CENTERPOINT EN'RGY NYSE-CNP

RECENT PRICE **39.10** | P/E RATIO **20.2** (Trailing: 22.0 / Median: 20.0) | RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.12** | DIV'D YLD **2.5%** | **VALUE LINE**

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 9/4/26
SAFETY 2 Raised 6/6/25
TECHNICAL 1 Raised 8/21/26
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)

18-Month Target Price Range
Low-High **Midpoint (% to Mid)**
$34-$53 $44 (10%)

2029-31 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	60	(+55%)	*13%*
Low	45	(+15%)	*6%*

Institutional Decisions

	4Q2025	1Q2026	2Q2026
to Buy	271	410	428
to Sell	240	315	302
Hld's(000)	657625	745284	746263

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
High:	23.7	25.0	30.5	29.6	31.4	27.5	28.4	33.5	31.5	33.0	40.5	45.3						
Low:	16.0	16.4	24.5	24.8	24.3	11.6	19.3	25.0	25.4	25.4	30.6	37.5						

LEGENDS
40.00 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate
Relative Price Strength
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession

Target Price Range 2029 | 2030 | 2031
64 48 40 32 24 20 16 12 8 6

% TOT. RETURN 8/24/26

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	5.1	22.4
3 yr.	51.5	46.9
5 yr.	71.6	50.5

Percent shares traded 30 20 10

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	29-31
20.69	19.83	17.43	18.90	21.51	17.18	17.48	22.30	21.13	24.49	13.45	13.28	14.81	13.78	13.26	14.33	*15.10*	*15.70*	Revenues per sh	*17.45*
3.14	3.43	3.89	3.54	3.85	3.40	3.68	4.03	3.24	4.12	3.46	3.00	3.65	3.67	3.77	3.95	*4.50*	*4.70*	"Cash Flow" per sh	*5.25*
1.07	1.27	1.35	1.24	1.42	1.08	1.00	1.57	.74	1.49	1.29	.94	1.59	1.37	1.58	1.60	*1.90*	*2.05*	Earnings per sh [A]	*2.50*
.78	.79	.81	.83	.95	.99	1.03	1.35	1.12	.86	.90	.66	.72	.77	.81	.88	*.94*	*1.15*	Div'd Decl'd per sh [B] ■	*1.25*
3.55	3.06	2.84	3.00	3.20	3.68	3.28	3.31	3.29	4.99	4.71	5.03	7.02	6.97	6.92	7.46	*9.85*	*10.75*	Cap'l Spending per sh	*8.75*
7.53	9.91	10.06	10.09	10.60	8.05	8.03	10.88	12.53	13.10	10.78	13.70	14.68	15.31	16.37	17.08	*18.45*	*19.50*	Book Value per sh [C]	*22.30*
424.70	426.03	427.44	429.00	429.00	430.00	430.68	431.04	501.20	502.24	551.36	628.92	629.54	631.23	651.73	652.87	*659.00*	*659.00*	Common Shs Outst'g [D]	*659.00*
13.8	14.6	14.8	18.7	17.0	18.1	21.9	17.9	37.0	19.5	15.9	26.1	18.7	21.1	18.4	23.0	*Bold figures are Value Line estimates*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	*21.0*
.88	.92	.94	1.05	.89	.91	1.15	.90	2.00	1.04	.82	1.41	1.08	1.17	.96	1.19			Relative P/E Ratio	*1.15*
5.3%	4.3%	4.0%	3.6%	3.9%	5.1%	4.7%	4.8%	4.1%	3.0%	4.4%	2.7%	2.4%	2.7%	2.8%	2.4%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	*2.4%*
7528.0	9614.0	10589	12301	7418.0	8352.0	9321.0	8696.0	8643.0	9357.0	*9950*	*10350*	Revenues ($mill)	*11500*
432.0	679.0	368.0	871.0	863.0	668.0	1057.0	917.0	1019.0	1052.0	*1305*	*1350*	Net Profit ($mill)	*1700*
37.0%	36.1%	28.4%	14.9%	13.4%	14.1%	25.4%	15.6%	16.1%	15.6%	*16.0%*	*16.0%*	Income Tax Rate	*16.0%*
3.5%	2.9%	5.4%	6.7%	6.0%	9.3%	--	--	9.3%	5.0%	*5.0%*	*5.0%*	AFUDC % to Net Profit	*5.0%*
68.5%	63.6%	51.9%	63.0%	58.0%	62.3%	59.6%	64.5%	65.7%	64.9%	*65.0%*	*64.0%*	Long-Term Debt Ratio	*60.0%*
31.5%	36.4%	37.5%	29.1%	29.9%	34.5%	37.1%	35.5%	34.3%	35.1%	*35.0%*	*36.0%*	Common Equity Ratio	*40.0%*
10992	12883	16740	22603	19869	24973	24878	27226	31063	31776	*35000*	*35700*	Total Capital ($mill)	*37200*
12307	13057	14044	20945	22362	23484	27143	29853	32089	34117	*38900*	*44300*	Net Plant ($mill)	*53700*
5.8%	6.8%	3.4%	5.1%	5.6%	3.8%	5.3%	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	*5.0%*	*5.0%*	Return on Total Cap'l	*5.5%*
12.5%	14.5%	4.6%	10.4%	10.3%	7.1%	10.5%	9.5%	9.6%	9.4%	*10.5%*	*11.0%*	Return on Shr. Equity	*11.5%*
12.5%	14.5%	5.3%	11.5%	11.6%	6.7%	10.9%	9.5%	9.6%	9.4%	*10.5%*	*10.5%*	Return on Com Equity [E]	*11.0%*
NMF	4.7%	NMF	2.7%	5.0%	2.2%	6.1%	4.5%	4.7%	4.3%	*5.0%*	*5.5%*	Retained to Com Eq	*5.5%*
103%	68%	NMF	80%	66%	72%	46%	53%	51%	55%	*47%*	*46%*	All Div'ds to Net Prof	*49%*

