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CenterPoint Energy

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith, CenterPoint Energy presents guidance basis Utility earnings per share ("Utility EPS") based on adjusted diluted earnings per share, which is not a generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") financial measure. CenterPoint Energy also refers to the non-GAAP financial measures of adjusted consolidated debt and adjusted total parent debt in this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith. 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.

Utility EPS includes net income from the Company's Houston Electric, Indiana Electric and Natural Gas Distribution business segments, as well as after-tax Corporate and Other operating income. The Utility EPS guidance range reflects dilution and earnings as if the Company's Series B preferred stock converted on their mandatory conversion date. Utility EPS guidance range 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, regulatory and judicial proceedings. In addition, the 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 Utility EPS guidance range may not be met and our projected annual Utility EPS growth rate range may change. Utility EPS includes an allocation of corporate overhead based upon our Utility segments 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, and considers certain significant variables that may impact earnings. Utility EPS excludes (a) earnings or losses from the change in value of the Company's 2.0% Zero-Premium Exchangeable Subordinated Notes due 2029 ("ZENS") and related securities, (b) certain expenses associated with merger integration, and (c) Midstream Investments, including associated income from the Enable preferred units and a corresponding amount of debt in addition to an associated allocation of corporate overhead based on relative earnings contribution. Utility EPS guidance also does not include other potential impacts, such as changes in accounting standards, impairments or unusual items, which could have a material impact on GAAP reported results for the applicable guidance period. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking Utility EPS because changes in the value of ZENS and related securities, future impairments, and other unusual items are not estimable as they are highly variable and difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control.

A reconciliation of adjusted consolidated debt to total debt, net and a reconciliation of adjusted total parent debt to total parent debt, net is provided in this presentation in the appendix. CenterPoint Energy is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking adjusted consolidated debt to total debt, net or a reconciliation of adjusted total parent debt to total parent debt, net because of changes in the value of ZENS and related securities and other items are highly variable and difficult to predict due to various factors outside of management's control.

Management evaluates the Company's financial performance in part based on Utility EPS, adjusted consolidated debt and adjusted total parent debt. 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 and leverage across periods. Management believes that each of adjusted consolidated debt and adjusted total parent debt is an important measure to monitor leverage and credit ratings and evaluate the Company's balance sheet. The adjustments made in these non-GAAP financial measures exclude items that management believes does not most accurately reflect the Company's fundamental business performance. These excluded items are reflected in the reconciliation tables, where applicable. CenterPoint Energy's Utility EPS, adjusted consolidated debt and adjusted total parent debt non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, diluted earnings per share, total debt, net and total parent debt, net, which respectively 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.

Dave Lesar

President and CEO

TAKEAWAYS FROM Q3 2020 EARNINGS CALL

- High end of **5%-7%** guidance basis Utility EPS growth target (1)
- **$16B+** capital investment plan ($3B increase)
- **~10%** rate base CAGR (2)
- Investment in **renewables**
- Sale of 1-2 **gas LDCs**
- **1% - 2%** annual reduction in O&M (3)
- Improved **balance sheet optionality**
- **Enable** investment evaluation

Notes: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on 2020 guidance basis Utility EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.
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MEET THE TEAM

Dave Lesar
President and Chief Executive Officer

Jason Wells
EVP and Chief Financial Officer

Kenny Mercado
SVP of Electric Utility

Scott Doyle
EVP of Natural Gas

Gregory Knight
EVP of Customer Transformation and Business Services

Kristie Colvin
SVP and Chief Accounting Officer

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SVP and General Counsel

Jason Ryan
SVP of Regulatory Services and Government Affairs

Lynne Harkel-Rumford
SVP and Chief Human Resources Officer

Tom Webb
Senior Advisor

INVESTOR DAY AGENDA

Introduction
Dave Lesar – President and Chief Executive Officer

New Model
Jason Wells – EVP and Chief Financial Officer

Core Utility Platforms: Electric & Natural Gas
Kenny Mercado – SVP of Electric Utility
Scott Doyle – EVP of Natural Gas

Customer-centric Mindset
Gregory Knight – EVP of Customer Transformation and Business Services

Winning Recipe
Tom Webb – Senior Advisor

Financial Plan
Jason Wells – EVP and Chief Financial Officer

Key Takeaways
Dave Lesar – President and Chief Executive Officer

Brief Intermission

Q&A Session
Management Panel

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OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

- Delivering **industry-leading guidance basis Utility EPS growth** of 6% - 8% (1)
- Achieving **exceptional rate base CAGR** of ~10% (2)
- Serving **fast-growing regions** of the U.S.
- Reducing O&M (3) 1% - 2% annually via **continuous improvement**
- Taking a **leading stance on ESG** with coal retirements and renewable hydrogen pilots
- Selling 2 Gas LDCs to **efficiently recycle capital** to fund growth
- Focusing on **balance sheet optimization**
- Working towards **minimizing exposure to midstream**

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Jason Wells

EVP and Chief Financial Officer

NEW MODEL, NEW PLAN….

1 Utility Investment - Grow

- ✓ **$16B+** five-year capital investment plan
- ✓ **~10%** five-year rate base CAGR (1)
- ✓ Increasing annual guidance basis Utility EPS growth to **6% - 8%** (2)

2 Operational Excellence – Accelerate

- ✓ **1%-2%** annual O&M reductions (3)
- ✓ Productivity and continuous improvement mindset
- ✓ Technology improvements

3 Customer Growth – Organic

- ✓ **1% to 2%+** growth service territories
- ✓ Strong economic activity
- ✓ Provides "headroom"

4 Constructive regulation

- ✓ Beneficial recovery mechanisms reduce regulatory lag
- ✓ Nearly **75%** of capital recovered through mechanisms
- ✓ Earning at-or-near allowed ROEs

….DELIVERING IMPROVED SERVICE FOR CUSTOMERS AND IMPROVED RETURNS FOR SHAREHOLDERS.

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Core Utility Platforms – Electric

Kenny Mercado

SVP of Electric Utility

PREMIUM JURISDICTIONS WITH GROWTH RUNWAY….

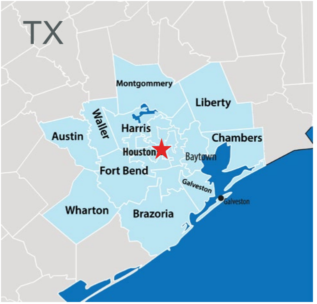
Houston Electric

~2.6M Metered Customers

3,500+ mi of Transmission Line

55,000+ mi of Distribution Line

~1/4 of ERCOT Summer Peak load



Houston Electric
★ Company HQ

Indiana Electric

~150k Metered Customers

1,000+ mi of Transmission Line

7,000+ mi of Distribution Line

~1,300 MW of Generation Capacity

Indiana Electric
★ Natural gas utilities & Indiana electric HQ

Value Proposition

- ✓ **Robust capital investments serving:**
  - Strong customer growth
  - Modern resiliency needs
- ✓ **Significant renewable developments**
- ✓ **Constructive regulatory recovery mechanisms**
- ✓ **Strong, consistent O&M discipline**
- ✓ **Continued focus on safety and reliability**

….RESILIENT, RELIABLE, AND CLEANER.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. Customer data as of September 30, 2020; Operational data as of December 31, 2019

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10 STRAIGHT YEARS OF ANNUAL CUSTOMER GROWTH OF 2%+ [(1)]….

