

CenterPoint Energy Reports Second Quarter 2010 Earnings

HOUSTON, Aug 04, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today reported net income of \$81 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$86 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the second quarter of 2010 was \$263 million compared to \$253 million for the same period of 2009.

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"I am pleased with our operating performance this quarter," said David M. McClanahan, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "Our electric and natural gas distribution businesses recorded solid results and we benefited from the investments that we have made in our interstate pipeline and field services segments. The continued stability of our regulated utilities, together with opportunities to invest in energy infrastructure projects, position us well for the future."

For the six months ended June 30, 2010, net income was \$195 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, compared to \$153 million, or \$0.44 per diluted share, for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, was \$620 million compared to \$538 million for the same period of 2009.

OPERATING INCOME BY SEGMENT

Electric Transmission & Distribution

The electric transmission & distribution segment reported operating income of \$158 million for the second quarter of 2010, consisting of \$122 million from the regulated electric transmission & distribution utility operations (TDU) and \$36 million related to transition and system restoration bonds. Operating income for the second quarter of 2009 was \$162 million, consisting of \$129 million from the TDU and \$33 million related to transition bonds. Operating income for the TDU benefited from growth of over 21,000 metered customers since June 2009 and slightly higher usage, which were more than offset by increased operation and maintenance expenses, in part due to higher labor and benefit costs, higher net transmission costs and reduced revenue associated with a credit to customers' bills to reflect the benefit of deferred taxes after Hurricane Ike.

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, was \$265 million, consisting of \$193 million from the TDU and \$72 million related to transition and system restoration bonds. Operating income for the same period of 2009 was \$232 million, consisting of \$166 million from the TDU and \$66 million related to transition bonds.

Natural Gas Distribution

The natural gas distribution segment reported operating income of \$10 million for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$2 million for the same period of 2009. Operating income benefited from rate changes, higher non-volumetric revenues and lower operation and maintenance expenses resulting primarily from reduced bad debt expense. These benefits were partially offset by lower system throughput.

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, was \$149 million compared to \$120 million for the same period of 2009.

Interstate Pipelines

The interstate pipelines segment reported operating income of \$67 million for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$61 million for the same period of 2009. Operating income increased due to higher revenue from new firm contracts primarily associated with Phase IV of the Carthage to Perryville pipeline as well as lower operation and maintenance expenses, partially offset by reduced revenues from off-system sales and ancillary services.

In addition to operating income, this segment recorded equity income of \$4 million for the second quarter of 2010 primarily from

its 50 percent interest in the Southeast Supply Header (SESH) compared to \$9 million for the second quarter of 2009, which included \$5 million related to a reduction in estimated property tax and a one-time fee received in connection with the construction of the pipeline.

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, was \$139 million compared to \$130 million for the same period of 2009. In addition to operating income, this segment recorded equity income of \$7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 primarily from its 50 percent interest in the Southeast Supply Header (SESH) compared to \$7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, which included a non-cash charge of \$5 million to reflect SESH's discontinued use of regulatory accounting and \$5 million related to a property tax reduction and a one-time receipt of a construction fee.

Field Services

The field services segment reported operating income of \$31 million for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$23 million for the same period of 2009. Revenue growth from higher gathering volumes and higher commodity prices was partially offset by increased operation and maintenance expenses primarily related to facility expansions.

In addition to operating income, this business had equity income of \$3 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$2 million in the second quarter of 2009 from its 50 percent interest in a gas processing plant.

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, was \$54 million compared to \$49 million for the same period of 2009. Equity income from the jointly-owned gas processing plant was \$5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, compared to \$4 million for the same period of 2009.

Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services

The competitive natural gas sales and services segment reported an operating loss of \$6 million for the second quarter of 2010 compared to operating income of \$6 million for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the second quarter of 2010 included charges of \$8 million resulting from mark-to-market accounting for derivatives associated with certain forward natural gas purchases and sales used to lock in economic margins compared to gains of \$3 million for the same period of 2009.

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, was \$9 million compared to \$8 million for the same period of 2009. Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2010, included charges of \$5 million resulting from mark-to-market accounting compared to charges of \$16 million for the same period of 2009. The six months ended June 30, 2009 also included a \$6 million write-down of natural gas inventory to the lower of average cost or market.

DIVIDEND DECLARATION

On July 22, 2010, CenterPoint Energy's board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.195 per share of common stock payable on September 10, 2010, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 16, 2010.

