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Third Quarter 2025 Investor Update



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(12) the impact of public health threats; (13) weather variations and other natural phenomena, including severe weather events, and CenterPoint's ability to mitigate weather impacts, including the approval and timing of securitization issuances; (14) the impact of potential wildfires; (15) changes in business plans; (16) advances in, our ability to timely adopt, develop and deploy, artificial intelligence; (17) the availability of, prices for and our ability to procure materials, supplies or services and scarcity of and changes in labor for current and future projects and operations and maintenance costs, and CenterPoint's ability to control such costs and impacts on the affordability of rates; (18) CenterPoint's ability to timely obtain and maintain necessary licenses and permits from local, federal and other regulatory authorities on acceptable terms and resolve third-party challenges to such licenses or permits, as applicable; (19) CenterPoint's ability to execute on its strategy, initiatives, targets and goals, including its net zero and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and operations and maintenance goals; and (20) other factors discussed in CenterPoint's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 and CenterPoint's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2025, June 30, 2025 and September 30, 2025, including under "Risk Factors," "Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Certain Factors Affecting Future Earnings" in such reports and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") by CenterPoint, which can be found at www.centerpointenergy.com on the Investor Relations page or on the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

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Our New 10-Year Plan

Accelerating and diversified growth for the benefit of all stakeholders



Customer-Driven Capital Investment

- **\$65B 10-year plan⁽¹⁾ plus \$10B+ incremental opportunities**
- **11%+ expected rate base growth⁽²⁾ through 2030**
- **Expect to recover ~85% of investments** through forward test year rate cases and interim capital trackers through 2030⁽³⁾



Efficient Financing

- **65% of investments expected to be funded** by operating cash flow over the life of the plan
- **~\$3B of equity issuances** planned 2028 through 2035
- **Moderating dividend per share growth target to 6% annually**



Industry-Leading Stakeholder Results

- **Annual non-GAAP EPS growth target of 7–9% through 2035**, expecting to be in the **mid-to-high end** of the range for 2026-28
- **Targeting 1–2% annual O&M reductions on average** through 2035⁽⁴⁾
- Working to build the **most resilient coastal grid and safest gas systems in the country**

Note: Refer to slide 2 for information on forward-looking statements and slide 27 for information on non-GAAP assumptions and measures, including non-GAAP EPS. See slides 24-26 for endnotes.

Third Quarter Update

Consistent, Sustainable Growth for Our Investors

New 10-Year Plan Deliverables

- Targeting **top quartile non-GAAP EPS annual growth of 9%** in 2025 and dividend per share growth in line with non-GAAP EPS earnings of \$1.75 - \$1.77
- Raised long-term non-GAAP EPS annual **growth target to 7-9% through 2035**, expecting to deliver in **the mid-to-high end of the range in 2026-2028⁽¹⁾**
- Maintaining balance sheet health; long-term **FFO/Debt⁽²⁾ target of 100 – 150bps of cushion** above the downgrade threshold through 2035
- Plan to efficiently fund robust capital investment plan through **asset recycling, securitization proceeds**, and **~\$4B of common equity** through 2035⁽³⁾
- Seeking to keep rates affordable through **1-2% O&M reductions⁽⁵⁾**, extending cost recovery, and robust annual customer growth⁽⁶⁾
- **Introduced 10-year capital investment plan of \$65B through 2035** to further enable economic growth and improve customer outcomes⁽⁷⁾
- **Completed Phase II of the Greater Houston Resiliency Initiative** to increase preparedness ahead of the 2025 hurricane season

Efficient Financing and Balance Sheet Health

Resilient, Reliable, & Affordable Energy for Customers

Q3'25 Updates

Delivered **\$0.50** non-GAAP EPS for the third quarter

Reaffirmed 2026 non-GAAP EPS guidance range of **\$1.89 - \$1.91**

Delivered **14%** TTM 3Q 2025 FFO/Debt⁽²⁾

Announced Ohio Gas LDC sale at ~1.9x 2024 rate base⁽⁴⁾; expect **gross proceeds of ~\$2.62B**

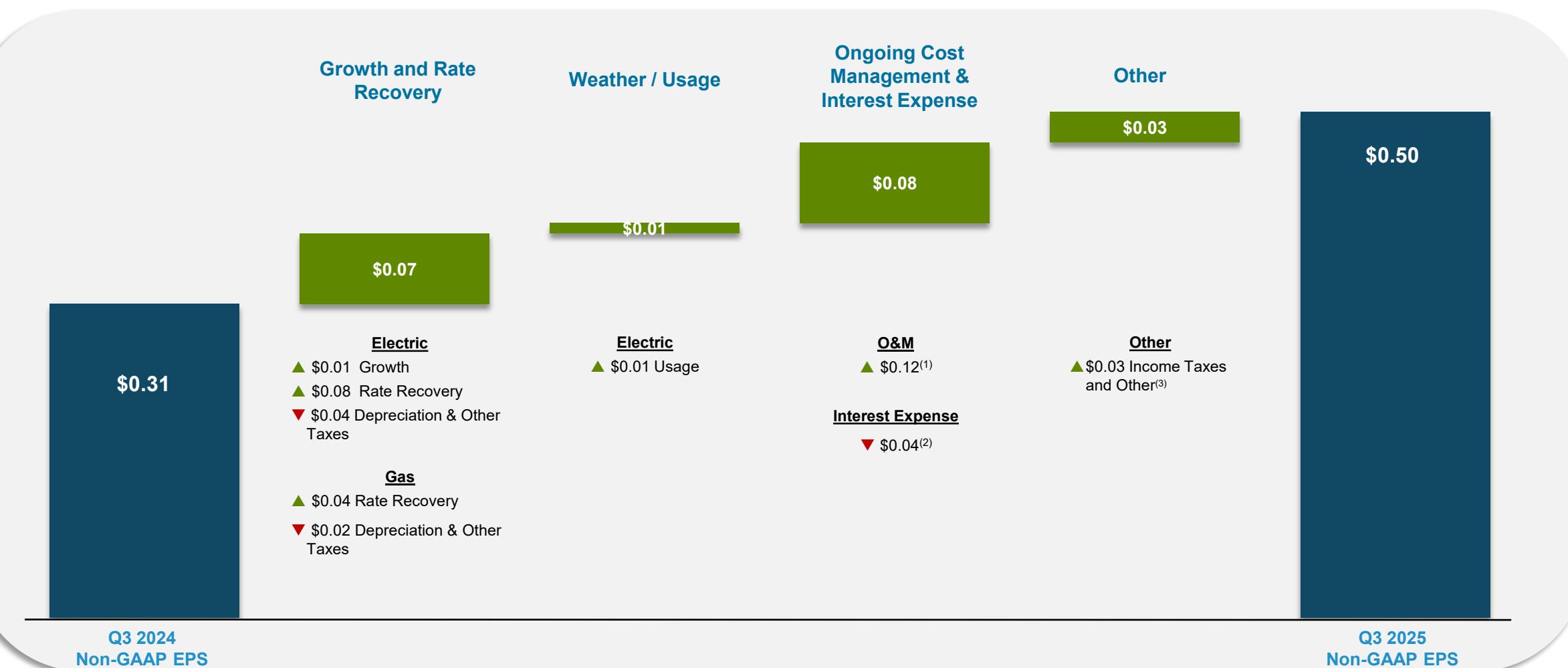
Anticipate approval of Hurricane Beryl cost determination settlement and financing order

