁽⁸⁾**

Resilient, Reliable, & Affordable Energy for Customers

- **10-year capital investment plan of ~\$65.5B through 2035 with at least \$10B of incremental capital investments** to further enable economic growth and improve customer outcomes⁽⁹⁾
- **Continued execution of the Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative** to increase system preparedness and improve storm readiness

Reaffirmed our 10-year capital investment plan

Installed **10,000 storm resilient poles** and completed **1,600 miles of high-risk vegetation management** in the quarter

Serving Houston's Diverse Economic Growth⁽¹⁾

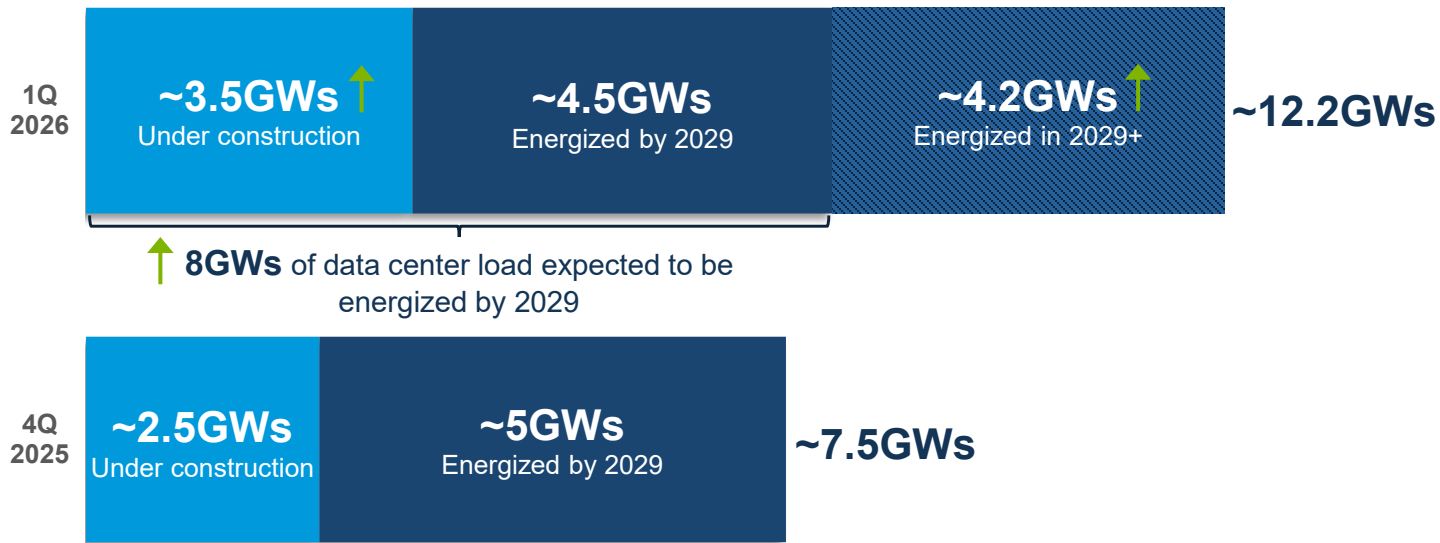
Accelerating and increasing demand across diversified industries