Houston Electric

- ~4,500 GWh **throughput increase** in commercial and industrial customers [(2)]
- The Texas Medical Center – **the 8th largest business district in the U.S.** – continues to expand
- **Increased industrial demand**
- **29 new or upgraded substations** planned from 2021 – 2025
- Bailey to Jones Creek is a 55-mile, **$483M transmission project** expected to be energized by the end of 2021

….DRIVES A ROBUST PIPELINE OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Refers to compound annual growth rate of Houston Electric's metered customer counts
(2) Houston Electric; from 2016 to 2019

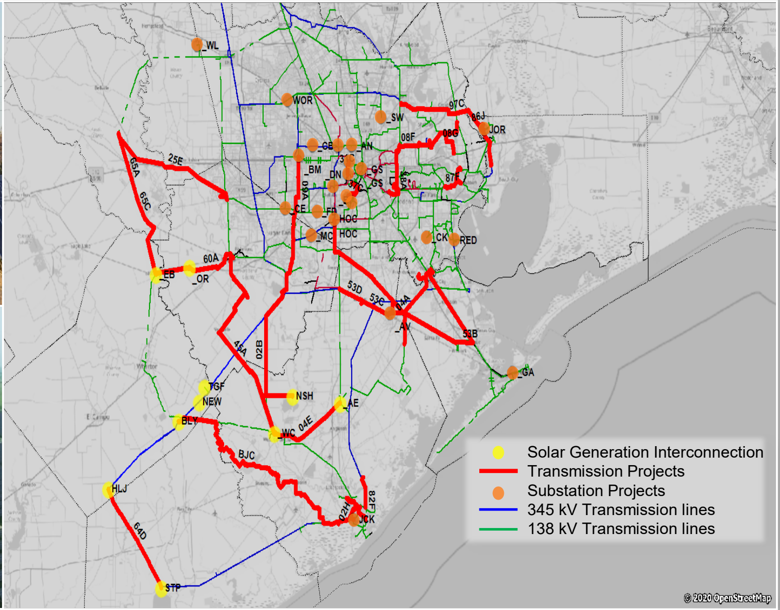
CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT ON RELIABILITY AND RESILIENCY….

- Storm threat in the Gulf Coast:
  - 8 major storms in 2020
  - Responded to all mutual assistance requests
- Storm-resilient system:
  - Cable and pole inspection and replacement program
  - Condition-based replacement for substation breakers and transformers
  - Upgrade aged 69kV transmission lines to 138kV
- Hardening programs:
  - Intelligent grid restoration technology
  - Increased wind loading standards for pole structures
- Focus on safety of workforce, systems, customers, and others

….IS THE HEART OF OUR BUSINESS.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. Top image from NASA; tracking data from National Hurricane center.

COMMITMENT TO DELIVERING CLEANER ENERGY….



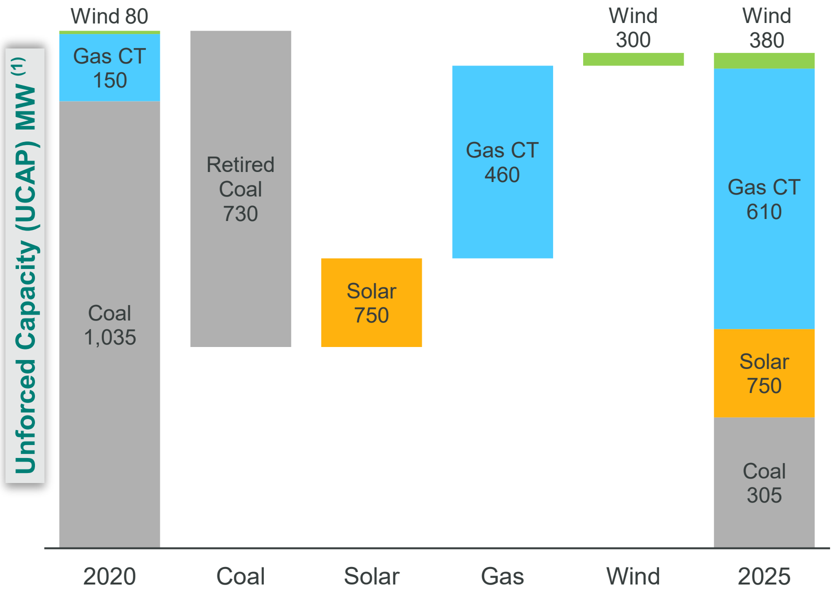
Texas:

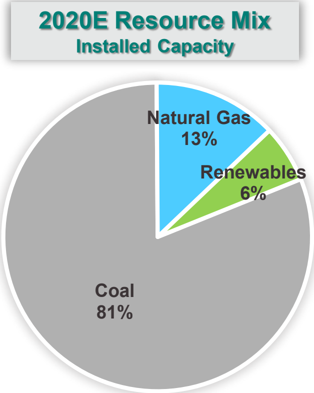
- Enabling **11 utility scale solar projects** in greater Houston area by 2022
- Anticipating **more renewable projects** to come online in 2023 and beyond
- Driving significant **expansion of existing transmission** infrastructure

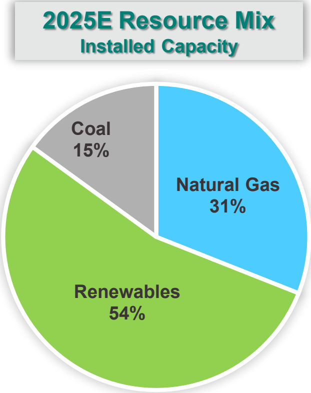
….ENHANCES OUR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PIPELINE.

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

LONG-TERM PIPELINE OF RENEWABLE OPPORTUNITIES…







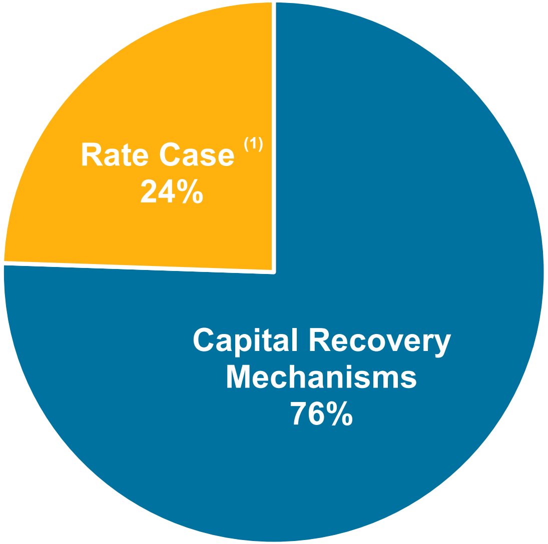
80% Reduction
in Coal generation
by 2025 (2)

….DELIVERS CLEANER, GREENER, MORE COST-EFFECTIVE ENERGY FOR OUR CUSTOMERS IN INDIANA.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Labels on bar chart represent Installed Capacity (ICAP) values. Anticipate Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) accreditation of ~25% for solar and ~9% for wind in 2025.
(2) As a percentage of total generation portfolio

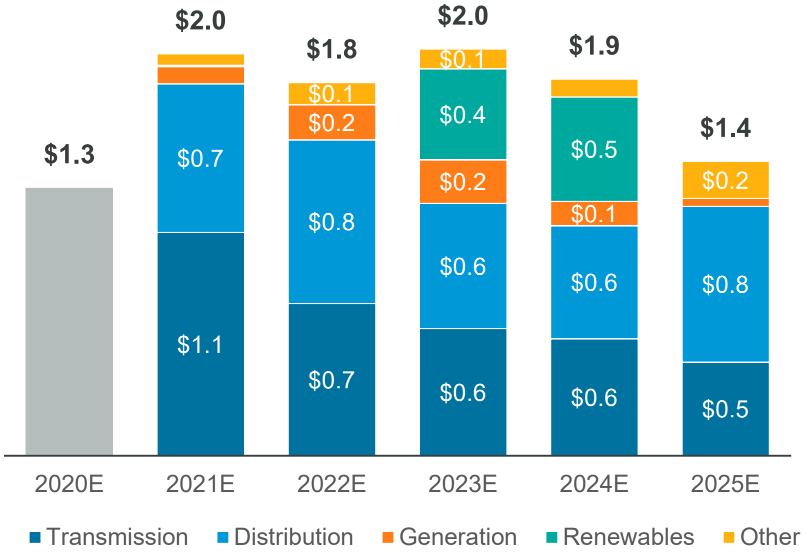
CONSTRUCTIVE CAPITAL RECOVERY MECHANISMS SUPPORT TIMELY RECOVERY OF INVESTMENTS….

