

Delivering Results Pursuing Opportunities











2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Delivering Results

Our diverse businesses turned in solid operational and financial performances.

We are implementing innovative solutions and operational efficiencies that are producing significant results for our customers and shareholders.

Pursuing Opportunities

By investing in our energy delivery infrastructure and technology, we are strongly positioned for success.

We have the financial strength, the right assets, the right employees and the right capabilities to pursue strategic opportunities.

The pursuit of new opportunities is the result of building a strong foundation.



Electric Transmission & Distribution



Natural Gas Distribution



Interstate Pipelines



Field Services



Competitive Natural Gas Sales & Services

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Operational Stability

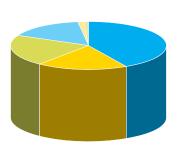
Our Company At A Glance

Our success is the result of our outstanding workforce, our diversified businesses and our consistent strategy.

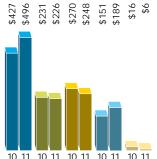
2011 Operating Income by Business

Operating Income Year Over Year

dollars in millions



- Electric Transmission
 - & Distribution* 42%
- Natural Gas Distribution 19%
- Interstate Pipelines 21%
- Field Services 16%
- Competitive Natural Gas Sales & Services 1%
- Other 1%
- *Excludes securitization bonds of \$140 million and \$127 million for 2010 and 2011, respectively.



- Electric Transmission & Distribution*
- Natural Gas Distribution
- Interstate Pipelines
- Field Services
- Competitive Natural Gas Sales & Services



Electric Transmission & Distribution

Our electric transmission & distribution utility serves approximately 2.1 million metered customers in a 5,000-square-mile service territory in the Houston metropolitan area.

Overview

Together, smart meters and the intelligent grid will enable a new energy future. With leading-edge technology, we are making significant improvements to modernize our electric infrastructure. Consumers will have the ability to better monitor and manage their electric use. We will have the ability to reroute power automatically, allowing our intelligent grid to reduce outage duration and frequency.

Delivering Results

- \$623 million in operating income, consisting of \$496 million from the electric utility and \$127 million related to transition and system restoration bonds
- Added 45,000+ customers
- Remotely completed nearly 2 million routine orders
- Spent nearly \$38 million on system reliability, including tree trimming and circuit and pole inspections
- In the second quarter of 2012, we plan to complete our three-year deployment of 2+ million smart meters

Pursuing Opportunities

- Continue to implement new technology including grid automation and enhanced communication with customers
- Build infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing service territory, including new substations and high-voltage transmission lines
- Provide an essential level of redundancy with a secondary control and data center



Natural Gas Distribution

Our natural gas distribution business serves approximately 3.3 million customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.



We continue to improve our natural gas distribution operations, implement rate designs that align both our shareholders' and our customers' interests and make intelligent investments in technology. We are installing a drive-by meter reading system that will provide significant efficiencies and serve as a foundation for on-demand usage information. New online and phone self-service options further enhance the customer experience.



Interstate Pipelines

Our interstate natural gas pipelines business has approximately 8,200 miles of pipe and the capacity to transport more than 9.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per day.

Overview

Through technology advancements, we are improving the management of pipeline capacity across our entire system, offering enhanced customer service, innovation and communication, and providing timely information on pipeline flows and capacity availability. We continue to pursue opportunities to serve power generation conversions from coal to natural gas.



Field Services

Our natural gas gathering and processing business operates approximately 3,900 miles of gathering lines. We gathered 823 Bcf of natural gas in 2011.



Competitive Natural Gas Sales & Services

Our natural gas sales and services business provides energy solutions to retail and wholesale customers in 21 states. We delivered approximately 558 Bcf in 2011.

Overview

We continue to see volume growth and return on investments made in the Fayetteville and Haynesville shales. Our long-term agreements provide steady, fee-based revenue and help mitigate the impacts of production volume fluctuations due to declining natural gas prices. We are the largest non-producer gatherer in the Haynesville Shale in terms of system capacity.