50% load growth by YE 2029



Expected **TWO** years faster than initial forecast

Firmly Committed Large Industrial Load⁽²⁾



Part of a broader set of diverse drivers⁽¹⁾



Advanced Manufacturing



Life Sciences



Logistics



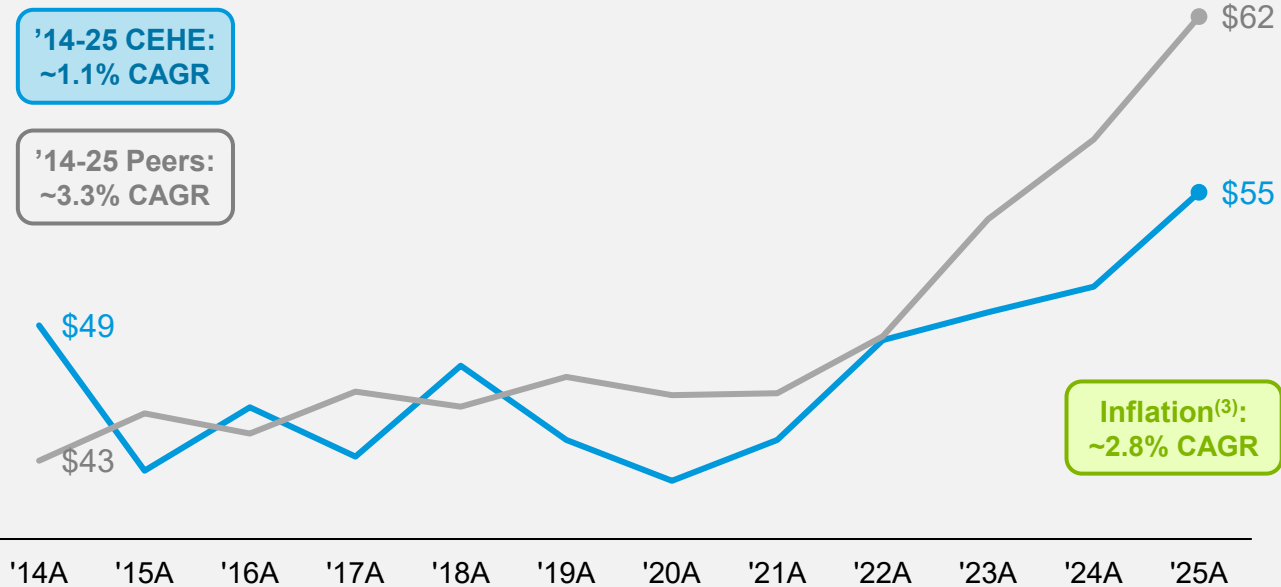
Energy & Refining Exports

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Customer Affordability Benefit from Large Load Customers⁽¹⁾

Residential delivery charge increases below Texas peers and the rate of inflation for over a decade

CEHE's Average Monthly Residential Electric Delivery Charge vs. In-State Peers⁽²⁾



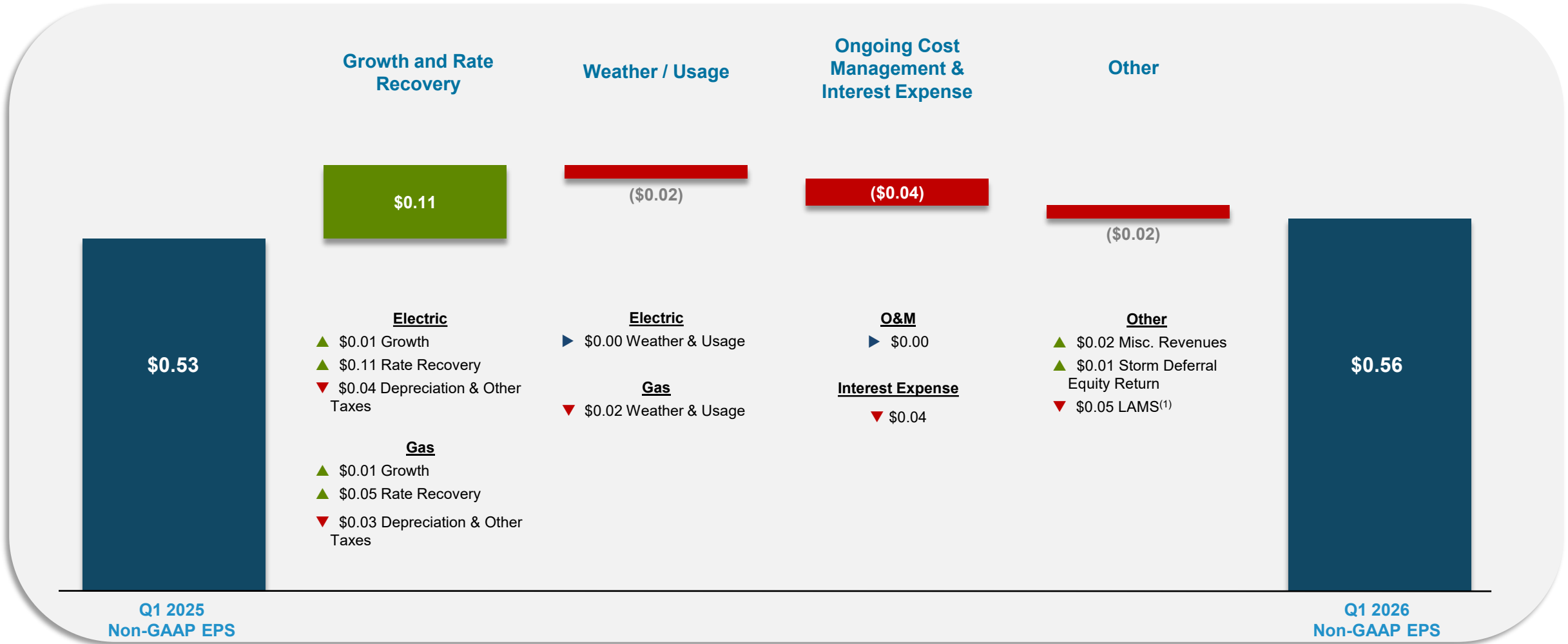
✓ Sustained growth in Houston and cost discipline has kept rate increases **below peers and inflation** for over a decade⁽⁴⁾

✓ **10 gigawatts** of new industrial load will provide **~\$4 billion** in anticipated savings for Texas residential & commercial customers

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Q1 2026 vs Q1 2025 Non-GAAP EPS

Primary drivers



Note: Refer to slides 15-17, and 24 for reconciliations and information on non-GAAP assumptions and measures, including non-GAAP EPS. See slides 21-23 for endnotes.

