measurements that involve a high degree of uncertainty, and the potential for future changes in these assumptions and measurements could produce estimates that would have a material effect on the presentation of Entergy's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

#### **Nuclear Decommissioning Costs**

Entergy subsidiaries own nuclear generation facilities in both its Utility and Entergy Wholesale Commodities business units. Regulations require Entergy subsidiaries to decommission the nuclear power plants after each facility is taken out of service, and money is collected and deposited in trust funds during the facilities' operating lives in order to provide for this obligation. Entergy conducts periodic decommissioning cost studies to estimate the costs that will be incurred to decommission the facilities. The following key assumptions have a significant effect on these estimates:

- Cost Escalation Factors Entergy's current decommissioning cost studies include an assumption that decommissioning costs will escalate over present cost levels by annual factors ranging from approximately 2.5% to 3.5%. A 50 basis point change in this assumption could change the ultimate cost of decommissioning a facility by as much as an approximate average of 20% to 25%. To the extent that a high probability of license renewal is assumed, a change in the estimated inflation or cost escalation rate has a larger effect on the undiscounted cash flows because the rate of inflation is factored into the calculation for a longer period of time.
- Timing In projecting decommissioning costs, two assumptions must be made to estimate the timing of plant decommissioning. First, the date of the plant's retirement must be estimated. A high probability that the plant's license will be renewed and operate for some time beyond the original license term has currently been assumed for purposes of calculating the decommissioning liability for a number of Entergy's nuclear units. Second, an assumption must be made whether decommissioning will begin immediately upon plant retirement, or whether the plant will be held in SAFSTOR status for later decommissioning, as permitted by applicable regulations. SAFSTOR is decommissioning a facility by placing it in a safe stable condition that is maintained until it is subsequently decontaminated and dismantled to levels that permit license termination, normally within 60 years from permanent cessation of operations. While the effect of these assumptions cannot be determined with precision, a change of assumption of either the probability of license renewal or use of a SAFSTOR period can possibly change the present value of these obligations. Future revisions to appropriately reflect changes needed to the estimate of decommissioning costs will affect net income, only to the extent that the estimate of any reduction in the liability exceeds the amount of the undepreciated asset retirement cost at the date of the revision, for unregulated portions of Entergy's business. Any increases in the liability recorded due to such changes are capitalized and depreciated over the asset's remaining economic life.
- Spent Fuel Disposal Federal law requires the DOE to provide for the permanent storage of spent nuclear fuel, and legislation has been passed by Congress to develop a repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. However, funding for the Yucca Mountain repository was almost completely eliminated from the federal budget for the current and prior years, and hearings on the facility's NRC license have been suspended indefinitely. The DOE has not yet begun accepting spent nuclear fuel and is in non-compliance with federal law. The DOE continues to delay meeting its obligation and Entergy is continuing to pursue damages claims against the DOE for its failure to provide timely spent fuel storage. Until a federal site is available, however, nuclear plant operators must provide for interim spent fuel storage on the nuclear plant site, which can require the construction and maintenance of dry cask storage sites or other facilities. The costs of developing and maintaining these facilities can have a significant effect (as much as an average of 20% to 30% of estimated decommissioning costs). Entergy's decommissioning studies may include cost estimates for spent fuel storage. However, these estimates could change in the future based on the timing of the opening of an appropriate facility designated by the federal government to receive spent nuclear fuel.
- <u>Technology and Regulation</u> Over the past several years, more practical experience with the actual
  decommissioning of facilities has been gained and that experience has been incorporated into Entergy's
  current decommissioning cost estimates. However, given the long duration of decommissioning projects,

- additional experience, including technological advancements in decommissioning, could occur and affect current cost estimates. If regulations regarding nuclear decommissioning were to change, this could have a potentially significant effect on cost estimates. The effect of these potential changes is not presently determinable.
- Interest Rates The estimated decommissioning costs that form the basis for the decommissioning liability recorded on the balance sheet are discounted to present values using a credit-adjusted risk-free rate. When the decommissioning cost estimate is significantly changed requiring a revision to the decommissioning liability and the change results in an increase in cash flows, that increase is discounted using a current credit-adjusted risk-free rate. Under accounting rules, if the revision in estimate results in a decrease in estimated cash flows, that decrease is discounted using the previous credit-adjusted risk-free rate. Therefore, to the extent that one of the factors noted above changes resulting in a significant increase in estimated cash flows, current interest rates will affect the calculation of the present value of the additional decommissioning liability.

In the first quarter 2011, System Energy recorded a revision to its estimated decommissioning cost liability for Grand Gulf as a result of a revised decommissioning cost study. The revised estimate resulted in a \$38.9 million reduction in its decommissioning liability, along with a corresponding reduction in the related regulatory asset.

In the fourth quarter 2011, Entergy Wholesale Commodities recorded a reduction of \$34.1 million in its decommissioning cost liability for a plant as a result of a revised decommissioning cost study obtained to comply with a state regulatory requirement. The revised cost study resulted in a change in the undiscounted cash flows and a credit to decommissioning expense of \$34.1 million (\$21 million net-of-tax) was recorded, reflecting the excess of the reduction in the liability over the amount of undepreciated assets.

#### **Unbilled Revenue**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, Entergy records an estimate of the revenues earned for energy delivered since the latest customer billing. Each month the estimated unbilled revenue amounts are recorded as revenue and a receivable, and the prior month's estimate is reversed. The difference between the estimate of the unbilled receivable at the beginning of the period and the end of the period is the amount of unbilled revenue recognized during the period. The estimate recorded is primarily based upon an estimate of customer usage during the unbilled period and the billed price to customers in that month. Therefore, revenue recognized may be affected by the estimated price and usage at the beginning and end of each period, in addition to changes in certain components of the calculation.

#### Impairment of Long-lived Assets and Trust Fund Investments

Entergy has significant investments in long-lived assets in all of its segments, and Entergy evaluates these assets against the market economics and under the accounting rules for impairment whenever there are indications that impairments may exist. This evaluation involves a significant degree of estimation and uncertainty. In the Utility business, portions of River Bend are not included in rate base, which could reduce the revenue that would otherwise be recovered for the applicable portions of its generation. In the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business, Entergy's investments in merchant nuclear generation assets are subject to impairment if adverse market conditions arise, if a unit ceases operation, or for certain units if their operating licenses are not renewed. Entergy's investments in merchant non-nuclear generation assets are subject to impairment if adverse market conditions arise or if a unit ceases operation.

In order to determine if Entergy should recognize an impairment of a long-lived asset that is to be held and used, accounting standards require that the sum of the expected undiscounted future cash flows from the asset be compared to the asset's carrying value. The carrying value of the asset includes any capitalized asset retirement cost associated with the recording of an additional decommissioning liability, therefore changes in assumptions that affect the decommissioning liability can increase or decrease the carrying value of the asset subject to impairment. If the

expected undiscounted future cash flows exceed the carrying value, no impairment is recorded; if such cash flows are less than the carrying value, Entergy is required to record an impairment charge to write the asset down to its fair value. If an asset is held for sale, an impairment is required to be recognized if the fair value (less costs to sell) of the asset is less than its carrying value.

These estimates are based on a number of key assumptions, including:

- <u>Future power and fuel prices</u> Electricity and gas prices have been very volatile in recent years, and this volatility is expected to continue. This volatility necessarily increases the imprecision inherent in the long-term forecasts of commodity prices that are a key determinant of estimated future cash flows.
- Market value of generation assets Valuing assets held for sale requires estimating the current market value
  of generation assets. While market transactions provide evidence for this valuation, the market for such
  assets is volatile and the value of individual assets is impacted by factors unique to those assets.
- <u>Future operating costs</u> Entergy assumes relatively minor annual increases in operating costs. Technological
  or regulatory changes that have a significant impact on operations could cause a significant change in these
  assumptions.
- <u>Timing</u> Entergy currently assumes, for a number of its nuclear units, that the plant's license will be renewed. A change in that assumption could have a significant effect on the expected future cash flows and result in a significant effect on operations.

For additional discussion regarding the continued operation of the Vermont Yankee plant, see "<u>Impairment</u> of Long-Lived Assets" in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Effective January 1, 2009, Entergy adopted an accounting pronouncement providing guidance regarding recognition and presentation of other-than-temporary impairments related to investments in debt securities. The assessment of whether an investment in a debt security has suffered an other-than-temporary impairment is based on whether Entergy has the intent to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized costs. Further, if Entergy does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the debt security, an other-than-temporary-impairment is considered to have occurred and it is measured by the present value of cash flows expected to be collected less the amortized cost basis (credit loss). For debt securities held as of January 1, 2009 for which an other-than-temporary impairment had previously been recognized but for which assessment under the new guidance indicates this impairment is temporary, Entergy recorded an adjustment to its opening balance of retained earnings of \$11.3 million (\$6.4 million net-of-tax). Entergy did not have any material other than temporary impairments relating to credit losses on debt securities in 2011, 2010, or 2009. The assessment of whether an investment in an equity security has suffered an other than temporary impairment continues to be based on a number of factors including, first, whether Entergy has the ability and intent to hold the investment to recover its value, the duration and severity of any losses, and, then, whether it is expected that the investment will recover its value within a reasonable period of time. Entergy's trusts are managed by third parties who operate in accordance with agreements that define investment guidelines and place restrictions on the purchases and sales of investments. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, unrealized losses that are not considered temporarily impaired are recorded in earnings for Entergy Wholesale Commodities. Entergy Wholesale Commodities recorded charges to other income of \$0.1 million in 2011, \$1 million in 2010, and \$86 million in 2009 resulting from the recognition of impairments of certain securities held in its decommissioning trust funds that are not considered temporary. Additional impairments could be recorded in 2012 to the extent that then current market conditions change the evaluation of recoverability of unrealized losses.

#### **Qualified Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits**

Entergy sponsors qualified, defined benefit pension plans which cover substantially all employees. Additionally, Entergy currently provides postretirement health care and life insurance benefits for substantially all employees who reach retirement age and meet certain eligibility requirements while still working for Entergy. Entergy's reported costs of providing these benefits, as described in Note 11 to the financial statements, are impacted by numerous factors including the provisions of the plans, changing employee demographics, and various actuarial

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calculations, assumptions, and accounting mechanisms. Because of the complexity of these calculations, the long-term nature of these obligations, and the importance of the assumptions utilized, Entergy's estimate of these costs is a critical accounting estimate for the Utility and Entergy Wholesale Commodities segments.

#### **Assumptions**

Key actuarial assumptions utilized in determining these costs include:

- Discount rates used in determining future benefit obligations;
- Projected health care cost trend rates;
- Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets;
- Rate of increase in future compensation levels;
- Retirement rates; and
- Mortality rates.

Entergy reviews the first four assumptions listed above on an annual basis and adjusts them as necessary. The falling interest rate environment and volatility in the financial equity markets have impacted Entergy's funding and reported costs for these benefits. In addition, these trends have caused Entergy to make a number of adjustments to its assumptions.

The retirement and mortality rate assumptions are reviewed every three to five years as part of an actuarial study that compares these assumptions to the actual experience of the pension and other postretirement plans. The 2011 actuarial study reviewed plan experience from 2007 through 2010. As a result of the 2011 actuarial study, changes were made to reflect the expectation that participants have longer life expectancies and different retirement patterns than previously assumed. These changes are reflected in the December 31, 2011 financial disclosures and are a significant factor in the increase in 2012 pension and other postretirement costs compared to the 2011 costs.

In selecting an assumed discount rate to calculate benefit obligations, Entergy reviews market yields on high-quality corporate debt and matches these rates with Entergy's projected stream of benefit payments. Based on recent market trends, the discount rates used to calculate its qualified pension benefit obligation decreased from a range of 5.6% to 5.7% for its specific pension plans in 2010 to a range of 5.1% to 5.2% in 2011. The discount rate used to calculate its other postretirement benefit obligation also decreased from 5.5% in 2010 to 5.1% in 2011.

Entergy reviews actual recent cost trends and projected future trends in establishing health care cost trend rates. Based on this review, Entergy's assumed health care cost trend rate assumption used in measuring the December 31, 2011 accumulated postretirement benefit obligation and 2012 postretirement cost was 7.75% for pre-65 retirees and 7.5% for post-65 retirees for 2012, gradually decreasing each successive year until it reaches 4.75% in 2022 and beyond for both pre-65 and post-65 retirees. Entergy's health care cost trend rate assumption used in measuring the December 31, 2010 accumulated postretirement benefit obligation and 2011 postretirement cost was 8.5% for pre-65 retirees and 8.0% for post-65 retirees for 2011, gradually decreasing each successive year, until it reaches a 4.75% annual increase in health care costs in 2019 for pre-65 retirees and 4.75% in 2018 and beyond for post-65 retirees.

The assumed rate of increase in future compensation levels used to calculate 2011 and 2010 benefit obligations was 4.23%.

In determining its expected long-term rate of return on plan assets used in the calculation of benefit plan costs, Entergy reviews past performance, current and expected future asset allocations, and capital market assumptions of its investment consultant and investment managers.

Since 2003, Entergy has targeted an asset allocation for its qualified pension plan assets of roughly 65% equity securities and 35% fixed-income securities. Entergy completed and adopted an optimization study in 2011 for the pension assets which recommended that the target asset allocation adjust dynamically over time, based on the

funded status of the plan, from its current to its ultimate allocation of 45% equity, 55% fixed income. The ultimate asset allocation is expected to be attained when the plan is 105% funded.

The current target allocations for Entergy's non-taxable postretirement benefit assets are 55% equity securities and 45% fixed-income securities and, for its taxable other postretirement benefit assets, 35% equity securities and 65% fixed-income securities. Entergy also completed and adopted an optimization study in 2011 for the postretirement benefit trust assets that recommends both the taxable and the non-taxable assets move to 65% equity securities and 35% fixed-income securities. Entergy plans to adjust the postretirement asset allocation during 2012.