Increased capital plan by ~\$2B through '30; \$10B+ incremental opportunities through '35

Pending **all-parties settlement on** System Resiliency Plan filing

Q3 2025 vs Q3 2024 Non-GAAP EPS

Primary drivers



Note: Refer to slides 18-20 and 27 for reconciliations and information on non-GAAP assumptions and measures, including non-GAAP EPS. See slides 24-26 for endnotes.

Announced Ohio Gas LDC Sale

Transaction Highlights

- ✓ Announced **October 2025**
- ✓ **Efficiently recycle** capital, upside for additional CapEx
- ✓ Supports **balance sheet optimization**
- ✓ Signals **continued demand** for U.S. gas LDCs
- ✓ Aligns with the continued **execution** of our plan

Key Transaction Terms

- **Gross Purchase Price:** ~\$2,620MM
- **Net Purchase Price:** ~\$2,400MM
 - ~1.9x of 2024 rate base⁽¹⁾
 - ~26x of 2024 earnings
- **Anticipated transaction close:** Q4 of 2026

Long Term Value Creation

- ✓ **Cash proceeds** will be redeployed into other jurisdictions to fund **near-term** incremental capital investments
- ✓ Seller's Note Receivable earning **6.5% annual interest rate** with a 1-year term will create a stream of earnings until maturity
- ✓ Proceeds from Seller's Note at maturity **will fund additional growth investments**

Proceeds Calculation (\$ in millions)

Gross Purchase Price	~\$2,620
Taxes and transaction costs	~\$200
Net Proceeds⁽²⁾	~\$2,400

Sale Process
Announced
May 2025

Announced
Sale
October 2025

Complete Regulatory
Process
1H 2026

Targeted Transaction
Close
Q4 2026

Expected Seller's Note
Maturity
Q4 2027

Capital Expenditures by Segment

On track to meet 2025 planned capital investment, inclusive of \$500MM increase earlier this year

Capital Investment Plan Execution					
	FY 2024	1H 2025	3Q 2025	FY 2025E ⁽²⁾	'26 – '35 Plan
Electric	~\$2.2B	~\$1.7B	~\$0.8B	~\$3.6B	~\$45.5B
Natural Gas	~\$1.5B	~\$0.7B	~\$0.5B	~\$1.7B	~\$19.3B
Corporate and Other	~\$36MM	~\$13MM	~\$14MM	~\$27MM	~\$0.2B
Total Capital⁽³⁾ Expenditures	~\$3.8B	~\$2.4B	~\$1.3B	~\$5.3B	~\$65B

At least \$10B Incremental Capital Opportunities⁽¹⁾

- Electric Transmission Investments (Houston & Indiana Electric)
- Resiliency and Grid Modernization Investments
- Strategic Undergrounding of Distribution Lines
- Next Generation Electric Smart Meter Deployment
- Data Center-Related Investments in Indiana

Continued Focus on Credit and Balance Sheet Strength

Consolidated FFO To Debt ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾			
	2024 Full Year	3Q 2025 TTM	
Moody's	9.7%	12.3%	
Adjusted for 1-time items – Moody's methodology⁽²⁾	13.6%	14.0%	
S&P	12.0%	12.2%	
Adjusted for 1-time items – S&P methodology	12.9%	13.0%	
Upcoming Maturities			
	2025	2026	2027
CNP (Parent)			
Senior Notes @ 1.45%, 5.25%	-	\$517MM	-
Convertible Senior Notes @ 4.25%	-	\$1,000MM	-
CEHE			
General Mortgage Bonds @ 2.40%	-	\$300MM	-
General Mortgage Bonds @ 3.00%	-	-	\$300MM
Floating Rate Term Loan	\$500MM	-	-
CERC			
Private Placement Notes @ 5.02%	-	\$60MM	-
IGC Senior Notes @ 6.42%, 6.68%, 6.34%	-	-	\$26MM
SIGECO			
First Mortgage Bonds @ 3.45%	-	-	-
Total	\$500MM	\$1,877MM	\$326MM

Company Debt Ratings ⁽³⁾			
Entity	Moody's (Neg)	S&P (Neg)	Fitch (Stable)
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	Baa2	BBB	BBB
Houston Electric	A2	A	A (neg)
CERC	A3	BBB+	A-
SIGECO	A1	A	-