Capital Expenditures by Segment

On track to execute 2026 planned spend and our ~\$65.5 billion 10-year capital investment plan

Capital Investment Plan Execution					
	FY	1Q	FY	'26 – '30	'26 – '35
	2025	2026	2026E ⁽²⁾	Plan	Plan
Electric	~\$3.7B	~\$0.8B	~\$4.5B	~\$22.4B	~\$46.3B
Natural Gas	~\$1.7B	~\$0.3B	~\$2.3B	~\$10.6B	~\$19.0B
Corporate and Other	~\$34MM	~\$8MM	~\$40MM	~\$0.1B	~\$0.2B
Total Capital Expenditures⁽³⁾	~\$5.4B	~\$1.2B	~\$6.8B	~\$33.1B	~\$65.5B

At least \$10B Incremental Capital Opportunities⁽¹⁾

- Electric Transmission Investments (Houston & Indiana Electric)
- Resiliency and Grid Modernization Investments
- Downtown Houston Revitalization Project
- Next Generation Electric Smart Meter Deployment
- Data Center-Related Investments in Indiana

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Continued Focus on Credit and Balance Sheet Strength

Consolidated FFO To Debt ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
	2025 Full Year	1Q 2026 TTM
Moody's	12.5%	12.2%
Adjusted for 1-time items – Moody's methodology⁽²⁾	13.8%	12.5%
S&P	12.4%	12.5%
Adjusted for 1-time items – S&P methodology	13.1%	12.5%

Upcoming Maturities ⁽³⁾			
	2026	2027	2028
CNP (Parent)			
Senior Notes @ 1.45%, 5.25%, & 4.25%	\$517MM	-	\$73.5MM
Convertible Senior Notes @ 4.25%, & 3.00%	\$1,000MM	-	\$1,000MM
1997 Municipal Bond @ 5.125%	-	-	\$68MM
CEHE			
General Mortgage Bonds @ 2.40%, 3.00%, & 5.20%	\$300MM	\$300MM	\$500MM
CERC			
IGC Senior Notes @ 6.42%, 6.68%, 6.34%, & 6.55%	-	\$26MM	\$20MM
Senior Notes @ 4.00% & 5.25%	-	-	\$1,200MM
Floating Rate Term Loan	-	\$800MM	-
SIGECO			
First Mortgage Bonds @ 4.98%	-	-	\$100MM
Total	\$1,817MM	\$1,126MM	\$2,961.5MM

Company Debt Ratings			
Entity	Moody's (Neg) ⁽⁴⁾	S&P (Stable)	Fitch (Stable)
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	Baa2	BBB	BBB
Houston Electric	A2	A	A
CERC	A3	BBB+	A-
SIGECO	A1	A	-

Consolidated Liquidity ⁽⁵⁾	
Credit Facility Capacity	\$4.0B
Less: Outstanding Borrowings	~(\$0.0B)
Total Available Liquidity	~\$4.0B

Continued focus on –

- Liquidity and commitment to current credit ratings
 - Plan to incorporate credit supportive, higher equity content instruments
 - Completed nearly 70% of planned financing needs for 2026 in the first quarter⁽⁶⁾

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slides 18-19 for reconciliations to rating agency adjustments and measures. See slides 21-23 for endnotes.