Capital Recovery Mechanisms



2021 – 2025 CapEx Plan

$ in billions



….OUR PLAN IS OPTIMIZED FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS.

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

(1) Refers to capital expenditures that will be recovered through rate case and capital expenditures related to the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) which requires Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) approvals

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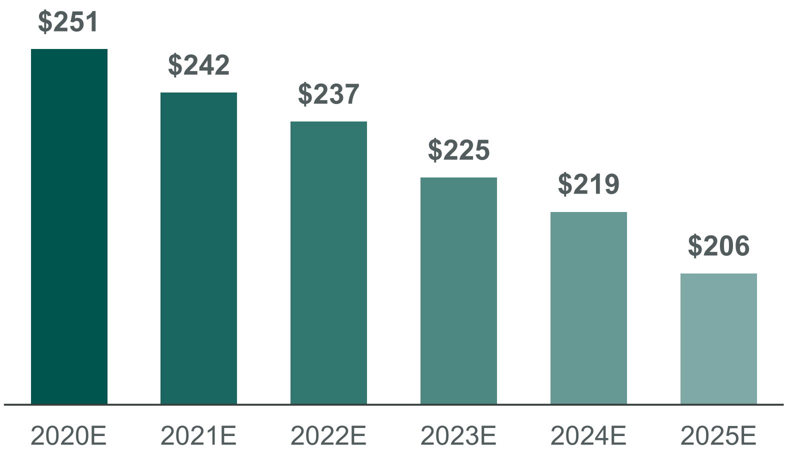
COST DISCIPLINE IS THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS….

O&M per Customer [1]



Highlights

- Consistent **1st quartile O&M per Customer performance** [2]
- Indiana Electric has **held O&M below 2012** spend since then
- Expanding our **'lean' management** program to achieve greater efficiencies in:
  - Vegetation management
  - Outage restoration
  - Substation maintenance
  - Major underground maintenance

….EVIDENCED BY O&M PER CUSTOMER REDUCTION EVERY YEAR.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Inclusive of Houston Electric and Indiana Electric Integrated. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets. Customer counts per CNP's internal forecast.
(2) Houston Electric O&M performance as benchmarked against peers through First Quartile and PA Counseling's benchmarking study.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT….

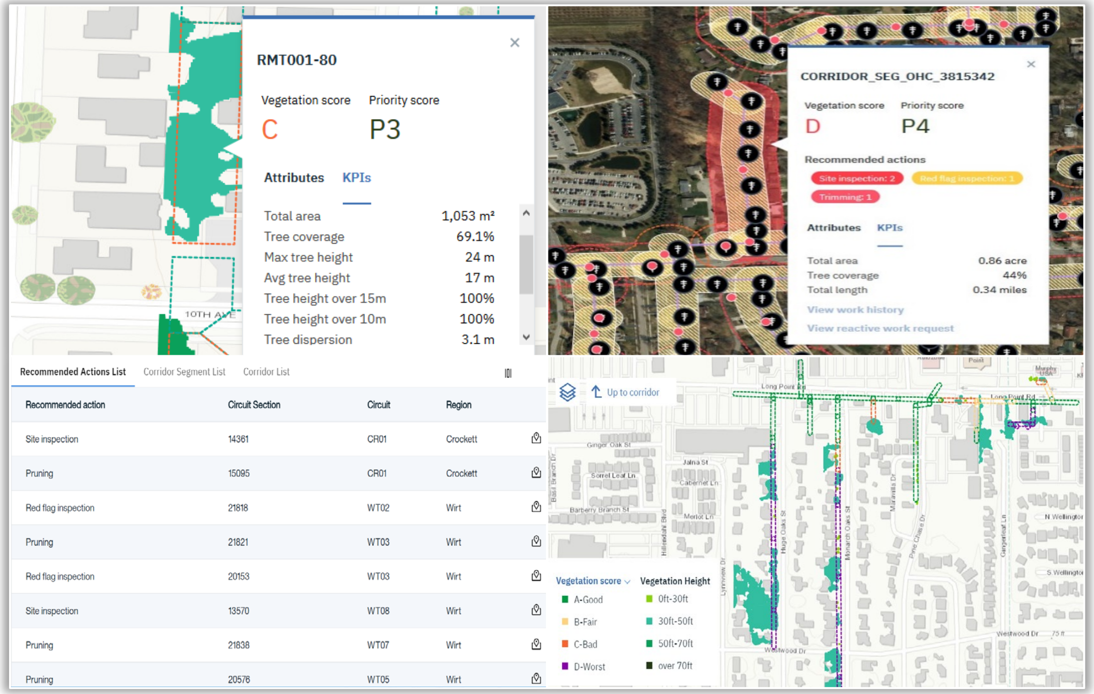
Vegetation Management Analytics Technology

What:

Use satellite imagery and artificial intelligence to optimize vegetation management

Why:

- ✓ Prioritize high-risk areas
- ✓ Improve reliability and safety
- ✓ Maximize value



….DRIVES MORE EFFICIENT VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVED RELIABILITY AND SAFETY.

Scott Doyle

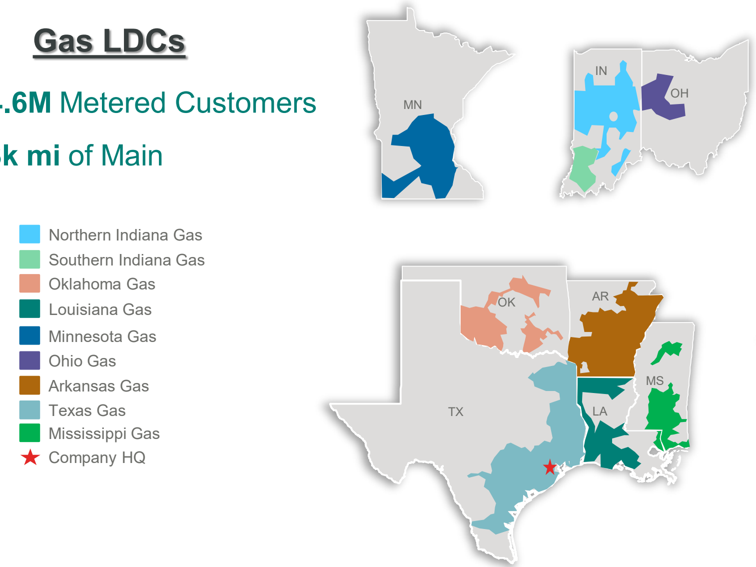
EVP of Natural Gas

PREMIUM JURISDICTIONS WITH GROWTH RUNWAY….

Gas LDCs

~4.6M Metered Customers

98k mi of Main



Value Proposition

- ✓ **Largest Gas Utility based on miles of main**
- ✓ **Robust capital investments**
  - Over 2% customer growth in Houston and Central TX Corridor (Austin, San Antonio); over 1% in other jurisdictions in the past decade
  - Long runway of system modernization opportunity
- ✓ **Constructive regulatory mechanisms**
- ✓ **Strong, consistent O&M discipline**
- ✓ **Continued focus on safety and reliability**

….SAFE, MODERN, AND GROWING.

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COMMITMENT TO SYSTEM SAFETY AND RELIABILITY….

Infrastructure Modernization

- ❑ Belt line replacement in Minnesota
- ❑ Cast iron replacement in Indiana and Ohio
- ❑ Integrity Management Replacement Program in all service territories

Metering Infrastructure

- ❑ Enhanced safety
- ❑ Efficient service delivery features

….DRIVES LONG-TERM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN.

