

# The Benefits of a Balanced Electric & Natural Gas Portfolio

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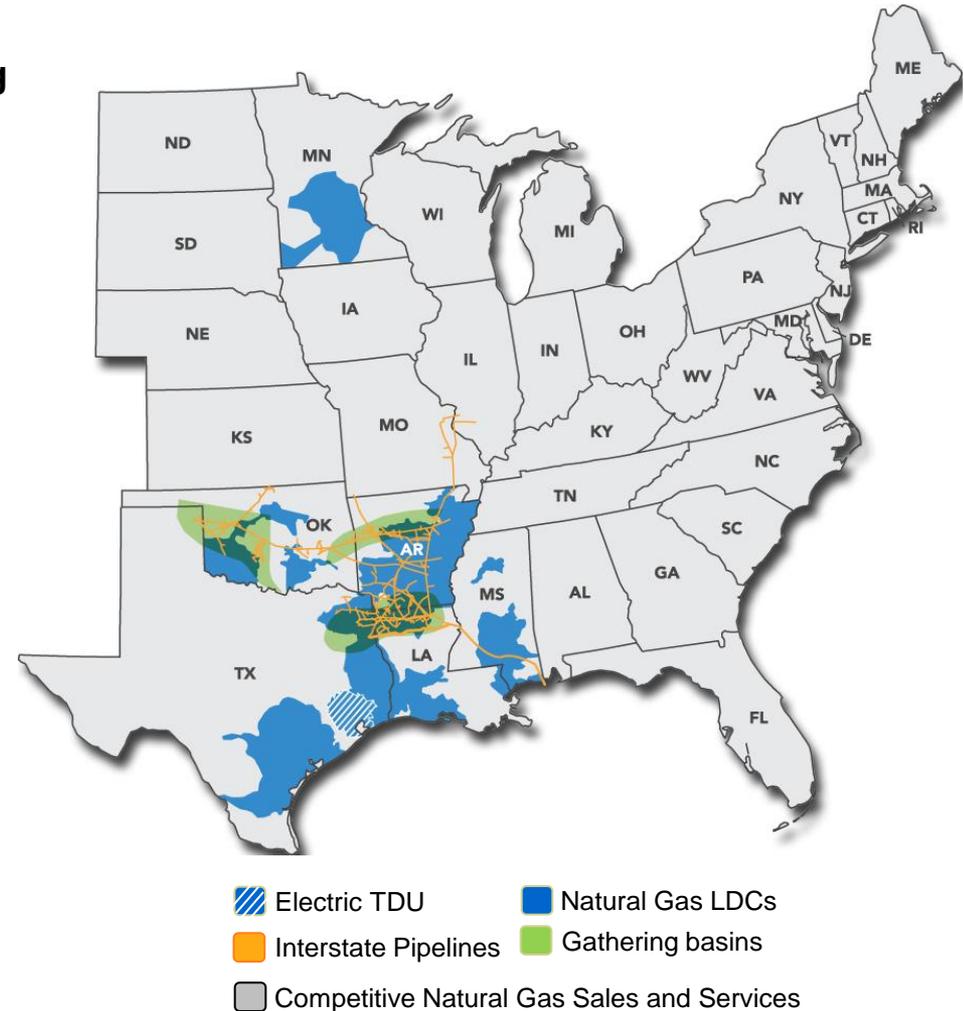
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# Investment Highlights

- **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 the prolific 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...



Our Vision

***To Be Recognized As America's Leading Energy Delivery Company...and More***

“... America's Energy Delivery...”

