The Benefits of a Balanced Electric & Natural Gas Portfolio

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Investment Highlights

- Strategically located assets and attractive service territories which provide operating scale and diversification of risk

- Regulated and fee-based operations provide over 90 percent of operating income with stable earnings and cash flow

- Opportunity to leverage market position as a leading provider of gas infrastructure services to capture opportunities, particularly in shale plays

- Organic growth opportunities across all businesses

- Committed to a secure, competitive dividend with growth while continuing to improve financial strength and flexibility
Our Corporate Vision Remains…

To Be Recognized As America’s Leading Energy Delivery Company…and More

- **Focused on domestic energy delivery businesses**
  - Continental U.S. market
  - Regulated energy delivery
    - Electric transmission and distribution (TDU)
    - Natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs)
    - Natural gas interstate pipelines
  - Unregulated energy delivery
    - Natural gas field services (gas gathering, treating and processing)

- **Pursue complementary businesses that leverage our core businesses/business skills**
  - Competitive natural gas sales and energy services
Our Strategy Builds on Our Strengths

Building a domestic energy delivery company with a balanced portfolio of electric and natural gas businesses

- Seek geographic, economic and regulatory diversity
- Capture organic growth in our attractive electric and natural gas service territories and seek opportunities to acquire other regulated electric and natural gas businesses
- Optimize our interstate pipeline assets with access to active natural gas supply basins
- Invest in gas gathering, treating and processing facilities in attractive gas producing areas, primarily in the shale plays
- Optimize our competitive natural gas sales and services business

Committed to our investment thesis of providing a secure, competitive dividend with growth
Complementary Electric and Natural Gas Portfolio

- **Electric Transmission & Distribution**
  - Regulated ‘wires only’ business
  - 5,000 sq. mile service territory in and around Houston
  - Over 2.1 million metered customers in the Houston area
  - Consistent customer growth

- **Natural Gas Distribution**
  - Regulated local gas distribution companies in AR, LA, MN, MS, OK, TX
  - 3.3 million customers
  - Solid growth in key urban areas
  - 426 Bcf throughput in 2010

- **Natural Gas Pipelines**
  - FERC regulated pipelines and storage
  - Strategically located at the center of the nation’s gas transportation infrastructure
  - Connected to over 20 other pipelines
  - 1,693 Bcf throughput in 2010

- **Natural Gas Field Services**
  - Non-rate regulated; primarily fee-based business
  - Gathering, treating and processing
  - Primarily focused on mid-continent production basins and new shale plays
  - 650 Bcf gathering throughput in 2010

- **Natural Gas Sales & Services**
  - Non-rate regulated
  - Markets natural gas and services
  - ~12,000 commercial, industrial and utility customers in 17 states
  - 548 Bcf throughput in 2010

### Adjusted Operating Income (in millions)

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(1) Results exclude operating income from the Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies, the Competition Transition Charge and the Final Fuel Reconciliation (see reconciliation on page 18).
Attractive and Balanced Portfolio with Stability and Growth

2010 Adjusted Operating Income: $1,109\(^{(1)}\)

Electric Transmission & Distribution 39%
Natural Gas Distribution 24%
Natural Gas Interstate Pipelines 14%
Natural Gas Field Services 1%
Natural Gas Sales & Services 1%
Other Operations 1%

2006 – 2010 Adjusted Operating Income\(^{(2)}\)

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Final resolution of true-up remand allows recovery of $1.695 billion, less certain financing and legal expenses; financing order to allow issuance of transition bonds approved by PUC; expect bonds to be issued late 2011/early 2012
- The true-up appeals resulted from the Texas Public Utility Commission's (PUC) disallowance of certain generation-related stranded costs and transition expenses associated with the restructuring of the TX electric industry
- ~$1.1 billion will be recorded as after tax earnings in different time frames
  - ~$811 million recognized in third quarter 2011 representing stranded costs and transition expenses, and the debt component of interest
  - ~$258 million representing the equity component of interest will be recognized over life of the transition bonds
- Cash flow impact: $1.695 billion received upon issuance of transition bonds; taxes paid over life of bonds

Final order in Houston Electric rate case issued June 23, 2011; rates implemented September 1, 2011
- The Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) authorized the following:
  - ~$14.7 million increase for distribution customers; ~$12.3 million decrease for transmission customers
  - 10% return on equity; capital structure of 45% equity/ 55% debt
- Minimal impact on cash flow, but estimated operating income decrease of ~$35 million in 2012, including effect of change in depreciation rates