Consolidated Liquidity ⁽⁴⁾	
Credit Facility Capacity	\$4.0B
Less: Outstanding Borrowings	~(\$0.6B)
Total Available Liquidity	~\$3.4B

Continued focus on –

- Liquidity and commitment to current credit ratings
 - Plan to incorporate credit supportive, higher equity content instruments
 - Pursuing securitization; anticipate approximately \$1.3B related to Hurricane Beryl and other storms filing⁽⁵⁾



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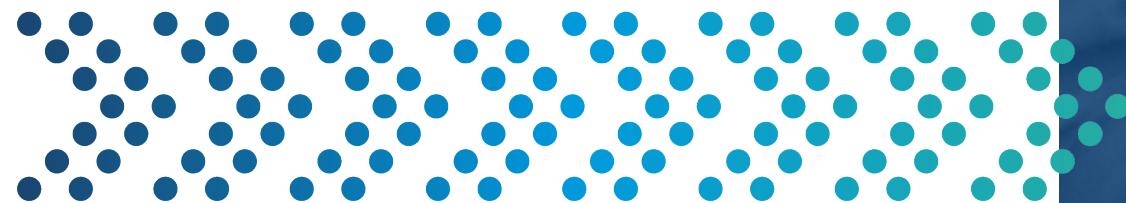
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Appendix



An investment plan focused on delivering outcomes⁽¹⁾

Investing for the benefit of our customers and communities

~\$24B



Economic growth

Transmission

- Expanded capacity
- Improved reliability
- Greater stability

Indiana generation

- Reliable supply
- Cost stability
- More efficient energy sources

Houston revitalization

- Capacity for growth
- Community and economic boost



Resiliency & Reliability

Houston System

Resiliency Plan (SRP)

- Fewer outages and faster restoration
- Improved service quality
- Better protection during severe weather

Reliability Investments

- More reliable service
- Steady supply of power
- Minimizing system disruptions

~\$20B



Customer experience

Safety

- Protect people and property
- More reliable emergency response
- Enhanced public confidence

Pipeline modernization

- Reduce risk of aging pipelines
- Increasing pipeline capacity
- Support new development safely

Gas meter replacement

- Enhanced safety
- Improved efficiency

~\$24B



~\$21B

~\$20B

Powering a sustainable and connected future

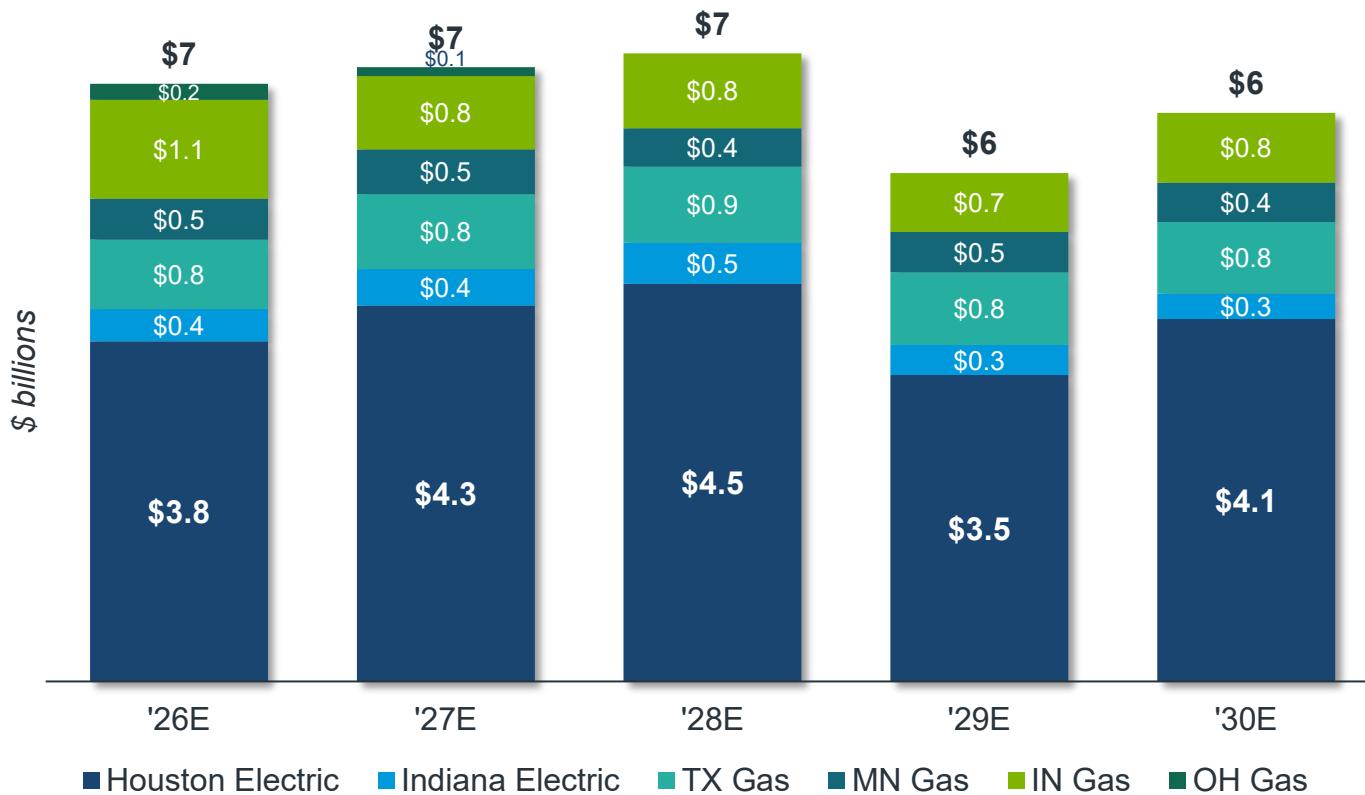
\$65B+ Capital Investment Plan

\$10B+ Incremental

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New 10-Year \$65B Capital Investment Plan⁽¹⁾