Overview

We provide comprehensive energy solutions, including procurement, transportation and risk management. We buy natural gas directly from small- to mid-size producers and provide gas supply services to marketers, utilities, municipalities, and commercial and industrial customers. Continuing to build strong relationships, we are committed to aligning our asset portfolio to meet our customers' needs.

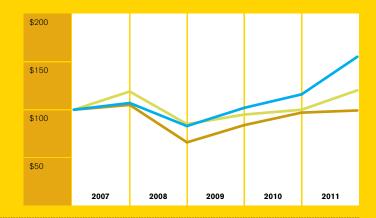
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Stock Performance

FIVE-YEAR CUMULATIVE
TOTAL RETURN COMPARISON
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS
ENDED DECEMBER 31(1)(2)

- CenterPoint Energy
- S&P 500 Utilities Index
- S&P 500 Index
- (1) Assumes that the value of the investment in the common stock and each index was \$100 on December 31, 2006, and that all dividends were reinvested.
- dividends were reinvested.

 (2) Historical stock performance is not necessarily indicative of future stock performance.



Financial Highlights

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS	20	20	2010	2011
REVENUES	\$ 8,28		8,785	\$ 8,450
Operating Income	1,12		1,249	1,298
Income Before Extraordinary Item	37	/2	442	770
Extraordinary Item, Net of Tax		-	-	587
Net Income	37	'2	442	1,357
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK				
Income Before Extraordinary Item, Basic	1.0)2	1.08	1.81
Income Before Extraordinary Item, Diluted	1.0)1	1.07	1.80
Net Income, Basic	1.0)2	1.08	3.19
Net Income, Diluted	1.0)1	1.07	3.17
Book Value – Year End	6.	74	7.53	9.91
Market Value – Year End	14.5	51	15.72	20.09
Common Dividend Declared	0.7	76	0.78	0.79
CAPITALIZATION				
Transition and System Restoration Bonds				
(includes current portion)	3,04	6	2,805	2,522
Other Long-term Debt (includes current portion)	6,97	⁷ 6	6,624	6,603
Common Stock Equity	2,63	39	3,198	4,222
Total Capitalization (includes current portion)	12,66	51	12,627	13,347
Total Assets	19,77		20,111	21,703
Capital Expenditures	\$ 1,14		1,462	\$ 1,191
Common Stock Outstanding (in thousands)	391.74	17 4	24.746	426,030
Number of Common Shareholders (in actual numbers)	45.87		43.587	41,141
Number of Employees (in actual numbers)	8,8		8,843	8,827

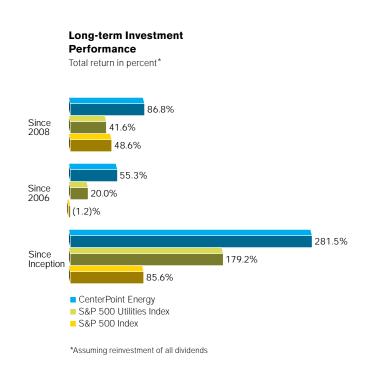
Dear Shareholder,

2011 was another excellent year for your company. Our businesses turned in solid operational and financial performances, and we finally resolved the true-up issues remaining from the 1999 law that restructured the Texas electric industry. As a result, we recovered nearly \$1.7 billion in January 2012. The company is now in a stronger financial position than ever, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead.

We reported record net income in 2011 of nearly \$1.4 billion or \$3.17 per diluted share. These results include net income of \$811 million, or \$1.89 per diluted share, from the true-up resolution. Excluding this impact, net income was \$546 million or \$1.27 per diluted share, compared to \$442 million or \$1.07 in 2010.