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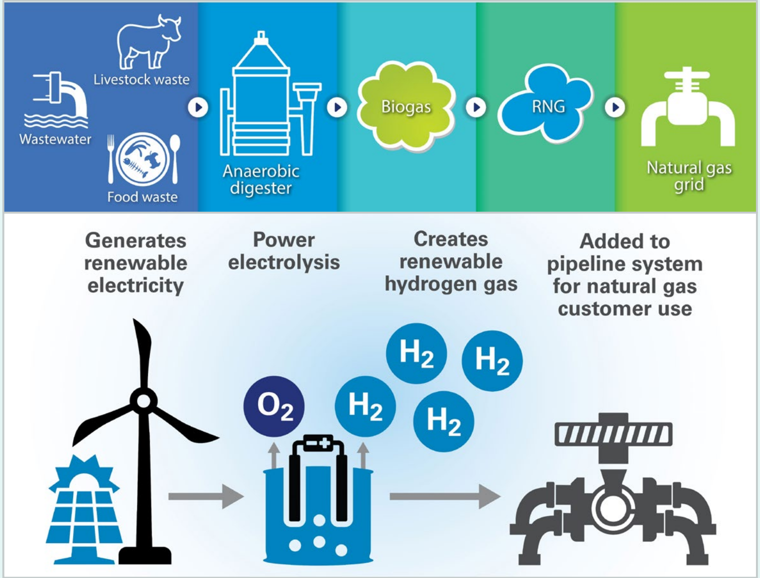
FOCUSED ON ENABLING ENERGY TRANSFORMATION TO….

Clean Foundation

- Natural Gas = **Significant efficiency** and **cost advantage**
- **Emissions reductions** from our pipe replacements
- **First of its kind** customer emissions reduction goal through:
  - ✓ Hydrogen
  - ✓ Renewable Natural Gas
  - ✓ Energy Efficiency

Cleaner Energy



….GREENER ENERGY.

Note: Left image from National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration; Right image from U.S. Energy Information Administration

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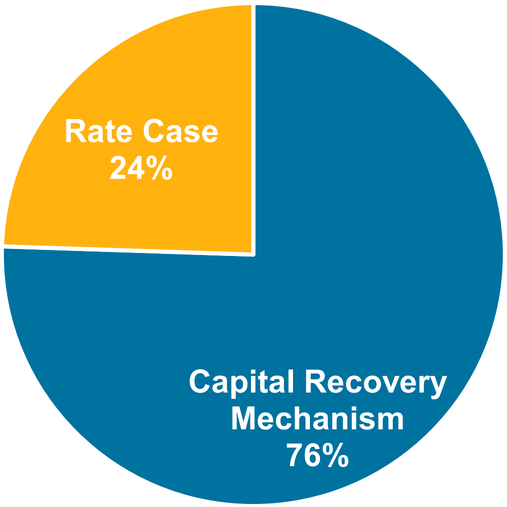

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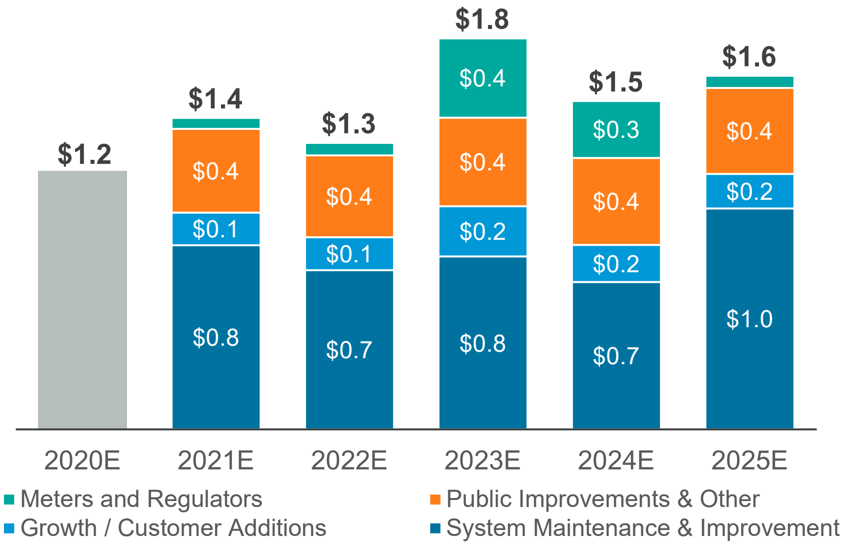

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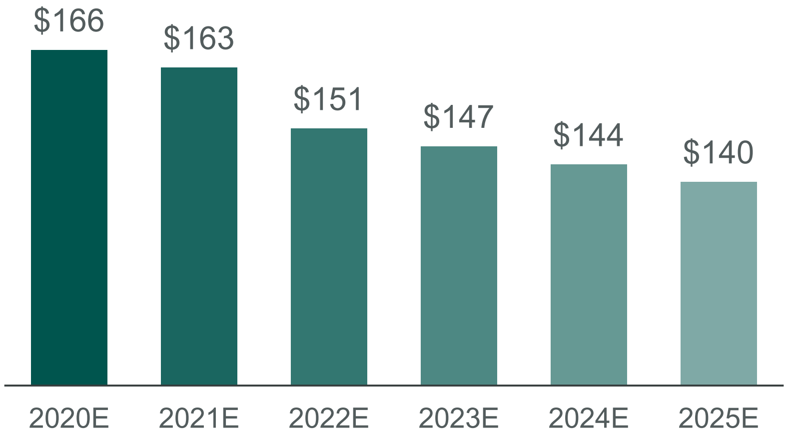

Highlights

- **Top quartile in O&M per Customer performance** since 2016 [2]
- Expanding our **'lean' management** program to achieve greater efficiencies in:
  - Pipeline Replacements
  - Next Generation meter Infrastructure
  - Leak Survey Innovation

….EVIDENCED BY O&M PER CUSTOMER REDUCTION EVER YEAR.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) A composite of all jurisdictions in Natural Gas Distribution business segment. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets. Includes the effect of certain LDCs dispositions expected to be completed by 2022. Customer counts per CNP internal forecast.
(2) Compared to natural gas LDC peers per AGA benchmarking study

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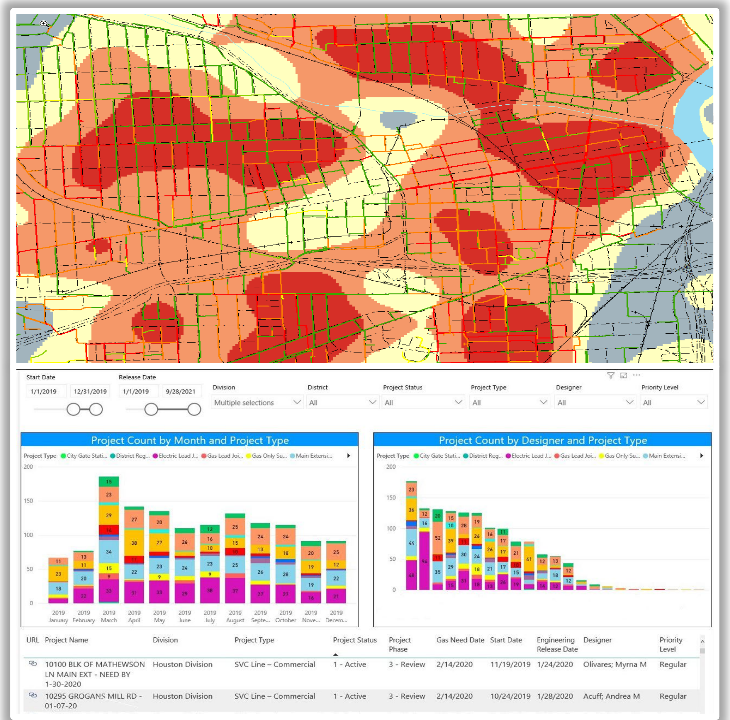
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT….