- **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)

“... and More”

- **Pursue complementary businesses that leverage our core businesses/business skills**
  - Competitive natural gas sales and 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
- Take advantage of our strategically located interstate pipeline assets which have access to active natural gas supply basins and attractive end-use markets
- Invest in gas gathering, treating and processing facilities in attractive gas producing areas, especially in the new 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)

2010:	\$427 <sup>(1)</sup>	2010:	\$231	2010:	\$270	2010:	\$151	2010:	\$16
2009:	\$414 <sup>(1)</sup>	2009:	\$204	2009:	\$256	2009:	\$ 94	2009:	\$21
2008:	\$407 <sup>(1)</sup>	2008:	\$215	2008:	\$293	2008:	\$147	2008:	\$62
2007:	\$383 <sup>(1)</sup>	2007:	\$218	2007:	\$237	2007:	\$ 99	2007:	\$75
2006:	\$395 <sup>(1)</sup>	2006:	\$124	2006:	\$181	2006:	\$ 89	2006:	\$77

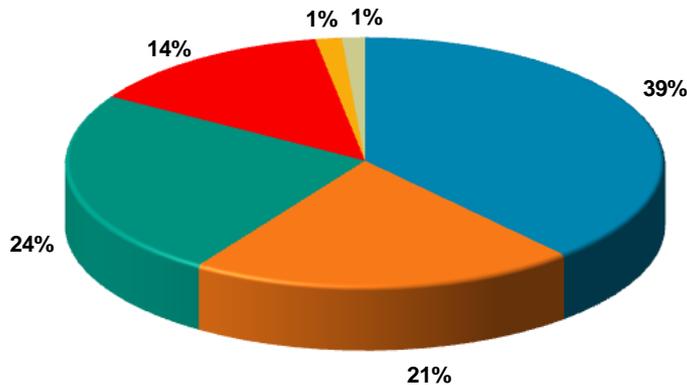
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# Attractive and Balanced Portfolio with Stability and Growth



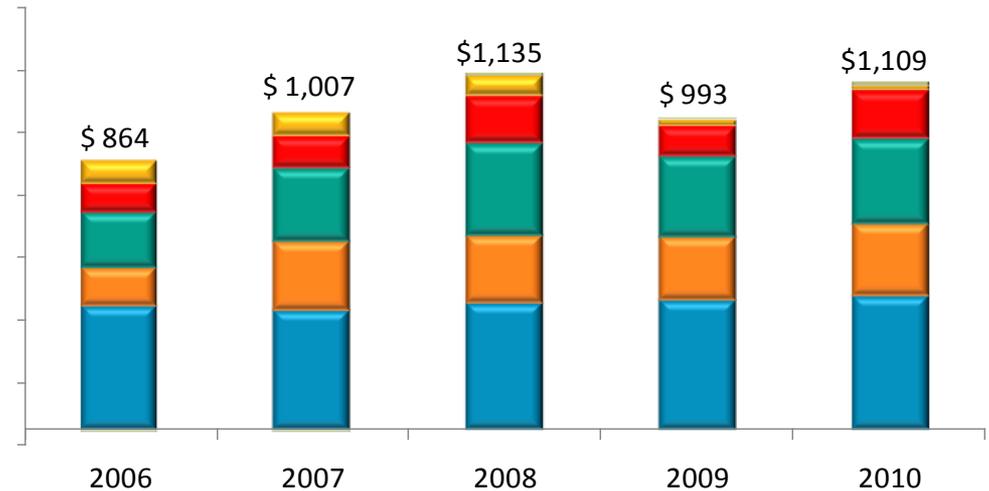
## Balanced Portfolio

2010 Adjusted Operating Income: \$1,109<sup>(1)</sup>



## Stability and Growth

2006 – 2010 Adjusted Operating Income<sup>(2)</sup>



(1) In millions; excludes operating income from Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies (see reconciliation on page 22).

(2) In millions; excludes operating income from Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies, the Competition Transition Charge and the Final Fuel Reconciliation (see reconciliation on page 22).

# CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric

## Texas Supreme Court Ruling on True-up Case



- **Texas Supreme Court issued favorable decision on true-up appeal on March 18, 2011**
  - The true-up appeal resulted from the Texas Public Utility Commission's (PUC) disallowance of certain generation-related stranded costs and transition expenses associated with the deregulation of the TX electric industry
- **CNP will seek recovery of ~\$922 million, plus interest, based on the Court's decision and an earlier decision by the Court of Appeals**
  - \$922 million in additional stranded costs and transition expenses
    - \$440 million from the capacity auction true-up
    - \$378 million in depreciation
    - \$210 million of excess mitigation credits paid to retail providers
    - \$146 million of deferred federal income taxes that had reduced stranded costs
    - (\$252) million to reflect the subsequent sales price to value generation assets
  - ~\$1.85 billion total including interest calculated through September 30, 2011
    - CNP plans to securitize total amount through the sale of transition bonds
    - Interest continues to accrue at ~8% until transition bonds are issued
- **Court has 180 days to act on motions for re-hearing filed by various parties on May 4, 2011; no statutory deadline for PUC to act on subsequent remand proceeding**
- **Assuming recovery of \$1.85 billion and a 36% tax rate:**
  - ~\$1.2 billion will be recorded as after tax earnings in different time frames
    - ~\$830 million recognized immediately (upon final decision) representing stranded costs and transition expenses, and the debt component of interest offset by certain deferred tax benefits
    - ~\$365 million representing the equity component of interest will be recognized over life of the transition bonds
  - Cash flow impact: \$1.85 billion received upon issuance of transition bonds; taxes paid over life of bonds

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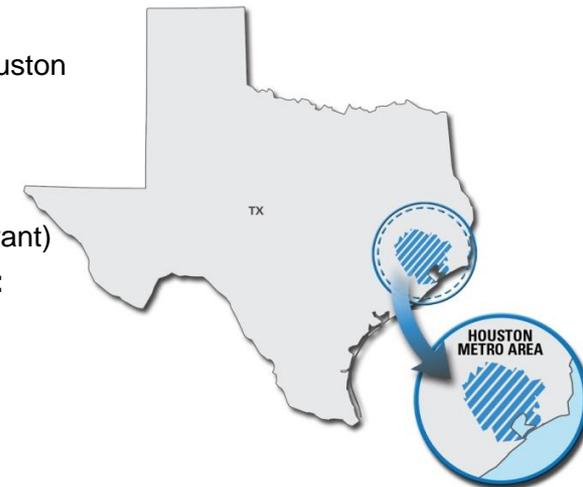
## Electric Transmission & Distribution



- **Final order in Houston Electric rate case issued May 12, 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
  - Order will be subject to revision based on motions for rehearing and appeals; rates expected to be implemented late this summer
  - Minimal impact on cash flow, but estimated annualized operating income decrease of ~\$30 million
- **Transmission Cost Recovery Factor rules amended by PUC in September 2010 to allow deferral for future recovery of increased costs from transmission providers**
- **Texas legislature has approved a periodic rate adjustment mechanism that should mitigate regulatory lag for distribution capital investment**
- **Grant for \$200 million in DOE stimulus funding awarded**
  - \$150 million to accelerate completion of advanced metering deployment to 2012
  - \$50 million for \$115 million deployment of intelligent grid technology in portion of Houston
  - \$135 million requested from DOE through March 2011
- **Advanced meter deployment over 50 percent complete**
  - ~1.2 million advanced meters installed through March 2011
  - \$270 million invested through March 2011 (plus \$125 million requested from DOE grant)
- **New capital expenditures drive growth in rate base** *(in millions, source Form 10-K):*

CapEx	2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
Utility	\$ 344	\$ 380	\$ 404	\$ 459	\$ 506	\$ 372
AMS & IG*	119	225	64	10	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 463</b>	<b>\$ 605</b>	<b>\$ 468</b>	<b>\$ 469</b>	<b>\$ 506</b>	<b>\$ 372</b>

