



# 2006 SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

May 25, 2006



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# CenterPoint Energy

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# **David M. McClanahan**

## **President and CEO**

# CenterPoint Energy Officers



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- Byron Kelley *SVP & Group President, Pipelines & Field Services*
- Georgianna Nichols *Division President, Houston Electric*
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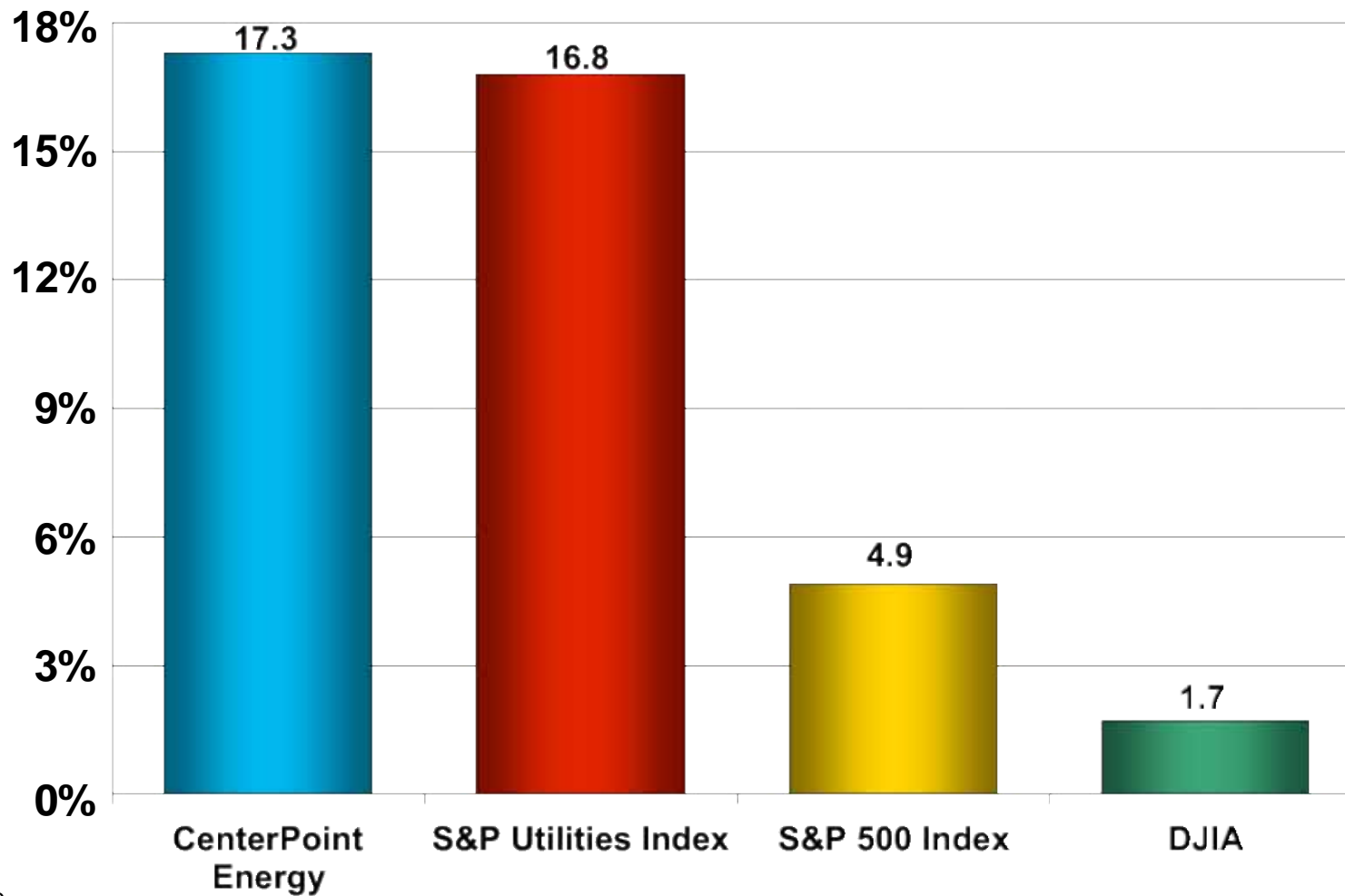