Leak Survey Innovation

- ✓ Modernized leak survey tool
- ✓ Leads to more efficient resolution of identified leaks
- ✓ Leads to more efficient capital replacements
- ✓ Leads to lower system maintenance
- ✓ Leads to safer operations



….DRIVES MORE EFFICIENT CAPITAL PLANNING AND SYSTEM MAINTENANCE.

Customer-centric Mindset

Gregory Knight

EVP of Customer Transformation

and Business Services

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION CREDENTIALS….

J.D. POWER

#1 in Customer Satisfaction with Residential Natural Gas Service in the South
2017, 2018, 2019

ACSI American Customer Satisfaction Index®

#2 in Customer Satisfaction among Investor-Owned Utilities and Energy Utility Sector 2019
(#1 in 2017 and 2018)

Chartwell

Gold Award – Best Practice among large utilities in Outage Communications
(As a result of Hurricane Harvey)

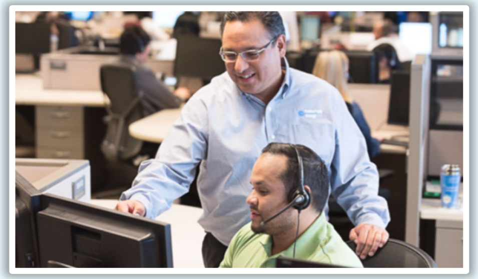
escalent

2020 **Most Trusted** Utility Designation
2020 Easiest Utilities to do Business With
2020 **Best** Utility TX ***TDSP*** for
Brand Trust
Product Experience
Service Satisfaction

….VALIDATE INDUSTRY-LEADING CUSTOMER PERFORMANCE.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT DELIVERS….

Customer-centric



- Customer Effort Score and Customer Satisfaction: part of incentive program
- Texas Electric Outage Notification achieving outstanding 88% satisfaction & 90% call deflection

Efficient Operations

- Unifying ERP system in 2021
- Workforce automation
- Enabled 98% of contact center employees with remote capabilities

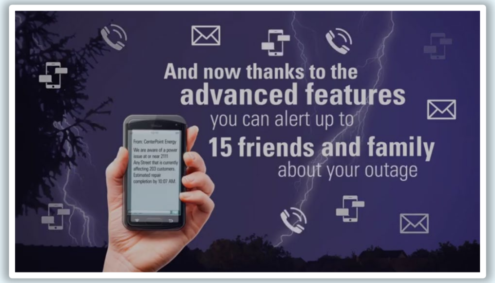
Call routing and Self-service

~74% of SAP transactions today are self-service

(8% increase from 2017)

Innovative Cost Control

- Customer Experience O&M per customer on track to be reduced by 1% - 2% YoY
- Consolidation of contact centers & billing
- Aggressive vendor optimization plan
- Digital channels & self-service platforms



….EFFICIENT AND INNOVATIVE CUSTOMER AND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. ERP: Enterprise Resource Planning

INVESTMENTS ARE MADE….

Sustainable Energy

Power Alert Service

~88% of customers satisfied (2)

Drone Program for Damage Assessment

since 2016

Advanced Business Digitization

20% - 30% Customer Emission Reduction by 2040 (1)

Grid Resiliency

4 million metric tons of CO_2 reduction (3) through Energy Efficiency Programs

….TO ENABLE AND DELIVER MORE FOR CUSTOMERS.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Based on 2005 level
(2) Based on 8,105 responses, surveyed through 10/31/2020
(3) Combination of participated customers in TX, AR, OK, MN, MS, IN, and OH from 2015 - 2019

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Tom Webb

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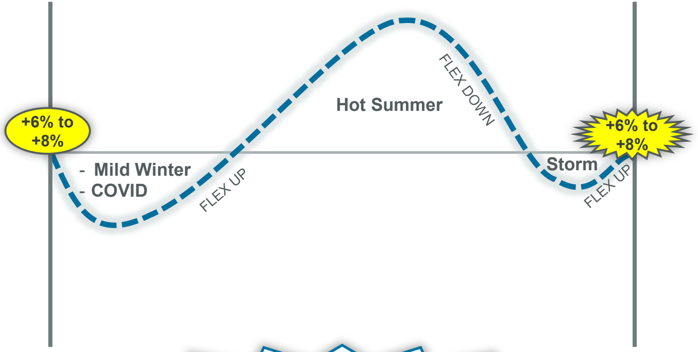
CONSISTENT, PREMIER PERFORMANCE….

OPERATING EXCELLENCE

	Future CNP	Peer Avg [3]
Rate Base Growth	10% [1]	7%
EPS Growth	6% - 8% [2]	5%
Customer Growth	~2%	Flat
O&M Cost	Down 1% to 2%	+1%
Customer Satisfaction	Top Quartile	Avg

EARNINGS PER SHARE GROWTH [2]



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

….FOR CUSTOMERS AND INVESTORS.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on guidance basis Utility EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.
(1) Refer to CNP rate base CAGR target from 2020E to 2025E
(2) Refers to guidance basis Utility EPS and guidance basis Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021 – 2025
(3) Peer historical average from 2015 - 2019

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CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT….

ACCELERATES

- **Safety** – Every day
- **Quality** – The first time
- **Delivery** – On time
- **Cost** – See, eliminate waste
- **Morale** – Proud to serve

Eliminate Human Struggle

O&M COST SAVINGS

Good Business Decisions	Plan 2021 – 2025 (million)
• Attrition	$20
• Carbon Reduction (Coal → Gas → Renewables)	25
• Enhanced Capitalization	20
• Automation	10
Continuous Improvement	45
• Other	(10)
Savings (1)	**$110+**
Annual O&M Cost Savings	-1% to -2%

….IS ALL ABOUT CUSTOMERS AND INVESTORS.

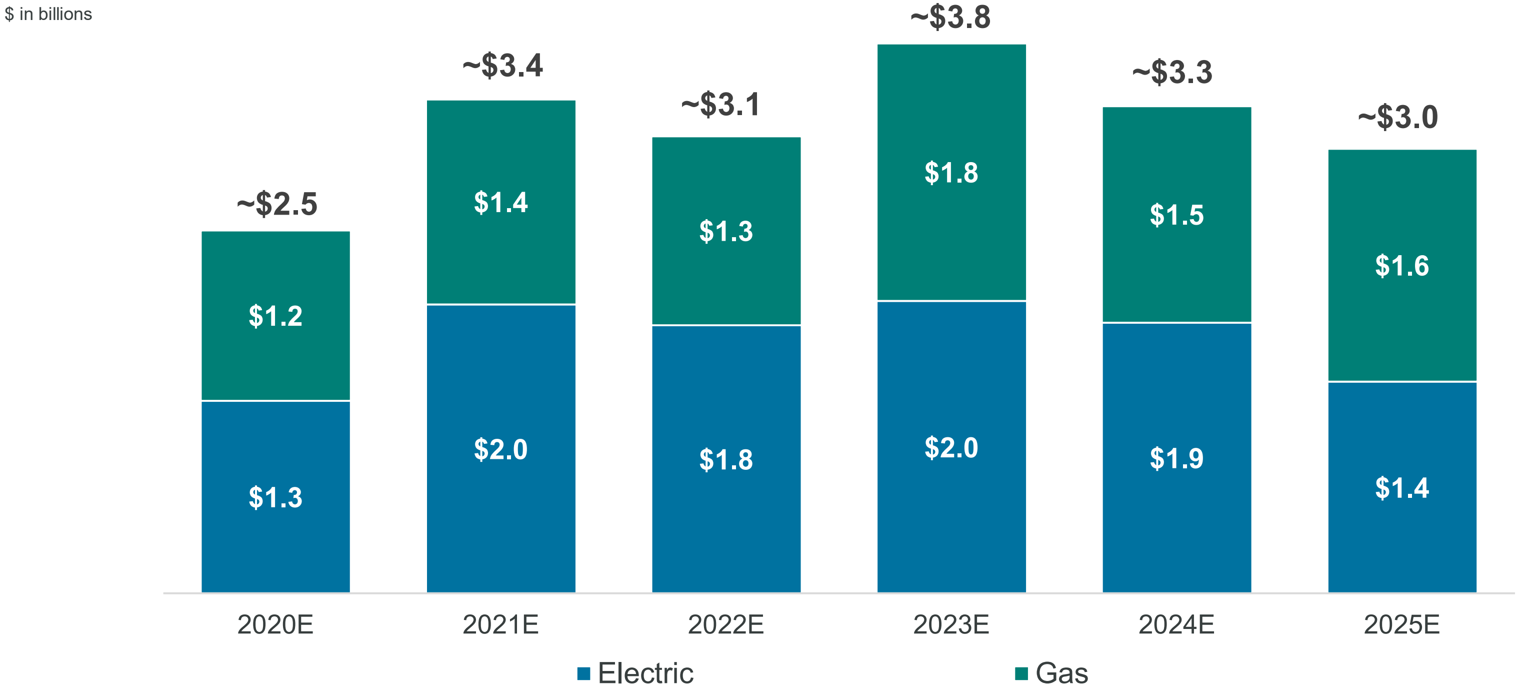
Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Expected cumulative O&M savings in 2021 – 2025 based on 2020 level