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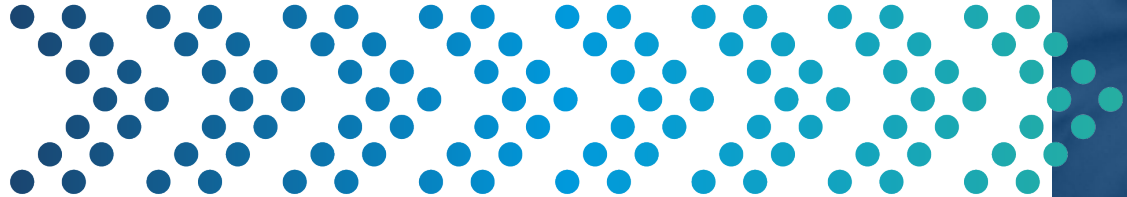
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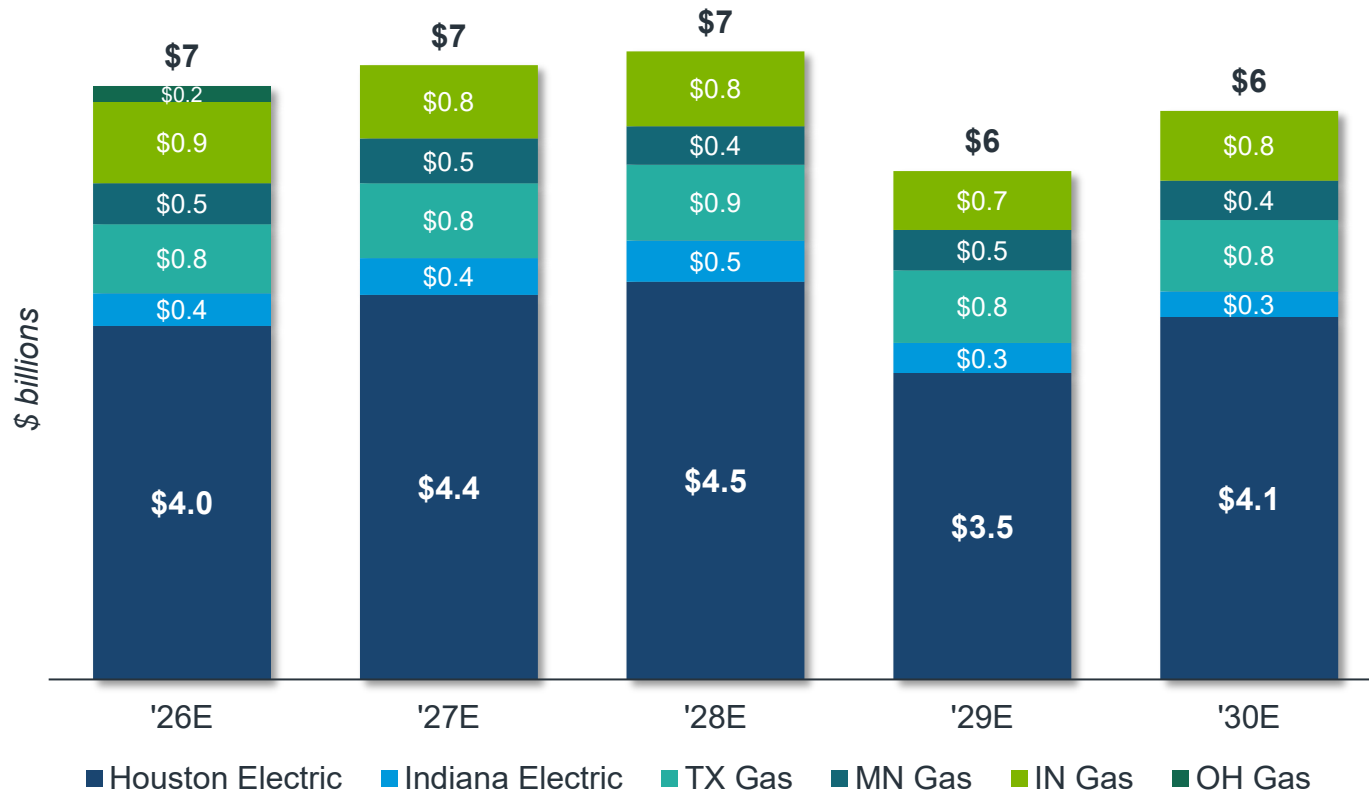


Appendix



Our 10-Year \$65.5B Capital Investment Plan⁽¹⁾

~\$33B Investment, 2026-2030



~\$65.5B
2026-2035

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. See slides 21-23 for endnotes.

Weather and Throughput Data

Electric

		1Q 2026	1Q 2025	2026 vs 2025
Throughput (in GWh)	Residential	6,398	6,643	(4%)
	Total	24,957	24,749	1%
Metered Customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	2,688,307	2,651,381	1%
	Total	3,023,460	2,983,906	1%
Weather vs Normal ⁽²⁾	Cooling Degree Days	202	82	120
	Heating Degree Days	(261)	95	(356)
	<i>Houston Cooling Degree Days</i>	178	68	110
	<i>Houston Heating Degree Days</i>	(195)	37	(232)

Natural Gas⁽⁵⁾

		1Q 2026	1Q 2025	2026 vs 2025
Throughput (in Bcf)	Residential	95	110	(14%)
	Commercial and Industrial	128	138	(7%)
	Total	223	248	(10%)
Metered Customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	3,749,264	3,723,549	1%
	Commercial and Industrial	288,159	276,675	4%
	Total	4,037,423	4,000,224	1%
Weather vs Normal ⁽²⁾	Heating Degree Days	(10)	(20)	10
	<i>Texas Heating Degree Days</i>	(161)	32	(193)

Margin Sensitivities

Per HDD / CDD⁽⁴⁾

CEHE

\$50k - \$70k

IE

\$20k - \$30k

TX Gas⁽³⁾

\$30k - \$40k

Note: See slides 21-23 for endnotes.

Announced Ohio Gas LDC Sale

Transaction Highlights

- ✓ Announced **October 2025**
- ✓ **Efficiently recycle** capital, upside for additional CapEx
- ✓ Supports **balance sheet optimization**
- ✓ Signals **continued demand** for U.S. gas LDCs
- ✓ Aligns with the continued **execution** of our plan

Long Term Value Creation

- ✓ **Cash proceeds** will be redeployed into other jurisdictions to fund **near-term** incremental capital investments
- ✓ Seller's Note Receivable earning **6.5% annual interest rate** with a 1-year term will create a stream of earnings until maturity
- ✓ Proceeds from Seller's Note at maturity **will fund additional growth investments**

Key Transaction Terms

- **Gross Purchase Price:** ~\$2,620MM
- **Net Purchase Price:** ~\$2,400MM
 - ~1.9x of 2024 rate base⁽¹⁾
 - ~26x of 2024 earnings⁽²⁾
- **Anticipated transaction close:** Q4 of 2026

Proceeds Calculation (\$ in millions)

Gross Purchase Price	~\$2,620
Taxes and transaction costs	~\$200
Net Proceeds⁽³⁾	~\$2,400

