

# Energy Every Day

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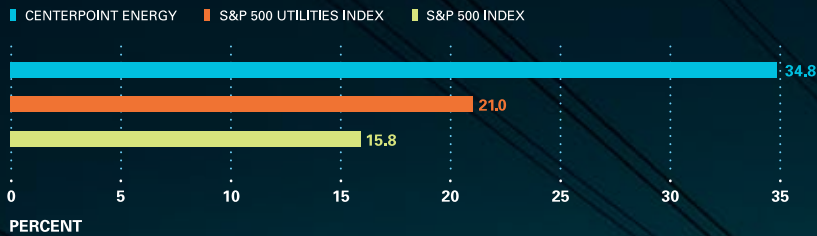
Always There.®



# Day in, day out, we deliver

*Energy delivery is not a nine-to-five business. It's an all hours of the day, all seasons of the year kind of business. On any given day, at any given time, millions of people depend on us. They depend on us for energy. They depend on us for growth. They depend on us for service and reliability. And we consistently deliver. Every single day.*

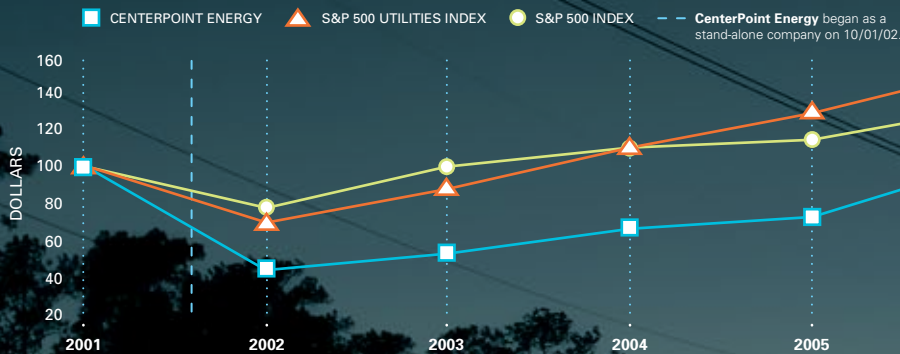
## Total Shareholder Return for 2006



The chart illustrates total shareholder return for CenterPoint Energy's common stock (assuming reinvestment of dividends) between 12/31/05 and 12/31/06 and the percentage change in the S&P 500 Index and the S&P 500 Utilities Index during the same period.

## Stock Performance Graph

### FIVE YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN COMPARISON FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31



The graph illustrates the value on 12/31/06 of \$100 invested in the common stock of CenterPoint Energy (and its predecessor) and each index on 12/31/01. CenterPoint Energy began operating as a stand-alone entity on 10/1/02. The 12/31/01 CenterPoint Energy value includes our formerly integrated electric utility and our former unregulated business. Prior to 12/3/02, we distributed to shareholders our remaining equity in our formerly regulated retail electric sales business and our unregulated wholesale electric and trading businesses, Reliant Resources, Inc., and in January 2003, we distributed to shareholders 19% of our ownership in our formerly regulated electric generating business, Texas Genco Holdings, Inc., the remainder of which was sold for cash in 2004-05. The calculation of CenterPoint Energy's total shareholder return assumes dividends were reinvested in company stock and treats the distribution of Reliant Resources, Inc. common stock in 2002 as a \$1.38 per share cash dividend and the distribution of Texas Genco Holdings, Inc. common stock in 2003 as a \$0.4925 per share cash dividend. Historical stock performance is not necessarily indicative of future price performance.

## Our Company at a Glance

**ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION (T&D)** – Our T&D utility serves nearly 2 million metered customers in our 5,000-square-mile electric service territory in the Houston metropolitan area. Operating income was \$450 million (excluding the transition bond companies).

**NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION** – Our natural gas distribution business serves more than 3.1 million customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Operating income was \$124 million.

**INTERSTATE PIPELINES** – Our two interstate natural gas pipelines together have 7,900 miles of pipe and handle more than 900 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of gas each year. Operating income was \$181 million.

**FIELD SERVICES** – Our gathering unit operates about 3,700 miles of gathering pipeline and handles approximately 1 Bcf of gas per day. Operating income was \$89 million.