In September 2011, PUC approved a periodic rate adjustment mechanism that mitigates regulatory lag for distribution capital investment; a similar adjustment mechanism for transmission costs is already in place

Advanced meter deployment over 75 percent complete
- ~1.7 million advanced meters installed through September-2011
- $520 million invested through September 2011, of which $150 million was funded through a DOE grant
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.
Natural Gas Distribution

- Focused on implementation of rate strategies that reduce rate case frequency and decouple revenues from consumption
  - Align company and customers’ interests on conservation and energy efficiency
  - Significant progress in a number of jurisdictions
    - Weather normalization approved in AR, LA and OK
    - Decoupling or cost of service adjustment mechanisms in AR, LA, MN (pilot project), OK and parts of TX (subject to appeal)
    - Capital recovery mechanisms in TX and AR
    - Energy efficiency riders in AR, MN and OK
    - Asset management agreements providing sharing of benefits in AR, LA, MS, and OK; substantial reduction in working capital realized

- South Texas: Railroad Commission approved rate case settlement in April 2011 to increase revenues by $4.6 million based on 10.05% return on equity and capital structure of 55% equity/45% debt; request as amended was $6.1 million; rates implemented in May 2011

- Continue to promote natural gas as the clean fuel of choice for cooking, space and water heating

- Business model structured to capture scale benefits and synergies
  - Excellent results in reducing delinquencies and bad debts and controlling operation and maintenance expenses

- Increasing capital investment for infrastructure, safety and technology which will allow us to:
  - Reduce O&M
  - Improve customer service
  - Make the system safer and more reliable
  - Recover a return of and on such investments in a timely manner in most jurisdictions
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.
Interstate Pipelines

- **Maintain core customer base and revenue stability through effective and timely re-contracting**
  - Long-term agreements with affiliated LDCs and Laclede in place
  - Focused on shifting short-term contracts to longer term arrangements
  - Initiated rate case settlement process for Mississippi River Transmission (MRT) pipeline

- **Pursue on-system customer growth, pipeline extensions and greenfield development projects**
  - Shift focus from off-system to on-system customers in light of changing market dynamics, i.e. lack of basis
  - Continue to pursue extension opportunities especially power generation load
    - Nearly 0.88 Bcf per day of contracted power generation load with 12 plants
    - Currently attached to 22 gas-fired power plants (7.7 GW of power load)
      - 29 additional gas-fired power plants (12 GW of power load) are located within 10 miles of our systems
    - Delivered peak hourly load of nearly 877 MMcf to power plants in summer 2011
  - Pursue SESH expansion opportunities as well as expansion opportunities on core system

- **Capital expenditures**
  - Maintenance capital expected to average $80 to $100 million annually
  - New environmental regulations (e.g. RICE MACT) will increase environmental capital expenditures
  - Expanded integrity management programs likely from pending pipeline legislation
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.
Field Services

- **Secure core business through superior customer service and product offerings**
  - Attractive margins despite highly competitive business dynamics
  - Relatively low risk business model
    - Majority of recent capital expenditures supported by agreements with guaranteed throughput or return provisions
    - Positioned to capture value from commodity up-swings
    - Over half of near-term gross margin projected to come from XTO/Exxon, Shell and Encana
  - Strategic footprint in both traditional and shale basins
    - Drilling in shale areas remains steady
    - Well positioned to benefit when drilling returns to traditional basins

- ** Significant increase in throughput driven primarily by shale gas infrastructure investments**
  - Average throughput increased from 1.15 Bcf per day in 2008 to 2.24 Bcf per day in third quarter 2011
  - Strategic footprint and attractive long-term contracts position business for solid long-term growth
    - Haynesville – 2 Bcf per day gathering and treating capacity
    - Fayetteville – 800 MMcf per day gathering capacity
    - Woodford – 500 MMcf per day gathering, 400 MMcf per day treating capacity
  - Actively pursuing other opportunities in liquids-rich shale plays
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.  
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services

- Business focus is on commercial and industrial natural gas sales; asset optimization opportunities have declined due to reduced seasonal and geographic basis differentials

- Risk management and internal controls essential to success (maintain a low risk model)
  - Principally a physical gas provider using back-to-back contracting strategy
  - Disciplined risk management model
  - Low Value at Risk (VaR) limit of $4 million
  - Rigorous credit scoring and collateral management
  - Economic gains locked in through the use of financial derivatives

- Retail growth through organic and geographic expansion
# Third Quarter 2011 Consolidated Results