\*Advanced Metering System and Intelligent Grid net of \$200 DOE grant



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## Natural Gas Distribution



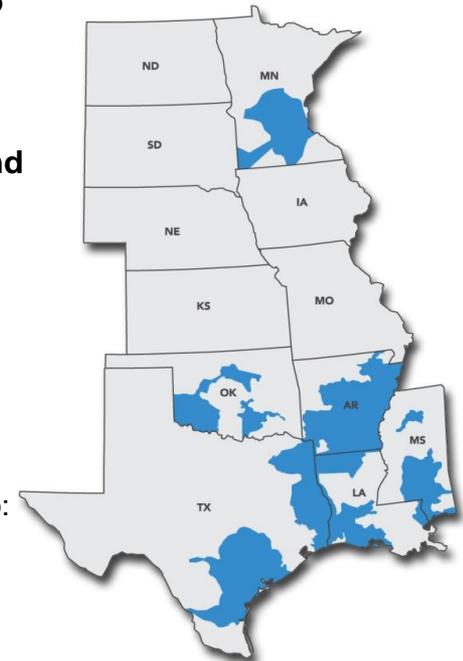
- **Focused on implementation of rate strategies that limit rate case frequency and decouple revenues from consumption**
  - Align company and customers' interests on conservation and energy efficiency
  - Significant progress in a number of jurisdictions
    - Weather normalization approved in AR, LA and OK
    - Decoupling or cost of service adjustment mechanisms in AR, LA, MN (pilot project), OK and parts of TX (subject to appeal)
    - 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**
- **Operations are structured to capture synergies across all six states**
  - Excellent results in reducing delinquencies and bad debts and controlling operation and maintenance expenses

- **Capital expenditures** *(in millions, source Form 10-K):*

	2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
\$	202	\$ 263	\$ 274	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 285

- 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



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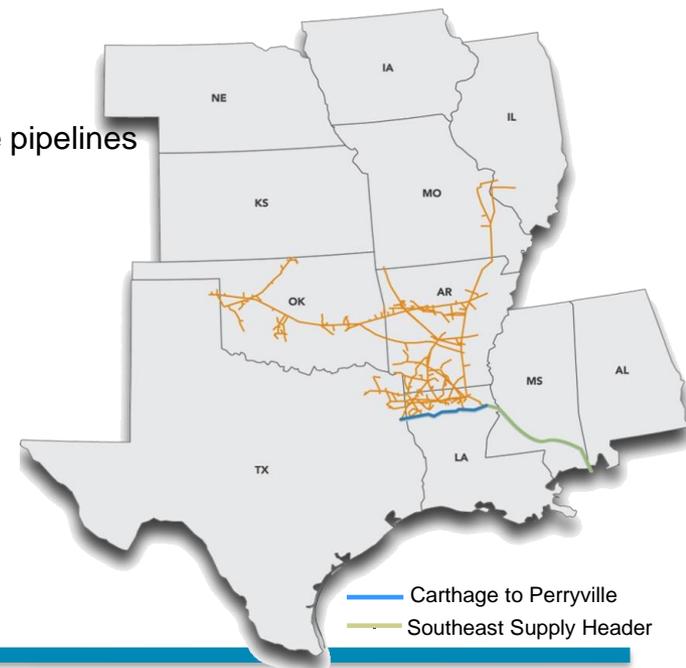
## Interstate Pipelines



- **Maintain core customer base through effective and timely re-contracting**
  - Long-term agreements with affiliated LDCs and Laclede in place
    - Entered into extension with affiliated LDCs through March 2021; all regulatory approvals received
  - Focused on shifting short-term contracts to longer term arrangements
- **Continue to invest in pipeline expansions and greenfield development projects to provide access to markets for new gas supplies**
  - Carthage to Perryville Pipeline
    - 172-mile, ~1.9 Bcf per day pipeline
    - Backhaul contract for up to 0.5 Bcf per day with Chesapeake expires mid-2011
  - Southeast Supply Header (SESH); joint venture with Spectra
    - 274-mile, 1 Bcf per day pipeline; connects Perryville Hub to Southeast and Northeast markets
    - Potential future expansion opportunities
  - Continue to capture expansion opportunities to maximize value of core pipelines
    - Contracted nearly 0.75 Bcf per day of power generation load since 2007
- **Capital expenditures** *(in millions, source Form 10-K):*

	2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
\$	102	157	133	131	119	95

- Maintenance capital expected to average \$80 to \$100 million annually
- New environmental regulations (e.g. RICE MACT) increase environmental capital expenditures
- Additional capital investment dependent on growth opportunities