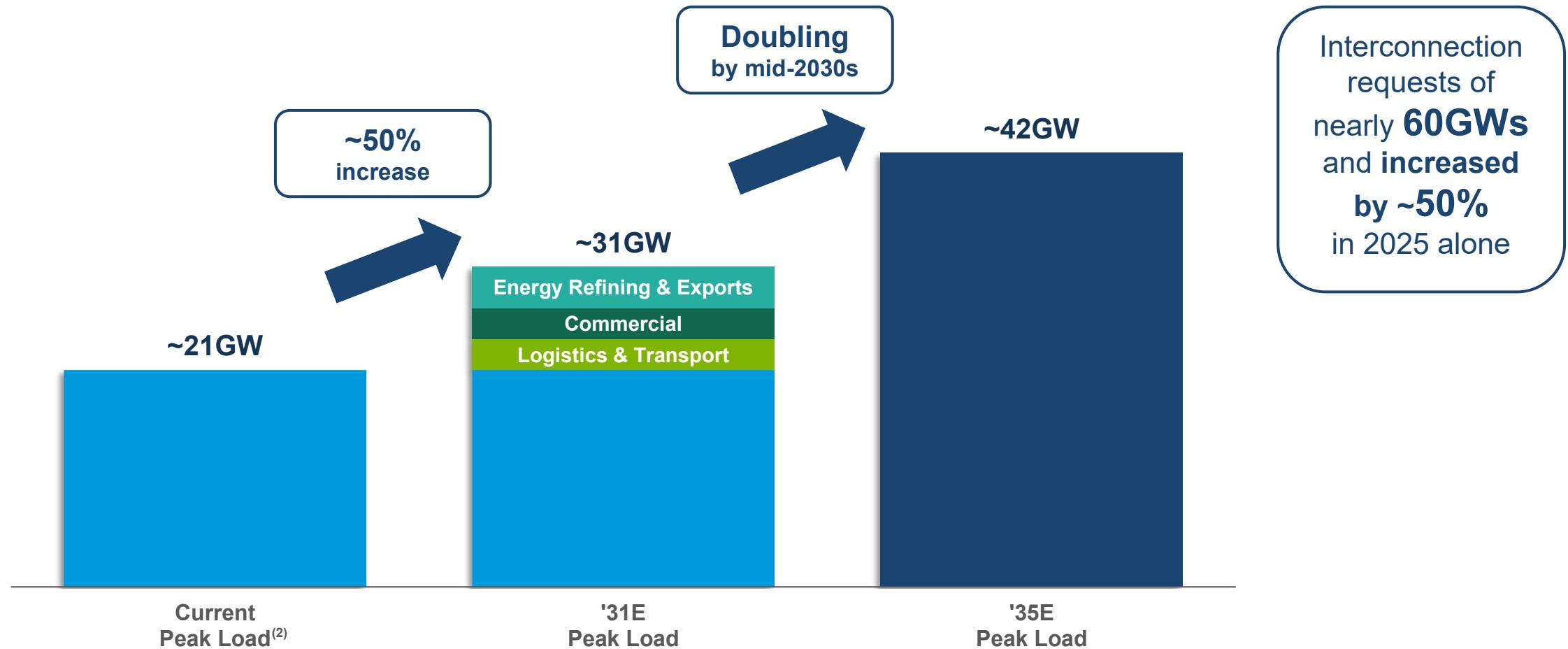
~\$33B Investment, 2026-2030



~\$32B
Investment, 2031-2035

Serving Diverse and Rapid Growth⁽¹⁾

Diversified growth from energy refining and exports, commercial activity, and logistics and transport demand



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Weather and Throughput Data

		Electric		
		3Q 2025	3Q 2024	2025 vs 2024
Throughput (in GWh)	Residential	12,088	11,807	2%
	Total	35,455	32,633	9%
Metered Customers ⁽¹⁾	Residential	2,673,077	2,628,569	2%
	Total	3,006,945	2,959,281	2%
Weather vs Normal ⁽²⁾	Cooling Degree Days	2,936	2,952	(16)
	Heating Degree Days	5	2	3
	<i>Houston Cooling Degree Days</i>	1,822	1,850	(28)
	<i>Houston Heating Degree Days</i>	0	0	0

		Natural Gas ⁽⁵⁾		
		3Q 2025	3Q 2024	2025 vs 2024
Throughput (in Bcf)	Residential	14	14	0%
	Commercial and Industrial	79	82	-4%
Metered Customers ⁽¹⁾	Total	93	96	-3%
	Residential	3,712,312	3,679,829	1%
Weather vs Normal ⁽²⁾	Commercial and Industrial	283,943	271,687	5%
	Total	3,996,255	3,951,516	1%
Heating Degree Days	19	8	11	
	<i>Texas Heating Degree Days</i>	0	0	0

Margin Sensitivities	CEHE	IE	TX Gas ⁽³⁾
Per HDD / CDD ⁽⁴⁾	\$50k - \$70k	\$20k - \$30k	\$30k - \$40k

Note: See slides 24-26 for endnotes.