**COMPETITIVE NATURAL GAS SALES AND SERVICES** – Our gas marketing business sells natural gas and related services to commercial, industrial and wholesale customers that are primarily located in the eastern half of the United States. Operating income was \$77 million.

## Our Code of Ethics

The CenterPoint Energy Ethics and Compliance Code is based on our core values of integrity, accountability, initiative and respect, and reflects the basic ethical principles that guide our conduct every day. Copies of our Ethics and Compliance Code are available in the Investors section of our Web site at [CenterPointEnergy.com](http://CenterPointEnergy.com).

## Financial Highlights

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	2004	2005	2006
	IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS (EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)		
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$ 7,999	\$ 9,722	\$ 9,319
Operating Income	864	939	1,045
Income From Continuing Operations <sup>(1)</sup>	205	225	432
<b>PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK</b>			
Income From Continuing Operations, Basic <sup>(1)</sup>	0.67	0.72	1.39
Income From Continuing Operations, Diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	0.61	0.67	1.33
Book Value – Year End	3.59	4.18	4.96
Market Value – Year End	11.30	12.85	16.58
Common Dividend Paid	0.40	0.40	0.60
<b>CAPITALIZATION</b>			
Transition Bonds (Includes Current Portion)	676	2,480	2,407
Other Long-term Debt (Includes Current Portion)	8,353	6,427	6,593
Common Stock Equity	1,106	1,296	1,556
Total Capitalization (Includes Current Portion)	10,135	10,203	10,556
Total Assets <sup>(2)</sup>	16,531	17,116	17,633
Capital Expenditures <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 530	\$ 719	\$ 1,121
Common Stock Outstanding (In Thousands)	308,045	310,325	313,652
Number of Common Shareholders	59,448	55,294	52,085
Number of Employees	9,093	9,001	8,623

<sup>(1)</sup> Before Extraordinary Item.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excluding discontinued operations. See Footnote (3) in Form 10-K.

*CenterPoint Energy* is an energy delivery company,  
and we are continuing to find ways to make each tomorrow even  
brighter – for our customers, shareholders, employees and communities.



Milton Carroll, Chairman of the Board, David M. McClanahan, President and Chief Executive Officer



# Dear Shareholder,

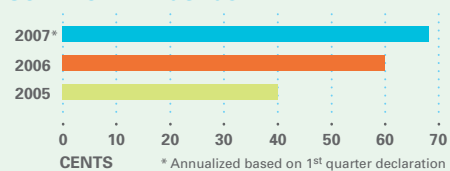
With our company's transition period following electric restructuring in Texas largely completed, we were able to turn our full attention to executing our core business plans in 2006. We are pleased to report that we had a good year.

CenterPoint Energy reported \$432 million in net income, or \$1.33 per diluted share. Earnings for 2006 were up substantially over 2005 and included the resolution of a number of legacy tax and regulatory issues. We raised our dividend in the first quarter of 2007 by 13 percent to an annualized rate of 68 cents per share. This higher dividend followed a 50 percent increase in the first quarter of 2006. Our board of directors is committed to delivering a strong, competitive dividend consistent with our long-term sustainable earnings and cash flow. Our goal is to return 50 to 75 percent of our earnings to our shareholders and to be in a position to increase our dividends annually.

The benefits of CenterPoint Energy's balanced mix of electric, gas and pipelines businesses were evident in 2006. While record warm temperatures and volatile gas prices challenged our regulated gas distribution business, they also created opportunities for our pipelines, field services and competitive natural gas marketing businesses. Our combined 2006 results illustrate how the geographic, economic and regulatory diversity of our business portfolio positions us to succeed in a variety of market environments and to deliver significant shareholder value.

We had strong returns last year, and perhaps more impressively, top-quartile returns compared to our peer group. Total shareholder return for 2006 was 34.8 percent, outperforming both the S&P 500 Utilities Index return of 21.0 percent and the S&P 500 Index return of 15.8 percent. In addition to cash dividends of 60 cents per share, shareholders realized \$3.73 in price appreciation per share.