Sale Process
Announced
May 2025

Announced
Sale
October 2025

Complete Regulatory
Process
1H 2026

Targeted Transaction
Close
Q4 2026

Expected Seller's Note
Maturity
Q4 2027

2026 Regulatory Schedule

Upcoming Regulatory Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ROE / Equity Ratio	'26 Rate Base ⁽³⁾
TX (E)	TCOS ⁽⁵⁾ / DCRF ⁽⁵⁾						TCOS ⁽⁶⁾ / DCRF ⁽⁶⁾						9.65% / 43.25%	\$18.5B
IN (E)	TDSIC / CECA / ECA												9.8% / 48.3% ⁽¹⁾	\$3.1B
TX (G)	GRIP												9.8% / 60.6%	\$3.8B
MN (G)										GRC			N/A / N/A ⁽²⁾	\$2.7B
N. IN (G)	CSIA-7			CSIA-8						GRC			9.80% / 46.8% ⁽¹⁾	\$3.0B
OH (G)				CEP / DRR									9.79% / 52.9%	\$1.6B
S. IN (G)	CSIA-7			CSIA-8						GRC			9.70% / 46.2% ⁽¹⁾	\$0.8B
Total =														~\$33B⁽⁴⁾

- GRC** General Rate Case
- CSIA** Compliance and System Improvement Adjustment
- TCOS** Transmission Cost of Service
- DCRF** Distribution Cost Recovery Factor
- GRIP** Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program
- CEP** Capital Expenditure Program Rider
- DRR** Distribution Replacement Rider
- TDSIC** Trans., Dist., & Storage Sys. Improvement Charge
- CECA** Clean Energy Cost Adjustment
- ECA** Environmental Cost Adjustment

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Reconciliation: Consolidated Net Income and Diluted Earnings per share (GAAP) to non-GAAP Income and non-GAAP Diluted EPS used in providing annual earnings guidance

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2026	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated net income and diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ 316	\$ 0.48
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of tax expense of \$10) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(36)	(0.05)
Indexed debt securities (net of tax benefit of \$9) ⁽²⁾	35	0.05
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of tax expense of \$15)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	34	0.05
Impacts associated with TEEEF Units removed from Rate Base (net of tax benefit of \$5)⁽⁵⁾	19	0.03
Consolidated income and diluted EPS on a non-GAAP basis⁽⁶⁾	\$ 368	\$ 0.56

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Reconciliation: Consolidated Net Income and Diluted Earnings per share (GAAP) to non-GAAP Income and non-GAAP Diluted EPS used in providing annual earnings guidance

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2025	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated net income and diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ 297	\$ 0.45
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of tax expense of \$17) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(63)	(0.10)
Indexed debt securities (net of tax benefit of \$16) ⁽²⁾	62	0.10
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of tax expense of \$0)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	48	0.08
Consolidated income and diluted EPS on a non-GAAP basis⁽⁵⁾	\$ 344	\$ 0.53

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Reconciliation: Consolidated Net Income and Diluted Earnings per share (GAAP) to non-GAAP Income and non-GAAP Diluted EPS used in providing annual earnings guidance

	Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31, 2025	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated net income and diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ 1,052	\$ 1.60
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of tax benefit of \$11) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	40	0.06
Indexed debt securities (net of tax expense of \$12) ⁽²⁾	(43)	(0.07)
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of tax expense of \$22)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	60	0.09
Impacts associated with TEEEF Units removed from Rate Base (net of tax benefit of \$12)⁽⁵⁾	46	0.07
Consolidated income and diluted EPS on a non-GAAP basis⁽⁶⁾	\$ 1,155	\$ 1.76

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

Based on Moody's Methodology

Twelve month to date ended and as of period ended, respectively (\$ in millions)

	YE 2025	1Q 2026
Net cash provided by operating activities (A)	\$2,486	\$2,358
Add back:		
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net	253	(65)
Inventory	17	62
Accounts payable	15	58
Other current assets and liabilities	(210)	128
Adjusted cash from operations	2,561	2,541
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	131	97
Non-GAAP funds from operations (FFO) (B)	\$2,692	\$2,638
Total Debt, Net		
Short-term Debt:		
Short-term borrowings	500	-
Current portion of VIE Securitization Bonds long-term debt	41	92
Current portion of other long-term debt	1,873	2,115
Long-term Debt:		
VIE Securitization bonds, net	664	1,797
Other long-term debt, net	19,902	20,679
Total Debt, net (C)	22,980	24,683
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(1,368)	(3,148)
Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (D)	\$21,612	\$21,535
Net cash provided by operating activities / total debt, net (A/C)	10.8%	9.6%
CFO Pre-Working Capital/Debt- Moody's⁽¹⁾ (B/D)	12.5%	12.2%
CNP Adjustments to FFO for 1-time items (E)	120	43
CNP Adjustments to Debt for 1-time items (F)	(1,270)	(48)
Non-GAAP FFO / Non-GAAP adjusted debt ("FFO/Debt") Adjusted for 1-time items⁽²⁾ (B + E / D + F)	13.8%	12.5%