For our shareholders, 2011 was also a banner year. Our solid operating performance, the resolution of the true-up proceeding and renewed investor enthusiasm for the regulated utility sector combined to produce the best financial results since we became a stand-alone company. Total shareholder returns last year, which included stock price appreciation and annual dividends, was 33.5 percent. This significantly exceeded the S&P 500 Utilities Index return of 19.9 percent and the S&P 500 Index, where returns were 2.1 percent last year.

Shareholder returns over the long term have been equally impressive. In November, the Edison Electric Institute presented us with the EEI Index Award for achieving the highest total shareholder return among large-cap utilities over the past five years. As shown in the long-term investment performance chart, our total returns (assuming reinvestment of all dividends) for the past three years, five years and since our inception in October 2002 were 86.8, 55.3 and 281.5 percent respectively. This compares favorably to 41.6, 20.0 and 179.2 percent for the S&P 500 Utilities Index and the 48.6, -1.2 and 85.6 percent for the S&P 500 Index over the same time periods.



2011 Results:

\$1.4 billion

Operating Income \$1.3 billion

Earnings Per Share\$3.17

Total Shareholder Return

33.5 percent

We believe our success can be attributed, in large part, to three key elements:

- Our outstanding workforce. We have dedicated employees committed to serving our customers and taking our company to the next level. We continue to invest in employee and leadership development and intend to remain an employer of choice. This approach is yielding results. In a 2011 Towers Watson employee survey, CenterPoint Energy ranked higher than the utility benchmark in every category measured.
- Our diversified businesses. Our geographic, economic and regulatory diversity, along with our balanced portfolio of electric and natural gas businesses, provide us with a strong foundation for success under a variety of market conditions.
- Our consistent strategy. We have stayed true to our vision
 "to be recognized as America's leading energy delivery
 company... and more," and to our investment thesis of providing
 our shareholders with a secure, competitive dividend with growth.

Delivering Results

Our **electric transmission and distribution business** had its best financial year ever. Core operating income for the year was \$496 million, compared to \$427 million in 2010. Weather was a major factor, with Texas' record-breaking drought and heat contributing to a summer in which electric usage was above historic norms each month. Customer growth contributed as well, as we added more than 45,000 new customers.

We have nearly completed our smart meter initiative, with more than 2 million meters having been installed in the greater Houston area. We are also deploying a system of new, remote-control sensors and automated switches that we call the "intelligent grid." Once completed in the middle of this decade, the intelligent grid will work with our smart meters to quickly identify outage locations, reroute power around trouble spots and notify repair crews.

Our **natural gas distribution** business had another outstanding year in 2011, achieving operating income of \$226 million, which was shy of the record \$231 million achieved in 2010. Our service areas continued to grow with more than 19,000 customer additions last year. We focused on improving operations, enhancing customer service and managing delinquent accounts. Rate designs providing for periodic rate adjustments, together with traditional rate recovery, helped bolster our revenues. After years of diligent effort, this business is now earning at or near its authorized rate of return.

System safety, reliability and automation remain significant business priorities. We invested nearly \$300 million in capital improvements during 2011, well above our past levels. We plan to further increase capital spending to nearly \$350 million this year, with a significant portion devoted to system upgrades.



Giving you intelligent solutions

Investing to serve growth and increase reliability

With \$623 million in operating income consisting of \$496 million from the electric utility and \$127 million related to transition and system restoration bonds, our electric transmission and distribution business had its strongest financial year. These results were driven by record heat, increased energy use and customer growth of more than 45,000.

During the second quarter of this year, we will complete our three-year project to deploy more than 2 million smart meters across our service territory. The meters have allowed us to automate meter reading and, to date, remotely complete nearly 2 million routine orders. By eliminating the need to send crews to execute these orders, we are completing transactions more quickly and reducing vehicle carbon emissions.

We continued deployment of our intelligent grid. Using advanced automation and sensor technologies, the grid will work with smart meters to identify outage locations and, where possible, reroute power around an outage. This will minimize the number of customers affected and enable us to restore power more efficiently.