Entergy's expected long term rate of return on qualified pension assets used to calculate 2011, 2010 and 2009 qualified pension costs was 8.5% and will be 8.5% for 2012. Entergy's expected long term rate of return on non-taxable other postretirement assets used to calculate other postretirement costs was 7.75% for 2011 and 2010, 8.5% for 2009 and will be 8.5% for 2012. For Entergy's taxable postretirement assets, the expected long term rate of return was 5.5% for 2011 and 2010, 6% for 2009 and will be 6.5% in 2012.

#### Cost Sensitivity

The following chart reflects the sensitivity of qualified pension cost and qualified pension projected benefit obligation to changes in certain actuarial assumptions (dollars in thousands):

Actuarial Assumption	Change in Assumption	Impact on 2011 Qualified Pension Cost Increase/(Decrease)	Impact on Qualified Projected Benefit Obligation
Discount rate Rate of return on plan assets Rate of increase in compensation	(0.25%)	\$17,145	\$188,246
	(0.25%)	\$8,863	-
	0.25%	\$7,503	\$41,227

The following chart reflects the sensitivity of postretirement benefit cost and accumulated postretirement benefit obligation to changes in certain actuarial assumptions (dollars in thousands):

Actuarial Assumption	Change in Assumption	Impact on 2011 Postretirement Benefit Cost Increase/(Decrease)	Impact on Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation
Health care cost trend	0.25%	\$8,900	\$52,730
Discount rate	(0.25%)	\$6,622	\$62,316

Each fluctuation above assumes that the other components of the calculation are held constant.

#### Accounting Mechanisms

Accounting standards require an employer to recognize in its balance sheet the funded status of its benefit plans. Refer to Note 11 to the financial statements for a further discussion of Entergy's funded status.

In accordance with pension accounting standards, Entergy utilizes a number of accounting mechanisms that reduce the volatility of reported pension costs. Differences between actuarial assumptions and actual plan results are deferred and are amortized into expense only when the accumulated differences exceed 10% of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the market-related value of plan assets. If necessary, the excess is amortized over the average remaining service period of active employees.

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Entergy calculates the expected return on pension and other postretirement benefit plan assets by multiplying the long-term expected rate of return on assets by the market-related value (MRV) of plan assets. Entergy determines the MRV of pension plan assets by calculating a value that uses a 20-quarter phase-in of the difference between actual and expected returns. For other postretirement benefit plan assets Entergy uses fair value when determining MRV.

#### **Costs and Funding**

In 2011, Entergy's total qualified pension cost was \$154 million. Entergy anticipates 2012 qualified pension cost to be \$264 million. Pension funding was approximately \$400 million for 2011. Entergy's contributions to the pension trust are currently estimated to be approximately \$163 million in 2012, although the required pension contributions will not be known with more certainty until the January 1, 2012 valuations are completed by April 1, 2012. Entergy's preliminary estimates of 2012 funding requirements indicate that the contributions will not exceed historical levels of pension contributions.

Minimum required funding calculations as determined under Pension Protection Act guidance are performed annually as of January 1 of each year and are based on measurements of the assets and funding liabilities as measured at that date. Any excess of the funding liability over the calculated fair market value of assets results in a funding shortfall which, under the Pension Protection Act, must be funded over a seven-year rolling period. The Pension Protection Act also imposes certain plan limitations if the funded percentage, which is based on a calculated fair market values of assets divided by funding liabilities, does not meet certain thresholds. For funding purposes, asset gains and losses are smoothed in to the calculated fair market value of assets and the funding liability is based upon a weighted average 24-month corporate bond rate published by the U.S. Treasury; therefore, periodic changes in asset returns and interest rates can affect funding shortfalls and future cash contributions.

Total postretirement health care and life insurance benefit costs for Entergy in 2011 were \$114.7 million, including \$33 million in savings due to the estimated effect of future Medicare Part D subsidies. Entergy expects 2012 postretirement health care and life insurance benefit costs to be \$138.4 million. This includes a projected \$31.2 million in savings due to the estimated effect of future Medicare Part D subsidies. Entergy contributed \$76.1 million to its postretirement plans in 2011. Entergy's current estimate of contributions to its other postretirement plans is approximately \$80.4 million in 2012.

#### Federal Healthcare Legislation

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) became federal law on March 23, 2010, and, on March 30, 2010, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 became federal law and amended certain provisions of the PPACA. These new federal laws change the law governing employer-sponsored group health plans, like Entergy's plans, and include, among other things, the following significant provisions:

- A 40% excise tax on per capita medical benefit costs that exceed certain thresholds;
- Change in coverage limits for dependents; and
- Elimination of lifetime caps.

The total impact of PPACA is not yet determinable because technical guidance regarding application must still be issued. Additionally, ongoing litigation and discussions are in progress regarding the constitutionality of and the potential repeal of health care reform, although whether that occurs and what parts of health care reform would be invalidated or repealed is not yet known. Entergy will continue to monitor these developments to determine the possible impact on Entergy as a result of PPACA. Entergy is participating in the programs currently provided for under PPACA, such as the early retiree reinsurance program, which has provided for some limited reimbursements of certain claims for early retirees aged 55 to 64 who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

One provision of the new law that is effective in 2013 eliminates the federal income tax deduction for prescription drug expenses of Medicare beneficiaries for which the plan sponsor also receives the retiree drug subsidy under Part D. Entergy receives subsidy payments under the Medicare Part D plan and therefore in the first quarter

2010 recorded a reduction to the deferred tax asset related to the unfunded other postretirement benefit obligation. The offset was recorded in 2010 as a \$16 million charge to income tax expense or, for the Utility, including each Registrant Subsidiary, as a regulatory asset.

#### **Other Contingencies**

As a company with multi-state domestic utility operations and a history of international investments, Entergy is subject to a number of federal, state, and international laws and regulations and other factors and conditions in the areas in which it operates, which potentially subject it to environmental, litigation, and other risks. Entergy periodically evaluates its exposure for such risks and records a reserve for those matters which are considered probable and estimable in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Environmental**

Entergy must comply with environmental laws and regulations applicable to the handling and disposal of hazardous waste. Under these various laws and regulations, Entergy could incur substantial costs to restore properties consistent with the various standards. Entergy conducts studies to determine the extent of any required remediation and has recorded reserves based upon its evaluation of the likelihood of loss and expected dollar amount for each issue. Additional sites could be identified which require environmental remediation for which Entergy could be liable. The amounts of environmental reserves recorded can be significantly affected by the following external events or conditions:

- Changes to existing state or federal regulation by governmental authorities having jurisdiction over air
  quality, water quality, control of toxic substances and hazardous and solid wastes, and other environmental
  matters.
- The identification of additional sites or the filing of other complaints in which Entergy may be asserted to be a potentially responsible party.
- The resolution or progression of existing matters through the court system or resolution by the EPA.

#### Litigation

Entergy is regularly named as a defendant in a number of lawsuits involving employment, customers, and injuries and damages issues, among other matters. Entergy periodically reviews the cases in which it has been named as defendant and assesses the likelihood of loss in each case as probable, reasonably estimable, or remote and records reserves for cases which have a probable likelihood of loss and can be estimated. Given the environment in which Entergy operates, and the unpredictable nature of many of the cases in which Entergy is named as a defendant, the ultimate outcome of the litigation to which Entergy is exposed has the potential to materially affect the results of operations of Entergy or Registrant Subsidiaries.

#### **Uncertain Tax Positions**

Entergy's operations, including acquisitions and divestitures, require Entergy to evaluate risks such as the potential tax effects of a transaction, or warranties made in connection with such a transaction. Entergy believes that it has adequately assessed and provided for these types of risks, where applicable. Any provisions recorded for these types of issues, however, could be significantly affected by events such as claims made by third parties under warranties, additional transactions contemplated by Entergy, or completion of reviews of the tax treatment of certain transactions or issues by taxing authorities.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

The accounting standard-setting process, including projects between the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) to converge U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards, is ongoing and the FASB and the IASB are each currently working on several projects that have not yet resulted in final pronouncements. Final pronouncements that result from these projects could have a material effect on Entergy's future net income, financial position, or cash flows.

In May 2011 the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-4, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs," which states that the ASU explains how to measure fair value. The ASU states that: 1) the amendments in the ASU result in common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards; 2) consequently, the amendments change the wording used to describe many of the requirements in U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements; 3) for many of the requirements, the FASB does not intend for the ASU to result in a change in the application of the requirements of current U.S. GAAP; 4) some of the amendments clarify the FASB's intent about the application of existing fair value measurement requirements; and 5) other amendments change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements. ASU No. 2011-4 is effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2012. Entergy does not expect ASU No. 2011-4 to affect materially its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

In September 2011 the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-8, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment." The amendments permit an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform a quantitative goodwill impairment assessment. ASU No. 2011-8 is effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2012. ASU No. 2011-8 will have no effect on Entergy's results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

Management of Entergy Corporation and its subsidiaries has prepared and is responsible for the financial statements and related financial information included in this document. To meet this responsibility, management establishes and maintains a system of internal controls over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This system includes communication through written policies and procedures, an employee Code of Entegrity, and an organizational structure that provides for appropriate division of responsibility and training of personnel. This system is also tested by a comprehensive internal audit program.

Entergy management assesses the effectiveness of Entergy's internal control over financial reporting on an annual basis. In making this assessment, management uses the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control - Integrated Framework. Management acknowledges, however, that all internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations and can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Entergy Corporation and the Registrant Subsidiaries' independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of Entergy's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, which is included herein on pages 400 through 407.

In addition, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, composed solely of independent Directors, meets with the independent auditors, internal auditors, management, and internal accountants periodically to discuss internal controls, and auditing and financial reporting matters. The Audit Committee appoints the independent auditors annually, seeks shareholder ratification of the appointment, and reviews with the independent auditors the scope and results of the audit effort. The Audit Committee also meets periodically with the independent auditors and the chief internal auditor without management present, providing free access to the Audit Committee.

Based on management's assessment of internal controls using the COSO criteria, management believes that Entergy and each of the Registrant Subsidiaries maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011. Management further believes that this assessment, combined with the policies and procedures noted above, provides reasonable assurance that Entergy's and each of the Registrant Subsidiaries' financial statements are fairly and accurately presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA - FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	
	(In Thousands, Except Percentages and Per Share Amounts)					
Operating revenues	\$11,229,073	\$11,487,577	\$10,745,650	\$13,093,756	\$11,484,398	
Income from continuing operations	\$1,367,372	\$1,270,305	\$1,251,050	\$1,240,535	\$1,159,954	
Earnings per share from continuing						
operations:						
Basic	\$7.59	\$6.72	\$6.39	\$6.39	\$5.77	
Diluted	\$7.55	\$6.66	\$6.30	\$6.20	\$5.60	
Dividends declared per share	\$3.32	\$3.24	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.58	
Return on common equity	15.43%	14.61%	14.85%	15.42%	14.13%	
Book value per share, year-end	\$52.16	\$47.53	\$45.54	\$42.07	\$40.71	
Total assets	\$40,701,699	\$38,685,276	\$37,561,953	\$36,616,818	\$33,643,002	
Long-term obligations (1)	\$10,268,645	\$11,575,973	\$11,277,314	\$11,734,411	\$10,165,735	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes long-term debt (excluding currently maturing debt), noncurrent capital lease obligations, and subsidiary preferred stock without sinking fund that is not presented as equity on the balance sheet.

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
		(D	ollars In Millions	<u>.)</u>	<u> </u>
Utility Electric Operating Revenues:					
Residential	\$3,369	\$3,375	\$2,999	\$3,610	\$3,228
Commercial	2,333	2,317	2,184	2,735	2,413
Industrial	2,307	2,207	1,997	2,933	2,545
Governmental	205	212	204	248	221
Total retail	8,214	8,111	7,384	9,526	8,407
Sales for resale	216	389	206	325	393
Other	244	241	290	222	246
Total	\$8,674	\$8,741	\$7,880	\$10,073	\$9,046
Utility Billed Electric Energy Sales		•		•	
(GWh):					
Residential	36,684	37,465	33,626	33,047	33,281
Commercial	28,720	28,831	27,476	27,340	27,408
Industrial	40,810	38,751	35,638	37,843	38,985
Governmental	2,474	2,463	2,408	2,379	2,339
Total retail	108,688	107,510	99,148	100,609	102,013
Sales for resale	4,111	4,372	4,862	5,401	6,145
Total	112,799	111,882	104,010	106,010	108,158
Competitive Businesses:					
Operating Revenues	\$2,390	\$2,549	\$2,693	\$2,779	\$2,232
Billed Electric Energy Sales (GWh)	43,520	42,682	43,969	44,747	40,916

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries (the "Corporation") as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated income statements, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of cash flows, and consolidated statements of changes in equity for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control* — *Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 27, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

New Orleans, Louisiana February 27, 2012

## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
	(In Thou	sands, Except Share I	Data)
OPERATING REVENUES	_		
Electric	\$8,673,517	\$8,740,637	\$7,880,016
Natural gas	165,819	197,658	172,213
Competitive businesses	2,389,737	2,549,282	2,693,421
TOTAL	11,229,073	11,487,577	10,745,650
OPERATING EXPENSES	_		
Operating and Maintenance:			
Fuel, fuel-related expenses, and			
gas purchased for resale	2,492,714	2,518,582	2,309,831
Purchased power	1,564,967	1,659,416	1,395,203
Nuclear refueling outage expenses	255,618	256,123	241,310
Other operation and maintenance	2,867,758	2,969,402	2,750,810
Decommissioning	190,595	211,736	199,063
Taxes other than income taxes	536,026	534,299	503,859
Depreciation and amortization	1,102,202	1,069,894	1,082,775
Other regulatory charges (credits) - net	205,959	44,921	(21,727)
TOTAL	9,215,839	9,264,373	8,461,124
Gain on sale of business		44,173	
OPERATING INCOME	2,013,234	2,267,377	2,284,526
OTHER INCOME			
OTHER INCOME Allowance for equity funds used during construction	84,305	59,381	59,545
Interest and investment income	129,134	185,455	236,628
Other than temporary impairment losses	(140)	(1,378)	(86,069)
Miscellaneous - net	(59,271)	(48,124)	(40,396)
TOTAL	154,028	195,334	169,708
INTEREST EXPENSE			
INTEREST EXPENSE	- 551,521	610,146	603,679
Allowance for borrowed funds used during construction	(37,894)	(34,979)	(33,235)
TOTAL	513,627	575,167	570,444
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,653,635	1,887,544	1,883,790
Income taxes	286,263	617,239	632,740
CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME	1,367,372	1,270,305	1,251,050
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	20,933	20,063	19,958
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENTERGY CORPORATION	\$1,346,439	\$1,250,242	\$1,231,092
Earnings per average common share:	\$7 59	\$6.72	\$6.39
Basic Diluted	\$7.55 \$7.55	\$6.66	\$6.39 \$6.30
Dividends declared per common share	\$7.33 \$3.32	\$3.24	\$3.00
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Basic average number of common shares outstanding Diluted average number of common shares outstanding	177,430,208 178,370,695	186,010,452 187,814,235	192,772,032 195,838,068
See Notes to Financial Statements.			

## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
		(In Thousands)	
Net Income	\$1,367,372	\$1,270,305	\$1,251,050
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Cash flow hedges net unrealized gain (loss)			
(net of tax expense (benefit) of \$34,411, (\$7,088), and \$333)	71,239	(11,685)	(2,887)
Pension and other postretirement liabilities			
(net of tax benefit of \$131,198, \$14,387, and \$34,415)	(223,090)	(8,527)	(35,707)
Net unrealized investment gains			
(net of tax expense of \$19,368, \$51,130, and \$102,845)	21,254	57,523	82,929
Foreign currency translation			
(net of tax expense (benefit) of \$192, (\$182), and (\$246))	357	(338)	(457)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(130,240)	36,973	43,878
Comprehensive Income	1,237,132	1,307,278	1,294,928
Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries	20,933	20,063	19,958
Comprehensive Income Attributable to Entergy Corporation	\$1,216,199	\$1,287,215	\$1,274,970

### ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
		(In Thousands)	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Consolidated net income	<b>\$1,367,372</b>	\$1,270,305	\$1,251,050
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash flow			
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and decommissioning, including nuclear fuel amortization	1,745,455	1,705,331	1,458,861
Deferred income taxes, investment tax credits, and non-current taxes accrued	(280,029)	718,987	864,684
Gain on sale of business	-	(44,173)	-
Changes in working capital:			
Receivables	28,091	(99,640)	116,444
Fuel inventory	5,393	(10,665)	19,291
Accounts payable	(131,970)	216,635	(14,251)
Prepaid taxes and taxes accrued	580,042	(116,988)	(260,029)
Interest accrued	(34,172)	17,651	4,974
Deferred fuel	(55,686)	8,909	72,314
Other working capital accounts	41,875	(160,326)	(43,391)
Change in provisions for estimated losses	(11,086)	265,284	(12,030)
Change in other regulatory assets	(673,244)	339,408	(415,157)
Change in pension and other postretirement habilities	962,461	(80,844)	71,789
Other	(415,685)	(103,793)	(181,391)
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	3,128,817	3,926,081	2,933,158
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Construction/capital expenditures	(2,040,027)	(1,974,286)	(1,931,245)
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	86,252	59,381	59,545
Nuclear fuel purchases	(641,493)	(407,711)	(525,474)
Proceeds from sale/leaseback of nuclear fuel		•	284,997
Proceeds from sale of assets and businesses	6,531	228,171	39,554
Payments for purchases of plants	(646,137)	•	-
Insurance proceeds received for property damages	•	7,894	53,760
Changes in transition charge account	(7,260)	(29,945)	(1,036
NYPA value sharing payment	(72,000)	(72,000)	(72,000)
Payments to storm reserve escrow account	(6,425)	(296,614)	(6,802
Receipts from storm reserve escrow account	• • •	9,925	-
Decrease (increase) in other investments	(11,623)	24,956	100,956
Proceeds from nuclear decommissioning trust fund sales	1,360,346	2,606,383	2,570,523
Investment in nuclear decommissioning trust funds	(1,475,017)	(2,730,377)	(2,667,172)
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(3,446,853)	(2,574,223)	(2,094,394)

## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Ye	ars Ended Decemb	
	2011	2010	2009
		In Thousands)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from the issuance of:			
Long-term debt	2,990,881	3,870,694	2,003,469
Common stock and treasury stock	46,185	51,163	28,198
Retirement of long-term debt	(2,437,372)	(4,178,127)	(1,843,169)
Repurchase of common stock	(234,632)	(878,576)	(613,125)
Redemption of subsidiary common and preferred stock	(30,308)	-	(1,847)
Changes in credit borrowings - net	(6,501)	(8,512)	(25,000)
Dividends paid:			
Common stock	(589,605)	(603,854)	(576,956)
Preferred stock	(20,933)	(20,063)	(19,958)
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(282,285)	(1,767,275)	(1,048,388)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	287_	338	(1,316)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(600,034)	(415,079)	(210,940)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,294,472	1,709,551	1,920,491
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$694,438	\$1,294,472	\$1,709,551
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Cash paid (received) during the period for:			
Interest - net of amount capitalized	\$532,271	\$534,004	\$576,811
Income taxes	(\$2,042)	\$32,144	\$43,057
Noncash financing activities:			
Long-term debt retired (equity unit notes)	\$-	\$-	(\$500,000)
Common stock issued in settlement of equity unit purchase contracts	\$-	<b>\$-</b>	\$500,000

## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS ASSETS

	Decembe	
	2011	2010
	(In Thous	sands)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash	\$81,468	\$76,290
Temporary cash investments	612,970	1,218,182
Total cash and cash equivalents	694,438	1,294,472
Securitization recovery trust account	50,304	43,044
Accounts receivable:		
Customer	568,558	602,796
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(31,159)	(31,777
Other	166,186	161,662
Accrued unbilled revenues	298,283	302,901
Total accounts receivable	1,001,868	1,035,582
Deferred fuel costs	209,776	64,659
Accumulated deferred income taxes	9,856	8,472
Fuel inventory - at average cost	202,132	207,520
Materials and supplies - at average cost	894,756	866,908
Deferred nuclear refueling outage costs	231,031	218,423
System agreement cost equalization	36,800	52,160
Prepaid taxes	•	301,807
Prepayments and other	291,742	246,036
TOTAL	3,622,703	4,339,083
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS		
Investment in affiliates - at equity	44,876	40,697
Decommissioning trust funds	3,788,031	3,595,716
Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation)	260,436	257,847
Other	416,423	405,946
TOTAL	4,509,766	4,300,206
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Electric	39,385,524	37,153,061
Property under capital lease	809,449	800,078
Natural gas	343,550	330,608
Construction work in progress	1,779,723	1,661,560
Nuclear fuel	1,546,167	1,377,962
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	43,864,413	41,323,269
Less - accumulated depreciation and amortization	18,255,128	17,474,914
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - NET	25,609,285	23,848,355
DEFERRED DEBITS AND OTHER ASSETS		
Regulatory assets:		
Regulatory asset for income taxes - net	799,006	845,725
Other regulatory assets (includes securitization property of		•
\$1,009,103 as of December 31, 2011 and \$882,346 as of		
December 31, 2010)	4,636,871	3,838,237
Deferred fuel costs	172,202	172,202
Goodwill	377,172	377,172
Accumulated deferred income taxes	19,003	54,52
Other	955,691	909,77
TOTAL	6,959,945	6,197,632
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,701,699	\$38,685,276

#### ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

	December 31,		
	2011	2010	
	(In Thous	ands)	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Currently maturing long-term debt	\$2,192,733	\$299,548	
Notes payable	108,331	154,135	
Accounts payable	1,069,096	1,181,099	
Customer deposits	351,741	335,058	
Taxes accrued	278,235		
Accumulated deferred income taxes	99,929	49,307	
Interest accrued	183,512	217,685	
Deferred fuel costs	255,839	166,409	
Obligations under capital leases	3,631	3,388	
Pension and other postretirement liabilities	44,031	39,862	
System agreement cost equalization	80,090	52,160	
Other	283,531	277,598	
TOTAL	4,950,699	2,776,249	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accumulated deferred income taxes and taxes accrued	8,096,452	8,573,646	
Accumulated deferred investment tax credits	284,747	292,330	
	38,421	42,07	
Obligations under capital leases	728,193	539,020	
Other regulatory liabilities	3,296,570	3,148,479	
Decommissioning and asset retirement cost liabilities	385,512	395,250	
Accumulated provisions	3,133,657	2,175,364	
Pension and other postretirement liabilities	3,133,037	2,175,50	
Long-term debt (includes securitization bonds of \$1,070,556 as of	10,043,713	11,317,15	
December 31, 2011 and \$931,131 as of December 31, 2010)	501,954	618,559	
Other TOTAL	26,509,219	27,101,88	
Commitments and Contingencies			
Subsidiaries' preferred stock without sinking fund	186,511	216,73	
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Common Shareholders' Equity:			
Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 500,000,000 shares;			
issued 254,752,788 shares in 2011 and in 2010	2,548	2,54	
Paid-in capital	5,360,682	5,367,47	
Retained earnings	9,446,960	8,689,40	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(168,452)	(38,21	
Less - treasury stock, at cost (78,396,988 shares in 2011 and			
76,006,920 shares in 2010)	5,680,468	5,524,81	
Total common shareholders' equity	8,961,270	8,496,40	
Subsidiaries' preferred stock without sinking fund	94,000	94,00	
TOTAL	9,055,270	8,590,40	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$40,701,699	\$38,685,27	

### ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the Years Ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009

Common Shareholders' Equity Accumulated Subsidiaries' Other Preferred Common Treasury Paid-in Retained Comprehensive Stock Stock Stock Capital Earnings Income (Loss) Total (In Thousands) Balance at December 31, 2008 (\$4,175,214) \$94,000 \$2,482 \$4,869,303 \$7,382,719 (\$112,698) \$8,060,592 Consolidated net income (a) 19.958 1,231,092 1,251,050 Other comprehensive income 43,878 43,878 Common stock repurchases (613,125) (613,125)Common stock issuances in settlement of equity unit purchase contracts 66 499,934 500,000 Common stock issuances related to stock plans 61,172 805 61,977 Common stock dividends declared (576,913) (576,913) Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries (a) (19,958) (19,958)Capital stock and other expenses (141)(141) Adjustment for implementation of new accounting pronouncement (6,365) Balance at December 31, 2009 \$94,000 \$2,548 (\$4,727,167) \$5,370,042 \$8,043,122 (\$75,185) \$8,707,360 Consolidated net income (a) 20.063 1,250,242 1,270,305 Other comprehensive income 36,973 36,973 Common stock repurchases (878,576) (878,576) Common stock issuances related to stock plans 80,932 (2,568)78,364 Common stock dividends declared (603,963) (603,963) Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries (a) (20,063) (20,063)Balance at December 31, 2010 \$94,000 \$2,548 (\$5,524,811) \$5,367,474 \$8,689,401 (\$38,212) \$8,590,400 Consolidated net income (a) 20,933 1,346,439 1,367,372 Other comprehensive loss (130,240) (130,240) Common stock repurchases (234,632) (234,632) Common stock issuances related to stock plans 78,975 (6,792)72,183 Common stock dividends declared (588,880) (588,880) Preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries (a) (20,933) (20,933) Balance at December 31, 2011 \$94,000 \$2,548 (\$5,680,468) \$5,360,682 (\$168,452) \$9,446,960 \$9,055,270

<sup>(</sup>a) Consolidated net income and preferred dividend requirements of subsidiaries for 2011, 2010, and 2009 include \$13.3 million of preferred dividends on subsidiaries' preferred stock without sinking fund that is not presented as equity

## ENTERGY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Entergy Corporation and its subsidiaries. As required by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, all intercompany transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. Entergy's Registrant Subsidiaries (Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy) also include their separate financial statements in this Form 10-K. The Registrant Subsidiaries and many other Entergy subsidiaries maintain accounts in accordance with FERC and other regulatory guidelines. Certain previously reported amounts have been reclassified to conform to current classifications, with no effect on net income or common shareholders' (or members') equity.

#### Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, the preparation of Entergy Corporation's consolidated financial statements and the separate financial statements of the Registrant Subsidiaries requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Adjustments to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities may be necessary in the future to the extent that future estimates or actual results are different from the estimates used.

#### **Revenues and Fuel Costs**

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy Texas generate, transmit, and distribute electric power primarily to retail customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, respectively. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana also distributes natural gas to retail customers in and around Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Entergy New Orleans sells both electric power and natural gas to retail customers in the City of New Orleans, except for Algiers, where Entergy Louisiana is the electric power supplier. The Entergy Wholesale Commodities segment derives almost all of its revenue from sales of electric power generated by plants owned by subsidiaries in that segment.

Entergy recognizes revenue from electric power and natural gas sales when power or gas is delivered to customers. To the extent that deliveries have occurred but a bill has not been issued, Entergy's Utility operating companies accrue an estimate of the revenues for energy delivered since the latest billings. The Utility operating companies calculate the estimate based upon several factors including billings through the last billing cycle in a month, actual generation in the month, historical line loss factors, and prices in effect in Entergy's Utility operating companies' various jurisdictions. Changes are made to the inputs in the estimate as needed to reflect changes in billing practices. Each month the estimated unbilled revenue amounts are recorded as revenue and unbilled accounts receivable, and the prior month's estimate is reversed. Therefore, changes in price and volume differences resulting from factors such as weather affect the calculation of unbilled revenues from one period to the next, and may result in variability in reported revenues from one period to the next as prior estimates are reversed and new estimates recorded.

Entergy records revenue from sales under rates implemented subject to refund less estimated amounts accrued for probable refunds when Entergy believes it is probable that revenues will be refunded to customers based upon the status of the rate proceeding as of the date the financial statements are prepared.

Entergy's Utility operating companies' rate schedules include either fuel adjustment clauses or fixed fuel factors, which allow either current recovery in billings to customers or deferral of fuel costs until the costs are billed to customers. Where the fuel component of revenues is billed based on a pre-determined fuel cost (fixed fuel factor), the fuel factor remains in effect until changed as part of a general rate case, fuel reconciliation, or fixed fuel factor filing. System Energy's operating revenues are intended to recover from Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans operating expenses and capital costs attributable to Grand Gulf. The capital costs are computed by allowing a return on System Energy's common equity funds allocable to its net investment in Grand Gulf, plus System Energy's effective interest cost for its debt allocable to its investment in Grand Gulf.

#### Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment is stated at original cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis at rates based on the applicable estimated service lives of the various classes of property. For the Registrant Subsidiaries, the original cost of plant retired or removed, less salvage, is charged to accumulated depreciation. Normal maintenance, repairs, and minor replacement costs are charged to operating expenses. Substantially all of the Registrant Subsidiaries' plant is subject to mortgage liens.

Electric plant includes the portions of Grand Gulf and Waterford 3 that have been sold and leased back. For financial reporting purposes, these sale and leaseback arrangements are reflected as financing transactions.

Net property, plant, and equipment for Entergy (including property under capital lease and associated accumulated amortization) by business segment and functional category, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, is shown below:

			Entergy Wholesale	Parent &
2011	Entergy	Utility	Commodities	Other
		(In	Millions)	
Production				
Nuclear	\$8,635	\$5,441	\$3,194	\$-
Other	2,431	2,032	399	-
Transmission	3,344	3,309	35	-
Distribution	6,157	6,157	-	-
Other	1,716	1,463	250	3
Construction work in progress	1,780	1,420	359	1
Nuclear fuel	1,546	802	744	-
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$25,609	\$20,624	\$4,981	\$4

2010	Entergy	Utility	Entergy Wholesale Commodities	Parent & Other
		(In I	Millions)	
Production				
Nuclear	\$8,393	\$5,378	\$3,015	\$-
Other	1,842	1,797	45	-
Transmission	2,986	2,956	30	_
Distribution	5,926	5,926	-	-
Other	1,661	1,411	248	2
Construction work in progress	1,662	1,300	361	1
Nuclear fuel	1,378	760	618	-
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$23,848	\$19,528	\$4,317	\$3

Depreciation rates on average depreciable property for Entergy approximated 2.6% in 2011, 2.6% in 2010, and 2.7% in 2009. Included in these rates are the depreciation rates on average depreciable utility property of 2.5% in 2011, 2.5% in 2010, and 2.7% 2009, and the depreciation rates on average depreciable non-utility property of 3.9% in 2011, 3.7% in 2010, and 3.8% in 2009.

Entergy amortizes nuclear fuel using a units-of-production method. Nuclear fuel amortization is included in fuel expense in the income statements.

"Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation)" for Entergy is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$214.3 million and \$207.6 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Construction expenditures included in accounts payable at December 31, 2011 is \$171 million.

Net property, plant, and equipment for the Registrant Subsidiaries (including property under capital lease and associated accumulated amortization) by company and functional category, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, is shown below:

2011	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
Production				(In Millions)			
Nuclear	\$1,034	\$1,458	\$1,561	\$-	\$-	<b>\$</b> -	\$1,388
Other	398	286	679	350	(7)	325	
Transmission	942	500	706	510	22	624	5
Distribution	1,700	856	1,304	1,009	298	990	-
Other	173	192	278	206	186	110	18
Construction work in progress	120	122	559	105	14	91	358
Nuclear fuel	273	206	165				158
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$4,640	\$3,620	\$5,252	\$2,180	\$513	\$2,140	\$1,927

2010	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi (In Millions)	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
Production							
Nuclear	\$1,029	\$1,452	\$1,489	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,408
Other	406	302	393	368	(2)	331	-
Transmission	837	456	597	469	22	569	6
Distribution	1,637	817	1,255	977	296	944	-
Other	197	192	289	207	180	116	20
Construction work in progress	114	119	521	147	12	80	211
Nuclear fuel	189	203	135				155
Property, plant, and equipment - net	\$4,409	\$3,541	\$4,679	\$2,168	\$508	\$2,040	\$1,800

Depreciation rates on average depreciable property for the Registrant Subsidiaries are shown below:

	Entergy Arkansas	Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	Entergy Louisiana	Entergy Mississippi	Entergy New Orleans	Entergy Texas	System Energy
2011	2.6%	1.8%	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%	2.2%	2.8%
2010	2.9%	1.8%	2.4%	2.6%	3.1%	2.3%	2.9%
2009	3.3%	1.9%	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%	2.3%	2.9%

Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation) for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$136 million and \$134 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation) for Entergy Louisiana is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$2.7 million and \$2.5 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Non-utility property - at cost (less accumulated depreciation) for Entergy Texas is reported net of accumulated depreciation of \$9.8 million and \$9.5 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

As of December 31, 2011, construction expenditures included in accounts payable are \$14.1 million for Entergy Arkansas, \$13.7 million for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, \$27 million for Entergy Louisiana, \$4.3 million for Entergy Mississippi, \$3.6 million for Entergy New Orleans, \$4.3 million for Entergy Texas, and \$32.9 million for System Energy.

#### Jointly-Owned Generating Stations

Certain Entergy subsidiaries jointly own electric generating facilities with affiliates or third parties. The investments and expenses associated with these generating stations are recorded by the Entergy subsidiaries to the extent of their respective undivided ownership interests. As of December 31, 2011, the subsidiaries' investment and accumulated depreciation in each of these generating stations were as follows:

Generatin	g Stations	Fuel-Type	Total Megawatt Capability (1)	Ownership	Investment	Accumulated Depreciation
					(In M	illions)
Utility business:						
Entergy Arkansas -						
Independence	Unit 1	Coal	836	31.50%	\$128	\$96
	Common				***	•••
	Facilities	Coal		15.75%	\$33	\$24
White Bluff	Units 1 and 2	Coal	1,659	57.00%	\$494	\$337
Ouachita (2)	Common	_			*	****
	Facilities	Gas		66.67%	\$171	\$142
Entergy Gulf States						
Louisiana -						*
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6	Coal	550	40.25%	\$244	\$172
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6 Common				**	•
	Facilities	Coal		15.92%	\$9	\$3
Big Cajun 2	Unit 3	Coal	588	24.15%	\$142	\$97
Ouachita (2)	Common	~		22.222/	<b>^</b>	<b>#50</b>
	Facilities	Gas		33.33%	\$87	\$72
Entergy Louisiana -	~					
Acadia	Common	<b>a</b>		50 000/	010	•
	Facilities	Gas		50.00%	\$12	\$-
Entergy Mississippi -						
Independence	Units 1 and 2 and					
	Common	G 1	1 (70	05.000/	<b>#240</b>	4127
F . T	Facilities	Coal	1,678	25.00%	\$249	\$137
Entergy Texas -	TT 14.6	G 1	550	20.750/	¢170	¢117
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6	Coal	550	29.75%	\$178	\$117
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6 Common	C1		11 770/	•	60
D' - C-' - 2	Facilities	Coal Coal	500	11.77%	\$6	\$2 \$68
Big Cajun 2	Unit 3	Coai	588	17.85%	\$107	\$00
System Energy - Grand Gulf	Unit 1	Nuclear	1,190	90.00%(3)	\$3,929	\$2,518
Grand Guii	Unit I	Nuclear	1,190	90.00%(3)	\$3,929	\$2,310
Entergy Wholesale Commodities:						
Independence	Unit 2	Coal	842	14.37%	\$68	\$41
Independence	Common	Coai	072	17.57/0	ΨΟΘ	ΨΤΙ
macpondence	Facilities	Coal		7.18%	\$16	\$10
	1 dellittes	Coai		7.10/0	Φ10	ΨΙΟ
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6	Coal	550	10.9%	\$102	\$53
Roy S. Nelson	Unit 6 Common	Cour	550	10.770		ΨΟΟ
109 5. 11015011	Facilities	Coal		4.31%	\$2	\$1
	1 dellittes	Coar		7.51/0	ΨΖ	ΨΙ

<sup>(1) &</sup>quot;Total Megawatt Capability" is the dependable load carrying capability as demonstrated under actual operating conditions based on the primary fuel (assuming no curtailments) that each station was designed to utilize.

<sup>(2)</sup> Ouachita Units 1 and 2 are owned 100% by Entergy Arkansas and Ouachita Unit 3 is owned 100% by Entergy Gulf States Louisiana. The investment and accumulated depreciation numbers above are only for the common facilities and not for the generating units.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes an 11.5% leasehold interest held by System Energy. System Energy's Grand Gulf lease obligations are discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

#### **Nuclear Refueling Outage Costs**

Nuclear refueling outage costs are deferred during the outage and amortized over the estimated period to the next outage because these refueling outage expenses are incurred to prepare the units to operate for the next operating cycle without having to be taken off line.

#### **Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)**

AFUDC represents the approximate net composite interest cost of borrowed funds and a reasonable return on the equity funds used for construction by the Registrant Subsidiaries. AFUDC increases both the plant balance and earnings and is realized in cash through depreciation provisions included in the rates charged to customers.

#### **Income Taxes**

Entergy Corporation and the majority of its subsidiaries file a United States consolidated federal income tax return. Each tax-paying entity records income taxes as if it were a separate taxpayer and consolidating adjustments are allocated to the tax filing entities in accordance with Entergy's intercompany income tax allocation agreement. Deferred income taxes are recorded for all temporary differences between the book and tax basis of assets and liabilities, and for certain credits available for carryforward.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates in the period in which the tax or rate was enacted.

Investment tax credits are deferred and amortized based upon the average useful life of the related property, in accordance with ratemaking treatment.

#### Earnings per Share

The following table presents Entergy's basic and diluted earnings per share calculation included on the consolidated statements of income:

	For the Years Ended December 31,								
•		2011		-	2010			2009	
				(In Millio	ns, Exce	pt Per Sha	are Data)		
Basic earnings per average				_			_		
common share  Net income attributable to	Income	Shares	\$/share	Income	Shares	\$/share	Income	Shares	\$/share
Entergy Corporation	\$1,346.4	177.4	\$7.59	\$1,250.2	186.0	\$6.72	\$1,231.1	192.8	\$6.39
Average dilutive effect of:									
Stock options	-	1.0	(0.04)	•	1.8	(0.06)	-	2.2	(0.07)
Equity units	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	0.8	(0.02)
Diluted earnings per average common share	\$1,346.4	178.4	\$7.55	\$1,250.2	187.8	\$6.66	\$1,234.3	195.8	\$6.30

The calculation of diluted earnings per share excluded 5,712,604 options outstanding at December 31, 2011, 5,380,262 options outstanding at December 31, 2010, and 4,368,614 options outstanding at December 31, 2009 that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future. Those options were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise price of those options exceeded the average market price for the year.

See Note 7 to the financial statements for a discussion of the equity units.

#### **Stock-based Compensation Plans**

Entergy grants stock options to key employees of the Entergy subsidiaries, which is described more fully in Note 12 to the financial statements. Entergy accounts for stock options using the fair value based method. Awards under Entergy's plans generally vest over three years.

#### Accounting for the Effects of Regulation

Entergy's Utility operating companies and System Energy are rate-regulated enterprises whose rates meet three criteria specified in accounting standards. The Utility operating companies and System Energy have rates that (i) are approved by a body (its regulator) empowered to set rates that bind customers; (ii) are cost-based; and (iii) can be charged to and collected from customers. These criteria may also be applied to separable portions of a utility's business, such as the generation or transmission functions, or to specific classes of customers. Because the Utility operating companies and System Energy meet these criteria, each of them capitalizes costs that would otherwise be charged to expense if the rate actions of its regulator make it probable that those costs will be recovered in future revenue. Such capitalized costs are reflected as regulatory assets in the accompanying financial statements. When an enterprise concludes that recovery of a regulatory asset is no longer probable, the regulatory asset must be removed from the entity's balance sheet.

An enterprise that ceases to meet the three criteria for all or part of its operations should report that event in its financial statements. In general, the enterprise no longer meeting the criteria should eliminate from its balance sheet all regulatory assets and liabilities related to the applicable operations. Additionally, if it is determined that a regulated enterprise is no longer recovering all of its costs, it is possible that an impairment may exist that could require further write-offs of plant assets.

Entergy Gulf States Louisiana does not apply regulatory accounting standards to the Louisiana retail deregulated portion of River Bend, the 30% interest in River Bend formerly owned by Cajun, and its steam business. The Louisiana retail deregulated portion of River Bend is operated under a deregulated asset plan representing a portion (approximately 15%) of River Bend plant costs, generation, revenues, and expenses established under a 1992 LPSC order. The plan allows Entergy Gulf States Louisiana to sell the electricity from the deregulated assets to Louisiana retail customers at 4.6 cents per kWh or off-system at higher prices, with certain provisions for sharing incremental revenue above 4.6 cents per kWh between ratepayers and shareholders.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Entergy considers all unrestricted highly liquid debt instruments with an original or remaining maturity of three months or less at date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

#### **Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

The allowance for doubtful accounts reflects Entergy's best estimate of losses on the accounts receivable balances. The allowance is based on accounts receivable agings, historical experience, and other currently available evidence. Utility operating company customer accounts receivable are written off consistent with approved regulatory requirements.

#### **Investments**

Entergy records decommissioning trust funds on the balance sheet at their fair value. Because of the ability of the Registrant Subsidiaries to recover decommissioning costs in rates and in accordance with the regulatory treatment for decommissioning trust funds, the Registrant Subsidiaries have recorded an offsetting amount of unrealized gains/(losses) on investment securities in other regulatory liabilities/assets. For the portion of River Bend that is not rate-regulated, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana has recorded an offsetting amount of unrealized gains/(losses) in other deferred credits. Decommissioning trust funds for Pilgrim, Indian Point 2, Vermont Yankee, and Palisades do not meet the criteria for regulatory accounting treatment. Accordingly, unrealized gains recorded on the assets in these trust funds are recognized in the accumulated other comprehensive income component of shareholders' equity because these assets are classified as available for sale. Unrealized losses (where cost exceeds

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fair market value) on the assets in these trust funds are also recorded in the accumulated other comprehensive income component of shareholders' equity unless the unrealized loss is other than temporary and therefore recorded in earnings. The assessment of whether an investment in a debt security has suffered an other-than-temporary impairment is based on whether Entergy has the intent to sell or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before recovery of its amortized costs. Further, if Entergy does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the debt security, an other-than-temporary impairment is considered to have occurred and it is measured by the present value of cash flows expected to be collected less the amortized cost basis (credit loss). The assessment of whether an investment in an equity security has suffered an other-than-temporary impairment is based on a number of factors including, first, whether Entergy has the ability and intent to hold the investment to recover its value, the duration and severity of any losses, and, then, whether it is expected that the investment will recover its value within a reasonable period of time. Entergy's trusts are managed by third parties who operate in accordance with agreements that define investment guidelines and place restrictions on the purchases and sales of investments. See Note 17 to the financial statements for details on the decommissioning trust funds and other than temporary impairments recorded in 2011, 2010, and 2009.