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Reconciliation: Gross Margin and Total Debt, Net to non-GAAP Funds from Operations (FFO) and non-GAAP Rating Agency Adjusted Debt

Based on S&P's Methodology

Twelve month to date ended and as of period ended, respectively (\$ in millions)

	YE 2025	Q1 2026
Unadjusted EBITDA		
Gross Margin	7,240	7,331
O&M	(3,024)	(3,043)
Taxes and Other	(576)	(579)
Unadjusted EBITDA	3,640	3,709
Less: Cash interest paid	983	1,002
Less: Cash taxes paid	(21)	(18)
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	22	15
Non-GAAP funds from operations (FFO)	2,700	2,740
Total Debt, Net		
Short-term Debt:		
Short-term borrowings	500	-
Current portion of VIE Securitization Bonds long-term debt	41	92
Current portion of other long-term debt	1,873	2,115
Long-term Debt:		
VIE Securitization bonds, net	664	1,797
Other long-term debt, net	19,902	20,679
Total Debt, net	22,980	24,683
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽²⁾	(1,147)	(2,815)
Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt	21,833	21,868
Unadjusted EBITDA / total debt, net	15.8%	15.0%
FFO/Debt (S&P)	12.4%	12.5%
FFO/Debt (S&P) – adjusted for one-time items ⁽²⁾	13.1%	12.5%

Note: See slides 21-23 for endnotes.

Regulatory Information

Information

Electric

- Estimated 2025 year-end rate base by jurisdiction
- Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction
- Definition of regulatory mechanisms
- Projected regulatory filing schedule

Natural Gas

- Estimated 2025 year-end rate base by jurisdiction
- Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction
- Definition of regulatory mechanisms
- Projected regulatory filing schedule

Estimated amortization for pre-tax equity earnings related to Houston Electric's securitization bonds

Rate changes and Interim mechanisms filed

Location

[Regulatory Information – Electric](#)

[Regulatory Information – Gas](#)

[Regulatory Information – Electric \(Pg. 5\)](#)

[Form 10-K – Rate Change Applications section](#)

Endnotes:

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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) As compared to 2026 proxy peers (2) Refers to non-GAAP EPS annual growth rate for 2026E – 2035E (3) Based on Moody's methodology; adjusted for CEHE storm related costs; FFO/Debt is a non-GAAP measure. Refer to slide 18 for Moody's TTM Q1 reconciliation (4) Planned common equity of ~\$4 billion from 2026-2035, inclusive of the ~1.1 billion of forward sales to be settled no later than February 2027, and ~\$3 billion of issuances from 2028-35 (5) We have completed over 60% of our planned debt issuance for the year and 100% of our planned equity with the \$165 million forward equity sales to be settled by May 2026 and a portion of the \$920 million block forward sale expected to be settled in 2026, with the remaining to be settled by February 2027 (6) Controllable O&M average annual reduction includes Electric and Natural Gas businesses (7) Internal projection through 2030 (8) Refers to the cumulative 10-year customer benefit from residential and commercial delivery charge reductions associated with connecting 10 gigawatts of new industrial load to the existing ERCOT system (9) Refers to capital investment opportunities through 2035 outside of 10-year capital plan from 2026-2035
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Internal projections based on high probable load additions through the end of 2035 (2) Firmly committed load defined as having signed study commitments, site control, and the materials/labor to execute
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to the cumulative 10-year customer benefit from residential and commercial delivery charge reductions associated with connecting 10 gigawatts of new industrial load to the existing ERCOT system (2) Based on average monthly usage of 1,000 kWh as compared to peers including Oncor, AEP Central, AEP North, and Texas-New Mexico Power (TNMP) (3) Compounded annual growth rate of total US consumer price index from 2014 to 2025 (4) Refers to residential electric delivery charge average growth rate from 2014 to 2025 compared to in state peers and US total consumer inflation rate.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Related to the divestiture of Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses ("LAMS")
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to capital investment opportunities through 2035 outside of 10-year capital plan from 2026-2035 (2) Represents 2026 capital estimated as of 3/31/2026 (3) This calculation may not add down due to rounding
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Based on Moody's CFO Pre-Working Capital/Debt and S&P's FFO/Debt methodology with certain one-time adjustments noted on slides 18-19; targets based on plan assumptions (2) Long-term FFO/Debt target of 14% - 15% through 2030 using Moody's methodology (3) Does not include Securitization bonds or commercial paper in total balances (4) CERC and SIGECO are rated as stable by Moody's, the negative outlook only applies to CNP and CEHE (5) As of 3/31/2026 (6) We have completed over 60% of our planned debt issuance for the year and 100% of our planned equity with the \$165 million forward equity sales to be settled by May 2026 and a portion of the \$920 million block forward sale expected to be settled in 2026, with the remaining to be settled by February 2027
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to the 10-year capital plan, 2026E to 2035E

