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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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

Additional Information

Please refer to the Appendix for further information under the headings “Important Information for Investors and Unitholders” and “Participants in the Solicitation.”

Our value proposition – Report card



Deliverables	On Track
Delivering industry-leading non-GAAP Utility EPS growth of 6% - 8% ⁽¹⁾ with consistent dividend growth	✓
Announced sale of two Gas LDCs at a landmark value , warrants rerating our remaining gas LDCs	✓
Minimizing exposure to midstream	✓
Constructive regulatory relationships	✓
Achieving exceptional rate base CAGR target of ~10% ⁽²⁾	✓
Serving organically-growing regions of the United States	✓
Reducing O&M ⁽³⁾ 1% - 2% annually via continuous improvement	✓
Taking a leading stance with the transition to a net-zero economy , as part of our ESG strategy	To announce 2H 2021

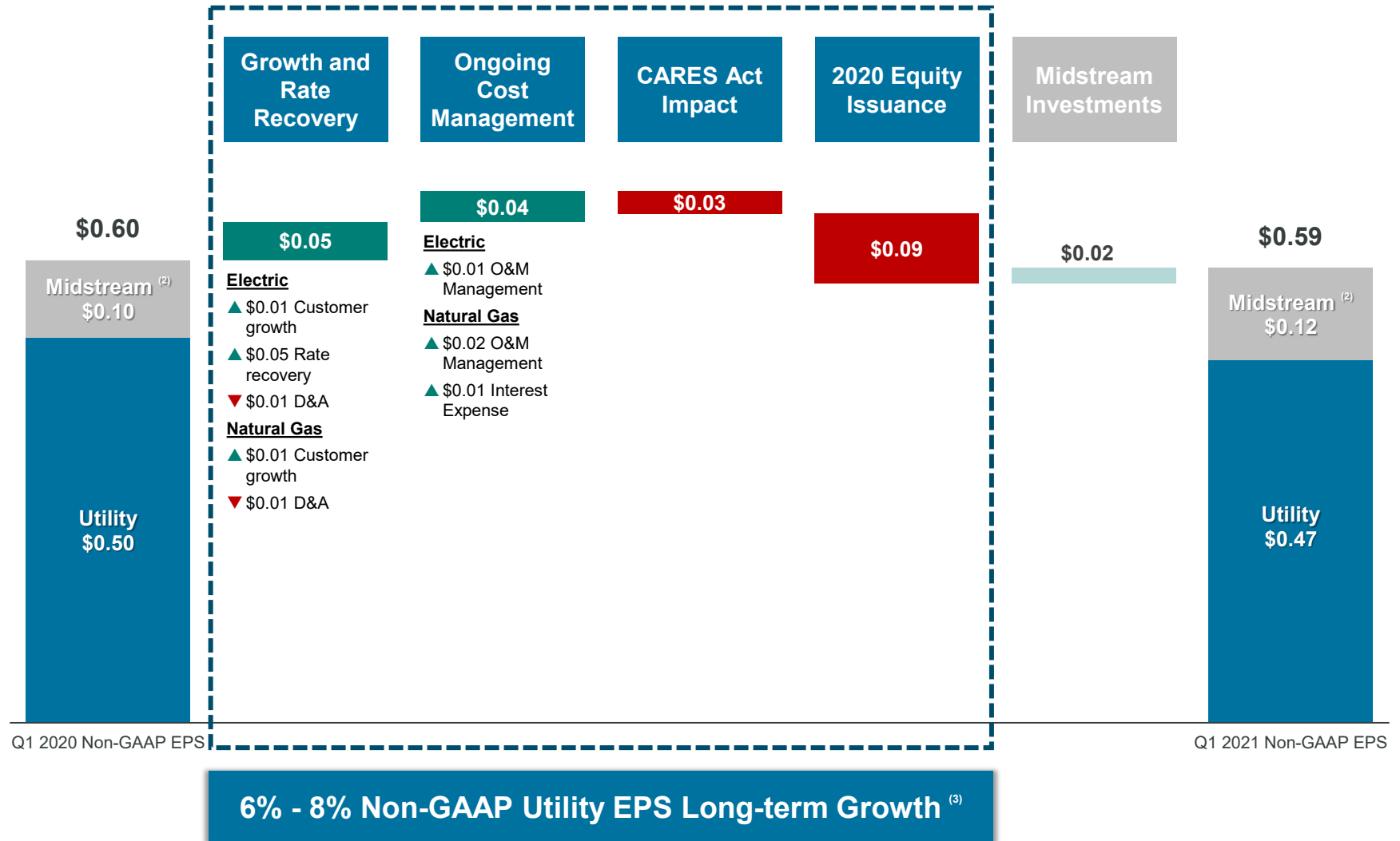
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(1) Refers to non-GAAP Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021E - 2025E

(2) Refer to rate base compound annual growth rate from 2020 to 2025E

(3) Inclusive of Electric and Natural Gas business. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets.