#### **Equity Method Investments**

Entergy owns investments that are accounted for under the equity method of accounting because Entergy's ownership level results in significant influence, but not control, over the investee and its operations. Entergy records its share of earnings or losses of the investee based on the change during the period in the estimated liquidation value of the investment, assuming that the investee's assets were to be liquidated at book value. In accordance with this method, earnings are allocated to owners or members based on what each partner would receive from its capital account if, hypothetically, liquidation were to occur at the balance sheet date and amounts distributed were based on recorded book values. Entergy discontinues the recognition of losses on equity investments when its share of losses equals or exceeds its carrying amount for an investee plus any advances made or commitments to provide additional financial support. See Note 14 to the financial statements for additional information regarding Entergy's equity method investments.

#### **Derivative Financial Instruments and Commodity Derivatives**

The accounting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities require that all derivatives be recognized at fair value on the balance sheet, either as assets or liabilities, unless they meet various exceptions including the normal purchase, normal sales criteria. The changes in the fair value of recognized derivatives are recorded each period in current earnings or other comprehensive income, depending on whether a derivative is designated as part of a hedge transaction and the type of hedge transaction.

Contracts for commodities that will be physically delivered in quantities expected to be used or sold in the ordinary course of business, including certain purchases and sales of power and fuel, meet the normal purchase, normal sales criteria and are not recognized on the balance sheet. Revenues and expenses from these contracts are reported on a gross basis in the appropriate revenue and expense categories as the commodities are received or delivered.

For other contracts for commodities in which Entergy is hedging the variability of cash flows related to a variable-rate asset, liability, or forecasted transactions that qualify as cash flow hedges, the changes in the fair value of such derivative instruments are reported in other comprehensive income. To qualify for hedge accounting, the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item must be documented to include the risk management objective and strategy and, at inception and on an ongoing basis, the effectiveness of the hedge in offsetting the changes in the cash flows of the item being hedged. Gains or losses accumulated in other comprehensive income are reclassified to earnings in the periods when the underlying transactions actually occur. The ineffective portions of all hedges are recognized in current-period earnings.

Entergy has determined that contracts to purchase uranium do not meet the definition of a derivative under the accounting standards for derivative instruments because they do not provide for net settlement and the uranium markets are not sufficiently liquid to conclude that forward contracts are readily convertible to cash. If the uranium markets do become sufficiently liquid in the future and Entergy begins to account for uranium purchase contracts as derivative instruments, the fair value of these contracts would be accounted for consistent with Entergy's other derivative instruments.

#### Fair Values

The estimated fair values of Entergy's financial instruments and derivatives are determined using bid prices and market quotes. Considerable judgment is required in developing the estimates of fair value. Therefore, estimates are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that Entergy could realize in a current market exchange. Gains or losses realized on financial instruments held by regulated businesses may be reflected in future rates and therefore do not accrue to the benefit or detriment of stockholders. Entergy considers the carrying amounts of most financial instruments classified as current assets and liabilities to be a reasonable estimate of their fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. See Note 16 to the financial statements for further discussion of fair value.

#### **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

Entergy periodically reviews long-lived assets held in all of its business segments whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that recoverability of these assets is uncertain. Generally, the determination of recoverability is based on the undiscounted net cash flows expected to result from such operations and assets. Projected net cash flows depend on the future operating costs associated with the assets, the efficiency and availability of the assets and generating units, and the future market and price for energy over the remaining life of the assets.

Three nuclear power plants in the Entergy Wholesale Commodities business segment (Pilgrim, Indian Point 2 and Indian Point 3) have applications pending for renewed NRC licenses. Various parties have expressed opposition to renewal of the licenses. Under federal law, nuclear power plants may continue to operate beyond their license expiration dates while their renewal applications are pending NRC approval. If the NRC does not renew the operating license for any of these plants, the plant's operating life could be shortened, reducing its projected net cash flows and impairing its value as an asset.

In March 2011 the NRC renewed Vermont Yankee's operating license for an additional 20 years. The renewed operating license expires in March 2032. In May 2011 the Vermont Department of Public Service and the New England Coalition petitioned the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit seeking judicial review of the NRC's issuance of the renewed operating license, alleging that the license had been issued without a valid and effective water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. intervened in the proceeding. Motions by the parties for summary disposition were denied by the court, and oral argument is scheduled for May 2012.

Vermont Yankee also is operating under a Certificate of Public Good from the State of Vermont that expires in March 2012, but has an application pending before the Vermont Public Service Board (VPSB) for a new Certificate of Public Good for operation until March 2032. As the United States district court noted in its decision discussed below (regarding Entergy's challenge to certain conditions imposed by Vermont), title 3, section 814 of the Vermont Statutes provides that a license subject to an agency's notice and hearing requirements does not expire until a final determination on an application for renewal has been made.

In April 2011, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee and Entergy Nuclear Operations, the owner and operator respectively of Vermont Yankee, filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Vermont. The suit challenged certain conditions imposed by Vermont upon Vermont Yankee's continued operation and storage of spent nuclear fuel, including the requirement to obtain not only a new Certificate of Public Good, but also approval by Vermont's General Assembly. In January 2012 the court entered judgment in Entergy's favor and specifically:

- Declared that Vermont's laws requiring Vermont Yankee to cease operation in March 2012 and
  prohibiting the storage of spent nuclear fuel from operation after that date, absent approval by the
  General Assembly, were based on radiological safety concerns and are preempted by the Atomic Energy
  Act:
- Permanently enjoined Vermont from enforcing these preempted requirements of the state's laws; and

Permanently enjoined Vermont under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution from
conditioning the issuance of a new Certificate of Public Good upon the existence of a below wholesale
market power sale agreement with Vermont utilities or Vermont Yankee's selling power to Vermont
utilities at rates below those available to wholesale customers in other states.

In February 2012 the Vermont defendants filed a notice of appeal of the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

In January 2012, Entergy filed a motion requesting that the VPSB grant, based on the existing record in its proceeding, Vermont Yankee's pending application for a new Certificate of Public Good. The VPSB scheduled a status conference for March 9, 2012, and requested comments from the parties by March 2, 2012. In a February 23, 2012 memorandum to the parties, the VPSB asked that the parties' comments respond to certain questions relating to, among other issues, the VPSB's authority to issue the Certificate of Public Good and Vermont Yankee's authority to operate beyond March 21, 2012 and store spent fuel from such operations, despite the decision and order of the United States district court.

In light of these questions from the VPSB, Vermont Yankee filed a cross-appeal of the district court's decision. Vermont Yankee also filed two motions with the district court asking it (1) to issue an injunction prohibiting Vermont from taking any action to force Vermont Yankee to shut down during the appeal of the district court's decision or during the Certificate of Public Good proceeding before the VPSB and any judicial appeal from that proceeding, and (2) to amend the district court's final judgment to include certain additional provisions of Vermont law relating to Vermont Yankee's operation and storage of spent nuclear fuel from operation after March 21, 2012, that were part of the statutes the court found to be preempted in its decision, but which were not specifically included in the final judgment.

Entergy Wholesale Commodities' investments are subject to impairment if adverse market conditions arise, if a unit ceases operation, or for certain units if their authorizations to operate are not renewed. Specifically regarding Vermont Yankee, if Entergy concludes that Vermont Yankee is unlikely to operate significantly beyond its original license expiration date in March 2012, it could result in an impairment of part or all of the carrying value of the plant. In preparing its 2011 financial statements, Entergy evaluated whether the carrying value of Vermont Yankee was impaired as of December 31, 2011, before the outcome of the federal court lawsuit was known. For purposes of that evaluation, Entergy considered a number of factors associated with the plant's continued operation, including the status of the federal lawsuit, the status of the state regulatory issues as described above, the potential sale of the plant, and the application of federal laws regarding the continued operation of nuclear facilities. Based on its evaluation of those factors, Entergy determined that the carrying value of Vermont Yankee was not impaired as of December 31, 2011. As of December 31, 2011 the net carrying value of the plant, including nuclear fuel, is \$465 million.

#### **River Bend AFUDC**

The River Bend AFUDC gross-up is a regulatory asset that represents the incremental difference imputed by the LPSC between the AFUDC actually recorded by Entergy Gulf States Louisiana on a net-of-tax basis during the construction of River Bend and what the AFUDC would have been on a pre-tax basis. The imputed amount was only calculated on that portion of River Bend that the LPSC allowed in rate base and is being amortized through August 2025.

#### Reacquired Debt

The premiums and costs associated with reacquired debt of Entergy's Utility operating companies and System Energy (except that portion allocable to the deregulated operations of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana) are included in regulatory assets and are being amortized over the life of the related new issuances, in accordance with ratemaking treatment.

#### Taxes Imposed on Revenue-Producing Transactions

Governmental authorities assess taxes that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer, including, but not limited to, sales, use, value added, and some excise taxes. Entergy presents these taxes on a net basis, excluding them from revenues, unless required to report them differently by a regulatory authority.

#### Presentation of Preferred Stock without Sinking Fund

Accounting standards regarding non-controlling interests and the classification and measurement of redeemable securities require the classification of preferred securities between liabilities and shareholders' equity on the balance sheet if the holders of those securities have protective rights that allow them to gain control of the board of directors in certain circumstances. These rights would have the effect of giving the holders the ability to potentially redeem their securities, even if the likelihood of occurrence of these circumstances is considered remote. The Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans articles of incorporation provide, generally, that the holders of each company's preferred securities may elect a majority of the respective company's board of directors if dividends are not paid for a year, until such time as the dividends in arrears are paid. Therefore, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy New Orleans present their preferred securities outstanding between liabilities and shareholders' equity on the balance sheet. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana, both organized as limited liability companies, have outstanding preferred securities with similar protective rights with respect to unpaid dividends, but provide for the election of board members that would not constitute a majority of the board; and their preferred securities are therefore classified for all periods presented as a component of members' equity.

The outstanding preferred securities of Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Asset Management (whose preferred holders also had protective rights until the securities were repurchased in December 2011), are similarly presented between liabilities and equity on Entergy's consolidated balance sheets and the outstanding preferred securities of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana are presented within total equity in Entergy's consolidated balance sheets. The preferred dividends or distributions paid by all subsidiaries are reflected for all periods presented outside of consolidated net income.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

The accounting standard-setting process, including projects between the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) to converge U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards, is ongoing and the FASB and the IASB are each currently working on several projects that have not yet resulted in final pronouncements. Final pronouncements that result from these projects could have a material effect on Entergy's future net income, financial position, or cash flows.

In May 2011 the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-4, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs," which states that the ASU explains how to measure fair value. The ASU states that: 1) the amendments in the ASU result in common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards; 2) consequently, the amendments change the wording used to describe many of the requirements in U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements; 3) for many of the requirements, the FASB does not intend for the ASU to result in a change in the application of the requirements of current U.S. GAAP; 4) some of the amendments clarify the FASB's intent about the application of existing fair value measurement requirements; and 5) other amendments change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements. ASU No. 2011-4 is effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2012. Entergy does not expect ASU No. 2011-4 to affect materially its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

In September 2011 the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-8, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment." The amendments permit an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform a quantitative goodwill impairment assessment. ASU No. 2011-8 is effective for Entergy for the first quarter 2012. The adoption of ASU No. 2011-8 will have no effect on Entergy's results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

# NOTE 2. RATE AND REGULATORY MATTERS (Entergy Corporation, Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, Entergy Texas, and System Energy)

#### **Regulatory Assets**

#### **Other Regulatory Assets**

Regulatory assets represent probable future revenues associated with costs that are expected to be recovered from customers through the regulatory ratemaking process affecting the Utility business. In addition to the regulatory assets that are specifically disclosed on the face of the balance sheets, the tables below provide detail of "Other regulatory assets" that are included on Entergy's and the Registrant Subsidiaries' balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

#### Entergy

	2011	2010
	(In Mi	llions)
Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning		
(Note 9) (b)	\$395.9	\$406.4
Deferred capacity (Note 2 – Retail Rate Proceedings – Filings with the LPSC)	-	15.8
Grand Gulf fuel - non-current and power management rider - recovered through rate		
riders when rates are redetermined periodically (Note 2 – Fuel and purchased power cost		
recovery)	12.4	17.4
New nuclear generation development costs (Note 2)	56.8	-
Gas hedging costs - recovered through fuel rates	30.3	1.9
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement		
Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (b)	2,542.0	1,734.7
Postretirement benefits - recovered through 2012 (Note 11 - Other Postretirement		
Benefits) (b)	2.4	4.8
Provision for storm damages, including hurricane costs - recovered through		
securitization, insurance proceeds, and retail rates (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings		
with Retail Regulators)	996.4	1,026.0
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9) (b)	81.2	81.5
River Bend AFUDC - recovered through August 2025 (Note 1 - River Bend AFUDC)	24.3	26.2
Sale-leaseback deferral (Note 10 - Sale and Leaseback Transactions - Grand Gulf Lease		
Obligations)	-	22.3
Spindletop gas storage facility - recovered through December 2032 (a)	31.0	32.6
Transition to competition costs - recovered over a 15-year period through February 2021	89.2	95.8
Little Gypsy cost proceeding – recovered through securitization		
(Note 5 – Entergy Louisiana Securitization Bonds - Little Gypsy)	198.4	200.9
Incremental ice storm costs - recovered through 2032	10.5	11.1
Michoud plant maintenance – recovered over a 7-year period through September 2018	12.9	-
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	108.8	122.5
Other	44.4	38.3
Total	\$4,636.9	\$3,838.2