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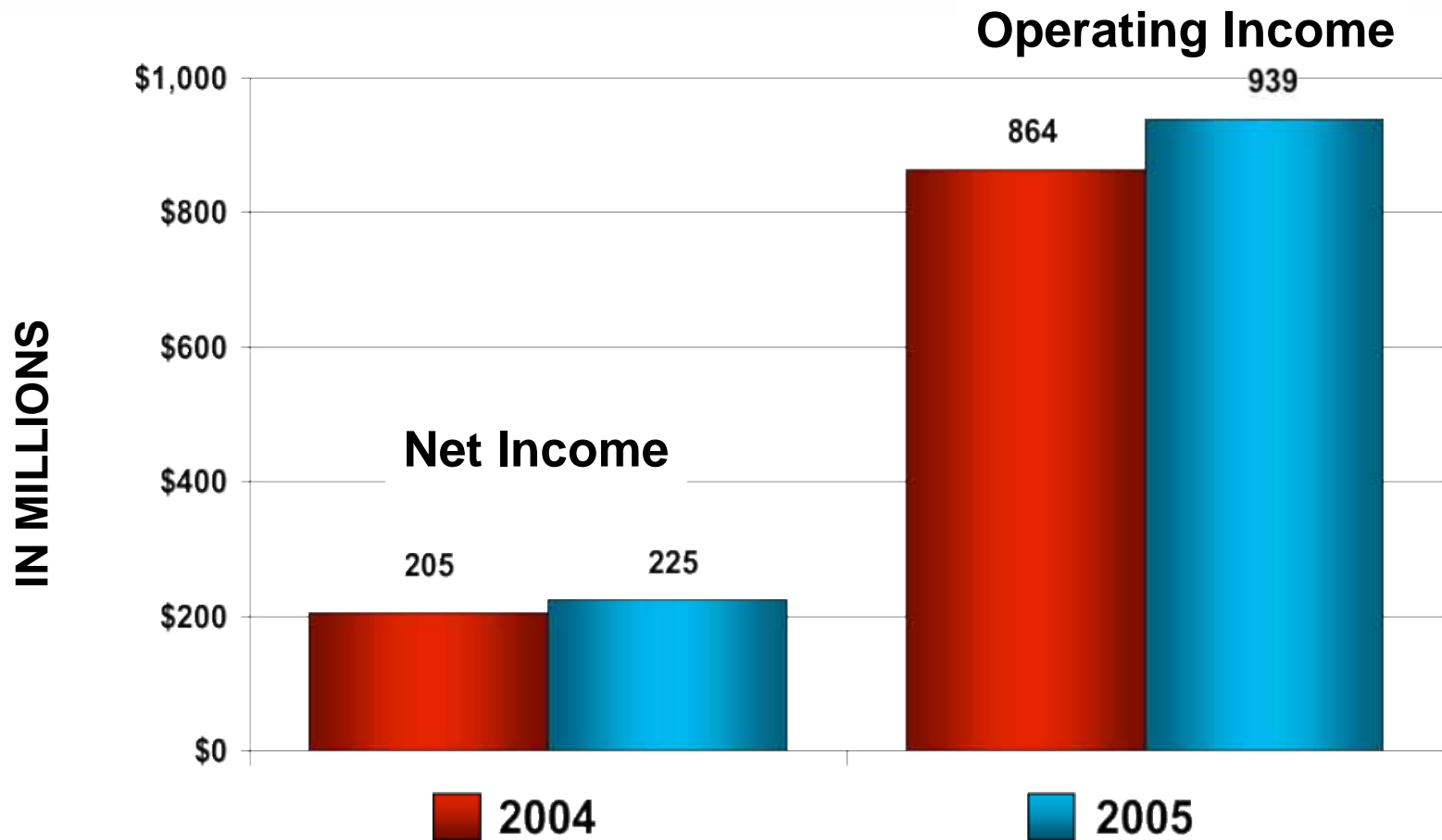
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# Total Shareholder Return