OUTLOOK REAFFIRMED FOR 2010

CenterPoint Energy reaffirmed its 2010 earnings guidance of \$1.02 to \$1.12 per diluted share. This guidance takes into consideration performance to date, equity issuances and various economic and operational assumptions related to the business segments in which the company operates. The company has made certain assumptions regarding the timing and cost of financing activities and the impact to earnings of various regulatory proceedings. In providing this guidance, the company has not included the impact of any changes in accounting standards, increased taxes recorded in the first quarter of 2010 as a result of recent health care legislation, any impact from acquisitions or divestitures, the timing effects of mark-to-market or inventory accounting in the company's competitive natural gas sales and services business, or the outcome of the TDU's true-up appeal. The company has also excluded any impact to income from the change in value of Time Warner stocks and the related ZENS securities. For the impact of these factors on the company's earnings for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2010, see the reconciliation below.

FILING OF FORM 10-Q FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Today, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2010. A copy of that report is available on the company's Web site, www.CenterPointEnergy.com, under the Investors section. Other filings the company makes with the SEC and other documents relating to its corporate governance can also be found on that site.

WEBCAST OF EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

CenterPoint Energy's management will host an earnings conference call on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. Central time or 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. Interested parties may listen to a live audio broadcast of the conference call at www.CenterPointEnergy.com. A replay of the call can be accessed approximately two hours after the completion of the call and will be archived on the Web site for at least one year.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution, competitive natural gas sales and services, interstate pipelines, and field services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Assets total over \$19 billion. With about 8,800 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 135 years. For more information, visit the Web site at www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

This news release includes forward-looking statements. Actual events and results may differ materially from those projected. The statements in this news release regarding the company's earnings outlook for 2010 and future financial performance and results of operations, and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect actual results include the timing and outcome of appeals from the true-up proceedings, the timing and impact of future regulatory, legislative, and IRS decisions, effects of competition, weather variations, changes in CenterPoint Energy's or its subsidiaries' business plans, financial market conditions, the timing and extent of changes in natural gas and natural gas liquids prices, the impact of unplanned facility outages, and other factors discussed in CenterPoint Energy's and its subsidiaries' Forms 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, CenterPoint Energy's and its subsidiaries' Forms 10, CenterPoint Energy's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2010, and other filings with the SEC.

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Reconciliation of reported Net Income and diluted EPS to the basis used in providing annual earnings guidance

	Quarter 1 June 30,			nths Ended 30, 2010
	Net		Net	
	Income	EPS	Income	EPS
	(in		(in	
	millions)		millions)	
As reported	\$81	\$0.20	\$195	\$0.49
Timing effects				
impacting CES(1):				
Mark-to-market				
(gains) losses -				
natural gas				
derivative				
contracts	5	0.01	3	0.01
Natural gas				
inventory write-				
downs	-	_	_	_
ZENS-related mark-				

to-market (gains) losses: Marketable				
securities(2) Indexed debt	14	0.04	(10)	(0.02)
securities Tax impact of federal health	(21)	(0.05)	(3)	(0.01)
care legislation	-	-	21	0.05
Per the basis used in providing annual earnings				
guidance	\$79	\$0.20	\$206	\$0.52
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 Competitive natural gas sales and services Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc. and AOL 				

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Statements of Consolidated Income (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

Quarter Six Months Ended Ended June 30, June 30, _____ _____ 2009 2010 2009 2010 ____ ____ ____ ____ Revenues: Electric Transmission & \$521 \$562 \$933 \$1,044 Distribution Natural Gas Distribution 518 465 1,939 2,002 Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services 432 560 1,197 1,412 Interstate Pipelines 155 148 308 286 56 80 113 148 Field Services Other Operations 3 3 б б (62) (90) Eliminations (45) (119) Total 1,640 1,756 4,406 4,779 ____ _____ ____ ____ Expenses: 710 778 2,499 2,713 Natural gas 398 811 824 Operation and maintenance 410 Depreciation and amortization 188 217 354 417 Taxes other than income taxes 91 88 204 205 Total 1,387 1,493 3,868 4,159 -----____ ____ Operating Income 253 263 538 620