## Common Dividends



## Growing Strong

Our core businesses are poised for growth. Last year, our electric transmission and distribution business added 37,000 meters, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year we've experienced customer growth of 2 percent or greater. Over the next five years, we are planning to invest more than \$2 billion in new electric facilities to meet the demands of a rapidly growing service area and to maintain a strong electric grid in Texas.

Customer growth continued for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in our natural gas distribution business as well, with more than 42,000 new customers added last year. This included the acquisition of a distribution system in South Texas that added over 4,000 customers. Over the last several years, this business has been adversely affected by mild winter weather and high natural gas prices, which led to both reduced consumption and higher bad debt expense. However, the operational changes we made should position us for better results in 2007 and beyond.

Our growth was most evident last year in our interstate pipelines, field services and competitive natural gas sales and services business segments, which all reported record levels of operating income. Our nation needs additional supplies of natural gas, and our interstate pipelines remain strategically positioned to bring new supplies in the mid-continent area to market. Our field services business added more than 400 new well connections in 2006, marking the third consecutive year of strong growth. We also expanded our gathering and processing business. Similarly, our competitive natural gas sales and services business capitalized on growing natural gas demand by expanding its gas storage and intrastate pipeline assets as well as by expanding its sales footprint through a new business acquisition in Pennsylvania.

## Living our Values

Strong business performance is driven by sound strategy, strong execution and solid values. At CenterPoint Energy, we're committed to our core values of integrity, accountability, initiative and respect for our customers, investors, employees and communities. We demonstrate our values through our community relations activities, workforce and supplier diversity programs and environmental initiatives.

Notably, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council named us one of America's Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency presented us with the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence award for our work to promote energy efficiency. We also reduced energy consumption at our own major facilities by more than 24 percent, for \$2 million in annual savings.

## Pursuing Win-Win Rate Agreements

A key element of our rate strategy is to secure more rate and regulatory certainty. Last year, we reached an electric rate case settlement that went into effect in October. Although it reduced our base revenues, it provides a distribution rate freeze until 2010, helps low-income residential customers and increases our annual investments to promote energy efficiency. The settlement also provides us with a mechanism to change our transmission rates in 2008 to earn on our investment in new projects.

Our natural gas distribution utilities have been adversely affected by mild weather and reduced natural gas consumption stemming from more efficient appliances and energy conservation measures. Our rate strategy seeks to decouple the recovery of our costs from the volume of gas used by our customers, thereby aligning the company's and customers' interests in energy conservation and efficiency. In January of this year, we filed a \$51 million rate case in Arkansas with a proposed mechanism that would achieve this goal, stabilize revenues and minimize the need for future rate cases.



CENTERPOINT ENERGY BOARD MEMBERS [from left to right] Janiece M. Longoria, Peter S. Wareing, Donald R. Campbell, O. Holcombe Crosswell, Thomas F. Madison, David M. McClanahan, Milton Carroll, Robert T. O'Connell, Michael E. Shannon, Derrill Cody and John T. Cater.



CENTERPOINT ENERGY OFFICERS [standing from left to right] Byron R. Kelley, Joseph B. McGoldrick, Gary L. Whitlock, Georgianna Nichols, Thomas R. Standish, David M. McClanahan, Wayne D. Stinnett and Scott E. Rozzell.

## Investing in Tomorrow

Looking toward the future, we're laying the groundwork for continued improvement and growth.

- We streamlined our regulated operations by consolidating our call centers and eliminating duplicate functions, management positions and facilities.
- We have nearly completed construction of Phase I of our 172-mile Carthage to Perryville pipeline and expect to put it in service in the second quarter of 2007. Phase II is scheduled to be completed by midyear.
- With our joint venture partner Spectra Energy, we filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to construct, own and operate the Southeast Supply Header, a 270-mile pipeline that will deliver secure natural gas supplies to the Florida market. We expect to begin construction in the fourth quarter of 2007 and place the pipeline in service during the summer of 2008.
- We are investing in our workforce and have analyzed our staffing levels to find ways to optimize our labor resources, plan for upcoming retirements and expand our leadership development program.
- We are working with IBM to develop an intelligent electric grid using broadband over power lines technology. This exciting project has the potential to significantly improve metering, grid planning, and operation and maintenance at our electric utility and to provide data to enhance retail competition in Texas.