12/31/2004 to 12/31/2005

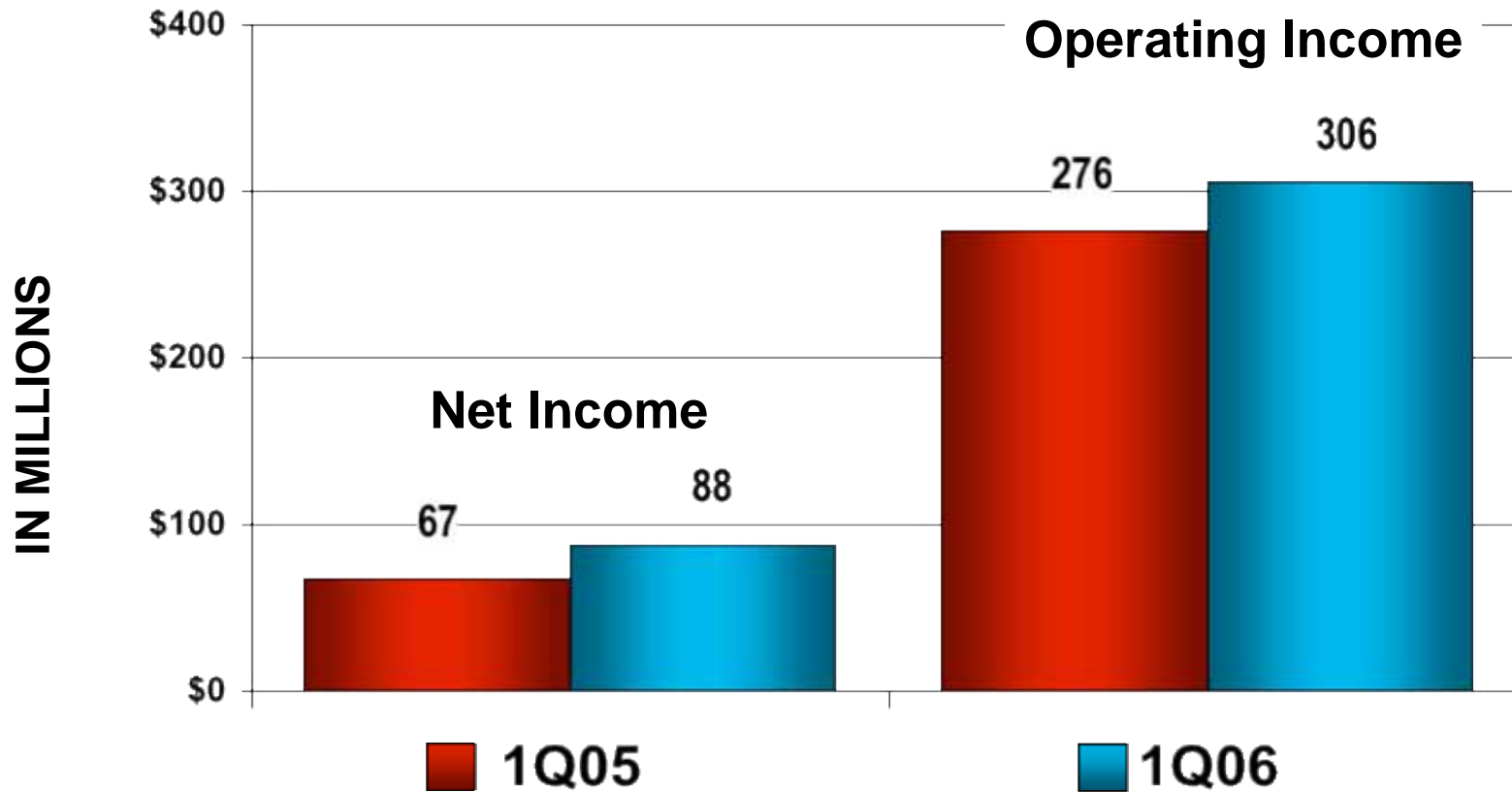


# Consolidated Income 2004-2005



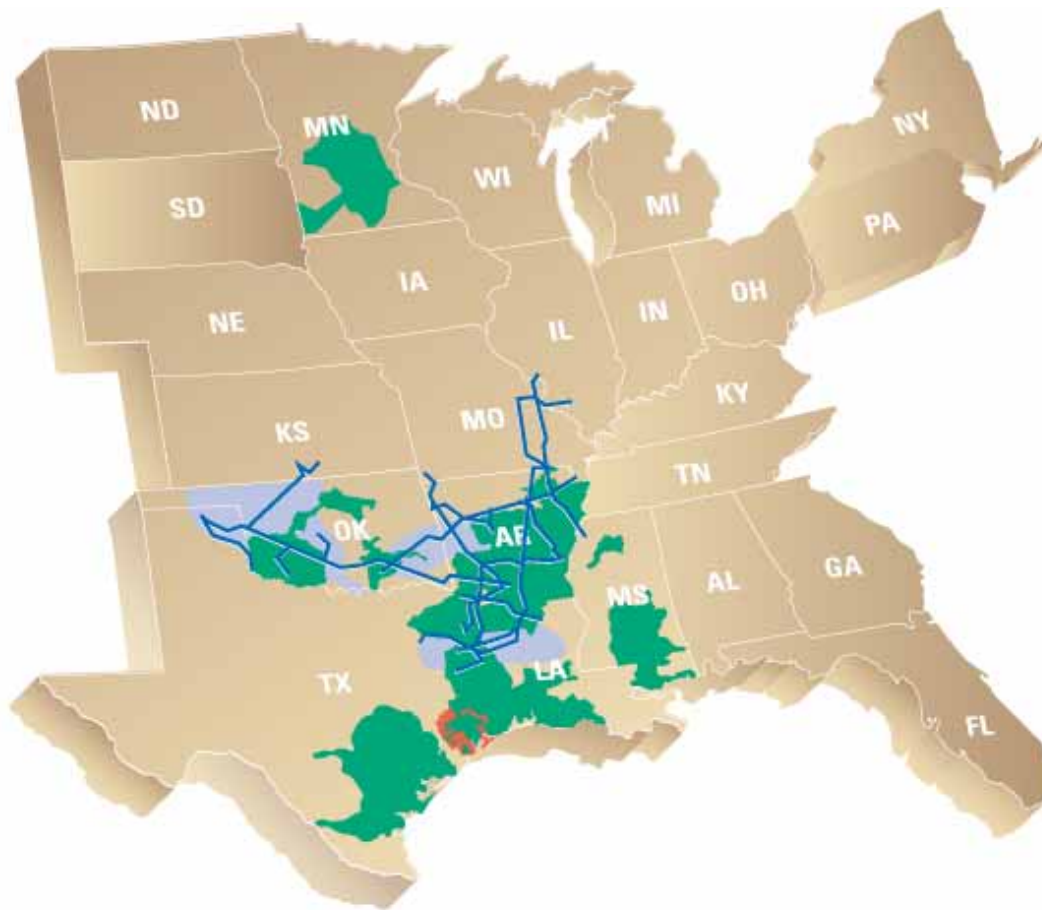
# Consolidated Income

## 1Q 2005 vs. 1Q 2006






# CenterPoint Energy

Diversified portfolio for strong performance



## Four Segments

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