Other Income (Expense) : Gain (loss) on marketable				
securities Gain (loss) on indexed debt	55	(22)	21	16
securities Interest and other finance	(46)	32	(24)	5
charges Interest on transition and	(129)	(121)	(258)	(243)
system restoration bonds Equity in earnings of	(33)	(36)	(66)	(72)
unconsolidated affiliates Other - net	11 18		11 22	12 4
		-		
Total	(124)	(137)	(294)	(278)
Income Before Income Taxes	129	126	244	342
Income Tax Expense	(43)	(45)	(91)	(147)
Net Income	\$86 ===	\$81 ===	\$153 ====	\$195 ====

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Selected Data From Statements of Consolidated Income (Millions of Dollars, Except Share and Per Share Amounts) (Unaudited)

	Six Months			
	Quarter June 3		June	Ended 30,
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Basic Earnings				
Per Common Share	\$0.24 =====	\$0.20 =====	\$0.44 =====	\$0.49 =====
Diluted Earnings Per Common				
Share	\$0.24	\$0.20	\$0.44	\$0.49
	=====	=====	=====	=====

Dividends Declared per

Common Share	\$0.190	\$0.195	\$0.38	\$0.39
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (000):				
- Basic	352,461	399,515	346,660	396,203
- Diluted	354,280	401,993	348,522	398,689
Operating Income (Loss) by Segment				
Electric				
Transmission &				
Distribution:				
Electric				
Transmission				
and				
Distribution				
Operations	\$129	\$122	\$166 \$193	
Transition and				
System				
Restoration				
Bond Companies	33	36	66	72
Total Electric				
Transmission &				
Distribution	162	158	232	265
Natural Gas				
Distribution	2	10	120	149
Competitive				
Natural Gas				
Sales and				
Services	6	(6)	8	9
Interstate				
Pipelines	61	67	130	139
Field Services	23	31	49	54
Other Operations	(1)	3	(1)	4
Total	\$253	\$263	\$538	\$620
iocai	\$255 ====	\$203 ====	\$550 ====	\$020 ====

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Results of Operations by Segment (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Electric Transmission & Distribution				
		r Ended 30,	% Diff		
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)		
Results of Operations:					
Revenues:					
Electric transmission and distribution utility Transition and system restoration bond	\$432	\$449	48		
companies	89	113	27%		
Total	521	562	88		
Expenses:					
Operation and maintenance Depreciation and	181	204	(13%)		
amortization	69	71	(3%)		
Taxes other than income taxes	53	52	2%		
Transition and system	55	52	20		
restoration bond					
companies	56	77	(38%)		
Total	359	404	(13%)		
Operating Income	\$162	\$158	(2%)		
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Operating Income:					
Electric transmission and					
distribution operations Transition and system restoration bond	\$129	\$122	(5%)		
companies	33	36	98		
Total Segment Operating		01 F 0	(2 %)		
Income	\$162 ====	\$158 ====	(2%)		
Electric Transmission & Distribution Operating Data:					
Actual MWH Delivered Residential	6,831,444	7,064,276	3%		
Total	19,840,955	20,173,782	2%		
Weather (average for service area): Percentage of 10-year average:					
Cooling degree days	108%	109%			
Heating degree days	112%	78%			

1,846,908	1,866,699	1%
2,092,209	2,113,695	1%
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	Natural Gas Distribution			
	Quarter Ended June 30,		% Diff	
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)	
Results of Operations:				
Revenues	\$518	\$465	(10%)	
Expenses:				
Natural gas	295	244	17%	
Operation and maintenance Depreciation and	152	144	5%	
amortization Taxes other than income	41	44	(7%)	
taxes	28	23	18%	
Total	516	455	12%	
Operating Income	\$2	\$10	400%	
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Natural Gas Distribution Operating Data: Throughput data in BCF Residential Commercial and Industrial Total Throughput	20 46 66 ===	16 49 65 ===	(20%) 7% (2%)	
Weather (average for service area) Percentage of 10-year average: Heating degree days	109%	66%		
Number of customers -end of period:				
Residential	2,961,941	2,973,013	_	
Commercial and Industrial	241,875	244,089	1%	
Total	3,203,816	3,217,102	_	
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Electric Transmission & Distribution