We have taken a disciplined approach to evaluating and capturing promising opportunities presented by today's market environment and technology. We will continue to maintain strong customer relationships and respond to changing market trends to ensure that our businesses are ready to capitalize on new opportunities as they arise.

We are proud to say your company and its employees performed well in 2006. We remain committed to achieving our vision of being recognized as America's leading energy delivery company... and more.

We appreciate your confidence, and we will keep striving to increase the value of your investment every day.

Sincerely,

**Milton Carroll**  
Chairman

**David M. McClanahan**  
President and CEO

It's **6:07 a.m.** Sleepy risers press snooze, hoping for a few more minutes' rest. But CenterPoint Energy is already on, delivering the electricity that powers alarm clocks and coffee makers, bedside lamps and air conditioners.





# Electric power brightens up a new day



Our **electric transmission and distribution** business continued to grow in 2006, adding more than 37,000 metered residential and small commercial customers. Operating income was \$450 million (excluding the transition bond companies), up from \$448 million in 2005.

We reached a rate case agreement approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) that reduces our electric delivery base rate revenues by \$58 million per year and freezes distribution rates until June 30, 2010. As part of the agreement, we will fund \$10 million per year for programs providing financial assistance to qualified low-income customers and increase our investments to promote energy efficiency by an additional \$10 million annually, raising our total energy efficiency funding to \$23 million per year. The settlement resolved all issues related to the remand of our 2001 unbundled cost of service proceeding by providing \$32 million in wholesale and retail rate credits over approximately four years. Additionally, the agreement allows us to amortize expenditures related to Hurricane Rita over a seven-year period and to amortize rate case expenses associated with the 2006 rate review over a four-year period. The settlement also provides us with a mechanism to change our transmission rates in 2008 to earn on our investment in new projects.

With this agreement in place, we are able to focus on meeting the growing demands of the Texas electric market.

In 2006, we invested over \$389 million in new infrastructure, reflecting the booming economy and significant development in our area.

- We added 227 miles of overhead distribution lines.
- We laid 1,242 miles of underground distribution lines.
- We made significant progress on the \$95 million Hillje transmission project, which will ease electric grid congestion and add 117 transmission circuit miles when completed in mid-2007.
- We added eight transmission circuit miles to serve the Freeport liquefied natural gas plant – the first LNG plant in Texas.
- We made substantial progress on our \$90 million commitment to relocate transmission and distribution facilities ahead of the Texas Department of Transportation's 23-mile reconstruction and widening of Interstate 10 in Houston.



There is an increasing need to relieve grid congestion, improve reliability and transport power from remote generators, and we have several transmission projects underway. During the next five years, we are planning to invest more than \$2 billion in new electric facilities.

### Delivering Outstanding Reliability

In an audit of our system last year, the National Electric Reliability Council gave us an “Outstanding” rating for reliability. We also reduced the number of circuits that repeated on the PUCT’s list of our 10 percent worst performing circuits.

Located on the Texas coast, we must always be prepared for a hurricane or other disruption to our service area. Should we experience a major event, our emergency preparedness plan is in place, and our employees have been drilled and are ready to respond quickly and effectively.

### Planning for the Future

We are investing in our workforce and have analyzed our staffing levels and looked at ways to optimize our labor resources, balance our labor requirements and plan for upcoming retirements. We implemented a five-year labor strategy that includes hiring additional front-line employees in 2007 and facilitates the transfer of knowledge from retiring employees. We also signed a new, four-year bargaining agreement with our local union.

Looking toward an innovative future, we have formed a strategic alliance with IBM to develop intelligent grid technology, which is designed to enhance the efficiency and reliability of our power delivery network. The system will allow us to remotely read electric and gas meters, detect power outages and, in many cases, restore power. It will also make it possible for customers to better monitor and manage their own electricity use.

In February 2007, we began a limited deployment of this technology by installing automated meters for 10,000 electric and 1,000 natural gas customers. A final decision to implement this new technology across our entire service territory will depend on results from our limited deployment and the implementation of PUCT rules that allow us timely recovery of our investment.