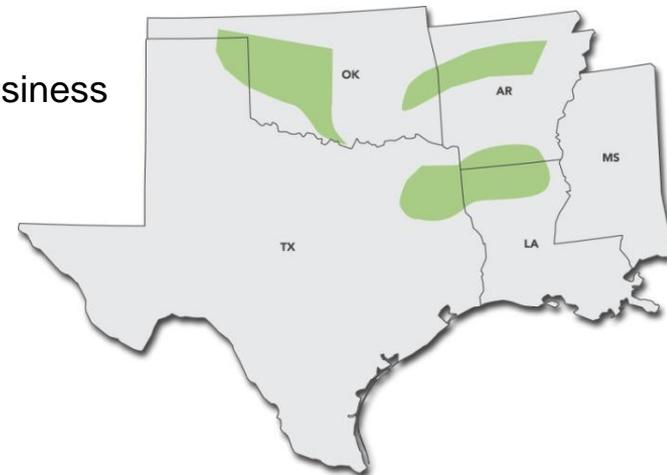
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## Field Services



- **Secure core business through superior customer service and product offerings**
  - Attractive margins despite highly competitive business dynamics
  - Relatively low risk business model
    - Majority of new capital 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 investment opportunities driven primarily by shale gas plays (Haynesville, Fayetteville and Woodford)**
  - Executed agreements with Encana and Shell for gathering and treating Haynesville shale production
  - Strategic footprint and recent long-term contracts position business for solid long-term growth
  - Actively pursuing other opportunities in shale plays
- **Capital expenditures** *(in millions, source Form 10-K):*

2010A	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
\$ 668	\$ 262	\$ 135	\$ 125	\$ 59	\$ 60



# Field Services

## Haynesville – Magnolia and Olympia; Shell/Encana



### Magnolia Gathering System – 900 MMcf per day capacity

- **In September 2009, CEFS signed long-term agreements with Shell and Encana to provide gathering and treating services for their Northern Haynesville acreage**
  - First mover position in the Haynesville shale
  - 15-year agreements to provide gathering and treating services for 700 MMcf per day
    - ~\$320 million in capital spent through March 2011; construction completed fourth quarter 2010, with only well connects remaining; throughput expected to ramp up during 2011
  - In March 2010, producers requested 200 MMcf per day expansion
    - Capital cost of \$52 million; expansion completed and placed in service in February 2011; throughput expected to ramp up during 2011
  - System throughput averaged nearly 550 MMcf per day in first quarter 2011
  - Remaining potential for expansion of up to an additional 800 MMcf per day at producers' election
    - Estimated additional capital of up to \$240 million if all producers' elections are exercised

### Olympia Gathering System – 600 MMcf per day capacity

- **In April 2010, CenterPoint Energy Field Services (CEFS) signed additional long-term agreements with Shell and Encana to provide gathering and treating services for their Southern Haynesville acreage**
  - Expanded relationships with 2 high quality producers
  - 15-year agreements to provide gathering and treating services for 600 MMcf per day
    - ~\$360 million of capital spent through March 2011; up to an additional \$65 million to complete; substantially all facilities, except well connects and pipeline interconnects, were placed in service; throughput averaged over 300 MMcf per day in the first quarter of 2011; throughput expected to ramp up during 2011
  - Potential for expansion of up to an additional 520 MMcf per day at producers' election
    - Estimated additional capital of up to \$200 million if all producers' elections are exercised