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## Interstate Pipelines and Field Services



- Operating income of \$235 million in 2005
  - Interstate Pipelines operating income of \$165 million
  - Field Services operating income of \$70 million



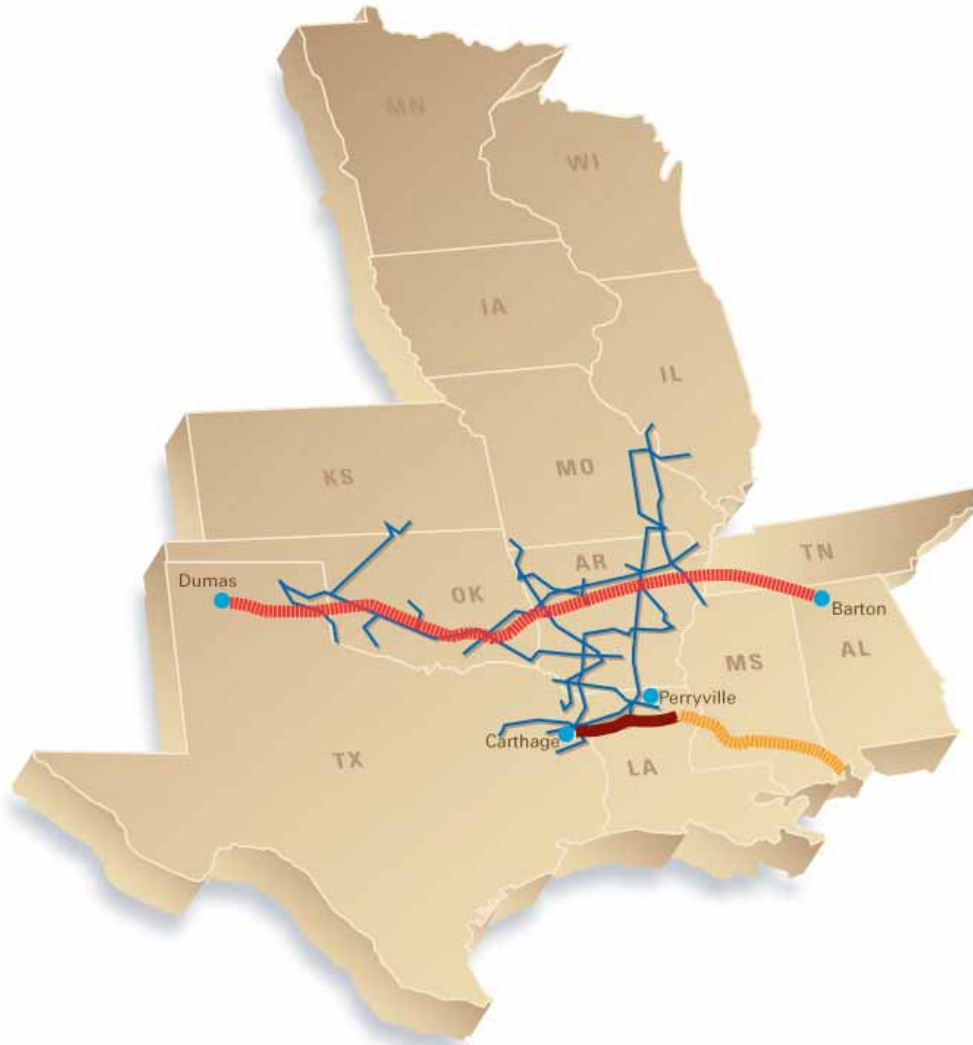
# CenterPoint Energy Interstate Pipelines