Q1 2021 v Q1 2020 Non-GAAP EPS ⁽¹⁾ Primary Drivers



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(1) Refer to slides 14 and 15 for reconciliation to GAAP measures

(2) Reference Enable's Q1 2021 Form 10-Q and first quarter 2021 earnings materials dated May 3, 2021. Includes the effect of share dilution and associated allocation of Corporate & Other based upon relative earnings contribution.

(3) Refers to non-GAAP Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021E – 2025E

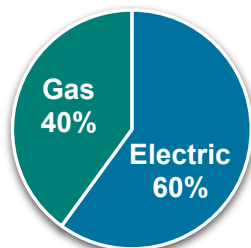
Arkansas and Oklahoma LDC Sale....



Transaction Highlights

- ✓ Represents **landmark valuation** for gas LDC business, significantly above historical levels
- ✓ **Efficiently recycle** capital, upside for additional CapEx or delay of ATM
- ✓ Supports **balance sheet optimization**
- ✓ Signals **significant demand** for U.S. gas pipelines
- ✓ Provides **benchmark values** to rerate CNP's remaining gas businesses
- ✓ Demonstrates confidence in **recovery** of winter storm gas cost in Arkansas and Oklahoma
- ✓ Aligns with the continued **execution** of our plan

2022 Utility Mix (post sale) ⁽¹⁾



Key Transaction Terms

- **Gross Purchase Price:** \$2,150 million
- **Net Purchase Price:** \$1,725 million
 - 2.5x of 2020 rate base ⁽²⁾
 - 38.0x of 2020 earnings ⁽³⁾
- **Buyer:** Summit Utilities, Inc.
- **Anticipated transaction close:** By the end of 2021

Proceeds Calculation (\$ in millions)

Gross Purchase Price	\$ 2,150
Incremental Gas Cost ⁽⁴⁾	425
Net Purchase Price	\$ 1,725
Taxes ⁽⁵⁾ and transaction costs	~400
Net Proceeds	\$ 1,325

....TO EFFICIENTLY RECYCLE CAPITAL

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. ATM – At-the-market equity issuance.

(1) Based on forecasted year-end rate base

(2) 2020 year-end rate base of approximately \$700 million, inclusive of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texarkana

(3) Represents reported earnings for 2020 on a standalone basis of \$36 million. Assumes consolidated regulatory debt of \$343 million.

(4) Subject to a true-up at transaction close

(5) Assumes blended tax rate of 24%, inclusive of state taxes

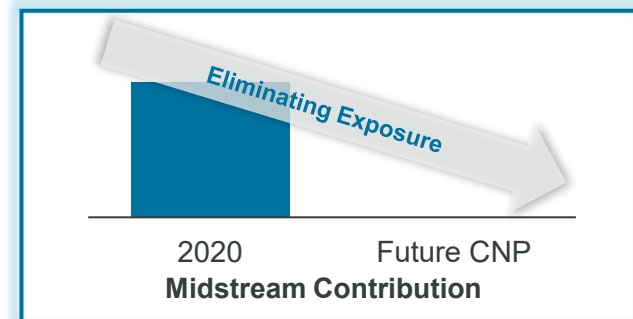
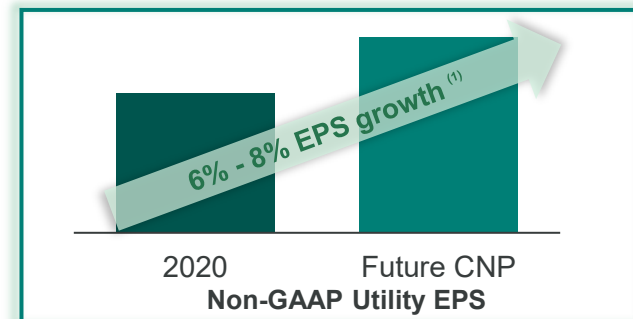
Enable Transaction Update....