	Six Mont June	% Diff	
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)
Results of			
Operations:			
Revenues:			
Electric			
transmission and			
distribution			
utility	\$778	\$835	7%
Transition and			
system restoration bond companies	155	209	35%
bona companies			550
Total	933	1,044	12%
Expenses:			
Operation and			
maintenance	369	394	(7%)
Depreciation and amortization	137	144	(5%)
Taxes other than	137	144	(56)
income taxes	106	104	28
Transition and			
system restoration			
bond companies	89	137	(54%)
Total	701	779	(11%)
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Operating Income	\$232	\$265 ====	14%
Operating Income: Electric transmission and distribution			
operations	\$166	\$193	16%
Transition and	+ - 0 0	7220	200
system restoration			
bond companies	66	72	9%
Total Segment			
Operating Income	\$232	\$265	14%
	====	====	
Electric Transmission & Distribution Operating Data: Actual MWH Delivered			
Residential	10,797,963	12,237,273	13%
Total	34,983,263	36,610,092	5%
Weather (average for service area): Percentage of 10-year average:			

Cooling degree days	109%	99%	
Heating degree days	89%	160%	
Number of metered			
customers -end of			
period:			

Residential	1,846,908	1,866,699	
Total	2,092,209	2,113,695	

Natural Gas Distribution

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	Six Months End	5	
	June 30,	% Dif	I
	2009	2010	Fav/(Unfav)
Results of			
Operations:			
Revenues	\$1,939	\$2,002	3%
Expenses:			
Natural gas	1,340	1,383	(3%)
Operation and	,	,	
maintenance	321	311	3%
Depreciation and			
amortization	81	84	(4%)
Taxes other than			
income taxes	77	75	3%
Total	1,819	1,853	(2%)
Operating Income	\$120	\$149	24%
	====	====	
Natural Gas Distribution Operating Data: Throughput data in BCF			
Residential	98	112	14%
Commercial and			
Industrial	123	136	11%
Total Throughput	221	248	12%
	===	===	
Weather (average for service area) Percentage of 10-year average: Heating degree days	103%	111%	
Number of customers -end of period: Residential	2,961,941	2,973,013	_
Commercial and			
Industrial	241,875	244,089	18
Total	3,203,816	3,217,102	-

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Results of Operations by Segment (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services

	Quarter Ended June 30,		% Diff
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)
Results of Operations:			
Revenues	\$432	\$560	30%
Expenses:			
Natural gas	414	554	(34%)
Operation and maintenance	10	10	-
Depreciation and			
amortization	1	1	-
Taxes other than income			
taxes	1	1	-
Total	426	566	(33%)
Operating Income (Loss)	\$6	\$(6)	(200%)
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Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services Operating Data:			
Throughput data in BCF	114	128	12%
	===	===	
Number of customers -end			
of period	10,878	11,694	88
	=====	======	

Interstate Pipelines			
Quarter En	ded		
June 30,		% Diff	
		Fav/	
2009	2010	(Unfav)	

Revenues	\$155	\$148	(5%)
Expenses:			
Natural gas	34	24	29%
Operation and maintenance	41	35	15%
Depreciation and			
amortization	12	13	(8%)
Taxes other than income			
taxes	7	9	(29%)
Total	94	81	14%
Operating Income	\$61	\$67	10%
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Pipelines Operating Data:			
Throughput data in BCF			
Transportation	396	400	1%
	===	===	

Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services					
	Six Mon Jun	ths Ended e 30, 	% Diff		
			Fav/		
	2009		(Unfav)		
Results of Operations:					
Revenues	\$1,197 	\$1,412	18%		
Expenses:					
Natural gas	1,166	1,380	(18%)		
Operation and maintenance Depreciation and		19	5%		
amortization Taxes other than income	2	2	-		
taxes	1	2	(100%)		
Total	1,189	1,403	(18%)		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$8	\$9	13%		
	===	===			
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services Operating Data:					
Throughput data in BCF	255	269	5%		
	===	===			
Number of customers -end					
of period	10,878	11,694	88		
-	=====	======			

Interstate Pipelines Six Months Ended June 30, %

% Diff

			Fav/
	2009	2010	(Unfav)
Results of Operations:			
Revenues	\$308	\$286	(7%)
Expenses:			
Natural gas	63	34	46%
Operation and maintenance	76	70	88
Depreciation and			
amortization	24	26	(8%)
Taxes other than income			
taxes	15	17	(13%)
Total	178	147	17%
Operating Income	\$130	\$139	7%
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Pipelines Operating Data:			
Throughput data in BCF			
Transportation	857	838	(2%)
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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Results of Operations by Segment (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Field Services		rvices
	Quarter Ended June 30, % Diff		
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)
Results of Operations:			
Revenues	\$56	\$80	43%
Expenses:			
Natural gas	11	18	(64%)
Operation and maintenance	18	25	(39%)
Depreciation and amortization	3	5	(67%)
Taxes other than income taxes	1	1	-
Total	33	49	(48%)
Operating Income	\$23	\$31	35%
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Field Services Operating Data: Throughput data in BCF Gathering