- 8,200 miles of strategically located pipelines
- Core system expansion due to increased mid-continent natural gas activities
- Regional and national market dynamics continue to provide new opportunities



# CenterPoint Energy Interstate Pipelines Projects



- Existing Pipelines
- Carthage to Perryville (New)
- Southeast Supply Header (Proposed)
- Mid-Continent Crossing (Proposed)



# CenterPoint Energy Field Services



- 4,000 miles of gathering pipelines
- 1 Bcf per day throughput in 2005
- High natural gas prices and increased drilling activity expected to continue to provide growth opportunities



# CenterPoint Energy Services

## Competitive Natural Gas Sales and Services



- Physical natural gas supplies and services business
- Nearly 7,000 commercial, industrial and utility customers
- Operating income of \$60 million in 2005



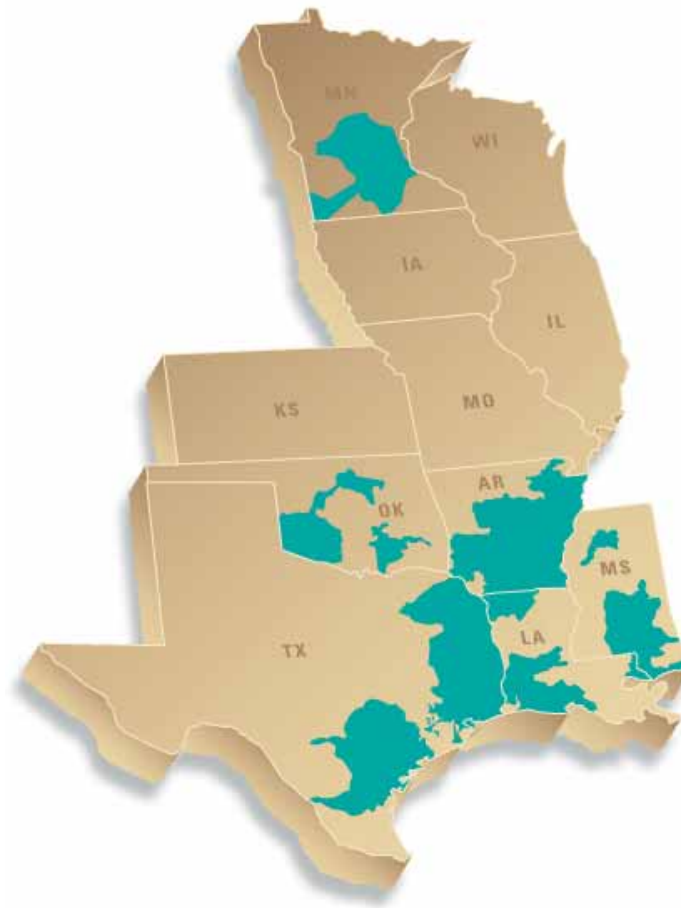
● Regional Offices

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## Natural Gas Distribution



- Over 3 million customers in six states
- Operating income of \$175 million in 2005
- Focused on improving productivity and efficiency
- Continuing to pursue rate relief where necessary