### Capturing Efficiencies & Positioning for the Future

In late 2005, we combined our gas and electric utility businesses into a new group called Regulated Operations. Our goal was to create an operationally efficient organization by leveraging our scale and standardizing processes to position ourselves for the future. Highlights of this reorganization include:

- restructuring our gas distribution business into one business unit with four regions and a combined engineering group;
- combining fleet services, surveying and mapping, and line locating to serve both our electric and gas businesses;
- creating a combined marketing and sales organization to identify and capitalize on growth opportunities;
- reorganizing our community relations, human resources, finance, regulatory and corporate communications functions;
- consolidating our call center operations from three locations to two;
- consolidating work locations for electric operations; and
- reducing natural gas dispatching centers from 15 to two;

We made these organizational changes while continuing to efficiently respond to our customers' needs, and our employees continued to show great dedication and performed well during this restructuring.



It's **9:15 a.m.** A last few hungry souls enjoy breakfast cooked over flames. CenterPoint Energy reliably delivers the natural gas that fuels kitchens and homes, workplaces and industries.



Our **natural gas distribution** business continued to grow, adding more than 42,000 customers last year. One of the warmest winters on record and unfavorable regulatory orders combined to adversely affect our natural gas distribution business, which produced only \$124 million in operating income, a \$51 million decline from 2005. Though disappointed with these results, we believe the restructuring of our regulated operations, combined with successful execution of our rate strategy, continued customer growth and more normal winter weather, will enable us to significantly improve our operational and financial performance.

### Capturing Customer Growth

In addition to organic growth, we are growing by building infrastructure. In Minnesota, we began work on the Riverside Pipeline Project, which will deliver natural gas to a converted coal-fired Xcel Energy power plant. After the 16-mile pipeline is completed in 2008, the plant is expected to use the equivalent gas of more than 30,000 homes annually. We also enhanced our status as Minnesota's leading natural gas provider for the ethanol industry, now serving plants providing 62 percent of ethanol production in the state.

In our southern regions, we acquired an adjoining gas distribution system in Laredo, Texas, with 4,300 customers. We also created our Luxury on Demand™ program, designed to appeal to developers and buyers of luxury high-rise condominiums – historically an untapped market. We signed agreements for three such projects, two in Houston and one in Biloxi, Mississippi.

### Working to Get Our Rates Right

We are working hard to earn our authorized rate of return. We have new rates in place in several of our jurisdictions. In 2006, we reached settlements in our 2005 rural Texas rate cases resulting in a total increase of approximately \$17 million. In Minnesota, we were granted a rate increase of \$21 million and an additional \$5 million for a new low-income affordability program. In Arkansas, we recently filed for a \$51 million rate increase. This case is expected to be resolved later this year.

While many parts of our service territory enjoyed increased customer growth, we also experienced declining customer use due to mild weather and conservation. In response, we are pursuing rate designs that would decouple the recovery of our fixed costs from the volume of gas sold, resulting in less revenue at risk and less weather sensitivity.

### Taking Care of Customers

In Minnesota, CenterPoint Energy ranked highest in the Midwest Region in the J.D. Power and Associates 2006 Gas Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>.

To help our customers prepare for winter bills, we provided information on energy conservation and natural gas prices and offered services such as balanced billing and online billing. Because natural gas prices remain unpredictable, we will continue to help our customers manage their bills through outreach and service offerings.

A little blue flame warms  
hearth, home and more





It's *1:02 p.m.* Many never see the pipe CenterPoint Energy lays to connect supply to demand. Homes and industry simply enjoy the benefits of clean, efficient natural gas delivered through the lines.



# Laying the pipe, making the connection

## INTERSTATE PIPELINES

Our **interstate pipelines** business had another record year in 2006 and elevated its operating income to \$181 million, an increase of 10 percent from 2005.

### Building to Meet Market Demand and Drive Earnings Growth

With increased demand for transportation and ancillary services, our interstate pipelines business had a tremendous year. The growth is mostly due to changing market fundamentals and dynamics, primarily geographic and seasonal price differentials, which have opened new markets and generated growth opportunities.

We will bring additional natural gas supplies to customers on our system and to markets served by other pipelines through our new Carthage to Perryville and Southeast Supply Header (SESH) pipelines.