102	156	53%
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	Ot]	her Operat	cions
	Quar Endo June	ed	% Diff
			Fav/
	2009	2010	(Unfav)
Results of Operations:			
Revenues	\$3	\$3	-
Expenses	4	-	100%
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(1)	\$3	400%
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Capital Expenditures by Segment (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended June 30,	
	2009	2010
Capital Expenditures by Segment		
Electric Transmission & Distribution	\$108	\$101
Hurricane Ike	2	_
Total Electric Transmission &		
Distribution	110	101
Natural Gas Distribution	43	45
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and		
Services	_	1
Interstate Pipelines	27	32
Field Services	66	220
Other Operations	2	3
Total	\$248	\$402
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(Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

Quarter	
Ended	
June 30,	
2009	2010

Interest Expense Detail		
Amortization of Deferred Financing Cost	\$9	\$5
Capitalization of Interest Cost	(1)	(2)
Transition and System Restoration Bond		
Interest Expense	33	36
Other Interest Expense	121	118
Total Interest Expense	\$162	\$157
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	Field Services		
	Six Months Ended June 30,		% Diff
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)
Results of Operations: Revenues	\$113	\$148	31%
Expenses: Natural gas Operation and maintenance Depreciation and amortization Taxes other than income taxes Total Operating Income	18 37 7 2 64 \$49 ===	34 46 11 3 94 \$54 ===	(24%) (57%) (50%)
Field Services Operating Data: Throughput data in BCF Gathering	206	284 ===	38%

	Other Ope	erations		
	Six Months Ended June 30,		% Diff	
	2009	2010	Fav/ (Unfav)	
Results of Operations:				
Revenues	\$6	\$6	-	
Expenses	7	2	71%	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(1)	\$4	500%	
	===	===		

Capital Expenditures by Segment (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2010
Capital Expenditures by Segment		
Electric Transmission & Distribution	\$189	\$196
Hurricane Ike	18	-
Total Electric Transmission &		
Distribution	207	196
Natural Gas Distribution	77	74
Competitive Natural Gas Sales and		
Services	1	1
Interstate Pipelines	74	40
Field Services	104	341
Other Operations	9	7
Total	\$472	\$659
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(Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2010
Interest Expense Detail		
Amortization of Deferred Financing Cost	\$18	\$12
Capitalization of Interest Cost	(3)	(3)
Transition and System Restoration Bond		
Interest Expense	66	72
Other Interest Expense	243	234
Total Interest Expense	\$324	\$315
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Reference is made to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-Q of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

December	June
31,	30,
2009	2010

ASSETS		
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$740	\$583
Other current assets	2,164	1,769
Total current assets		2,352
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	10,788	11,217
Other Assets:		
Goodwill		1,696
Regulatory assets		3,540
Other non-current assets		716
Total other assets		5,952
Total Assets		\$19,521
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$55	\$32
Current portion of transition and system restoration		
bonds long-term debt		274
Current portion of indexed debt		124
Current portion of other long-term debt		769
Other current liabilities		1,833
Total current liabilities	3,038	3,032
Other Liabilities:		
Accumulated deferred income taxes, net and investment	0 700	
tax credit Regulatory liabilities	2,792	2,786 967
Other non-current liabilities		907 1,265
Total other liabilities		5,018
Long-term Debt:		
Transition and system restoration bonds Other	2,805 6,314	-
Total long-term debt		5,745 8,410
TOTAL TONY-CETIN GEDE	9,119	-
Shareholders' Equity	-	3,061
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		\$19,521
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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Statements of Consolidated Cash Flows (Millions of Dollars) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2010
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$153	\$195
Depreciation and amortization	374	431
Deferred income taxes	78	(37)
Write-down of natural gas inventory	6	-
Changes in net regulatory assets	19	26
Changes in other assets and liabilities	422	195
Other, net	4	8
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,056	818
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(504)	(719)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(568)	(256)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(16)	(157)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	167	740
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$151 ====	\$583 ====

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