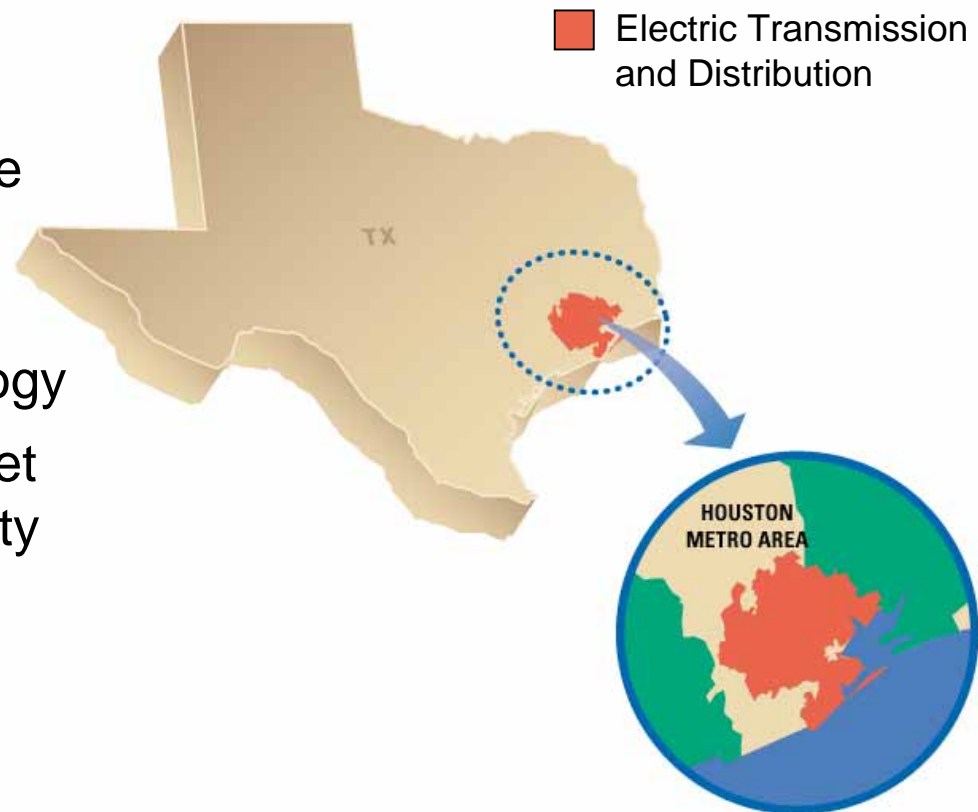
 Natural Gas Distribution

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## Electric Transmission & Distribution



- Nearly 2 million metered customers in 5,000 square-mile service territory
- \$448 million in operating income in 2005\*
- Improving operating model through investments in technology
- Investing in new facilities to meet area growth and assure reliability of grid



\* Operating income is adjusted to exclude the Transition Bond Companies.  
See CenterPoint Energy 8-K filed May 8, 2006, for reconciliation to reported operating income.