#### Entergy Arkansas

Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) (b)   \$187.7   \$167.3   \$167.3   \$167.1   \$11.1   \$11.1   \$11.1   \$11.1   \$11.1   \$11.1   \$11.1   \$167.3   \$157.3   \$1	Linergy Arkansas	2011	2010
Note 9) (b)   S187.7   S167.3   S167.3   S167.3   S167.4   S167.5   S167			
Note 9) (b)	Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning	(311 21211	
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 - Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement   Benelits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (b)		\$187.7	\$167.3
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans) (b)   September 1   September 2   September	Incremental ice storm costs - recovered through 2032		11.1
Semefits, and Non-Oualified Pension Plans) (b)   Grand Gulf fuel - non-current - recovered through rate riders when rates are redetermined periodically (Note 2 - Fuel and purchased power cost recovery)   Postretirement benefits - recovered through 2012 (Note 11 - Other Postretirement Benefits) (b)			
Refar   Grand Gulf fuel - non-current - recovered through rater iders when rates are redetermined periodically (Note 2 – Fuel and purchased power cost recovery)		768.3	547.5
Provision for storm damages, including hurricane costs - recovered through fuel rates (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) to Deferred capacity (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) to Deferred capacity (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) to Deferred capacity (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning (Note 9) to Deferred capacity (Note 1 - Qualified Pension Plans and Non-Qualified Pension Plans (Note 9) to Deferred capacity (Note 2 - Retail Rate Proceedings - Filings with the LPSC) (Note Pension Plans) (Note Pension Plans			
Periodically (Note 2 − Fuel and purchased power cost recovery:)  Postretirement benefits - recovered through 2012 (Note 11 − Other Postretirement Benefits) (b)		4.6	-
Postretirement benefits - recovered through 2012 (Note 11 − Other Postretirement Benefits) (b)         2.4         8.4         8.8         Provision for storm damages - recovered either through securitization or retail rates (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators)         114.7         118.5         3.8.0         3.8.0         3.8.0         3.8.0         3.8.2         4.0         5.2         5.2         Entergy Gulf States Louisiana         4.0         5.2         5.2         Entergy Gulf States Louisiana         2011         2010	periodically (Note 2 – Fuel and purchased power cost recovery)		
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	(In Mill	ions)
Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning	·	
(Note 9) (b)	\$5.3	\$5.0
Gas hedging costs - recovered through fuel rates	7.8	•
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9) (b)	48.5	46.1
Grand Gulf fuel - non-current and power management rider- recovered through rate		
riders when rates are redetermined periodically (Note 2 – Fuel and purchased power cost		
recovery)	7.8	17.4
New nuclear generation development costs (Note 2)	56.8	-
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 - Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement		
Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (b)	221.1	160.0
Provision for storm damages - recovered through retail rates	30.7	8.7
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	10.7	11.5
Other	4.7	4.5_
Entergy Mississippi Total	\$393.4	\$253.2
Entergy New Orleans	****	2010
	2011	2010
	(In Mi	llions)
Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning	00.4	<b>#2.2</b>
(Note 9) (b)	\$3.4	\$3.2
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9) (b)	16.3	15.4
Gas hedging costs - recovered through fuel rates	1.5	0.5
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 – Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement	107.6	05.2
Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (b)	127.6	95.3
Provision for storm damages, including hurricane costs - recovered through insurance	9.6	10.0
proceeds and retail rates (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators)	8.6	10.8
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	2.6	3.0
Michoud plant maintenance – recovered over a 7-year period through September 2018	12.9	71
Other	5.9	<del>7.1</del> \$135.3
Entergy New Orleans Total	\$178.8	\$133.3
Entergy Texas		
22.142.5/ 2.41.00	2011	2010
	(In Mill	ions)
Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning		
(Note 9) (b)	\$1.3	\$1.4
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9) (b)	4.5	7.3
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 - Qualified Pension Plans, Other Postretirement		
Benefits, and Non-Qualified Pension Plans) (b)	244.9	165.4
Provision for storm damages, including hurricane costs - recovered through		
securitization, insurance proceeds, and retail rates (Note 2 - Storm Cost Recovery		
Filings with Retail Regulators)	822.5	881.7
Transition to competition costs - recovered over a 15-year period through February 2021	89.2	95.8
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	10.8	12.7
Other	4.9	4.7
Entergy Texas Total	\$1,178.1	\$1,169.0

#### System Energy

	2011	2010
	(In Mill	ions)
Asset Retirement Obligation - recovery dependent upon timing of decommissioning		
(Note 9) (b)	\$59.6	\$98.3
Removal costs - recovered through depreciation rates (Note 9) (b)	11.8	12.2
Pension & postretirement costs (Note 11 - Qualified Pension Plans and Other		
Postretirement Benefits) (b)	197.6	142.0
Sale-leaseback deferral (Note 10 - Sale and Leaseback Transactions - Grand Gulf Lease		
Obligations)	-	22.3
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt - recovered over term of debt	18.2	21.5
Other	0.6	0.4
System Energy Total	\$287.8	\$296.7

- (a) The jurisdictional split order assigned the regulatory asset to Entergy Texas. The regulatory asset, however, is being recovered and amortized at Entergy Gulf States Louisiana. As a result, a billing occurs monthly over the same term as the recovery and receipts will be submitted to Entergy Texas. Entergy Texas has recorded a receivable from Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana has recorded a corresponding payable.
- (b) Does not earn a return on investment, but is offset by related liabilities.

#### Fuel and purchased power cost recovery

Entergy Arkansas, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy New Orleans, and Entergy Texas are allowed to recover fuel and purchased power costs through fuel mechanisms included in electric and gas rates that are recorded as fuel cost recovery revenues. The difference between revenues collected and the current fuel and purchased power costs is generally recorded as "Deferred fuel costs" on the Utility operating companies' financial statements. The table below shows the amount of deferred fuel costs as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, that Entergy expects to recover (or return to customers) through fuel mechanisms, subject to subsequent regulatory review.

	2011	2010
	(In Mi	llions)
Entergy Arkansas	\$209.8	\$61.5
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana (a)	\$2.9	\$77.8
Entergy Louisiana (a)	\$1.5	\$8.8
Entergy Mississippi	(\$15.8)	\$3.2
Entergy New Orleans (a)	(\$7.5)	(\$2.8)
Entergy Texas	(\$64.7)	(\$77.4)

(a) 2011 and 2010 include \$100.1 million for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, \$68 million for Entergy Louisiana, and \$4.1 million for Entergy New Orleans of fuel, purchased power, and capacity costs, which do not currently earn a return on investment and whose recovery periods are indeterminate but are expected to be over a period greater than twelve months.

#### **Entergy Arkansas**

#### Production Cost Allocation Rider

The APSC approved a production cost allocation rider for recovery from customers of the retail portion of the costs allocated to Entergy Arkansas as a result of the System Agreement proceedings, which are discussed in the "System Agreement Cost Equalization Proceedings" section below. These costs cause an increase in Entergy Entergy Corporation and Subsidiaries Notes to Financial Statements

Arkansas's deferred fuel cost balance because Entergy Arkansas pays the costs over seven months but collects them from customers over twelve months.

#### **Energy Cost Recovery Rider**

Entergy Arkansas's retail rates include an energy cost recovery rider to recover fuel and purchased energy costs in monthly bills. The rider utilizes prior calendar year energy costs and projected energy sales for the twelve-month period commencing on April 1 of each year to develop an energy cost rate, which is redetermined annually and includes a true-up adjustment reflecting the over-recovery or under-recovery, including carrying charges, of the energy cost for the prior calendar year. The energy cost recovery rider tariff also allows an interim rate request depending upon the level of over- or under-recovery of fuel and purchased energy costs.

In early October 2005, the APSC initiated an investigation into Entergy Arkansas's interim energy cost recovery rate. The investigation focused on Entergy Arkansas's 1) gas contracting, portfolio, and hedging practices; 2) wholesale purchases during the period; 3) management of the coal inventory at its coal generation plants; and 4) response to the contractual failure of the railroads to provide coal deliveries. In March 2006, the APSC extended its investigation to cover the costs included in Entergy Arkansas's March 2006 annual energy cost rate filing, and a hearing was held in the APSC energy cost recovery investigation in October 2006.

In January 2007 the APSC issued an order in its review of the energy cost rate. The APSC found that Entergy Arkansas failed to maintain an adequate coal inventory level going into the summer of 2005 and that Entergy Arkansas should be responsible for any incremental energy costs resulting from two outages caused by employee and contractor error. The coal plant generation curtailments were caused by railroad delivery problems and Entergy Arkansas has since resolved litigation with the railroad regarding the delivery problems. The APSC staff was directed to perform an analysis with Entergy Arkansas's assistance to determine the additional fuel and purchased energy costs associated with these findings and file the analysis within 60 days of the order. After a final determination of the costs is made by the APSC, Entergy Arkansas would be directed to refund that amount with interest to its customers as a credit on the energy cost recovery rider. Entergy Arkansas requested rehearing of the order. In March 2007, in order to allow further consideration by the APSC, the APSC granted Entergy Arkansas's petition for rehearing and for stay of the APSC order.

In October 2008 Entergy Arkansas filed a motion to lift the stay and to rescind the APSC's January 2007 order in light of the arguments advanced in Entergy Arkansas's rehearing petition and because the value for Entergy Arkansas's customers obtained through the resolved railroad litigation is significantly greater than the incremental cost of actions identified by the APSC as imprudent. In December 2008, the APSC denied the motion to lift the stay pending resolution of Entergy Arkansas's rehearing request and the unresolved issues in the proceeding. The APSC ordered the parties to submit their unresolved issues list in the pending proceeding, which the parties did. In February 2010 the APSC denied Entergy Arkansas's request for rehearing, and held a hearing in September 2010 to determine the amount of damages, if any, that should be assessed against Entergy Arkansas. A decision is pending. Entergy Arkansas expects the amount of damages, if any, to have an immaterial effect on its results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

The APSC also established a separate docket to consider the resolved railroad litigation, and in February 2010 it established a procedural schedule that concluded with testimony through September 2010. Testimony has been filed and the APSC will decide the case based on the record in the proceeding, including the prefiled testimony.

#### Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana

Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana recover electric fuel and purchased power costs for the billing month based upon the level of such costs incurred two months prior to the billing month. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's purchased gas adjustments include estimates for the billing month adjusted by a surcharge or credit that

arises from an annual reconciliation of fuel costs incurred with fuel cost revenues billed to customers, including carrying charges.

In January 2003 the LPSC authorized its staff to initiate a proceeding to audit the fuel adjustment clause filings of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and its affiliates. The audit included a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed by Entergy Gulf States Louisiana through its fuel adjustment clause for the period 1995 through 2004. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and the LPSC Staff reached a settlement to resolve the audit that requires Entergy Gulf States Louisiana to refund \$18 million to customers, including the realignment to base rates of \$2 million of SO2 costs. The ALJ held a stipulation hearing and in November 2011 the LPSC issued an order approving the settlement. The refund was made in the November 2011 billing cycle. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana had previously recorded provisions for the estimated outcome of this proceeding.

In December 2011 the LPSC authorized its staff to initiate another proceeding to audit the fuel adjustment clause filings of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and its affiliates. The audit includes a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed by Entergy Gulf States Louisiana through its fuel adjustment clause for the period 2005 through 2009.

In April 2010 the LPSC authorized its staff to initiate an audit of Entergy Louisiana's fuel adjustment clause filings. The audit includes a review of the reasonableness of charges flowed through the fuel adjustment clause by Entergy Louisiana for the period from 2005 through 2009. Discovery is in progress, but a procedural schedule has not been established.

#### Entergy Mississippi

Entergy Mississippi's rate schedules include an energy cost recovery rider that is adjusted quarterly to reflect accumulated over- or under-recoveries from the second prior quarter. Entergy Mississippi's fuel cost recoveries are subject to annual audits conducted pursuant to the authority of the MPSC.

In July 2008 the MPSC began a proceeding to investigate the fuel procurement practices and fuel adjustment schedules of the Mississippi utility companies, including Entergy Mississippi. The MPSC stated that the goal of the proceeding is fact-finding so that the MPSC may decide whether to amend the current fuel cost recovery process. Hearings were held in July and August 2008. Further proceedings have not been scheduled.

#### Mississippi Attorney General Complaint

The Mississippi attorney general filed a complaint in state court in December 2008 against Entergy Corporation, Entergy Mississippi, Entergy Services, Inc., and Entergy Power, Inc. alleging, among other things, violations of Mississippi statutes, fraud, and breach of good faith and fair dealing, and requesting an accounting and restitution. The litigation is wide ranging and relates to tariffs and procedures under which Entergy Mississippi purchases power not generated in Mississippi to meet electricity demand. Entergy believes the complaint is unfounded. On December 29, 2008, the defendant Entergy companies filed to remove the attorney general's suit to U.S. District Court (the forum that Entergy believes is appropriate to resolve the types of federal issues raised in the suit), where it is currently pending, and additionally answered the complaint and filed a counter-claim for relief based upon the Mississippi Public Utilities Act and the Federal Power Act. The Mississippi attorney general has filed a pleading seeking to remand the matter to state court. In May 2009, the defendant Entergy companies filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings asserting grounds of federal preemption, the exclusive jurisdiction of the MPSC, and factual errors in the attorney general's complaint.

In July 2011, the attorney general requested a status conference regarding its motion to remand. The court granted the attorney general's request for a status conference, which was held in September 2011. Consistent with the court's instructions, both parties submitted letters to the court in September 2011 providing updates on the facts of the case and the law, and the court has now taken the parties' arguments under advisement.

#### **Entergy New Orleans**

Entergy New Orleans's electric rate schedules include a fuel adjustment tariff designed to reflect no more than targeted fuel and purchased power costs, adjusted by a surcharge or credit for deferred fuel expense arising from the monthly reconciliation of actual fuel and purchased power costs incurred with fuel cost revenues billed to customers, including carrying charges.