Ohio Gas LDC Sale



Announced sale Ohio Gas LDC at ~1.9x 2024 rate base

- Accretive deal with gross proceeds of ~\$2.62B and net proceeds of ~\$2.4B⁽¹⁾
- ~55% of proceeds collected at closing (expected in Q4 2026), remainder will be payable in 12 months from closing (expected in Q4 2027)⁽²⁾
- Seller's Note earning 6.5% interest matures in 2027, one year after closing



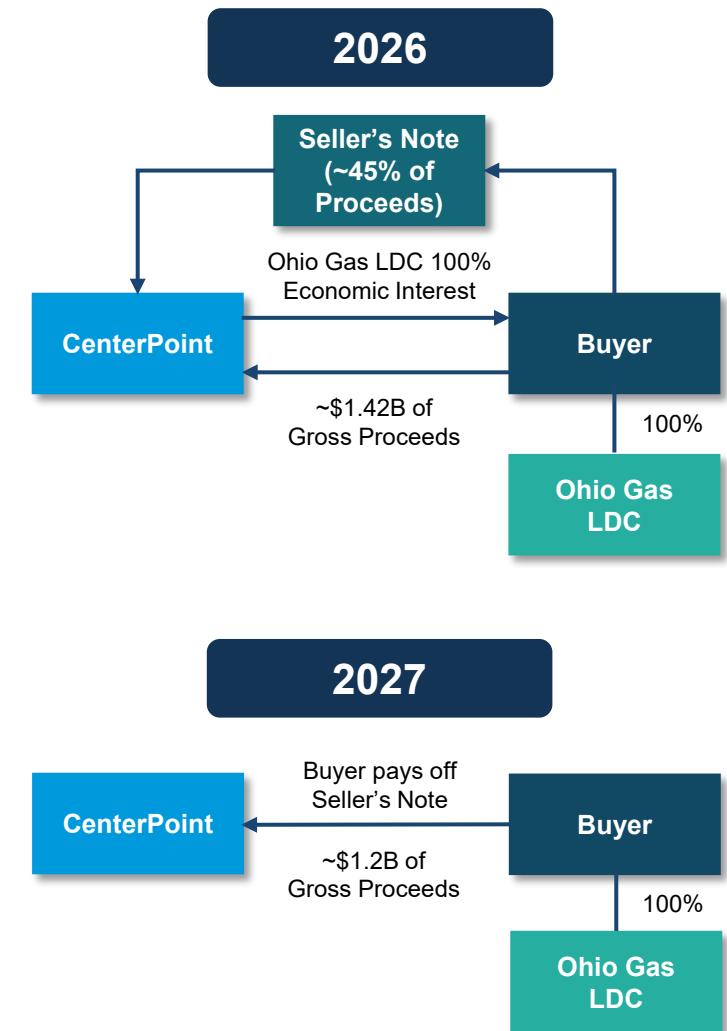
Streamlined transaction timeline

- Expect completion of regulatory process in 1H 2026
- Buyer assumes full ownership at closing expected in Q4 2026
- Seller's Note issued at closing of the transaction and repaid after 1-year term, with quarterly cash interest payments settling at quarter-end

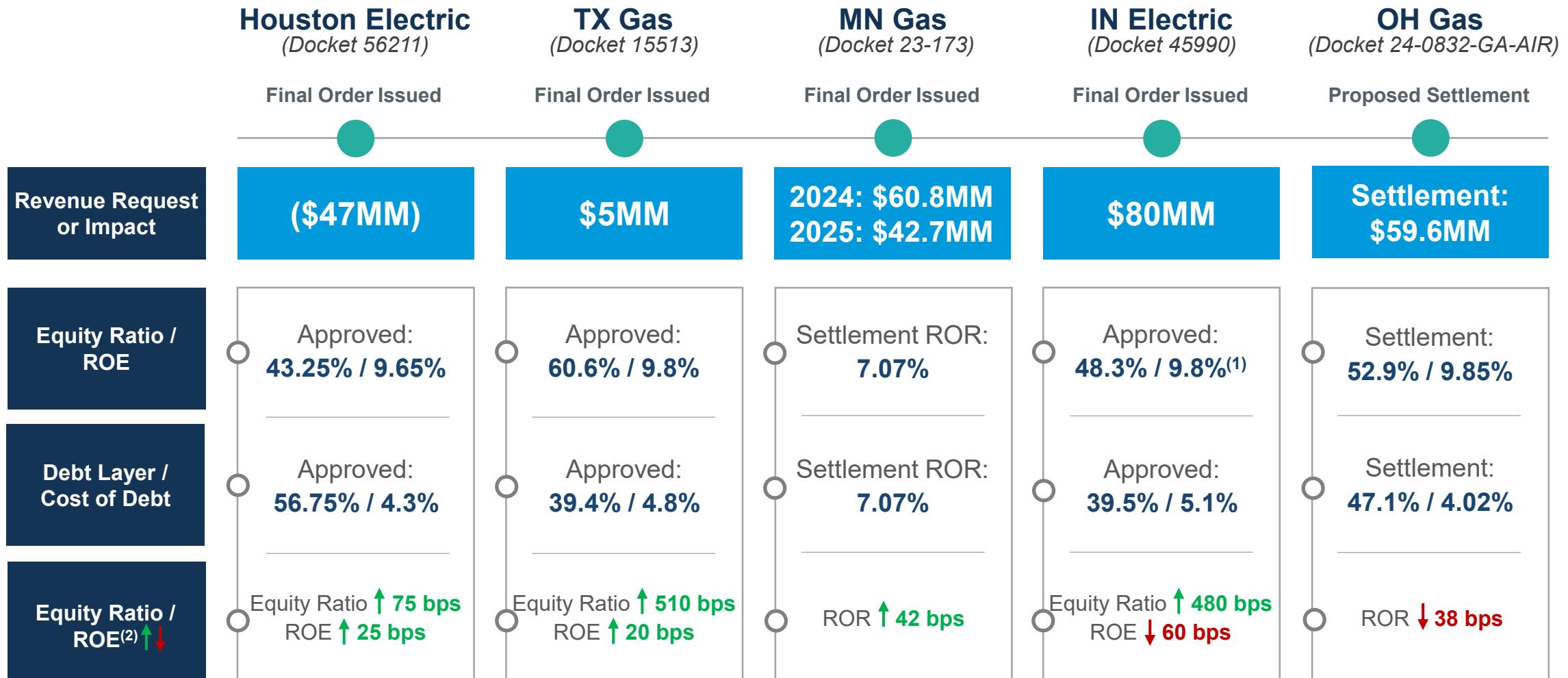


Key benefits of transaction structure

- Locks in valuation upfront, with interest income from Seller's Note expected to reduce earnings impact through the transition period
- Proceeds will be redeployed for growth investments and balance sheet optimization