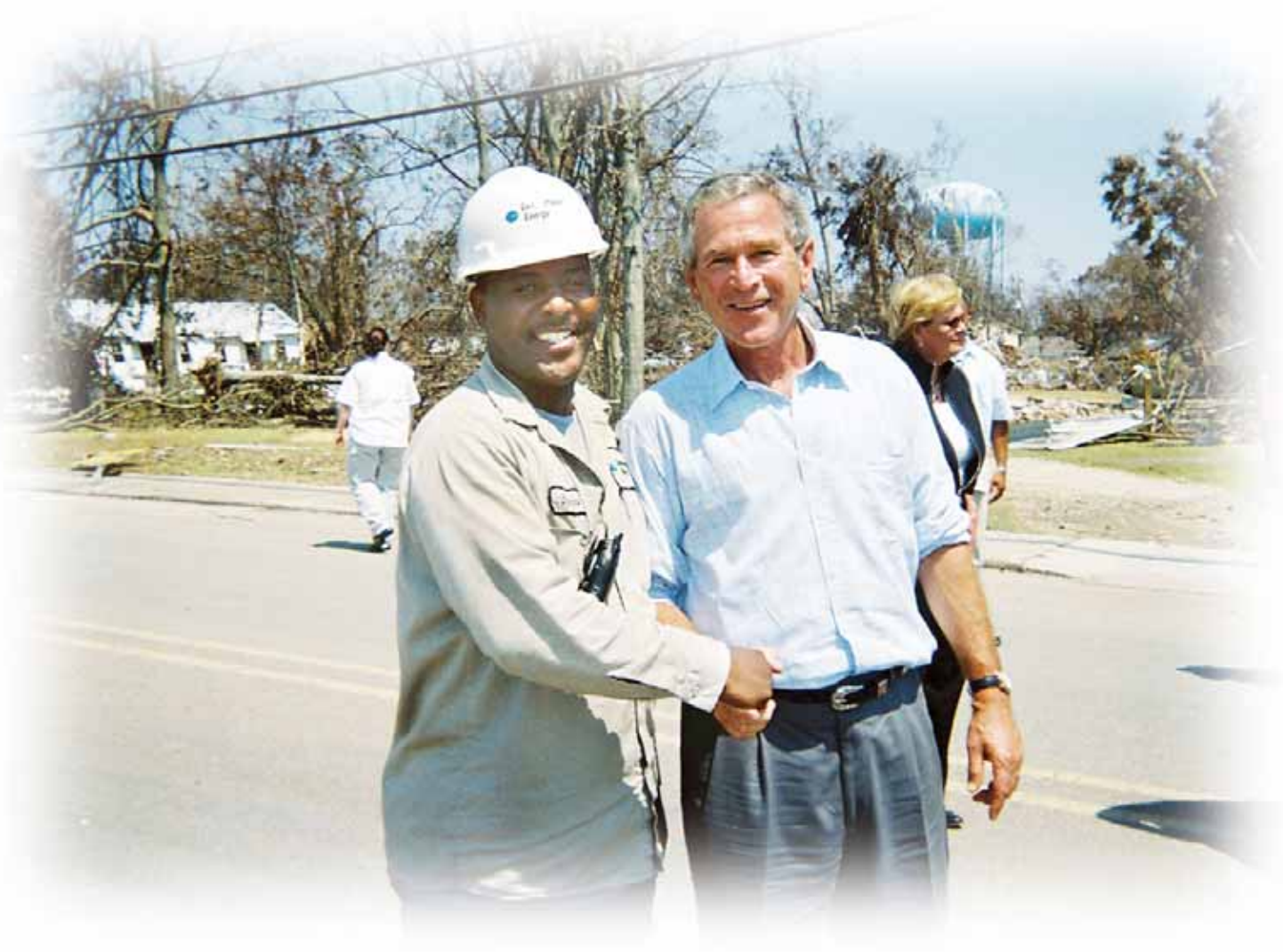
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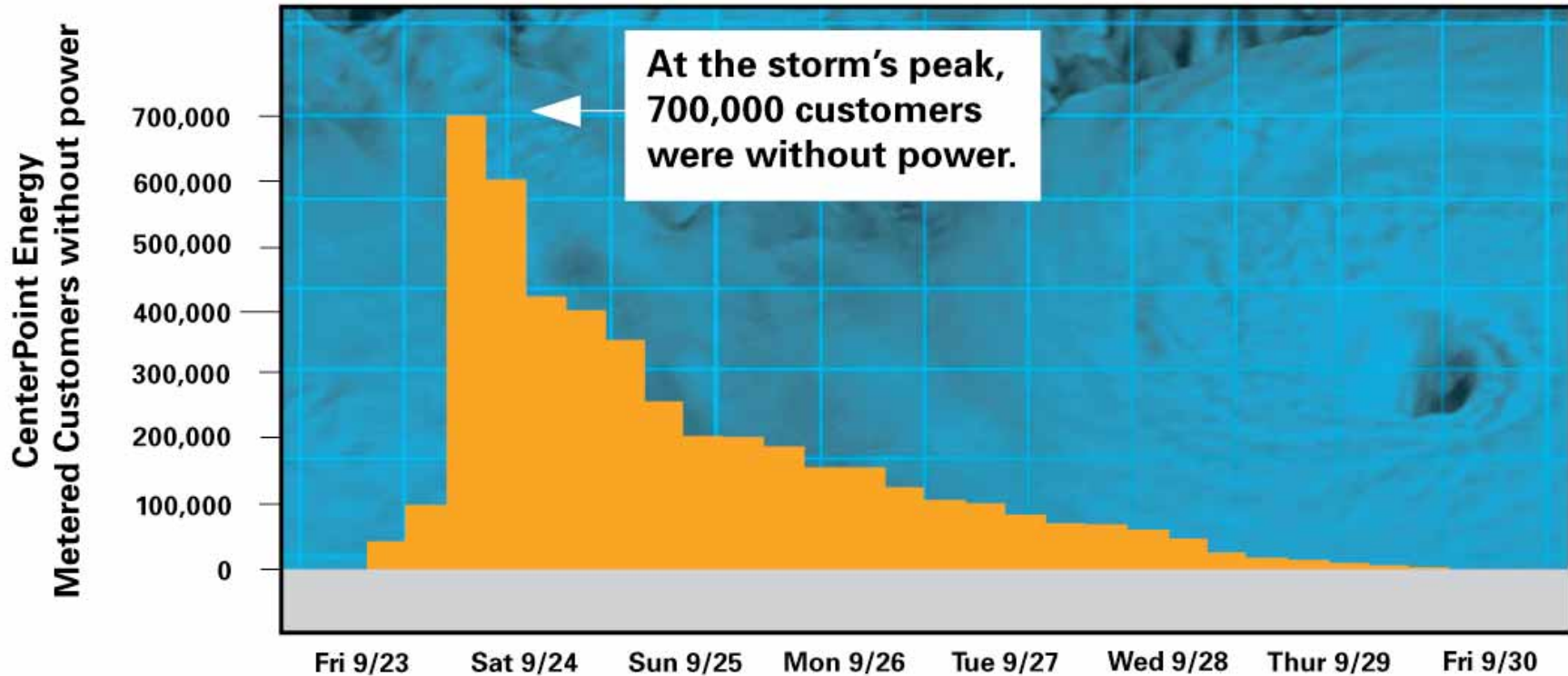