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12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) End of period number of metered customers (2) As compared normal weather for service area (3) Only pertains to heating degree days (4) As applied to base rates, per heating degree day (HDD) and cooling degree day (CDD) versus normal (5) Throughput and Meter Customers are normalized by the exclusion of Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses data in the 2025 figures
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 2024 year-end divested rate base of approximately \$1.5 billion (2) Refers to the 2024 earnings multiple for the transaction after removing debt from the net proceeds (3) Number may not sum due to rounding
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Equity % net of cost-free capital and other adjustments (2) Settlement notates an ROR of 7.07% (3) Estimated year-end 2026 Rate Base represents the latest available information; may differ slightly from regulatory filings (4) Anticipated Ohio natural gas LDC business sale expected to close by YE 2026 (5) Filed both TCOS and DCRF filings in February 2026 (6) Both filings expect to be filed in August 2026
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS (2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the Ohio natural gas LDC business sale are booked proportionately by applying the projected annual effective tax rate percentage to income earned each quarter in accordance with GAAP. Additional tax expense related primarily to the write-off of non-deductible goodwill will be reflected in tax expense over the remainder of 2026 and excluded from non-GAAP EPS (3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (4) Includes \$13 million loss on early debt extinguishment associated with the planned divestiture of the Ohio natural gas LDC business and removes income tax impacts related to the sale (5) Represents impacts related to temporary emergency electric energy facilities following the removal of the units from our rate regulated business (6) The calculation on a per-share basis may not add down due to rounding
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS (2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses sale are booked proportionately by applying the projected annual effective tax rate percentage to income earned each quarter in accordance with GAAP. Additional tax expense related primarily to the write-off of non-deductible goodwill will be reflected in tax expense over the remainder of 2025 and excluded from non-GAAP EPS (3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (4) Includes \$43 million loss on sale associated with the divestiture of our Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses (5) The calculation on a per-share basis may not add down due to rounding

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17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS (2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the gas LDC sale are booked proportionately by applying the projected annual effective tax rate percentage to income earned each quarter in accordance with GAAP. Additional tax expense related primarily to the write-off of non-deductible goodwill will be reflected in tax expense over the remainder of 2025 and excluded from non-GAAP EPS (3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (4) Includes \$37 million loss on sale associated with the divestiture of our Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses and gain on early extinguishment of debt with proceeds from the divestiture of the Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses (5) Represents impacts related to temporary emergency electric energy facilities following the removal of the units from our rate regulated business (6) The calculation on a per-share basis may not add down due to rounding
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Based on Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions (2) CNP further reduced FY 2025 for the associated one-time Winter Storm Uri related debt as well as CEHE storm related costs and Q1 2026 for one-time Winter Storm Uri related debt. Please see note 17 of the 2025 Form 10-K for supplemental disclosure of cash flow information
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Based on S&P's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions (2) Excludes CEHE storm related debt cost of \$1,200 million as of 12/31/2025 and \$0 million as of 3/31/2026

Additional Information

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith, CenterPoint Energy presents, based on net income (loss), diluted earnings (loss) per share, and net cash provided by operating activities to total debt, net, and gross margin to total debt, net, the following financial measures which are not generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") financial measures: non-GAAP income, non-GAAP diluted earnings per share ("non-GAAP EPS"), as well as non-GAAP funds from operations / non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (Moody's and S&P) ("FFO/Debt"). Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's historical or future financial performance that excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

2025 and 2026 non-GAAP EPS excluded and non-GAAP EPS guidance excludes: (a) Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities, (b) Gain, losses and impact, including related expenses, associated with mergers and divestitures, such as the divestiture of our Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses and the pending divestiture of our Ohio natural gas LDC business, and (c) With respect to 2025 non-GAAP EPS and non-GAAP EPS guidance, impacts related to temporary emergency electric facilities ("TEEEF") once they are no longer part of our rate-regulated business. In providing 2025 and 2026 non-GAAP EPS and non-GAAP EPS guidance, CenterPoint Energy does not consider the items noted above and other potential impacts such as changes in accounting standards, impairments or other unusual items, which could have a material impact on GAAP reported results for the applicable guidance period. The non-GAAP EPS guidance ranges also consider assumptions for certain significant variables that may impact earnings, such as customer growth and usage including normal weather, throughput, recovery of capital invested, effective tax rates, financing activities and related interest rates, and regulatory and judicial proceedings. To the extent actual results deviate from these assumptions, the non-GAAP EPS guidance ranges may not be met, or the projected annual non-GAAP EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP diluted earnings per share without unreasonable effort because changes in the value of ZENS and related securities, future impairments, and other unusual items are not estimable and are difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control.

Funds from operations (Moody's) excludes from net cash provided by operating activities, accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net, inventory, accounts payable, and other current assets and liabilities, and includes certain adjustments consistent with Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions. Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (Moody's) adds to Total Debt, net certain adjustments consistent with Moody's methodology, including operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions and further adjustments related to CEHE storm related costs.