Key Timeline Highlights

- February 2021 – Announced merger that results in exchange of Enable units for Energy Transfer units
- April 2021 – CNP and OGE deliver written consents sufficient to approve merger
- 2H 2021 – Expected FTC and regulatory approvals, as well as transaction close

Strategic Rationale

- Accelerates path towards a **fully regulated business** model
- Maintains** non-GAAP utility EPS **growth target of 6% - 8%** ⁽¹⁾
- Preserves capacity to **grow rate base at 10% CAGR** ⁽²⁾
- Improves business risk profile – **credit accretive** ⁽³⁾
- Provides **enhanced liquidity** to exit from midstream investments
- Creates **autonomy** in executing midstream exit strategy
- Reduces risk related to** future midstream **distribution** yield
- Delivers on our promises** made on Investor Day



....PUTS US ON A PATH TO ELIMINATE MIDSTREAM EXPOSURE





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(3) Subject to decisions from credit rating agencies

Winter Storm Uri Gas Cost Recovery Update....

State	Estimated Amount	Accelerated Recovery / Securitization ⁽¹⁾	Carrying Costs
 TX	\$1.1 billion	Pending ⁽²⁾	✓
 MN	\$463 million	Pending ⁽³⁾	Pending ⁽³⁾
 AR	\$335 million	✓ ⁽⁴⁾	✓
 OK	\$83 million	✓	✓

Estimated remaining balance 12 months from the storm: \$500 - \$600 million ^{(5) (6)}

....2 STATES PASSED LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT SECURITIZATION OF COST

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.

- (1) Relative to normal rate making processes
- (2) TX securitization bill was passed in the House, pending Senate decision
- (3) Pursuing carrying costs recovery as part of storm-related costs recovery filing in MN. Pending regulatory decision on 2-year recovery using existing gas cost recovery mechanism.
- (4) Securitization bill signed into law in April 2021. Currently pursuing cost recovery over 5 years through existing gas supply rate (GSR) rider in Arkansas.
- (5) Assume current cost recovery mechanisms in place and securitization of winter storm-related gas costs in Texas. Actual timing and the duration of the recovery may vary.
- (6) Recovery status for the remaining states: Indiana, Mississippi, South Louisiana – recovery through existing cost recovery mechanisms over 12 months; North Louisiana – recovery through existing cost recovery mechanism over 3 years

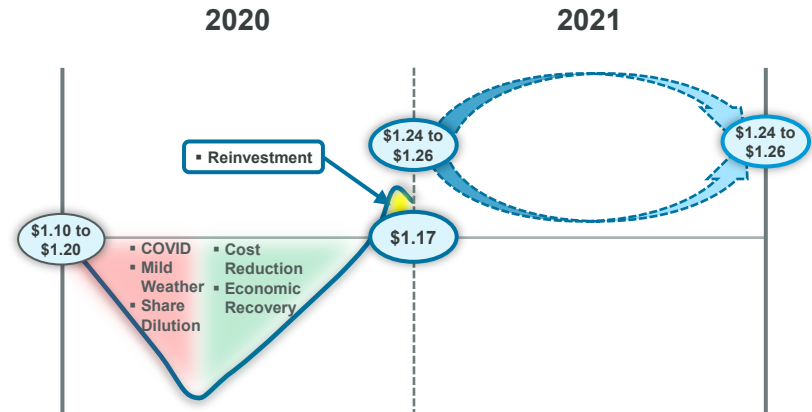
Consistent, Premier Performance....

EXAMPLES OF O&M ⁽¹⁾ COST SAVINGS

	YTD 2021 v YTD 2020 ⁽²⁾ (\$mils)	Plan	
		2021 v 2020 (\$mils)	2021 to 2025 (\$mils)
Good Business Decisions			
▪ Attrition	\$2	\$4	\$20
▪ Carbon Reduction (Coal → Gas → Renewables)	N/A	N/A	25
▪ Enhanced Capitalization	4	15	20
▪ Work Acceleration & Automation	3	15	10
Continuous Improvement	4	15	45
▪ Other & Timing	3	(5)	(10)
Net Savings	\$16	\$44	\$110+
Annual O&M ⁽¹⁾ Cost Savings		-3%	-1% to -2%

Eliminate Human Struggle

Non-GAAP UTILITY EPS AS PLANNED



**We sweat the details...
....so you don't have to.**

....IS ALL ABOUT CUSTOMERS AND INVESTORS

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(1) Inclusive of Electric and Natural Gas utility businesses. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs, and amounts with revenue offsets.