Constructive Regulatory Outcomes



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2025 Regulatory Schedule

Regulatory Activity													ROE / Equity Ratio	'25 Rate Base ⁽³⁾
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
TX (E)	Final Order Approved Mar 13				TCOS ⁽⁴⁾ / DCRF ⁽⁴⁾ / TEEEF				TCOS ⁽⁵⁾ / DCRF ⁽⁵⁾				9.65% / 43.25%	\$15.4B
IN (E)	Final Order Approved Feb 3								CECA / ECA				9.8% / 48.3% ⁽¹⁾	\$2.6B
TX (G)			GRIP										9.8% / 60.6%	\$3.1B
MN (G)			GRC										N/A / N/A ⁽²⁾	\$2.4B
N. IN (G)		CSIA-5			CSIA-6				CSIA-7				9.80% / 46.8% ⁽¹⁾	\$2.3B
OH (G)	GRC			CEP / DRR				GRC					N/A / 51.1%	\$1.5B
S. IN (G)	CSIA-5			CSIA-6			CSIA-7						9.70% / 46.2% ⁽¹⁾	\$0.7B
													Total =	\$28B

GRC	General Rate Case	CSIA	Compliance and System Improvement Adjustment	TCOS	Transmission Cost of Service	DCRF	Distribution Cost Recovery Factor
GRIP	Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program	CEP	Capital Expenditure Program Rider	TEEEF	Temp. Emergency Electric Energy Facilities	TDSIC	Trans., Dist., & Storage Sys. Improvement Charge
CECA	Clean Energy Cost Adjustment	ECA	Environmental Cost Adjustment	DRR	Distribution Replacement Rider		

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

	Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2025	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated net income (loss) and diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ 293	\$ 0.45
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of tax benefit of \$22) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	82	0.13
Indexed debt securities (net of tax expense of \$22) ⁽²⁾	(83)	(0.13)
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of tax expense of \$8)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	19	0.03
Impacts associated with TEEEF Units removed from Rate Base (net of tax benefit of \$5)⁽⁵⁾	17	0.02
Consolidated income and diluted EPS on a non-GAAP basis⁽⁶⁾	\$ 328	\$ 0.50

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

	Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2024	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated net income (loss) and diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ 193	\$ 0.30
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of tax expense of \$12) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(42)	(0.07)
Indexed debt securities (net of tax benefit of \$11) ⁽²⁾	42	0.07
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of tax expense of \$1)⁽²⁾	5	0.01
Consolidated income and diluted EPS on a non-GAAP basis⁽⁴⁾	\$ 198	\$ 0.31

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

	Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31, 2024	
	Dollars in millions	Diluted EPS ⁽¹⁾
Consolidated net income (loss) and diluted EPS on a GAAP basis	\$ 1,019	\$ 1.58
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Equity securities (net of tax expense of \$4) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(15)	(0.02)
Indexed debt securities (net of tax benefit of \$3) ⁽²⁾	11	0.01
Impacts associated with mergers and divestitures (net of tax expense of \$3)⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	26	0.04
Consolidated income and diluted EPS on a non-GAAP basis⁽⁵⁾	\$ 1,041	\$ 1.62

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Reconciliation: Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities and Total Debt, Net to non-GAAP Funds from Operations (FFO) and non-GAAP Adj. Debt

Based on Moody's Methodology

Twelve month to date ended and as of period ended, respectively (\$ in millions)

	YE 2024	3Q 2025
Net cash provided by operating activities (A)	\$2,139	\$2,601
Add back:		
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net	84	206
Inventory	(42)	41
Taxes receivable	27	(110)
Accounts payable	(210)	(186)
Other current assets and liabilities	(15)	(80)
Adjusted cash from operations	1,983	2,472
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	27	133
Non-GAAP funds from operations (FFO) (B)	\$2,010	\$2,605
Total Debt, Net		
Short-term Debt:		
Short-term borrowings	500	500
Current portion of VIE Securitization Bonds long-term debt	13	29
Indexed debt, net	2	1
Current portion of other long-term debt	51	2,373
Long-term Debt:		
VIE Securitization bonds, net	308	681
Other long-term debt, net	20,089	18,719
Total Debt, net (C)	20,963	22,303
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(277)	(1,071)
Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (D)	\$20,686	\$21,232
Net cash provided by operating activities / total debt, net (A/C)	10.2%	11.7%
CFO Pre-Working Capital/Debt- Moody's⁽¹⁾ (B/D)	9.7%	12.3%
CNP Adjustments to FFO for 1-time items (E)	563	194
CNP Adjustments to Debt for 1-time items (F)	(1,707)	(1,193)
Non-GAAP FFO / Non-GAAP adjusted debt ("FFO/Debt") Adjusted for 1-time items⁽²⁾ (B + E / D + F)	13.6%	14.0%

Note: See slides 24-26 for endnotes.



Reconciliation: Gross Margin and Total Debt, Net to non-GAAP Funds from Operations (FFO) and non-GAAP Rating Agency Adjusted Debt

Based on S&P's Methodology

Twelve month to date ended and as of period ended, respectively (\$ in millions)

	YE 2024	3Q 2025
Unadjusted EBITDA		
Gross Margin	6,925	7,086
O&M	(2,949)	(2,990)
Taxes and Other	(547)	(564)
Unadjusted EBITDA	3,429	3,532
Less: Cash interest paid	805	948
Less: Cash taxes paid	(9)	(16)
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(161)	33
Non-GAAP funds from operations (FFO)	2,472	2,633
Total Debt, Net		
Short-term Debt:		
Short-term borrowings	500	500
Current portion of VIE Securitization Bonds long-term debt	13	29
Indexed debt, net	2	1
Current portion of other long-term debt	51	2,373
Long-term Debt:		
VIE Securitization bonds, net	308	681
Other long-term debt, net	20,089	18,719
Total Debt, net	20,963	22,303
Plus: Rating agency adjustments ⁽²⁾	(284)	(792)
Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt	20,679	21,511
Unadjusted EBITDA / total debt, net	16.4%	15.8%
FFO/Debt (S&P)	12.0%	12.2%
FFO/Debt (S&P) – adjusted for one-time items ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	12.9%	13.0%

Note: See slides 24-26 for endnotes.