Construction began on the 172-mile Carthage to Perryville pipeline in November 2006. An exceptional amount of rain resulted in construction delays, and Phase I of the 1.0 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per day pipeline is now expected to be in service in the second quarter of 2007. Phase II, which will expand the pipeline capacity to 1.2 Bcf per day, is expected to be in service by August 2007. Based on strong interest for a third phase, and subject to receipt of regulatory approval, we plan to expand the project to a total of 1.5 Bcf per day by early 2008.

SESH, a joint venture with Spectra Energy, filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in December 2006, seeking approval to construct, own and operate a 270-mile pipeline. Subject to timely receipt of FERC approval, SESH should break ground in the fourth quarter of 2007 and transport 1.0 Bcf per day when it goes into service in the summer of 2008. The pipeline has 95 percent of capacity already sold to affiliates of Florida Power & Light, Progress Energy, Southern Company, Tampa Electric and EOG Resources.

Carthage to Perryville and SESH are two of the larger pipeline projects to be built in the United States over the next few years. We will continue to evaluate other expansion opportunities and transportation services that are complementary to our business. As we demonstrated when we discontinued development of the proposed Mid-Continent Crossing pipeline, we will only pursue opportunities that clearly add customer and shareholder value.



## Focusing on Operational Excellence

Our business model is based on a strong commitment to our customers, and we rank high amongst our peers for customer service. As part of our customer excellence programs, we made significant enhancements to our nomination and invoicing system. Already top-quartile in operating efficiency, we've implemented a program that promotes continuous operations improvement and meets all pipeline integrity requirements.

Importantly, our employees had outstanding safety achievements in 2006. We received the AGA Safety Achievement Award in the first quarter of last year for efforts in 2005, and we went on to set the best safety record in our history in 2006.

## FIELD SERVICES

Our **field services** business had another record year in 2006 and elevated its operating income to \$89 million, an increase of 27 percent from 2005. Additionally, our business had equity income of \$6 million from a jointly owned gas processing plant.

### Expanding Rapidly in a Dynamic Market

Our field services business has grown substantially, securing an unprecedented number of opportunities to build new assets and expand our gathering and processing business to meet the growth needs of our customers. During 2006, we approved over \$100 million of growth projects, roughly triple the annual amount of the prior three years.

We added more than 400 new well connections and initiated a record number of projects, including a \$22 million expansion of the East Texas/Waskom processing plant and associated facilities and a \$38 million north Louisiana system expansion to accommodate increased production. Throughput was about 1 Bcf per day, and our compressor fleet now totals approximately 170,000 horsepower. Our compressor and asset optimization initiatives continued to improve system reliability and efficiencies.

We also grew ServiceStar, our remote well monitoring and measurement service. Last year, we signed 31 new customers and added more than 2,000 monitoring points. We now operate in 12 states and have more than 11,000 monitoring points. We also added new ServiceStar product offerings, including mobile handheld devices and data management software for producers.

### Positioning for Future Opportunities

Overall, we expect that strong natural gas demand in the eastern United States and increased drilling where we operate will continue to present opportunities for both our interstate pipelines and field services businesses. However, with these opportunities come the challenges of increased competition, rising construction costs and increased regulation. While challenges are ahead, we anticipate capturing more growth opportunities and maintaining our successful track record.





# Fueling the industry that fuels our lives

Our competitive natural gas sales and services business, CenterPoint Energy Services (CES), had a record year and grew its operating income to \$77 million, a 28-percent increase from 2005.

## Expanding to Meet Customer Needs and Add Shareholder Value


We expanded our industrial and commercial retail group, which sells natural gas and related services at competitive prices to end-use customers, by acquiring 500 retail contracts in Pennsylvania. A foundation to capture growth in the eastern two-thirds of the United States, the new customers include school districts, manufacturing plants, hospitals, colleges and municipal buildings. We also see growth potential from the rapidly growing Midwest ethanol industry.

In addition to supplying our retail group, our wholesale natural gas marketing business has significantly grown its physical supply and transportation management services for utilities, co-ops, gas-fired electric generators and large industrial facilities.