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/26
Total Debt $24.6 bill.
LT Debt $22.9 bill. **LT Interest** $1.1 bill.
Incl. $1.7 bill. securitized transition & system restoration bonds.
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals $6 mill.
Pension Assets-12/25 $1214 mill.
Oblig $1486 mill.
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 658,720,288 shs.
as of 7/22/26

MARKET CAP: $25.8 billion (Large Cap)

ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS

	2023	2024	2025
% Change Retail Sales (GWH)	+3.0	+2.0%	+2.0%
Avg. Indust. Use (MWH)	NA	NA	NA
Avg. Indust. Revs. per KWH (¢)	NA	NA	NA
Capacity at Peak (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Peak Load, Summer (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Annual Load Factor (%)	NA	NA	NA
% Change Customers (avg.)	+2.0%	+2.0%	+2.0%
Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	251	252	253

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)

	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '23-'25 to '29-'31
Revenues	-3.5%	-7.0%	*4.0%*
"Cash Flow"	.5%	1.0%	*5.5%*
Earnings	2.0%	5.5%	*8.5%*
Dividends	-1.0%	-3.0%	*7.5%*
Book Value	5.5%	6.0%	*5.5%*

Calendar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	2779	1875	1860	2182	8696
2024	2620	1905	1856	2262	8643
2025	2920	1944	1988	2505	9357
2026	2975	2152	*2200*	*2623*	*9950*
2027	*2980*	*2200*	*2500*	*2670*	*10350*

Calendar	EARNINGS PER SHARE [A] Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2023	.49	.17	.40	.31	1.37
2024	.55	.36	.30	.38	1.58
2025	.45	.30	.45	.40	1.60
2026	.56	.40	*.50*	*.44*	*1.90*
2027	*.60*	*.40*	*.50*	*.55*	*2.05*

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID [B] ■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2022	.17	.17	.18	.18	.70
2023	.18	.19	.19	.20	.76
2024	.20	.20	.20	.21	.81
2025	.22	.22	.22	.22	.88
2026	.23	.23	.24		

BUSINESS: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. is a holding company for Houston Electric, which serves over 2.86 million customers in Houston and environs. Indiana Electric, which serves approximately 153,000 customers, and gas utilities with 4.31 million customers in Texas, Minnesota, Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, and Ohio. Acquired Vectren 2/19. Sold nonutility operations in '20. Sold its stake in Energy Transfer LP in '22 and '23. Electric revenue breakdown not available. Fuel costs: 20% of total revenues. Has 8,794 employees. co-Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer: Jason P. Wells. Incorporated: Texas. Address: 1111 Louisiana, P.O. Box 4567, Houston, Texas 77210-4567. Telephone: 713-207-1111. Internet: www.centerpointenergy.com.

CenterPoint Energy posted strong second-quarter share earnings. The adjusted bottom line rose to $0.40 a share, from $0.29 in the year-ago period. The improvement primarily reflected growth and regulatory recovery, along with favorable operations and maintenance expenses. These benefits more than offset impacts of unfavorable weather, reduced usage, and higher interest expense.

The near-term profit picture looks promising. Regulatory recovery, customer growth, and continued capital investment should support the bottom-line gains. In all, we now estimate share earnings of about $1.90 in 2026 and $2.05 in 2027, representing increases of roughly 8% in each year.

Large-load development in the Greater Houston area represents a substantial growth opportunity. Through the Electric Reliability Council of Texas' Batch Zero process, CenterPoint submitted more than 17 gigawatts (GW) of prospective projects, of which roughly 14 GW are expected to qualify as base or studied load. That amount would represent more than a 65% increase from Houston Electric's current peak system demand of 21 GW. The Batch Zero framework evaluates large electricity users, including data centers and artificial-intelligence facilities, on a system-wide basis to determine how much new demand can be reliably connected. Although not every proposed project will ultimately move forward, the volume of eligible load highlights the scale of potential demand growth in CenterPoint's service territory.

The company recently expanded its 10-year capital investment plan by $1.2 billion, to $66.7 billion through 2035. The increase suggests additional spending needed for accelerating large-load demand in Houston. These projects should expand the utility's rate base and support future earnings growth.

Shares of CenterPoint offer a below-average dividend yield for a utility. Thus, investors seeking income may find better alternatives elsewhere in the sector. Still, the sizable Houston growth opportunities and expanding capital program provide a favorable foundation for long-term capital upside prospects.

Emma Jalees *September 4, 2026*

(A) Non-GAAP diluted EPS 2026 & onwards. Excl. nonrecur. gains (losses): '11, $1.89; '12, (38¢); '13, (52¢); '15, ($2.69); '17, $2.56; '20, ($2.74); gain (loss) on disc. ops.: '20, (34¢); '21, $1.34. Next egs. report due late October. **(B)** Div'ds histor. paid in early Mar., June, Sept. & Dec. 5 declarations in '17 & '20, 3 in '19. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. **(C)** Incl. intang. In '25: $5.44/sh. **(D)** In mill. **(E)** Rate base: Net orig. cost. Rate all'd on com. eq. (elec.) in '22: 8.27%. Regulatory Climate: TX, Avg.; IN, Above Avg.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	100
Price Growth Persistence	45
Earnings Predictability	70

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