Entergy New Orleans's gas rate schedules include a purchased gas adjustment to reflect estimated gas costs for the billing month, adjusted by a surcharge or credit similar to that included in the electric fuel adjustment clause, including carrying charges.

#### **Entergy Texas**

Entergy Texas's rate schedules include a fixed fuel factor to recover fuel and purchased power costs, including carrying charges, not recovered in base rates. Semi-annual revisions of the fixed fuel factor are made in March and September based on the market price of natural gas and changes in fuel mix. The amounts collected under Entergy Texas's fixed fuel factor and any interim surcharge or refund are subject to fuel reconciliation proceedings before the PUCT.

In January 2008, Entergy Texas made a compliance filing with the PUCT describing how its 2007 rough production cost equalization receipts under the System Agreement were allocated between Entergy Gulf States, Inc.'s Texas and Louisiana jurisdictions. In December 2008 the PUCT adopted an ALJ proposal for decision recommending an additional \$18.6 million allocation to Texas retail customers. Because the PUCT allocation to Texas retail customers is inconsistent with the LPSC allocation to Louisiana retail customers, the PUCT's decision resulted in trapped costs between the Texas and Louisiana jurisdictions with no mechanism for recovery. Entergy Texas filed with the FERC a proposed amendment to the System Agreement bandwidth formula to specifically calculate the payments to Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Texas of Entergy Gulf States, Inc.'s rough production cost equalization receipts for 2007. In May 2009 the FERC issued an order rejecting the proposed amendment. Because of the FERC's order, Entergy Texas recorded the effects of the PUCT's allocation of the additional \$18.6 million to Texas retail customers in the second quarter 2009. On an after-tax basis, the charge to earnings was approximately \$13.0 million (including interest). The PUCT and FERC decisions are now final.

In May 2009, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to refund \$46.1 million, including interest, of fuel cost recovery over-collections through February 2009. Pursuant to a stipulation among the various parties, in June 2009 the PUCT issued an order approving a refund of \$59.2 million, including interest, of fuel cost recovery overcollections through March 2009. The refund was made for most customers over a three-month period beginning July 2009.

In October 2009, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to refund approximately \$71 million, including interest, of fuel cost recovery over-collections through September 2009. Pursuant to a stipulation among the various parties, the PUCT issued an order approving a refund of \$87.8 million, including interest, of fuel cost recovery overcollections through October 2009. The refund was made for most customers over a three-month period beginning January 2010.

In June 2010, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to refund approximately \$66 million, including interest, of fuel cost recovery over-collections through May 2010. In September 2010 the PUCT issued an order providing for a \$77 million refund, including interest, for fuel cost recovery over-collections through June 2010. The refund was made for most customers over a three-month period beginning with the September 2010 billing cycle.

In December 2010, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to refund fuel cost recovery over-collections through October 2010. Pursuant to a stipulation among the parties that was approved by the PUCT in March 2011, Entergy Texas refunded over-collections through November 2010 of approximately \$73 million,

including interest through the refund period. The refund was made for most customers over a three-month period that began with the February 2011 billing cycle.

In December 2011, Entergy Texas filed with the PUCT a request to refund approximately \$43 million, including interest, of fuel cost recovery over-collections through October 2011. Entergy Texas and the parties to the proceeding reached an agreement that Entergy Texas will refund \$67 million, including interest, over a three-month period, which refund includes additional over-recoveries through December 2011. Entergy Texas and the parties requested that interim rates consistent with the settlement be approved effective with the March 2012 billing month, and this request was granted by the presiding ALJ on February 16, 2012.

Entergy Texas's December 2009 rate case filing, which is discussed below, also included a request to reconcile \$1.8 billion of fuel and purchased power costs covering the period April 2007 through June 2009.

Entergy Texas's November 2011 rate case filing, which is discussed below, also includes a request to reconcile \$1.3 billion of fuel and purchased power costs covering the period July 2009 through June 2011.

# **Retail Rate Proceedings**

The following chart summarizes the Utility operating companies' current retail base rates:

Company	Authorized Return on Common Equity		
Entergy Arkansas	10.2%	-	Current retail base rates implemented in the July 2010 billing cycle pursuant to a settlement approved by the APSC.
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	9.9%- 11.4% Electric; 10.0%- 11.0% Gas		Current retail electric base rates implemented based on Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's 2010 test year formula rate plan filing approved by the LPSC.  Current retail gas base rates reflect the rate stabilization plan filing for the 2010 test year ended September 2010.
Entergy Louisiana	9.45%- 11.05%	-	Current retail base rates based on Entergy Louisiana's 2010 test year formula rate plan filing approved by the LPSC.
Entergy Mississippi	10.54%- 12.72%	-	Current retail base rates reflect Entergy Mississippi's latest formula rate plan filing, based on the 2010 test year, and a stipulation approved by the MPSC.
Entergy New Orleans	10.7% - 11.5% Electric; 10.25% - 11.25% Gas	-	Current retail base rates reflect Entergy New Orleans's 2010 test year formula rate plan filing and a settlement approved by the City Council.
Entergy Texas	10.125%	-	Current retail base rates reflect Entergy Texas's 2009 base rate case filing and a settlement approved by the PUCT.

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### Filings with the APSC (Entergy Arkansas)

### Retail Rates

2009 Base Rate Filing

In September 2009, Entergy Arkansas filed with the APSC for a general change in rates, charges, and tariffs. In June 2010 the APSC approved a settlement and subsequent compliance tariffs that provide for a \$63.7 million rate increase, effective for bills rendered for the first billing cycle of July 2010. The settlement provides for a 10.2% return on common equity.

### Filings with the LPSC

Formula Rate Plans (Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana)

In March 2005 the LPSC approved a settlement proposal to resolve various dockets covering a range of issues for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana. The settlement included the establishment of a three-year formula rate plan for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana that, among other provisions, established a return on common equity mid-point of 10.65% for the initial three-year term of the plan and permits Entergy Gulf States Louisiana to recover incremental capacity costs outside of a traditional base rate proceeding. Under the formula rate plan, over- and under-earnings outside an allowed range of 9.9% to 11.4% are allocated 60% to customers and 40% to Entergy Gulf States Louisiana. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana made its initial formula rate plan filing in June 2005. The formula rate plan was subsequently extended one year.

Entergy Louisiana made a rate filing with the LPSC requesting a base rate increase in January 2004. In May 2005 the LPSC approved a settlement that included the adoption of a three-year formula rate plan, the terms of which included an ROE mid-point of 10.25% for the initial three-year term of the plan and permit Entergy Louisiana to recover incremental capacity costs outside of a traditional base rate proceeding. Under the formula rate plan, overand under-earnings outside an allowed regulatory range of 9.45% to 11.05% will be allocated 60% to customers and 40% to Entergy Louisiana. The initial formula rate plan filing was made in May 2006.

The formula rate plans for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana have subsequently been extended, with return on common equity provisions consistent with the previously approved provisions, to cover the 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 test years.

### Retail Rates - Electric

(Entergy Gulf States Louisiana)

In October 2009 the LPSC approved a settlement that resolved Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's 2007 test year filing and provided for a formula rate plan for the 2008, 2009, and 2010 test years. 10.65% is the target midpoint return on equity for the formula rate plan, with an earnings bandwidth of +/- 75 basis points (9.90% - 11.40%). Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, effective with the November 2009 billing cycle, reset its rates to achieve a 10.65% return on equity for the 2008 test year. The rate reset, a \$44.3 million increase that includes a \$36.9 million cost of service adjustment, plus \$7.4 million net for increased capacity costs and a base rate reclassification, was implemented for the November 2009 billing cycle, and the rate reset was subject to refund pending review of the 2008 test year filing that was made in October 2009. In January 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana implemented an additional \$23.9 million rate increase pursuant to a special rate implementation filing made in December 2009, primarily for incremental capacity costs approved by the LPSC. In May 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and the LPSC staff submitted a joint report on the 2008 test year filing and requested that the LPSC accept the report, which resulted in a \$0.8 million reduction in rates effective in the June 2010 billing cycle and a \$0.5 million refund. At its May 19, 2010 meeting, the LPSC accepted the joint report.

In May 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana made its formula rate plan filing with the LPSC for the 2009 test year. The filing reflected a 10.25% return on common equity, which is within the allowed earnings bandwidth, indicating no cost of service rate change is necessary under the formula rate plan. The filing does reflect, however, a revenue requirement increase to provide supplemental funding for the decommissioning trust maintained for the LPSC-regulated 70% share of River Bend, in response to a NRC notification of a projected shortfall of decommissioning funding assurance. The filing also reflected a rate increase for incremental capacity costs. In July 2010 the LPSC approved a \$7.8 million increase in the revenue requirement for decommissioning, effective September 2010. In August 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana made a revised 2009 test year filing. The revised filing reflected a 10.12% earned return on common equity, which is within the allowed earnings bandwidth resulting in no cost of service adjustment. The revised filing also reflected two increases outside of the formula rate plan sharing mechanism: (1) the previously approved decommissioning revenue requirement, and (2) \$25.2 million for capacity costs. The rates reflected in the revised filing became effective, beginning with the first billing cycle of September 2010. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and the LPSC staff subsequently submitted a joint report on the 2009 test year filing consistent with these terms and the LPSC approved the joint report in January 2011.

In May 2011, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana made a special formula rate plan rate implementation filing with the LPSC that implements effective with the May 2011 billing cycle a \$5.1 million rate decrease to reflect adjustments in accordance with a previous LPSC order relating to the acquisition of Unit 2 of the Acadia Energy Center by Entergy Louisiana. As a result of the closing of the acquisition and termination of the pre-acquisition power purchase agreement with Acadia, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's allocation of capacity related to this unit ended, resulting in a reduction in the additional capacity revenue requirement.

In May 2011, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana made its formula rate plan filing with the LPSC for the 2010 test year. The filing reflects an 11.11% earned return on common equity, which is within the allowed earnings bandwidth, indicating no cost of service rate change is necessary under the formula rate plan. The filing also reflects a \$22.8 million rate decrease for incremental capacity costs. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and the LPSC Staff subsequently filed a joint report that also stated that no cost of service rate change is necessary under the formula rate plan, and the LPSC approved it in October 2011.

In November 2011 the LPSC approved a one-year extension of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's formula rate plan. In addition, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana is required to file a full rate case by January 2013, if the LPSC has not acted to deny the requested transmission change-of-control to the MISO RTO. If the LPSC has denied this request, then the rate case must be filed by September 30, 2012.

#### (Entergy Louisiana)

In October 2009 the LPSC approved a settlement that resolved Entergy Louisiana's 2006 and 2007 test year filings and provided for a new formula rate plan for the 2008, 2009, and 2010 test years. 10.25% is the target midpoint return on equity for the formula rate plan, with an earnings bandwidth of +/- 80 basis points (9.45% - 11.05%).

Entergy Louisiana was permitted, effective with the November 2009 billing cycle, to reset its rates to achieve a 10.25% return on equity for the 2008 test year. The rate reset, a \$2.5 million increase that included a \$16.3 million cost of service adjustment less a \$13.8 million net reduction for decreased capacity costs and a base rate reclassification, was implemented for the November 2009 billing cycle, and the rate reset was subject to refund pending review of the 2008 test year filing that was made in October 2009. In April 2010, Entergy Louisiana and the LPSC staff submitted a joint report on the 2008 test year filing and requested that the LPSC accept the report, which resulted in a \$0.1 million reduction in rates effective in the May 2010 billing cycle and a \$0.1 million refund. In addition, Entergy Louisiana moved the recovery of approximately \$12.5 million of capacity costs from fuel adjustment clause recovery to base rate recovery. At its April 21, 2010 meeting, the LPSC accepted the joint report.

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In May 2010, Entergy Louisiana made its formula rate plan filing with the LPSC for the 2009 test year. The filing reflected a 10.82% return on common equity, which is within the allowed earnings bandwidth, indicating no cost of service rate change is necessary under the formula rate plan. The filing does reflect, however, a revenue requirement increase to provide supplemental funding for the decommissioning trust maintained for Waterford 3, in response to a NRC notification of a projected shortfall of decommissioning funding assurance. The filing also reflected a rate change for incremental capacity costs. In July 2010 the LPSC approved a \$3.5 million increase in the retail revenue requirement for decommissioning, effective September 2010. In August 2010, Entergy Louisiana made a revised 2009 test year formula rate plan filing. The revised filing reflected a 10.82% earned return on common equity, which is within the allowed earnings bandwidth resulting in no cost of service adjustment. The filing also reflected two increases outside of the formula rate plan sharing mechanism: (1) the previously approved decommissioning revenue requirement, and (2) \$2.2 million for capacity costs. The rates reflected in the revised filing became effective beginning with the first billing cycle of September 2010. Entergy Louisiana and the LPSC staff subsequently submitted a joint report on the 2009 test year filing consistent with these terms and the LPSC approved the joint report in December 2010.

In May 2011, Entergy Louisiana made a special formula rate plan rate implementation filing with the LPSC that implements effective with the May 2011 billing cycle a \$43.1 million net rate increase to reflect adjustments in accordance with a previous LPSC order relating to the acquisition of Unit 2 of the Acadia Energy Center. The net rate increase represents the decrease in the additional capacity revenue requirement resulting from the termination of the power purchase agreement with Acadia and the increase in the revenue requirement resulting from the ownership of the Acadia facility. In August 2011, Entergy Louisiana made a filing to correct the May 2011 filing and decrease the rate by \$1.1 million.

In May 2011, Entergy Louisiana made its formula rate plan filing with the LPSC for the 2010 test year. The filing reflects an 11.07% earned return on common equity, which is just outside of the allowed earnings bandwidth and results in no cost of service rate change under the formula rate plan. The filing also reflects a very slight (\$9 thousand) rate increase for incremental capacity costs. Entergy Louisiana and the LPSC Staff subsequently filed a joint report that reflects an 11.07% earned return and results in no cost of service rate change under the formula rate plan, and the LPSC approved the joint report in October 2011.