To meet increased customer demands, CES invested in new gas storage facilities and expanded its intrastate pipeline system. The Pierce Junction storage facility in Houston added about 2.7 Bcf of storage capacity, and the Premcor Junction, a new small pipeline header system, now serves some of our large industrial customers in Beaumont, Texas.

We're also planning to construct a 17-mile, 20-inch pipeline in existing right-of-way near Houston that will increase our capacity to serve the natural gas needs of nearby industrial businesses. Additional gas storage and pipeline expansions are being analyzed.

In the near term, we believe the natural gas market will continue to give CES the opportunity to provide value for its customers seeking increased supply reliability and price stability.

A photograph of two women in a call center. The woman in the foreground is a Black woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. She is smiling and talking on a white corded telephone. The woman in the background is a white woman with dark hair, also wearing a light blue button-down shirt, talking on a white corded telephone. The background is a bright, modern office setting with large windows.

It's **5:17 p.m.** Dedicated men and women at CenterPoint Energy prepare to close the business day, having ensured that the natural gas needs of our customers are in the pipeline for tomorrow.

# Neighbor helping neighbor



**Our communities** count on us to roll up our sleeves to donate blood, coach youth sports teams, participate in fundraising walks and help out in many other ways.

Each year, we support United Way agencies, the American Red Cross, United Negro College Fund, Junior Achievement, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, MS 150, March of Dimes and other worthy organizations and fundraising events.

With our sponsorship and support from the City of Houston, the National Weather Service 2006 Hurricane Workshop provided information on hurricane preparedness to a public concerned in the aftermath of hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

CenterPoint Energy employees recorded more than 128,000 hours of volunteer service and raised \$1.4 million for non-profit organizations. Through our Grant Incentives for Volunteer Employees program, we awarded \$54,300 to organizations for which employees volunteered at least 40 hours.



It's **6:35 p.m.**  
Employee volunteers give their time  
to our communities.

## CenterPoint Energy Investor Information

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 9 a.m. Central time in the CenterPoint Energy Tower auditorium, 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas. Shareholders who hold shares of CenterPoint Energy as of March 26, 2007, will receive notice of the meeting and will be eligible to vote.

### Investor Services

If you have questions about your CenterPoint Energy investor account, please contact us at:

In Houston: (713) 207-3060  
Toll Free: (800) 231-6406  
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A list of publications and investor services may be found on the company's Web site at: [CenterPointEnergy.com/investors](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/investors).

Investor Services representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday to help you with questions about CenterPoint Energy common stock or enrollment in the CenterPoint Energy Investor's Choice Plan.

The Investor's Choice Plan provides easy, inexpensive investment options, including direct purchase and sale of CenterPoint Energy common stock; dividend reinvestment; statement-based accounting and monthly or quarterly automatic investing by electronic transfer. You can become a registered CenterPoint Energy shareholder by making an initial investment of at least \$250 through Investor's Choice.

CenterPoint Energy Investor Services serves as transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursing agent for CenterPoint Energy common stock.

### Information Requests

Call (888) 468-3020 toll-free for additional copies of:  
2006 Annual Report and Form 10-K  
2007 Proxy Statement

### Dividend Payments

Common stock dividends are generally paid quarterly in March, June, September and December. Dividends are subject to declaration by the Board of Directors, which establishes the amount of each quarterly common stock dividend and fixes record and payment dates.

### Institutional Investors

Security analysts and other investment professionals should contact Marianne Paulsen, Director of Investor Relations at (713) 207-6500.

### Stock Listing

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. common stock is traded under the symbol CNP on the New York and Chicago stock exchanges.

### Auditors

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### Certifications

CenterPoint Energy has filed the CEO/CFO certifications regarding the quality of the company's public disclosure required to be filed with the SEC as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 to its annual report on Form 10-K and to its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. In addition, following its annual meeting in 2006, CenterPoint Energy submitted its CEO certification to the New York Stock Exchange pursuant to Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE's Listed Company's Manual.

It's **9:45 p.m.** Families are in for the night, while we continue to reliably deliver energy around the clock. Our customers and shareholders rest easy, knowing that **CenterPoint Energy is Always There.**



From dawn to dusk  
CenterPoint Energy is on



Always There.®

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