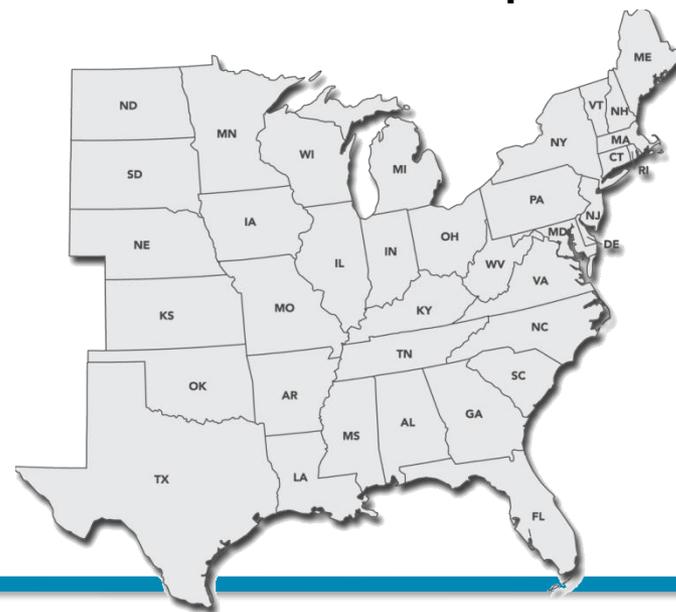
- **All agreements include volume throughput commitments and acreage dedication**
  - Throughput commitments triggered as milestones are achieved; volume of 1.5 Bcf per day expected by early 2012
  - Commitments increase with expansion elections
  - ~700,000 acres dedicated under agreements also cover the Lower Bossier play
- **Contracting philosophy aligns with CNP risk profile and augments investment thesis**
  - Fee-based revenue structure with volume commitments or guaranteed returns for all capital deployed
  - Significant revenue growth potential
- **Project scale provides competitive advantage to capture significant long-term opportunities**
  - CEFS has a significant position in one of the largest US production plays
  - North Louisiana footprint provides significant opportunities for growth from both Shell and Encana's dedicated acreage and third party production from the Haynesville and Bossier shales
  - Leverages core commercial and operating competencies

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## Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services



- **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 customer base and throughput volumes growing; wholesale opportunities have been significantly reduced by low basis differentials and seasonal spreads**



# First Quarter 2011 Consolidated Results

(unaudited, in millions except per share amounts)

	<b>Three Months ended March 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,023</b>	<b>\$ 2,587</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Natural gas	1,935	1,476	
Operation and maintenance	414	439	
Depreciation and amortization	200	201	
Taxes other than income taxes	117	107	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>2,223</b>	
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>364</b>	
Gain on Time Warner Investment*	38	32	
Loss on indexed debt securities	(27)	(23)	
Interest and other finance charges	(122)	(116)	
Interest on transition and system restoration bonds	(36)	(33)	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	5	6	
Other income - net	1	5	
Income tax expense	(102)	(87)	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 114</b>	<b>\$ 148</b>	
<b>Per Share:</b>	<b>Basic</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>
	<b>Diluted</b>	<b>\$ 0.29</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>

\*Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc. and AOL Inc.

# First Quarter 2011 Operating Income by Segment



*(unaudited, in millions)*

	<b>Three Months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Electric Transmission &amp; Distribution:</b>		
Electric Transmission and Distribution Operations	\$ 71	\$ 68
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies	36	33
<b>Total Electric Transmission &amp; Distribution</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Natural Gas Distribution</b>	139	142
<b>Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services</b>	15	10
<b>Interstate Pipelines</b>	72	76
<b>Field Services</b>	23	36
<b>Other Operations</b>	1	(1)
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 357</b>	<b>\$ 364</b>

# CenterPoint Energy

## Objectives for 2011 and beyond

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- **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)

## Consolidated

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ 1,045	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,273	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,249
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies	(126)	(119)	(133)	(131)	(140)
Competition Transition Charge	(55)	(42)	(5)	-	-
Final Fuel Reconciliation	-	(17)	-	-	-
<b>Adjusted Operating Income</b>	<u>\$ 864</u>	<u>\$ 1,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,135</u>	<u>\$ 993</u>	<u>\$ 1,109</u>

## Electric Transmission & Distribution

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ 576	\$ 561	\$ 545	\$ 545	\$ 567
Transition and System Restoration Bond Companies	(126)	(119)	(133)	(131)	(140)
Competition Transition Charge	(55)	(42)	(5)	-	-
Final Fuel Reconciliation	-	(17)	-	-	-
<b>Adjusted Operating Income</b>	<u>\$ 395</u>	<u>\$ 383</u>	<u>\$ 407</u>	<u>\$ 414</u>	<u>\$ 427</u>

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.