*(unaudited, in millions except per share amounts)*

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*Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc. and AOL Inc.*
### Third Quarter 2011 Operating Income by Segment

*(unaudited, in millions)*

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CenterPoint Energy
Objectives for 2011 and beyond

- Maximize return on regulated utilities portfolio
- Pursue growth projects in interstate pipelines and field services
- Capture profitability of competitive natural gas sales and services while maintaining appropriate level of risk
- Maintain and improve strong liquidity and credit profile
- Provide secure, competitive dividend with growth
- Consistently achieve top quartile shareholder returns
Appendix
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Adjusted Operating Income

(in millions)

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Electric Transmission & Distribution

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Note: Pursuant to financing orders issued by the Texas Utility Commission in accordance with the Texas Electric Choice Plan (Texas electric restructuring law), subsidiaries of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric have issued $749 million, $1.85 billion, and $488 million in transition bonds in October 2001, December 2005 and February 2008, respectively. Final maturity dates on the bonds range from September 2015 to February 2023. The transition bonds were issued to recover certain costs determined by the Texas Utility Commission to be recoverable in connection with the transition to competition under the Texas electric restructuring law. Pursuant to a financing order issued by the Texas Utility Commission in August 2009, a subsidiary of CenterPoint Houston Electric issued $665 million of system restoration bonds in November 2009. Final maturity dates on the bonds range from February 2016 to August 2023. The system restoration bonds were issued to recover the portion of approved distribution-related storm restoration costs associated with Hurricane Ike. The transition and system restoration bonds are non-recourse to CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric and are serviced through dedicated amounts included in revenues.
**Debt and Capitalization Ratio**

*Excluding transition and system restoration bonds*  

*(in millions)*

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<td>Short-term borrowings</td>
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<td>Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds*</td>
<td>283</td>
<td>307</td>
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<td>Current portion of indexed debt (ZENS)**</td>
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<td>Less: Transition and system restoration bonds (including current portion)*</td>
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<td><strong>Total Shareholders' Equity</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Capitalization, excluding transition and system restoration bonds</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Debt/Total Capitalization, excluding transition and system restoration bonds</strong></td>
<td>67.6%</td>
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*The transition and system restoration bonds are non-recourse to CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric and are serviced through collections of separate charges which are held in trust.

**The debt component reflected on the financial statements was $130 as of September 30, 2011 and $126 million as of December 31, 2010. The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid was $840 million as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The contingent principal amount was $799 as of September 30, 2011 and $805 million as of December 31, 2010.*
## Liquidity and Credit Ratings

### Available Liquidity ($MM)

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\(^{(1)}\) Represents outstanding letters of credit.

\(^{(2)}\) Represents commercial paper that is backstopped by CERC Corp.’s revolving credit facility.

### Credit Ratings

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\(^{(1)}\) General mortgage bonds and first mortgage bonds.
### Principal amounts of external debt

**As of September 30, 2011**

#### CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>ZENS</td>
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#### CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

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#### CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC

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#### CenterPoint Energy Transition Bond Company, LLC

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1. The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid is $840 million. The debt component reflected on the financial statements was $130 million. The contingent principal amount was $799 million.

2. The collateralized pollution control bonds aggregating $369 million are obligations of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. However, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC has issued first mortgage bonds aggregating $151 million and general mortgage bonds aggregating $218 million as collateral for these CenterPoint Energy, Inc. obligations.

3. Excludes $290 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in January 2010 and are held for future remarketing.

4. Excludes $175 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in April 2008 and are held for future remarketing.

5. Borrowings under $1.2 billion bank facility.

6. Borrowings under $950 million bank facility.

7. The pollution control bonds are collateralized by general mortgage bonds.

8. Borrowings under $300 million bank facility.
## Principal amounts of maturing external debt

As of September 30, 2011

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<th>CERC</th>
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(1) Debt of $150.85 million collateralized by First Mortgage Bonds of CEHE matures in 2015. Debt collateralized by General Mortgage Bonds of CEHE matures on the following dates: 2018, $50 million; 2026, $100 million; and 2028, $68 million.

(2) Using scheduled payment dates.

(3) Excludes $390 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in April 2008 ($100 million) and January 2010 ($290 million) and are held for future remarketing.

(4) Includes ZENS at their contingent principal amount of $799 million. The principal amount of ZENS on which interest is paid was $840 million. The ZENS debt component reflected on the Company’s financial statements was $130 million as of 9/30/2011. Excludes $75 million of tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. which were purchased by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. in April 2008 and are held for future remarketing.