Smart meters will also eliminate the need for customers to report outages. We are now working on a system that will allow customers to receive notifications by phone, text or email when their power goes out and when it is restored.

Looking ahead, supporting growth and system reliability continue to be top priorities. The Houston economy grew faster than that of any other major city in North America last year, adding more than 80,000 jobs. This pace is expected to continue in 2012, and we are investing in infrastructure to support this growth. For example, we are preparing to build a substation to serve a new, master-planned community that will include up to 5,000 homes along with nearly 10 million square feet of commercial office and retail space. We recently applied for approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas to construct a high-voltage transmission line to serve this project and future growth in the area.

In addition to our intelligent grid initiative, we spent nearly \$38 million on other grid hardening activities, including accelerated tree trimming and more frequent circuit and pole inspections. Further, we have initiated the design and construction of a secondary control and data center that will provide an essential level of redundancy and comply with new federal regulations.

Pursuing Opportunities



Our intelligent grid investment will improve reliability and provide consumers more information.

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Producing good returns through innovative rate designs

Using technology to enhance customer experiences and gain efficiencies

Our natural gas business had a solid year, delivering operating income of \$226 million, compared to \$231 million in 2010. We also added more than 19,000 customers across our six-state territory.

We continued our long-term strategy of implementing innovative rate designs, including decoupling, energy-efficiency incentives and infrastructure cost recovery mechanisms, and other periodic rate adjustments. Additionally, we settled a rate case in our South Texas division allowing us to raise base rates by \$4.6 million. We extended asset management agreements and revenue-sharing mechanisms in Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Through these agreements, third-party companies pay us for the opportunity to manage certain gas storage assets, minimizing our financial risk.

By focusing on our credit and collections practices, and with the benefit of low natural gas prices and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding, we decreased our bad debt expense by \$8 million. Our bad debt-to-revenue ratio is now less than 1 percent, which is better than the national average.

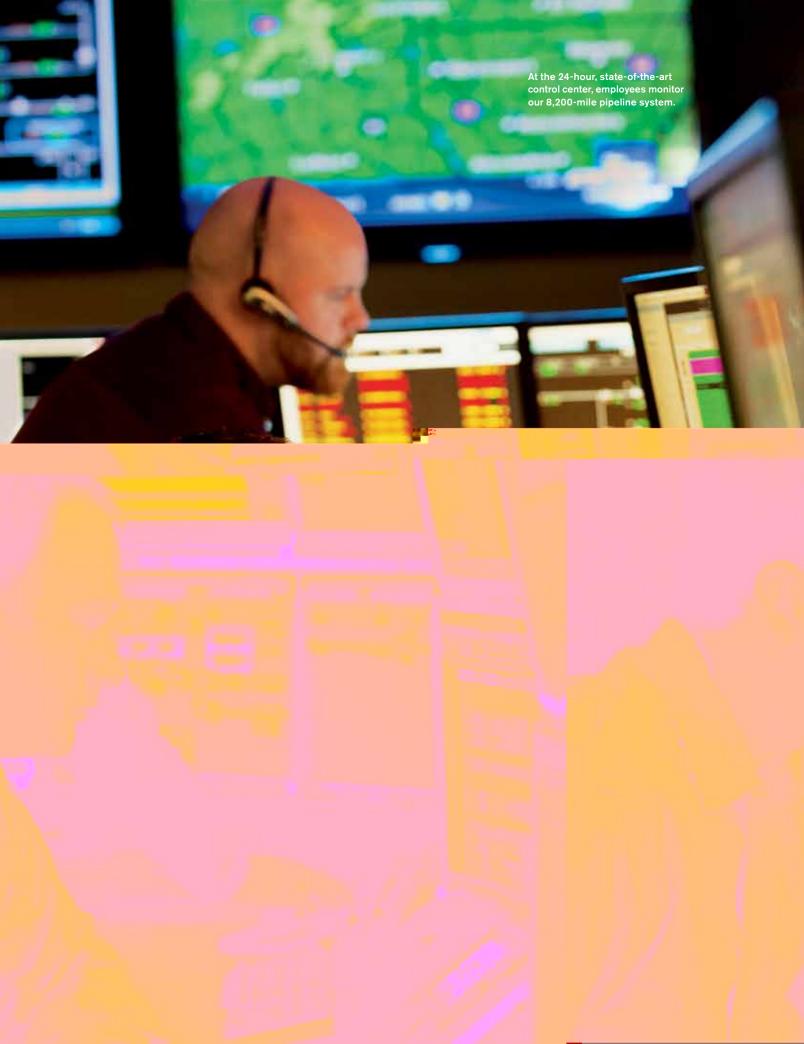
Last year, we invested \$295 million in capital – in part for system safety and reliability, such as replacing cast iron and bare steel pipe and installing remote-control valves. In 2012, we plan to increase our capital spending to approximately \$350 million, the majority being directed to ongoing replacement programs to improve system integrity and operations.