# Long-term Debt & Capitalization Ratio

## Excluding transition and system restoration bonds\*



(in millions)

	<u>December 31, 2010</u>	<u>March 31, 2011</u>
Current Debt:		
Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds long-term debt	283	294
Current portion of indexed debt (ZENS) **	126	127
Current portion of other long-term debt	19	-
Long-term Debt:		
Transition and system restoration bonds	2,522	2,371
Other	6,479	6,361
Total Debt	<u>\$ 9,429</u>	<u>\$ 9,153</u>
Less: Transition and system restoration bonds (including current portion)	<u>2,805</u>	<u>2,665</u>
Total Debt, excluding transition and system restoration bonds	<u>\$ 6,624</u>	<u>\$ 6,488</u>
Total Shareholders' Equity	<u>\$ 3,198</u>	<u>\$ 3,266</u>
Total Capitalization, excluding transition and system restoration bonds	<u>\$ 9,822</u>	<u>\$ 9,754</u>
<b>Total Debt/Total Capitalization, excluding transition and system restoration bonds</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>66.5%</b>

\* 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 \$127 as of March 31, 2011 and \$126 million as of December 31, 2010. The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid was \$840 million as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The contingent principal amount payable at maturity was \$803 as of March 31, 2011 and \$805 million as of December 31, 2010.

# Liquidity and Credit Ratings



## Available Liquidity (\$MM)

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Type of Facility</u>	<u>Size of Facility</u>	<u>Amount Utilized at April 15, 2011</u>	<u>Amount Unutilized at April 15, 2011</u>
CenterPoint Energy	Revolver	\$ 1,156	\$ 17 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,139
CEHE	Revolver	289	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	285
CERC	Revolver	915	52 <sup>(2)</sup>	863
CERC	Receivables	375	-	375
<b>Total Credit &amp; Receivables Facilities</b>		<b>\$ 2,735</b>	<b>\$ 73</b>	<b>\$ 2,662</b>

(1) Represents outstanding letters of credit.

(2) Represents commercial paper that is backstopped by CERC Corp.'s revolving credit facility.

## Credit Ratings

	<u>Moody's</u>		<u>S&amp;P</u>		<u>Fitch</u>	
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Outlook</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Outlook</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
CenterPoint Energy (Senior Unsecured)	Ba1	Upgrade Review	BBB-	Positive	BBB-	Stable
CEHE (Senior Secured) <sup>(1)</sup>	A3	Upgrade Review	BBB+	Positive	A-	Stable
CERC (Senior Unsecured)	Baa3	Upgrade Review	BBB	Positive	BBB	Stable

