

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Reconciliation of reported Net Income and diluted EPS to the basis used in providing earnings guidance

	Full Year Ended December 31, 2009	
	Net Income	EPS
	(in millions)	
As reported	\$ 372	\$ 1.01
Timing effects impacting CES*:		
Mark-to-market (gains) losses - natural gas derivative contracts	15	0.04
Natural gas inventory write-downs	4	0.01
ZENS-related mark-to-market (gains) losses:		
Marketable securities**	(53)	(0.15)
Indexed debt securities	44	0.12
Accounting change***	10	0.03
Per earnings guidance	\$ 392	\$ 1.06

* Competitive natural gas sales and services

** Time Warner Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc. and AOL Inc.

*** Non-cash charge to reflect SESH's discontinued use of regulatory accounting