(2) Period ending March 31 of each year

Strong First Quarter 2021 Results

Delivered GAAP EPS of \$0.56 and non-GAAP EPS ⁽¹⁾ of \$0.59; Reaffirming 2021 non-GAAP Utility EPS guidance of \$1.24 - \$1.26

Announced Sale of Arkansas and Oklahoma Gas LDCs

Landmark transaction value sets benchmark for our remaining gas LDCs

Minimizing Midstream Exposure

Enable / Energy Transfer merger expected to close in 2H 2021

Efficient Winter Storm Cost Recovery

Liquidity remains strong; Majority of impacted states took legislative actions supporting cost recovery

Disciplined Industry-Leading 10% Rate Base CAGR ⁽²⁾

Supported by \$16B plus capital plan and 1% - 2% annual O&M ⁽³⁾ reduction target

Increasing Momentum around Net-Zero Plan

Accelerate transition to Net-Zero; Execute on the Integrated Resources Plan

....DISCIPLINED EXECUTION

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(1) GAAP diluted EPS was \$0.56 for first quarter 2021. Non-GAAP EPS of \$0.59 for first quarter 2021 includes \$0.47 from utility operations and \$0.12 from midstream investments. Refer to slides 14 and 15 for reconciliation to GAAP measures.

(2) Refer to rate base compound annual growth rate from 2020 to 2025E

(3) Inclusive of Electric and Natural Gas business. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets.

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Appendix



Capital Expenditures by Segment



(\$ in millions)	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2021	2020
Electric	\$396	\$330
Natural Gas	195	238
Corporate and Other	10	26
Continuing Operations	601	594
Discontinued Operations ⁽¹⁾	—	21
Total Capital Expenditures	\$601	\$615

(1) Energy Services (CES) and Infrastructure Services (CIS) segments

Weather and Throughput Data



Electric

		Q1 2021	Q1 2020	2021 vs 2020
Throughput (in GWh)	Residential	6,070	5,679	7%
	Total	21,241	21,243	-
Metered customers ⁽²⁾	Residential	2,448,439	2,389,585	2%
	Total	2,765,496	2,701,004	2%
Weather ⁽¹⁾	Cooling degree days	109%	187%	(78)%
	Heating degree days	95%	80%	15%
	<i>Houston</i> Cooling degree days	113%	187%	(74)%
	<i>Houston</i> Heating degree days	104%	67%	37%

Natural Gas

		Q1 2021	Q1 2020	2021 vs 2020
Throughput (in Bcf)	Residential	128	107	20%
	Commercial and Industrial	145	146	(1)%
	Total	273	253	8%
Metered customers ⁽²⁾	Residential	4,343,863	4,266,685	2%
	Commercial and Industrial	351,363	350,009	-
	Total	4,695,226	4,616,694	2%
Weather ⁽¹⁾	Heating degree days	103%	85%	18%
	<i>Texas</i> Heating degree days	110%	71%	39%

Note: Data as of 3/31/2021

(1) Percentage of normal weather for service area. Normal weather is based on past 10-year weather in service area.

(2) End of period number of metered customers

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



	Quarter Ended March 31, 2021							
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments		Corporate and Other ⁽⁵⁾		Consolidated	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 304		\$ 71		\$ (41)		\$ 334	
Add back: Series B preferred stock dividend⁽²⁾	—		—		17		17	
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders - diluted and diluted EPS⁽¹⁾	\$ 304	\$ 0.48	\$ 71	\$ 0.12	\$ (24)	\$ (0.04)	\$ 351	\$ 0.56
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:								
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$4) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	19	0.03	19	0.03
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$5) ⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	(21)	(0.03)	(21)	(0.03)
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1)⁽³⁾	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt (net of taxes of \$6)⁽³⁾	—	—	—	—	21	0.03	21	0.03
Corporate and Other Allocation	(7)	(0.01)	2	—	5	0.01	—	—
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 299</u>	<u>\$ 0.47</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 372</u>	<u>\$ 0.59</u>

Note: Refer to slide 17 for information on non-GAAP measures

(1) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS. EPS figures for Utility Operations, Midstream Investments and Corporate and Other are non-GAAP financial measures.

(2) To reflect income and earnings per diluted share as if the Series B preferred stock were converted to common stock

(3) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense

(4) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc.