Financial Plan

Jason Wells

EVP and Chief Financial Officer

2021 – 2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN….



….OPTIMIZED TO IMPROVE SERVICE, SAFETY, RELIABILITY, AND MEET REGULATORY SCHEDULES.

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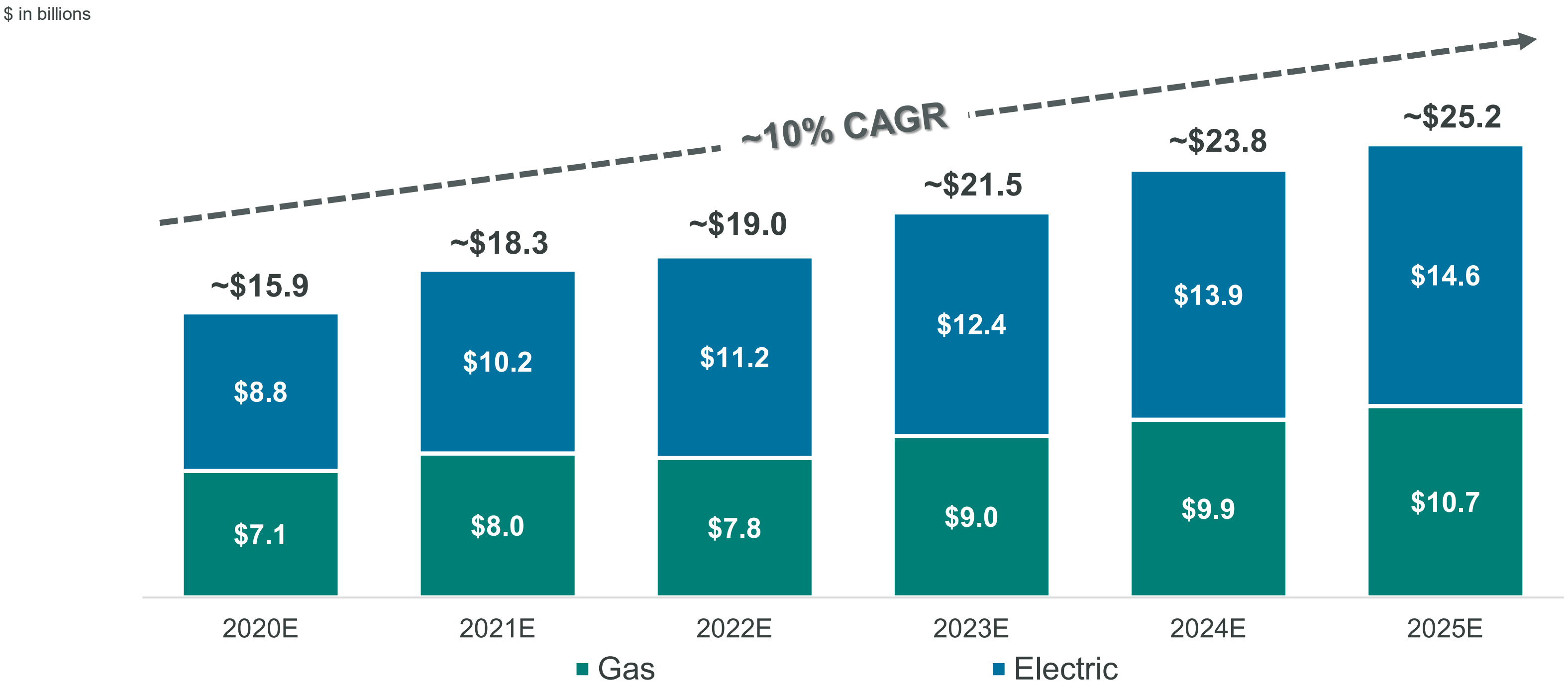
2020-2025 RATE BASE GROWTH....



....DELIVERING INDUSTRY LEADING GROWTH.

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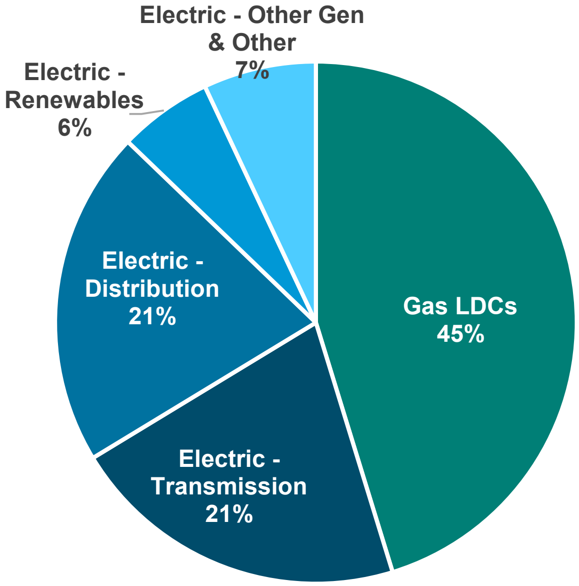
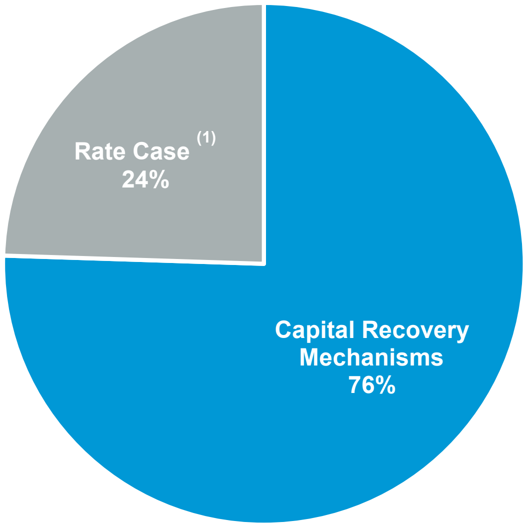
BALANCED 2021 - 2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN….