Regulatory Information

Information	Location
Electric <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Estimated 2024 year-end rate base by jurisdiction▪ Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction▪ Definition of regulatory mechanisms▪ Projected regulatory filing schedule	<u>Regulatory Information – Electric</u>
Natural Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Estimated 2024 year-end rate base by jurisdiction▪ Authorized ROE and capital structure by jurisdiction▪ Definition of regulatory mechanisms▪ Projected regulatory filing schedule	<u>Regulatory Information – Gas</u>
Estimated amortization for pre-tax equity earnings related to Houston Electric's securitization bonds	<u>Regulatory Information – Electric (Pg. 5)</u>
Rate changes and Interim mechanisms filed	<u>Form 10-K – Rate Change Applications</u> section

Endnotes:

Slide	Notes
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to the new 10-year capital plan, 2026E to 2035E (2) Refers to projected rate base CAGR from 2025E to 2030E (3) Refers to capital spend through 2030 (4) O&M average annual reduction includes Electric and Natural Gas businesses
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to non-GAAP EPS annual growth rate for 2026E – 2035E (2) Based on Moody's methodology; adjusted for CEHE storm related costs; FFO/Debt is a non-GAAP measure. Refer to slide 21 for Moody's TTM Q3 reconciliation (3) Planned common equity of ~\$4B from 2026-2035, inclusive of the ~1.1B of forward sales to be settled no later than February 2027, and ~\$3B of issuances from 2028-35 (4) Based on year-end 2024 divested rate base (5) O&M average annual reduction includes Electric and Natural Gas businesses (6) Internal projection through 2030 (7) Refers to the new 10-year capital plan, 2026E to 2035E
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Includes quarter-over-quarter increase of \$0.10 related to CEHE storm hardening impacts in Q3 2024 (2) Net impact; inclusive of deferred interest expense for CEHE storm costs of ~\$0.02 (3) Primarily related to deferred income tax remeasurement partially offset by other non-recurring items
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 2024 year-end divested rate base of approximately \$1.5B (2) Number may not sum due to rounding
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to capital investment opportunities through 2035 outside of 10-year capital plan from 2026-2035 (2) Represents 2025 capital estimated as of 9/30/2025 (3) This calculation may not add down due to rounding
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Based on Moody's CFO Pre-Working Capital/Debt and S&P's FFO/Debt methodology with certain one-time adjustments noted on slides 21-22; targets based on plan assumptions (2) Long-term FFO/Debt target of 14% - 15% through 2030 using Moody's methodology (3) Does not include Vectren LLC and Indiana Gas ratings as they are not currently active issuers (4) As of 9/30/2025 (5) Ultimate timing of receipt of proceeds subject to change; currently anticipating Q1 2026 for Hurricane Beryl securitization proceeds
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to the new 10-year capital plan, 2026E to 2035E
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Refers to the new 10-year capital plan, 2026E to 2035E

Endnotes:

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13	(1) Internal projections through 2031 (2) Current peak load as of the end of 2024
14	(1) End of period number of metered customers (2) As compared normal weather for service area (3) Only pertains to HDD (4) As applied to base rates, per HDD/CDD versus normal (5) Throughput and Meter Customers are normalized by the exclusion of Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses data in the 2024 and 2025 figures
15	(1) Inclusive of cash taxes of ~\$200MM (2) Timing set forth above assumes consummation of the sale of Ohio Gas LDC in the fourth quarter of 2026
16	(1) Equity % net of cost-free capital and other capital comprised of 11.90% and 0.33%, respectively (2) Refers to the comparison to the previous authorized level
17	(1) Equity % net of cost-free capital and other adjustments (2) Recent settlement notes an ROR of 7.07% (3) Estimated year-end 2025 Rate Base represents the latest available information; may differ slightly from regulatory filings (4) Both filings were filed in February 2025 (5) Both filings were filed in August 2025
18	(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 (2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense. Taxes related to the gas LDC sale are booked proportionately by applying the projected annual effective tax rate percentage to income earned each quarter in accordance with GAAP. Additional tax expense related primarily to the write-off of non-deductible goodwill will be reflected in tax expense over the remainder of 2025 and excluded from non-GAAP EPS (3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (4) Primarily includes gain on early extinguishment of debt with proceeds from the divestiture of the Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses, and transaction costs related to the announced Ohio natural gas LDC business sale (5) Represents impacts related to temporary emergency electric energy facilities following the removal of the units from our rate regulated business (6) The calculation on a per-share basis may not add down due to rounding
19	(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 (2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense (3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (4) The calculation on a per-share basis may not add down due to rounding

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20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(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(2) Taxes are computed based on the impact removing such item would have on tax expense(3) Comprised of common stock of AT&T Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.(4) Includes professional fees associated with execution of transactions from the sale of Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses(5) The calculation on a per-share basis may not add down due to rounding
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Based on Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions(2) CNP further reduced FY 2024 for the associated one-time of \$134MM Winter Storm Uri related debt as well as CEHE storm related costs (FFO: \$563; Debt: \$1,573). Please see note 17 of the 2024 Form 10K for supplemental disclosure of cash flow information
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Based on S&P's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions(2) CNP removes Winter Storm Uri related debt. Please see note 17 of the 2024 Form 10-K for supplemental disclosure of cash flow information(3) Excludes CEHE storm related debt cost of \$1,573MM

Additional Information

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In this presentation and the oral statements made in connection herewith, CenterPoint Energy presents, based on net income (loss), diluted earnings (loss) per share, and net cash provided by operating activities to total debt, net, and gross margin to total debt, net, the following financial measures which are not generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") financial measures: non-GAAP income, non-GAAP diluted earnings per share ("non-GAAP EPS"), as well as non-GAAP funds from operations / non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (Moody's and S&P) ("FFO/Debt"). 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.