We made great strides in deploying drive-by metering technology in our Houston and South Texas service areas. When complete in 2013, the \$98 million upgrade of these 1.3 million meters is expected to increase productivity by allowing us to read 10,000 meters per vehicle per day, up from 500 meters per person per day.

A number of initiatives have enhanced our customers' experience. Continued expansion of our conservation improvement programs in Arkansas, Minnesota and Oklahoma resulted in record-setting customer participation and energy savings. My Energy Analyzer, a free online tool, helps residential natural gas customers better understand the factors that drive their bill and helps them manage their consumption.

Additionally, we introduced new self-service tools that allow customers to make one-time and future payments, schedule routine service appointments with a technician, request a bill due date extension and more. These types of efforts helped earn a first-place ranking in the Midwest region of the J.D. Power and Associates annual gas utility residential customer satisfaction study.

Through collaboration with industry groups, local governments and state agencies, we are working to support the viability of natural gas as a transportation fuel.



Optimizing system capacity with new offerings and technology

Maximizing customer flexibility and system reliability

Our interstate pipelines business felt the effects of falling natural gas prices and an oversupply of pipeline capacity, delivering reduced margins and lower operating income than the prior year. In 2011, operating income was \$248 million, compared to \$270 million in 2010. In addition, we earned equity income of \$21 million from our 50 percent interest in the Southeast Supply Header, compared to \$19 million the previous year.

Earnings were adversely affected by the expiration of a three-year backhaul agreement that was entered into when gas demand and locational price spreads were much higher. However, we successfully renewed contracts with several key customers including BP and U. S. Steel, and extended contracts with several others to reduce the year-to-year price risk associated with contract renewals. We also entered into a new five-year agreement with EOG Resources and added 40 new industrial customers.

We began offering a new premium service to natural gas-fired power plants that provides swing-load service during high-demand periods. Given the number of plants already served by our system and the possibility of nearby coal-fired plants converting to natural gas, we are optimistic about the long-term potential growth of this service.

Upgrades, such as adding state-of-the-art system control technology, will allow us to optimize our real-time operations and capture new business opportunities.

In conjunction with the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, we took a leadership role in the development of pipeline safety legislation, which was signed into law in early 2012. The new law updates and improves policy in several areas including integrity management and damage prevention. During 2012, we will complete our multi-year project to perform baseline integrity assessments of our pipelines located in high-consequence areas.

Looking ahead, we face a challenging short-term environment in which overcapacity, reduced demand and low natural gas prices will continue to pressure profit margins. However, we remain optimistic about the long term. Demand will improve as the economy recovers, and the continued growth of shale gas should lead to increased transportation opportunities. This may be especially true in the power generation sector, where clean-burning natural gas is increasingly displacing coal as a fuel source.