By Function

CapEx $16B+

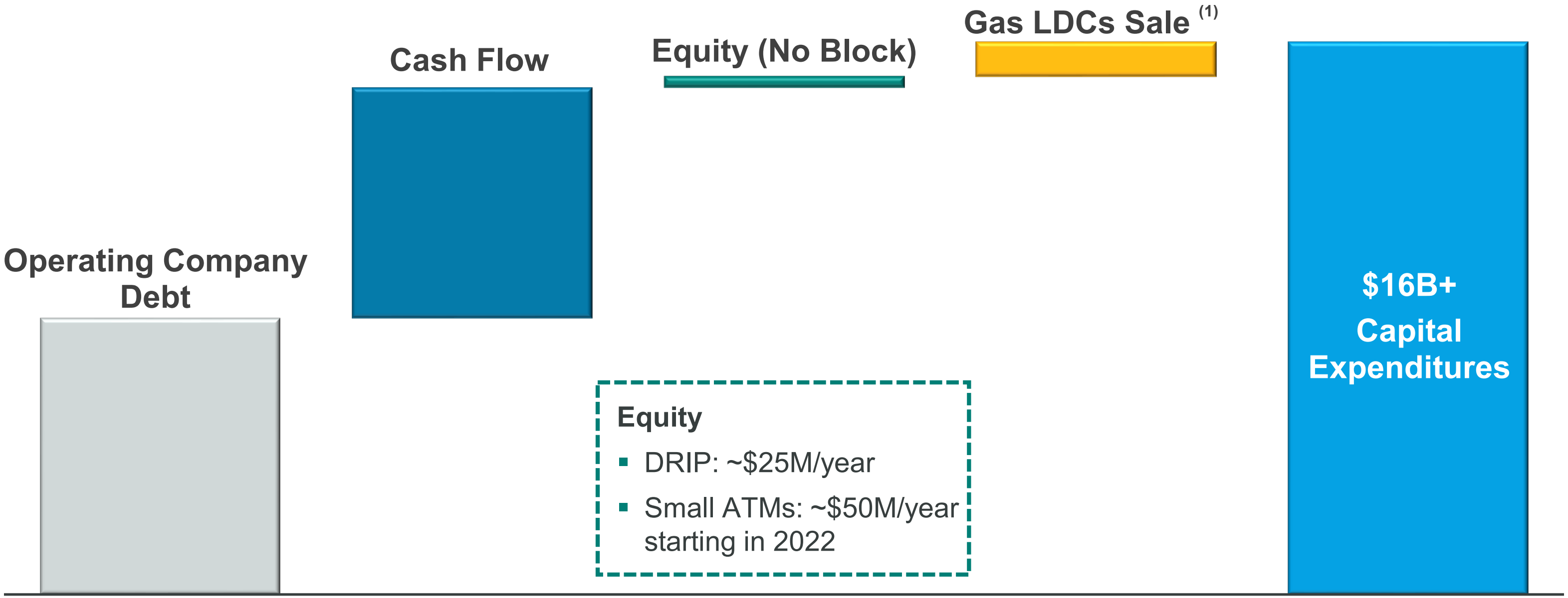


Recovery

….ENHANCES CONFIDENCE OF EXECUTION AND RECOVERY.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Refers to capital expenditures that will be recovered through rate case and capital expenditures related to the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) which requires Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) approvals

2021 – 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN….



….EFFICIENTLY FUNDING REGULATED GROWTH.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements.
(1) Proceeds will initially be used to pay down debt. Gas LDCs sale expected to be completed by 2022.

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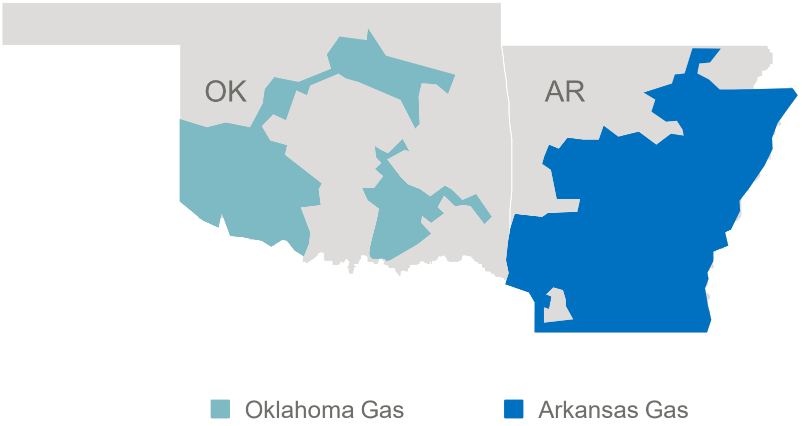
SALE OF TWO NATURAL GAS LDCs….



Over 520,000
Metered Customers

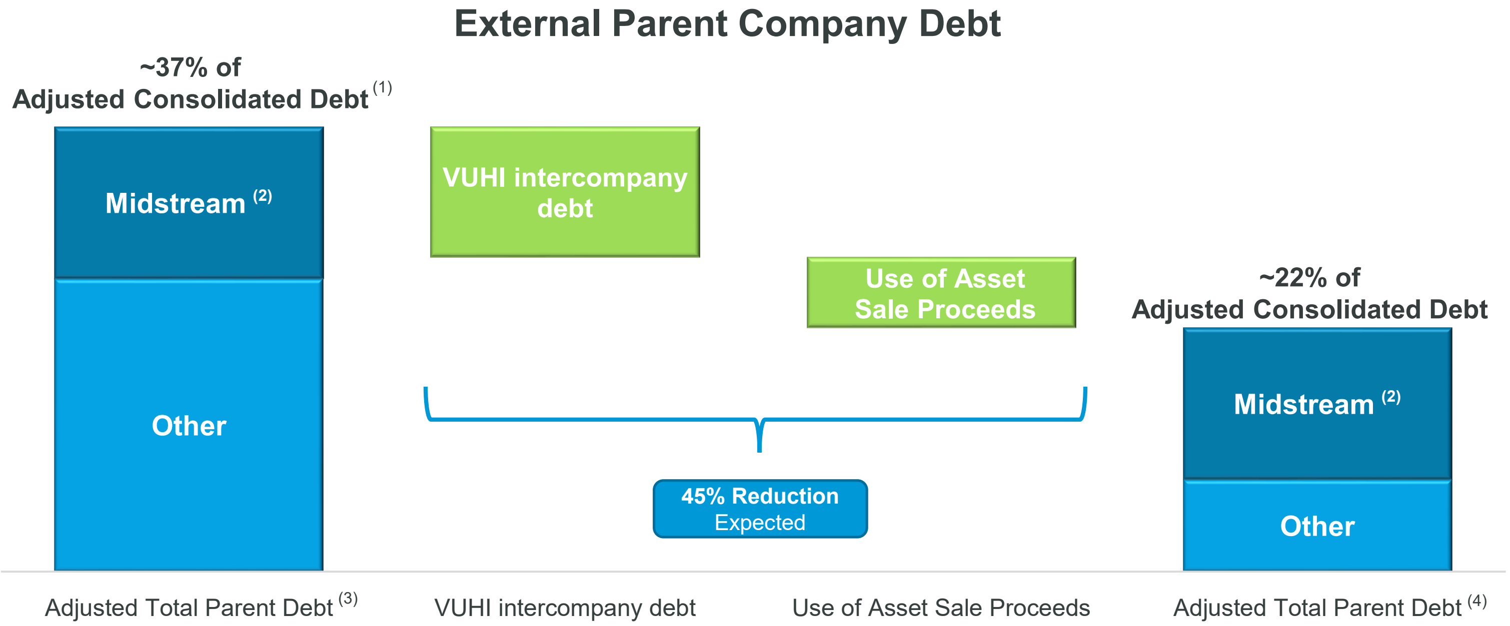
~17,000
Miles of Main

Year 2022
Expected Transaction Close

….SUPPORTS EFFICIENT CAPITAL ALLOCATION.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements. Customer data as of September 30, 2020; Operational data as of December 31, 2019