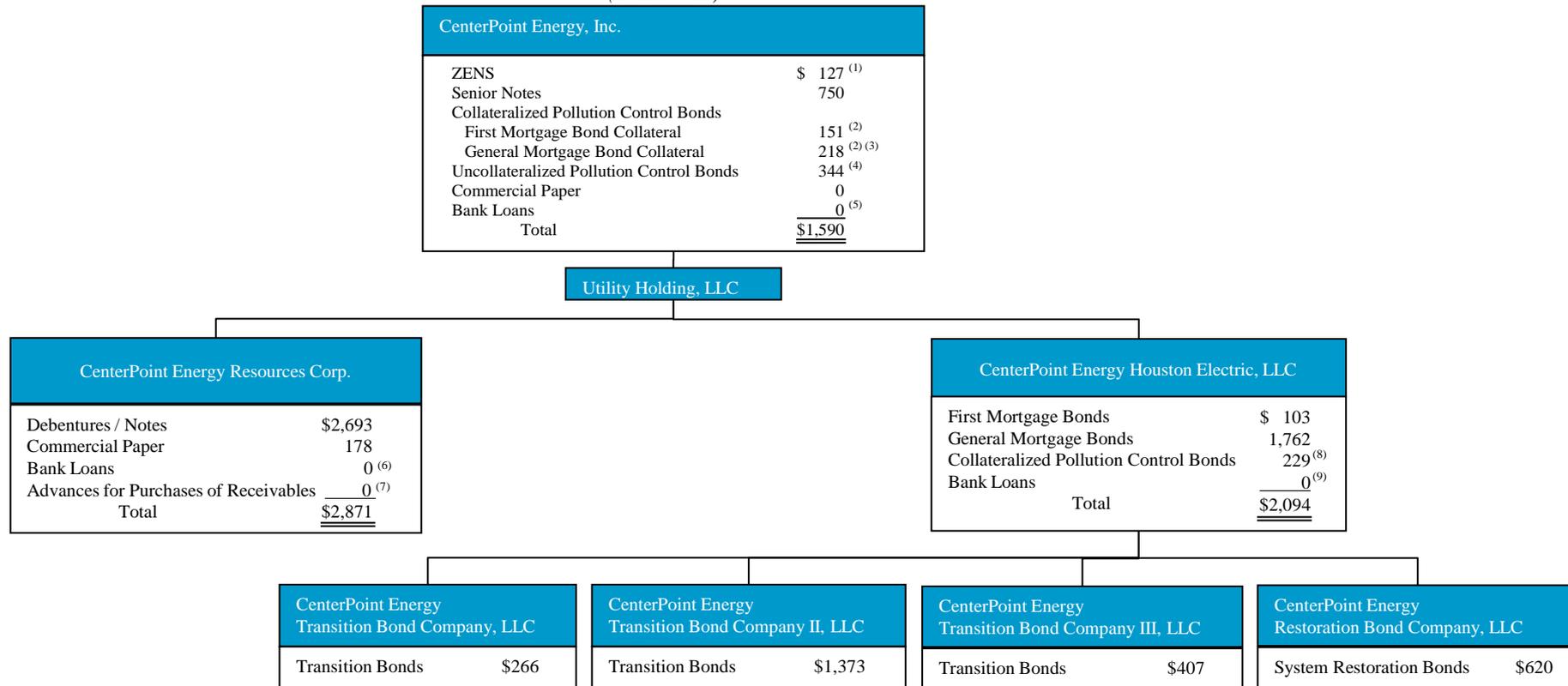
(1) General mortgage bonds and first mortgage bonds.

# Principal amounts of external debt

## As of March 31, 2011



(in millions)



- (1) The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid is \$840 million. The debt component reflected on the financial statements was \$127 million. The contingent principal amount was \$803 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 \$1.156 billion bank facility.
- (6) Borrowings under \$915 million bank facility.
- (7) Advances under \$375 million receivables facility.
- (8) The pollution control bonds are collateralized by general mortgage bonds.
- (9) Borrowings under \$289 million bank facility.

# Principal amounts of maturing external debt

## As of March 31, 2011



(\$ in millions)

Year	CenterPoint			Sub-total	Transition	Transition	Transition	System	Total
	Energy	CEHE	CERC		Bonds	Bonds	Bonds	Restoration	
	(1)				(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
					(Series 2001-1)	(Series A)	(Series 2008)	(Series 2009)	
2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 51	\$ 15	\$ 19	\$ 143
2012	-	46	178	224	99	127	36	45	531
2013	-	450	365	815	109	137	38	46	1,145
2014	-	800	160	960	-	147	41	47	1,195
2015	419	-	-	419	-	158	43	48	668
2016-2020	700 (3)	127	875	1,702	-	753	234	280	2,969
2021-2025	-	303	593	896	-	-	-	135	1,031
2026-2030	1,146 (4)	56	-	1,202	-	-	-	-	1,202
2031-2035	-	312	-	312	-	-	-	-	312
2036-2040	-	-	400	400	-	-	-	-	400
2041-2045	-	-	300	300	-	-	-	-	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,265</b>	<b>\$ 2,094</b>	<b>\$ 2,871</b>	<b>\$ 7,230</b>	<b>\$ 266</b>	<b>\$ 1,373</b>	<b>\$ 407</b>	<b>\$ 620</b>	<b>\$ 9,896</b>

(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 \$803 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 \$127 million as of 3/31/2011. 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.