Pursuing Opportunities



This American Electric Power natural gas-fired power plant is one of many we serve on our system. We expect this number to grow as more power plants convert to natural gas.



Adding capacity to meet prolific growth while achieving record income

Completing projects on time and on budget

Field services continued to see volume growth and return on investments made in the Fayetteville and Haynesville shales. For the year, operating income was \$189 million, compared to \$151 million in 2010. Equity income from our 50 percent interest in a gathering and processing joint venture was \$9 million, compared to \$10 million the previous year.

Our recent contracts that provide minimum throughput commitments and/or rate of return guarantees will stabilize revenues and mitigate the impact of production volume reductions due to declining natural gas prices. In 2011, our margins grew by nearly 30 percent, primarily as a result of our extensive projects in the Haynesville and Fayetteville shales.

By year's end, our total throughput was 2.6 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per day, an increase of nearly 30 percent over 2010. To accommodate that growth, we added nearly 100 miles of pipeline to our gas gathering systems, which now total nearly 3,900 miles. This provides our customers even greater reliability and operating flexibility.

We continued our ongoing capital investment in future growth opportunities, though at lower levels than in past years. At our Magnolia gathering system, which serves the Haynesville Shale, we placed into service an expansion project that added 200 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd). This brings our total Magnolia and Olympia contracted capacity to 1.5 Bcf per day.

Though a number of large projects are now substantially complete, we have smaller projects planned, such as expansions of our Elm Grove, Red Oak and Spiro facilities. We are also exploring additional opportunities in and around our footprint.

We see some new revenue potential as well as opportunities to increase profitability through enhanced automation and improved operating efficiencies. We are testing new processes at our amine facilities that allow the system to remain in service during plant maintenance, which reduces downtime for customers and the cost of operations. Other upgraded technology applications will give us more timely and actionable information, which will provide us with greater daily optimization opportunities.

Pursuing Opportunities



CenterPoint Energy employees work around the clock at our Clear Lake compressor station in the Haynesville Shale. We will continue to capitalize on our competitive position for shale opportunities.

Expanding into new markets and adding services

Accelerating execution of our business strategy

For the fifth consecutive year, we expanded our customer base; however, our financial performance was hampered by the cost of restructuring our pipeline capacity commitments and the absence of significant improvement in wholesale asset market fundamentals.

Operating income for the year was \$6 million, compared to \$16 million in 2010.

2011 marked a year of change and repositioning. Given the significant changes in geographic and seasonal natural gas differentials, we re-evaluated the pipeline and storage assets under contract and accelerated the release of some uneconomic capacity. We also reorganized our workforce to better serve existing customers while pursuing future growth opportunities.

We added more than 1,400 diverse large-volume commercial and industrial customers and 13,000 residential accounts through state "choice" programs with our acquisition of a small marketing company. We have expanded into four new states, bringing our total number of states served to 21.

Mobile Energy Solutions, which provides temporary natural gas delivery solutions for industrial and utility customers, was transferred from the company's gas operations unit into this business to facilitate more service offerings and increase sales opportunities.

We also invested in our intrastate pipeline system to serve new industrial customers along the Gulf Coast. We introduced Green Balance, a carbon-neutral gas purchase program that gives customers the ability to offset carbon emissions related to their natural gas consumption. Additionally, online self-service options were added, and for the eighth year in a row we achieved a customer satisfaction rate of more than 90 percent. We also launched our Premier Partners program to provide enhanced services to our key national account customers.



Pursuing Opportunities

One of the many customers we serve, Ternium USA, Inc., produces galvanized metal for buildings. With innovative service offerings, we expect to continue to grow our number of commercial and industrial customers.

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Annual Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, April 26, at 9 a.m. CDT in the CenterPoint Energy Tower auditorium, 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas. Shareholders who hold shares of CenterPoint Energy at the close of business on February 27, 2012, will receive notice of the meeting and will be eligible to vote.

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