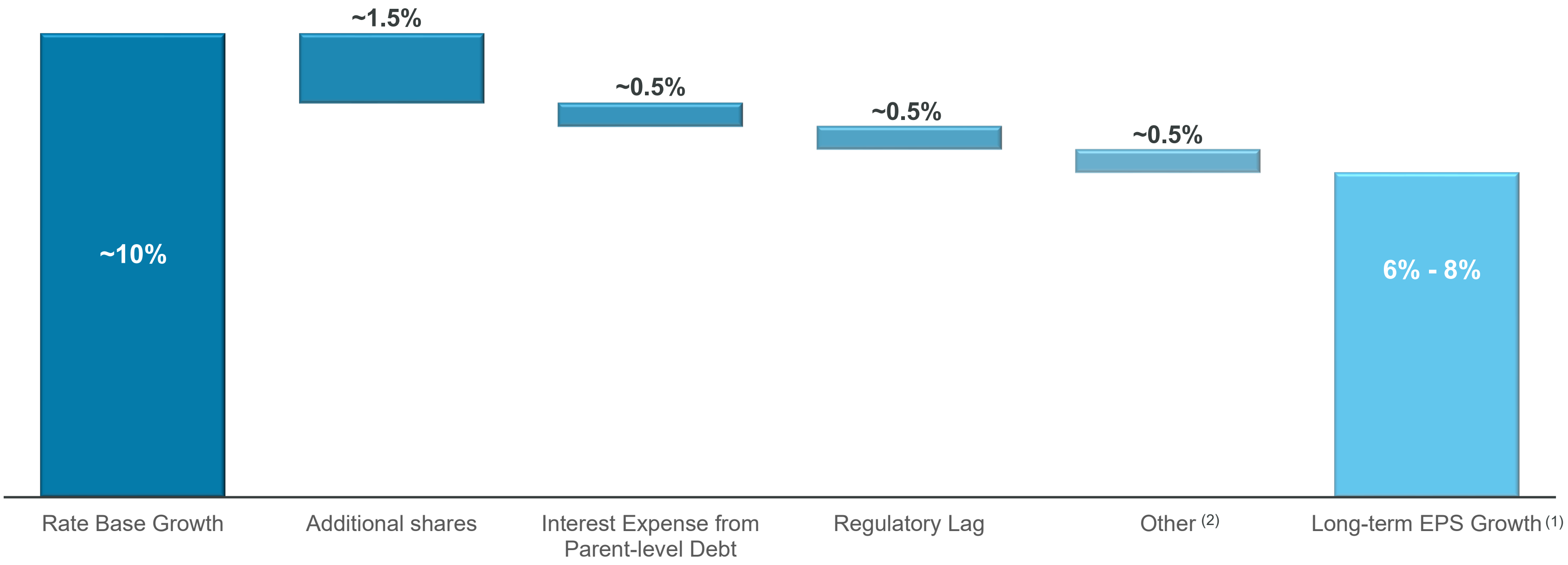
FOCUS ON STRONG INVESTMENT GRADE RATINGS AND METRICS….



….ACHIEVABLE AT NO OR LOW COST.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures. VUHI: Vectren Utility Holdings, Inc.
(1) See Appendix for reconciliation to non-GAAP measures
(2) Midstream debt includes $1.2B intercompany note and $363M debt which will be repaid upon redemption of Enable's preferred series A
(3) As of September 30, 2020. Excludes ZENS.
(4) Target adjusted total parent debt. Excludes ZENS.

2020-2025 RATE BASE GROWTH DRIVING 6% - 8% UTILITY EPS GROWTH [(1)]….



….WITH STRUCTURAL HEADWINDS THAT CAN BE MANAGED.

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(1) Refers to guidance basis Utility EPS and guidance basis Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021 – 2025
(2) Includes loss of securitization equity return and an increasing corporate allocation to Utility, partially offset by miscellaneous drivers

2021 UTILITY EARNINGS GUIDANCE….

….ACHIEVABLE AND SUSTAINABLE.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on guidance basis Utility EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.
(1) Refers to guidance basis Utility EPS annual growth rate
(2) Includes COVID-19 impacts, the CARES Act and other income tax benefits
(3) Includes customer growth, rate relief, depreciation, interest expense, and other

NEW CENTERPOINT ENERGY….

OLD MODEL (1)

Capital Investment	~$13B
Rate Base Growth	~7.5%
Guidance Basis Utility EPS Growth	5% - 7%
O&M Annual Growth	Up 1% to 2%
Gas LDC Jurisdictions	8

NEW MODEL (2)

Capital Investment	$16B+
Rate Base Growth	~10%
Guidance Basis Utility EPS Growth	6% - 8%
O&M Annual Growth	Down 1% to 2%
Gas LDC Jurisdictions	6

….STRONGER, MORE PREDICTABLE.

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 3 for information on guidance basis Utility EPS assumptions and non-GAAP measures.
(1) Refers to 2020E – 2024E Five-year Capital Expenditure plan, CNP Rate Base CAGR target from 2019E to 2024E, and guidance basis Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021 – 2025 per previous guidance
(2) Refers to 2021E – 2025E Five-year Capital Expenditure plan, CNP Rate Base CAGR target from 2020E to 2025E, and guidance basis Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021 – 2025 per current guidance

Key Takeaways

Dave Lesar

President and CEO

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

- Delivering **industry-leading guidance basis Utility EPS growth** of 6% - 8% [(1)]
- Achieving **exceptional rate base CAGR** of ~10% [(2)]
- Serving **fast-growing regions** of the U.S.
- Reducing O&M [(3)] 1% - 2% annually via **continuous improvement**
- Taking a **leading stance on ESG** with coal retirements and renewable hydrogen pilots
- Selling 2 Gas LDCs to **efficiently recycle capital** to fund growth
- Focusing on **balance sheet optimization**
- Working towards **minimizing exposure to midstream**

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(1) Refers to guidance basis Utility EPS annual growth rate for 2021 – 2025
(2) Refers to CNP Rate Base CAGR target from 2020E to 2025E
(3) Inclusive of Houston Electric, Indiana Electric Integrated and Natural Gas Distribution business segments. Excluding utility costs to achieve, severance costs and amounts with revenue offsets

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We Deliver.

Energy.
Reliability.
Service.
Value.
Innovation.

APPENDIX

CENTERPOINT ENERGY ADJUSTED TOTAL PARENT DEBT AS A PERCENTAGE OF ADJUSTED CONSOLIDATED DEBT

CenterPoint Energy Consolidated	**9/30/2020**
($ in millions)	
Short-term Debt:	
Short-term borrowings	37
Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds	208
Indexed debt (ZENS)**	16
Current portion of other long-term debt	1,114
Long-term Debt:	
Transition and system restoration bonds, net*	610
Other, net	11,336
Total Debt, net	13,321
Less:	
Indexed Debt (ZENS)**	16
Current portion of transition and system restoration bonds	208
Transition and system restoration bonds, net*	610
Adjusted Consolidated Debt	12,487

CenterPoint Enegy Parent Company	**9/30/2020**
Short-term Debt:	
Short-term borrowings	-
Indexed debt (ZENS)**	16
Current portion of other long-term debt	-
Long-term Debt:	
CNP Inc. Commercial Paper	638
CNP Inc. Credit Facility Borrowings	-
CNP Inc. Term Loan	700
Pollution Control Bonds	68
CNP Inc. Senior Notes	3,200
Unamortized Discounts and Issuance Costs	(25)
Total Parent Debt, net	4,597
Less:	
Indexed Debt (ZENS)**	16
Adjusted Total Parent Debt	4,581
Adjusted Total Parent Debt to Adjusted Consolidated Debt	**37%**

Note: Refer to slide 3 for information on non-GAAP measures.

* The transition and system restoration bonds are serviced with dedicated revenue streams, and the bonds are non-recourse to CenterPoint Energy and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric.

** The debt component reflected on the financial statements was $16 million as of September 30, 2020 The principal amount on which 2% interest is paid was $828 million on September 30, 2020. The contingent principal amount was $61 million as of September 30, 2020. At maturity or upon redemption, holders of ZENS will receive cash at the higher of the contingent principal amount or the value of the reference shares of AT&T and Charter Communications, Inc.