(5) Corporate and Other, plus income allocated to preferred shareholders

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



	Quarter Ended March 31, 2020									
	Utility Operations		Midstream Investments		Corporate and Other ⁽⁶⁾		CES ⁽¹⁾ & CIS ⁽²⁾ (Disc. Operations)		Consolidated	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽³⁾
Consolidated income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted EPS ⁽³⁾	\$ 67	\$ 0.13	\$ (1,127)	\$ (2.24)	\$ (22)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (146)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (1,228)	\$ (2.44)
Timing effects impacting CES ⁽¹⁾:										
Mark-to-market (gains) losses (net of taxes of \$11) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	(35)	(0.07)	(35)	(0.07)
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:										
Marketable securities (net of taxes of \$30) ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	114	0.23	—	—	114	0.23
Indexed debt securities (net of taxes of \$28) ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	(107)	(0.21)	—	—	(107)	(0.21)
Impacts associated with the Vectren merger (net of taxes of \$1)⁽⁴⁾										
Severance costs (net of taxes of \$2, \$0) ⁽⁴⁾	6	0.01	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	0.01
Impacts associated with the sales of CES ⁽¹⁾ and CIS ⁽²⁾ (net of taxes of \$28)⁽⁴⁾										
Losses on impairment (net of taxes of \$0, \$379) ⁽⁴⁾	185	0.37	1,177	2.34	—	—	—	—	1,362	2.71
Corporate and Other Allocation	(5)	(0.01)	(1)	—	8	0.01	(2)	—	—	—
Exclusion of Discontinued Operations ⁽⁷⁾	—	—	—	—	—	—	(23)	(0.05)	(23)	(0.05)
Consolidated on a non-GAAP basis	\$ 253	\$ 0.50	\$ 49	\$ 0.10	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 302	\$ 0.60

Note: Refer to slide 17 for information on non-GAAP measures

(1) Energy Services segment

(2) Infrastructure Services segment

(3) Quarterly diluted EPS on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the quarter, and the sum of the quarters may not equal year-to-date diluted EPS. EPS figures for Utility Operations, Midstream Investments, Corporate and Other and Discontinued Operations are non-GAAP financial measures.

(4) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense

(5) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc.

(6) Corporate and Other, plus income allocated to preferred shareholders

(7) Results related to discontinued operations are excluded from the company's non-GAAP results

Regulatory Information



Information

Location

Electric

- Estimated 2020 year-end rate base by jurisdiction
- Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction
- Definition of regulatory mechanisms
- Projected regulatory filing schedule

[Regulatory Information – Electric](#)

Natural Gas

- Estimated 2020 year-end rate base by jurisdiction
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[Regulatory Information – Gas](#)

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

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

Rate changes and Interim mechanisms filed

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

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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2021 Utility EPS includes net income from Electric and Natural Gas segments, as well as after tax Corporate and Other operating income and an allocation of corporate overhead based upon the Utility's relative earnings contribution. Corporate overhead consists primarily of interest expense, preferred stock dividend requirements, and other items directly attributable to the parent along with the associated income taxes. Utility EPS excludes (a) earnings or losses from the change in value of CenterPoint Energy's 2.0% Zero-Premium Exchangeable Subordinated Notes due 2029 ("ZENS") and related securities, (b) certain expenses associated with merger integration, (c) Midstream Investments segment and associated income from the Enable preferred units and a corresponding amount of debt in addition to an allocation of associated corporate overhead and impact, including related expenses, associated with the merger between Enable and Energy Transfer, (d) cost associated with the early extinguishment of debt and (e) gain and impact, including related expenses, associated with gas LDC sales. 2021 Utility EPS does not consider the items noted above and other potential impacts, such as changes in accounting standards, impairments or other unusual items, which could have a material impact on GAAP reported results for the applicable guidance period. 2021 Utility EPS also considers assumptions for certain significant variables that may impact earnings, such as customer growth and usage including normal weather, throughput, recovery of capital invested, effective tax rates, financing activities and related interest rates and regulatory and judicial proceedings. In addition, the 2021 Utility EPS guidance range assumes a continued re-opening of the economy in CenterPoint Energy's service territories throughout 2021. To the extent actual results deviate from these assumptions, the 2021 Utility EPS guidance range may not be met or the projected annual Utility EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking 2021 Utility EPS because changes in the value of ZENS and related securities, future impairments and other unusual items are not estimable and are difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control.

The appendix to this presentation contains a reconciliation of income (loss) available to common shareholders and diluted earnings (loss) per share to the basis used in providing guidance.

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

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In connection with the proposed merger between Enable and a subsidiary of Energy Transfer, Energy Transfer filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4, which included a prospectus of Energy Transfer and a consent solicitation statement of Enable. Energy Transfer and Enable have also filed other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed merger. As the registration statement has been declared effective by the SEC, a definitive consent solicitation statement/prospectus was mailed to the unitholders of Enable. INVESTORS AND UNITHOLDERS OF ENABLE ARE URGED TO READ THE CONSENT SOLICITATION STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MERGER FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER. Investors and unitholders will be able to obtain free copies of the consent solicitation statement/prospectus and other documents containing important information about Energy Transfer and Enable through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Energy Transfer and Enable will be available free of charge on their respective internet websites at <https://www.energytransfer.com/> and <https://www.enablemidstream.com/> or by contacting their respective Investor Relations departments at 214-981-0795 (for Energy Transfer) or 405-558-4600 (for Enable).