

Timeline for Advanced Metering System installation and phase I of Intelligent Grid construction

2005 – 2007 – CenterPoint Energy conducts a pilot of smart grid technology, installing 10,000 smart electric meters and 500 smart natural gas meters.

Dec. 11, 2008 – CenterPoint Energy (CNP) files a settlement agreement to deploy smart meters across electric footprint over five years

Dec. 18, 2008 – CNP receives approval from the Public Utility Commission (PUCT) to deploy more than 2 million smart meters between 2009 and 2014

Feb. 27, 2009 – CNP installs the first of more than 2 million smart meters

Mar. 31, 2009 – 5,000 smart meters installed

Aug. 1, 2009 – 45,000 meters installed, with supporting communications infrastructure and computing systems to deliver 15-minute usage data, a Web portal for retail electric providers, remote meter reads and service connections/disconnections, and Home Area Network (HAN) connectivity

Aug. 4, 2009 – CNP files for \$200 million federal stimulus grant from the U.S. Dept. of Energy for smart meter and intelligent grid projects

Oct. 16, 2009 – 100,000 smart meters installed

Oct. 27, 2009 – U.S. Dept. of Energy notifies CenterPoint Energy that the Company has been selected to receive a \$200 million Smart Grid Investment Grant.

Projected dates*

Dec. 31, 2009 – 145,000 meters to be deployed with supporting communications infrastructure and computing systems

Jan. 31, 2010 – Scheduled availability of usage data to consumers through Smart Meter Texas common portal and data repository

Mar. 19, 2010 – Intelligent Grid project requirements and plans complete

Dec. 31, 2010 – 9 substations automated, 117 automated switches, line monitors, and remote terminal units installed

Dec. 31, 2010 – 1,088,049 meters to be deployed with supporting communications infrastructure and computing systems

April 1, 2011 – Intelligent Grid system tested and accepted

Sept. 2, 2011 – Intelligent Grid system in production

Dec. 30, 2011 – 20 substations automated, 337 automated switches, line monitors, and remote terminal units installed

Dec. 31, 2011 – 2,048,774 meters to be deployed

June 30, 2012 – 2,325,552 meters to be deployed

Dec. 31, 2012 – 29 substations automated, 579 automated switches, line monitors, and remote terminal units installed

**These dates are subject to change and are only a projection of what could happen with grant funding. They are contingent upon timeliness of receipt of grant funds.*