Non-GAAP EPS guidance and non-GAAP EPS excludes: (a) Earnings or losses from the change in value of ZENS and related securities, (b) Gain, losses and impact, including related expenses, associated with mergers and divestitures, such as the divestiture of our Louisiana and Mississippi natural gas LDC businesses and the announced sale of our Ohio natural gas LDC business, and (c) With respect to non-GAAP EPS guidance and 2025 non-GAAP EPS, impacts related to temporary emergency electric facilities ("TEEEF") once they are no longer part of our rate-regulated business. In providing non-GAAP EPS guidance and non-GAAP EPS, CenterPoint Energy 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. The non-GAAP EPS guidance ranges also consider 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. To the extent actual results deviate from these assumptions, the non-GAAP EPS guidance range for any particular year may not be met, or the projected annual non-GAAP EPS growth rate may change. CenterPoint is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP diluted earnings per share without unreasonable effort 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.

Funds from operations (Moody's) excludes from net cash provided by operating activities accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net, inventory, taxes receivable, accounts payable, and other current assets and liabilities, and includes certain adjustments consistent with Moody's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions. Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (Moody's) adds to Total Debt, net certain adjustments consistent with Moody's methodology, including operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions and further adjustments related to Winter Storm Uri debt as well as CEHE storm related costs.

Funds from operations (S&P) excludes from gross margin, O&M, taxes and other, cash interest paid and cash taxes paid, and includes certain adjustments consistent with S&P's methodology, including adjustments related to operating lease costs, stock dividends, non-recurring items, and net defined benefit plan contributions. Non-GAAP rating agency adjusted debt (S&P) adds to Total Debt, net certain adjustments consistent with S&P's methodology, including adjustments related to Winter Storm Uri related debt and CEHE storm related debt.

The appendix to this presentation contains a reconciliation of net income (loss) and diluted earnings (loss) per share to the basis used in providing guidance, as well as a reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities / total debt, net (and gross margin to total debt, net) to FFO/Debt.

Management evaluates the Company's financial performance in part based on non-GAAP income, non-GAAP EPS and long-term FFO/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 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, non-GAAP EPS and FFO/Debt financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, net income (loss), diluted earnings (loss) per share, net cash provided by operating activities to total debt, net and gross margin to total 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.

Net Zero Disclaimer

CenterPoint Energy's Scope 1 greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions estimates are calculated from GHG emissions that directly come from its operations. CenterPoint Energy's Scope 2 GHG emissions estimates are calculated from GHG emissions that indirectly come from its energy usage, but because Texas is in an unregulated market, its Scope 2 GHG emissions estimates do not take into account Texas electric transmission and distribution assets in the line loss calculation and exclude GHG emissions related to purchased power between 2024E2026E. CenterPoint Energy's Scope 3 GHG emissions estimates are based on the total natural gas supply delivered to residential and commercial customers as reported in the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form EIA-176 reports and do not take into account the GHG emissions of transport customers and GHG emissions related to upstream extraction. CenterPoint Energy's analysis and plan for execution to achieve its Net Zero GHG emissions (Scope 1 and certain Scope 2) by 2035 goals and its 20-30% reduction in Scope 3 GHG emissions by 2035 as compared to 2021 levels goal require it to make a number of assumptions. These goals and underlying assumptions involve risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees. Should one or more of these underlying assumptions require updating, CenterPoint Energy's actual results and ability to make progress towards and achieve its Net Zero and GHG emissions reduction goals and the timing thereof could differ materially from its expectations. Certain of the assumptions that could impact its ability to make progress towards and meet its Net Zero and GHG emissions reduction goals and the timing thereof include, but are not limited to: GHG emission levels, service territory size and capacity needs remaining in line with company expectations (including with respect to demand for our services); the ability to appropriately estimate and effectively manage demand and business opportunities from new customers and load growth resulting from, among other things, expansion of data centers, energy refining and export facilities, including hydrogen facilities, electrification of industrial processes and transport and logistics in our service territories; regulatory approvals related to Indiana Electric's generation transition plan and CenterPoint Energy's ability to obtain such approvals; impacts on affordability of customer rates; customer demand for GHG emissions free or lower GHG emissions energy; impacts of regulations, executive action or legislation, including those related to the environment and tax matters (including the effects of the OBBBA, Executive Order 14315 and the IRA and any further changes to or the repeal of the IRA); impacts of future carbon pricing regulation or legislation; price, availability and regulation of carbon offsets; price of fuel, such as natural gas; cost of energy generation technologies, such as wind and solar, natural gas and storage solutions; adoption of alternative energy by the public, including adoption of electric vehicles; rate of technology innovation with regards to alternative energy resources; CenterPoint Energy's ability to implement its modernization plans for its pipelines and facilities; the ability to complete and timely implement generation alternatives to Indiana Electric's coal generation and retirement or fuel conversion dates of Indiana Electric's coal facilities by 2035; the ability to construct and/or permit new natural gas pipelines; the availability of, prices for and our ability to procure materials, supplies or services and scarcity of and changes in labor for current and future projects, and operations and maintenance costs, and our ability to control such costs and the impacts on the affordability of its rates; any project cancellations, construction delays or overruns (including as a result of tariffs, legislation, bans, potential retaliatory trade measures taken against the United States or related governmental action) and the ability to appropriately estimate costs of new generation; impact of any supply chain disruptions; changes in applicable standards, metrics, methodologies or frameworks; and enhancement of energy efficiencies.