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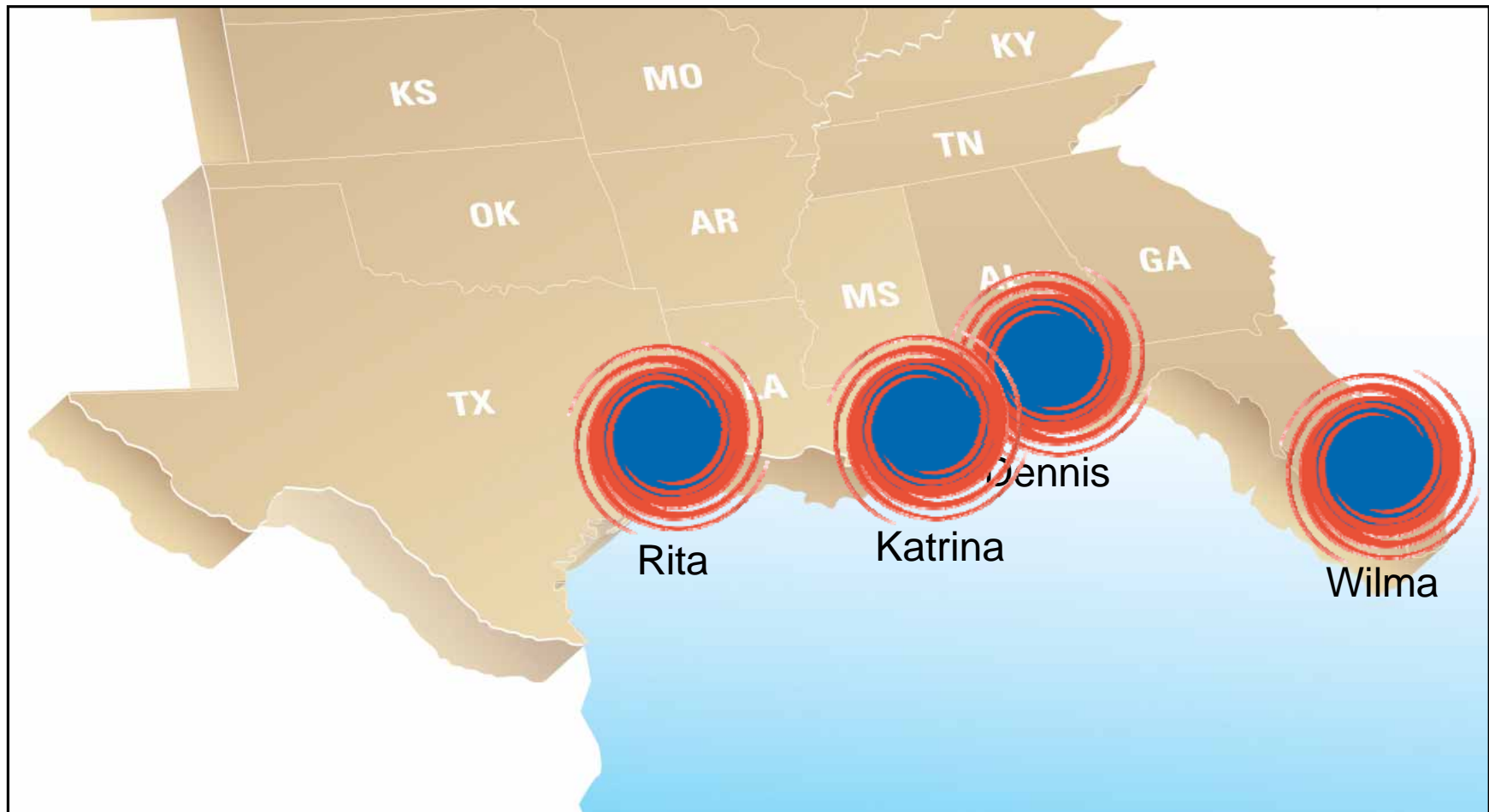
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