Funds from operations (S&P) excludes from gross margin, O&M, taxes and other, cash interest paid and cash taxes paid, and includes certain adjustments consistent with S&P's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions. Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (S&P) adds to Total Debt, net certain adjustments consistent with S&P's methodology, including adjustments related to Winter Storm Uri related debt and CEHE storm related debt. The appendix to this presentation contains a reconciliation of net income (loss) and diluted earnings (loss) per share to the basis used in providing guidance, as well as a reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities / total debt, net (and gross margin to total debt, net) to FFO/Debt.

Management evaluates the Company's financial performance in part based on non-GAAP income, non-GAAP EPS and long-term FFO/Debt. Management believes that presenting these non-GAAP financial measures enhances an investor's understanding of CenterPoint Energy's overall financial performance by providing them with an additional meaningful and relevant comparison of current and anticipated future results across periods. The adjustments made in these non-GAAP financial measures exclude items that management believes do not most accurately reflect the Company's fundamental business performance. These excluded items are reflected in the reconciliation tables, where applicable. CenterPoint Energy's non-GAAP income, non-GAAP EPS and FFO/Debt financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, net income (loss), diluted earnings (loss) per share, net cash provided by operating activities to total debt, net and gross margin to total debt, net, which, respectively, are the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures also may be different than non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

Energy Transition Goals Disclaimer

CenterPoint Energy's Scope 1 greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions estimates are calculated from GHG emissions that directly come from its operations. CenterPoint Energy's Scope 2 GHG emissions estimates are calculated from GHG emissions that indirectly come from its energy usage, but because Texas is in an unregulated market, its Scope 2 GHG emissions estimates do not take into account Texas electric transmission and distribution assets in the line loss calculation and exclude GHG emissions related to purchased power between 2024E-2026E. CenterPoint Energy's Scope 3 GHG emissions estimates are based on the total natural gas supply delivered to residential and commercial customers as reported in the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form EIA-176 reports and do not take into account the GHG emissions of transport customers and GHG emissions related to upstream extraction. CenterPoint Energy has adopted energy transition goals and its analysis and plans for execution require it to make a number of assumptions. These goals and underlying assumptions involve risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees, and CenterPoint Energy's ability to achieve these goals will ultimately be driven by the needs of its business, the needs and desires of the customers, jurisdictions and other stakeholders it serves and its performance for shareholders. In addition, forecasting is inherently speculative and the trajectory of the greater energy transition is uncertain. Should one or more of CenterPoint Energy's underlying assumptions require updating, its actual results and ability to make progress towards and achieve its energy transition goals and the timing thereof could differ materially from its expectations, and CenterPoint Energy may elect to modify or update such goals. Further, there can be no guarantee that CenterPoint Energy will sustain or achieve these goals. Certain of the assumptions that could impact CenterPoint Energy's ability to meet its energy transition goals and the timing thereof include, but are not limited to: GHG emission levels, service territory size, capacity needs and customer demand remaining in line with CenterPoint Energy's expectations when such goals were announced, including with respect to demand for services and in relation to the recent sale of CenterPoint Energy's Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses and the announced sale of CenterPoint Energy's Ohio natural gas LDC business; the ability to appropriately estimate and effectively manage business opportunities from and maintain reliability in connection with new customers and load growth resulting from, among other things, expansion of data centers (associated with, among other things, increasing demand for AI), energy refining and exports, advanced manufacturing and logistics in CenterPoint Energy's service territories; regulatory approvals related to Indiana Electric's generation transition plan and our ability to obtain such approvals; the ability to execute anticipated divestitures, portfolio optimizations or other strategic transactions; interconnection delays in the footprints of regional transmission organizations and/or interconnection costs; cost and affordability of customer rates and related concerns; customer demand for GHG emission free or lower GHG emissions energy; impacts of regulations, legislation or other governmental action, including those related to our operation of certain generating facilities (including the U.S. Department of Energy's December 2025 emergency 202(c) order directing Indiana Electric to continue operating F.B. Culley Unit 2 through March 23, 2026), the environment and tax (including the effects of the OBBBA, Executive Order 14315, the IRA and any further changes to or the repeal of the renewable energy tax credits enacted in the IRA); federal and state executive, legislative and regulatory actions (including regulatory uncertainty resulting from changes in federal energy policy) and support for certain types of generation; impacts of future carbon pricing regulation or legislation, including a future carbon tax; price, availability and regulation of carbon offsets; price of fuel, such as natural gas; cost and technological development/innovation, adoption and commercialization of energy generation technologies, such as wind and solar, natural gas and storage solutions, and alternative energy, including electric vehicles; CenterPoint Energy's ability to implement modernization plans for pipelines and facilities; the ability to complete and timely implement and maintain system reliability during and after transitioning to generation alternatives to Indiana Electric's coal generation; execution of the retirement or fuel conversion of Indiana Electric's coal facilities on anticipated timelines or at all; the ability to construct and/or permit new natural gas pipelines; the ability to procure resources needed to build at a reasonable cost, the lack of or scarcity of resources and labor, any project cancellations, construction delays or overruns (including as a result of changes in U.S. or foreign trade policies) and the ability to appropriately estimate costs of new generation; impact of any supply chain disruptions; changes in applicable standards, metrics, methodologies or frameworks; and enhancement of energy efficiencies.