In November 2011 the LPSC approved a one-year extension of Entergy Louisiana's current formula rate plan. The next formula rate plan filing, for the 2011 test year, will be made in May 2012 and will include a separate identification of any operating and maintenance expense savings that are expected to occur once the Waterford 3 steam generator replacement project is complete. Pursuant to the LPSC decision, from September 2012 through December 2012 earnings above an 11.05% return on common equity (based on the 2011 test year) would be accrued and used to offset the Waterford 3 replacement steam generator revenue requirement for the first twelve months that the unit is in rates. If the project is not in service by January 1, 2013, earnings above a 10.25% return on common equity (based on the 2011 test year) for the period January 1, 2013 through the date that the project is placed in service will be accrued and used to offset the incremental revenue requirement for the first twelve months that the unit is in rates. Upon the in-service date of the replacement steam generators, rates will increase, subject to refund following any prudence review, by the full revenue requirement associated with the replacement steam generators, less (i) the previously accrued excess earnings from September 2012 until the in-service date and (ii) any earnings above a 10.25% return on common equity (based on the 2011 test year) for the period following the in-service date, provided that the excess earnings accrued prior to the in-service date shall only offset the revenue requirement for the first year of operation of the replacement steam generators. These rates are anticipated to remain in effect until Entergy Louisiana's next full rate case is resolved. Entergy Louisiana is required to file a full rate case by January 2013, if the LPSC has not acted to deny the requested transmission change-of-control to the MISO RTO. If the LPSC has denied this request, then the rate case must be filed by September 30, 2012.

## Retail Rates - Gas (Entergy Gulf States Louisiana)

In January 2012, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana filed with the LPSC its gas rate stabilization plan for the test year ended September 30, 2011. The filing showed an earned return on common equity of 10.48%, which is within the earnings bandwidth of 10.5%, plus or minus fifty basis points. The sixty-day review and comment period for this filing remains open.

In January 2011, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana filed with the LPSC its gas rate stabilization plan for the test year ended September 30, 2010. The filing showed an earned return on common equity of 8.84% and a revenue deficiency of \$0.3 million. In March 2011 the LPSC Staff filed its findings, suggesting an adjustment that produced an 11.76% earned return on common equity for the test year and a \$0.2 million rate reduction. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana implemented the \$0.2 million rate reduction effective with the May 2011 billing cycle. The LPSC docket is now closed.

In January 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana filed with the LPSC its gas rate stabilization plan for the test year ended September 30, 2009. The filing showed an earned return on common equity of 10.87%, which is within the earnings bandwidth of 10.5% plus or minus fifty basis points, resulting in no rate change. In April 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana filed a revised evaluation report reflecting changes agreed upon with the LPSC Staff. The revised evaluation report also resulted in no rate change.

# Filings with the MPSC (Entergy Mississippi)

### Formula Rate Plan Filings

In September 2009, Entergy Mississippi filed with the MPSC proposed modifications to its formula rate plan rider. In March 2010 the MPSC issued an order: (1) providing the opportunity for a reset of Entergy Mississippi's return on common equity to a point within the formula rate plan bandwidth and eliminating the 50/50 sharing that had been in the plan, (2) modifying the performance measurement process, and (3) replacing the revenue change limit of two percent of revenues, which was subject to a \$14.5 million revenue adjustment cap, with a limit of four percent of revenues, although any adjustment above two percent requires a hearing before the MPSC. The MPSC did not approve Entergy Mississippi's request to use a projected test year for its annual scheduled formula rate plan filing and, therefore, Entergy Mississippi will continue to use a historical test year for its annual evaluation reports under the plan.

In March 2010, Entergy Mississippi submitted its 2009 test year filing, its first annual filing under the new formula rate plan rider. In June 2010 the MPSC approved a joint stipulation between Entergy Mississippi and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff that provides for no change in rates, but does provide for the deferral as a regulatory asset of \$3.9 million of legal expenses associated with certain litigation involving the Mississippi Attorney General, as well as ongoing legal expenses in that litigation until the litigation is resolved.

In March 2011, Entergy Mississippi submitted its formula rate plan 2010 test year filing. The filing shows an earned return on common equity of 10.65% for the test year, which is within the earnings bandwidth and results in no change in rates. In November 2011 the MPSC approved a joint stipulation between Entergy Mississippi and the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff that provides for no change in rates.

### Filings with the City Council (Entergy New Orleans)

### Formula Rate Plan

On July 31, 2008, Entergy New Orleans filed an electric and gas base rate case with the City Council. On April 2, 2009, the City Council approved a comprehensive settlement. The settlement provided for a net \$35.3 million reduction in combined fuel and non-fuel electric revenue requirement, including conversion of a \$10.6 million

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voluntary recovery credit, implemented in January 2008, to a permanent reduction and substantial realignment of Grand Gulf cost recovery from fuel to electric base rates, and a \$4.95 million gas base rate increase, both effective June 1, 2009, with adjustment of the customer charges for all rate classes. A new three-year formula rate plan was also adopted, with terms including an 11.1% benchmark electric return on common equity (ROE) with a +/- 40 basis point bandwidth and a 10.75% benchmark gas ROE with a +/- 50 basis point bandwidth. Earnings outside the bandwidth reset to the midpoint benchmark ROE, with rates changing on a prospective basis depending on whether Entergy New Orleans is over- or under-earning. The formula rate plan also includes a recovery mechanism for City Council-approved capacity additions, plus provisions for extraordinary cost changes and force majeure events.

In May 2010, Entergy New Orleans filed its electric and gas formula rate plan evaluation reports. The filings requested a \$12.8 million electric base revenue decrease and a \$2.4 million gas base revenue increase. Entergy New Orleans and the City Council's Advisors reached a settlement that resulted in an \$18.0 million electric base revenue decrease and zero gas base revenue change effective with the October 2010 billing cycle. The City Council approved the settlement in November 2010.

In May 2011, Entergy New Orleans filed its electric and gas formula rate plan evaluation reports for the 2010 test year. The filings requested a \$6.5 million electric rate decrease and a \$1.1 million gas rate decrease. Entergy New Orleans and the City Council's Advisors reached a settlement that results in an \$8.5 million incremental electric rate decrease and a \$1.6 million gas rate decrease. The settlement also provides for the deferral of \$13.4 million of Michoud plant maintenance expenses incurred in 2010 and the establishment of a regulatory asset that will be amortized over the period October 2011 through September 2018. The City Council approved the settlement in September 2011. The new rates were effective with the first billing cycle of October 2011.

The 2008 rate case settlement also included \$3.1 million per year in electric rates to fund the Energy Smart energy efficiency programs. In September 2009 the City Council approved the energy efficiency programs filed by Entergy New Orleans. The rate settlement provides an incentive for Entergy New Orleans to meet or exceed energy savings targets set by the City Council and provides a mechanism for Entergy New Orleans to recover lost contribution to fixed costs associated with the energy savings generated from the energy efficiency programs.

# Filings with the PUCT and Texas Cities (Entergy Texas)

### Retail Rates

2009 Rate Case

In December 2009, Entergy Texas filed a rate case requesting a \$198.7 million increase reflecting an 11.5% return on common equity based on an adjusted June 2009 test year. The rate case also includes a \$2.8 million revenue requirement to provide supplemental funding for the decommissioning trust maintained for the 70% share of River Bend for which Entergy Texas retail customers are partially responsible, in response to an NRC notification of a projected shortfall of decommissioning funding assurance. Beginning in May 2010, Entergy Texas implemented a \$17.5 million interim rate increase, subject to refund. Intervenors and PUCT Staff filed testimony recommending adjustments that would result in a maximum rate increase, based on the PUCT Staff's testimony, of \$58 million.

The parties filed a settlement in August 2010 intended to resolve the rate case proceeding. The settlement provides for a \$59 million base rate increase for electricity usage beginning August 15, 2010, with an additional increase of \$9 million for bills rendered beginning May 2, 2011. The settlement stipulates an authorized return on equity of 10.125%. The settlement states that Entergy Texas's fuel costs for the period April 2007 through June 2009 are reconciled, with \$3.25 million of disallowed costs, which were included in an interim fuel refund. The settlement also sets River Bend decommissioning costs at \$2.0 million annually. Consistent with the settlement, in the third quarter 2010, Entergy Texas amortized \$11 million of rate case costs. The PUCT approved the settlement in December 2010.

#### 2011 Rate Case

In November 2011, Entergy Texas filed a rate case requesting a \$112 million base rate increase reflecting a 10.6% return on common equity based on an adjusted June 2011 test year. The rate case also proposed a purchased power recovery rider. The parties have agreed to a procedural schedule that contemplates a final decision by July 30, 2012, with rates relating back to June 30, 2012. On January 12, 2012, the PUCT voted not to address the purchased power recovery rider in the current rate case, but the PUCT voted to set a baseline in the rate case proceeding that would be applicable if a purchased power capacity rider is approved in a separate proceeding.

# **System Agreement Cost Equalization Proceedings**

The Utility operating companies historically have engaged in the coordinated planning, construction, and operation of generating and bulk transmission facilities under the terms of the System Agreement, which is a rate schedule that has been approved by the FERC. Certain of the Utility operating companies' retail regulators and other parties are pursuing litigation involving the System Agreement at the FERC. The proceedings include challenges to the allocation of costs as defined by the System Agreement and allegations of imprudence by the Utility operating companies in their execution of their obligations under the System Agreement.

In June 2005, the FERC issued a decision in System Agreement litigation that had been commenced by the LPSC, and essentially affirmed its decision in a December 2005 order on rehearing. The FERC decision concluded, among other things, that:

- The System Agreement no longer roughly equalizes total production costs among the Utility operating companies.
- In order to reach rough production cost equalization, the FERC imposed a bandwidth remedy by which each company's total annual production costs will have to be within +/- 11% of Entergy System average total annual production costs.
- In calculating the production costs for this purpose under the FERC's order, output from the Vidalia hydroelectric power plant will not reflect the actual Vidalia price for the year but is priced at that year's average price paid by Entergy Louisiana for the exchange of electric energy under Service Schedule MSS-3 of the System Agreement, thereby reducing the amount of Vidalia costs reflected in the comparison of the Utility operating companies' total production costs.
- The remedy ordered by FERC in 2005 required no refunds and became effective based on calendar year 2006 production costs and the first reallocation payments were made in 2007.

The FERC's decision reallocates total production costs of the Utility operating companies whose relative total production costs expressed as a percentage of Entergy System average production costs are outside an upper or lower bandwidth. Under the current circumstances, this will be accomplished by payments from Utility operating companies whose production costs are more than 11% below Entergy System average production costs to Utility operating companies whose production costs are more than the Entergy System average production cost, with payments going first to those Utility operating companies whose total production costs are farthest above the Entergy System average.

Assessing the potential effects of the FERC's decision requires assumptions regarding the future total production cost of each Utility operating company, which assumptions include the mix of solid fuel and gas-fired generation available to each company and the costs of natural gas and purchased power. Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Texas, and Entergy Mississippi are more dependent upon gas-fired generation sources than Entergy Arkansas or Entergy New Orleans. Of these, Entergy Arkansas is the least dependent upon gas-fired generation sources. Therefore, increases in natural gas prices likely will increase the amount by which Entergy Arkansas's total production costs are below the Entergy System average production costs.

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The LPSC, APSC, MPSC, and the Arkansas Electric Energy Consumers appealed the FERC's decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Entergy and the City of New Orleans intervened in the various appeals. The D.C. Circuit issued its decision in April 2008. The D.C. Circuit concluded that the FERC's orders had failed to adequately explain both its conclusion that it was prohibited from ordering refunds for the 20-month period from September 13, 2001 - May 2, 2003 and its determination to implement the bandwidth remedy commencing on January 1, 2006, rather than June 1, 2005. The D.C. Circuit remanded the case to FERC for further proceedings on these issues.

On October 20, 2011, the FERC issued an order addressing the D.C. Circuit remand on these two issues. On the first issue, the FERC concluded that it did have the authority to order refunds, but decided that it would exercise its equitable discretion and not require refunds for the 20-month period from September 13, 2001 - May 2, 2003. Because the ruling on refunds relied on findings in the interruptible load proceeding that is discussed below, the FERC concluded that the refund ruling will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the rehearing requests in that proceeding. On the second issue, the FERC reversed its prior decision and ordered that the prospective bandwidth remedy begin on June 1, 2005 (the date of its initial order in the proceeding) rather than January 1, 2006, as it had previously ordered. Pursuant to the October 20, 2011 order, Entergy was required to calculate the additional bandwidth payments for the period June - December 2005 utilizing the bandwidth formula tariff prescribed by the FERC that was filed in a December 2006 compliance filing and accepted by the FERC in an April 2007 order. As is the case with bandwidth remedy payments, these payments and receipts will ultimately be paid by Utility operating company customers to other Utility operating company customers.

In December 2011, Entergy filed with the FERC its compliance filing that provides the payments and receipts among the Utility operating companies pursuant to the FERC's October 2011 order. The filing shows the following payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies:

	Payments or (Receipts)	
	(In Millions)	
Entergy Arkansas	\$156	
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	(\$75)	
Entergy Louisiana	<b>\$</b> -	
Entergy Mississippi	(\$33)	
Entergy New Orleans	(\$5)	
Entergy Texas	(\$43)	

Entergy Arkansas made its payment in January 2012. In February 2012, Entergy Arkansas filed for an interim adjustment to its production cost allocation rider requesting that the \$156 million payment be collected from customers over the 22-month period from March 2012 through December 2013. On February 27, 2012, the APSC staff responded to Entergy Arkansas's filing and requested that the APSC: 1) determine whether Entergy Arkansas must make a request separate from the production cost allocation rider to ask for recovery of the payment and 2) find that Arkansas law does not allow retroactive ratemaking and not permit recovery of the payment from customers through the production cost allocation rider. In the alternative the APSC staff requested that the APSC determine that an interim production cost allocation rider rate does not become effective without an APSC order.

The LPSC and the APSC have requested rehearing of the FERC's October 2011 order. The APSC, LPSC, the PUCT, and other parties intervened in the December 2011 compliance filing proceeding, and the APSC and the LPSC also filed protests.

#### Calendar Year 2011 Production Costs

The liabilities and assets for the preliminary estimate of the payments and receipts required to implement the FERC's remedy based on calendar year 2011 production costs were recorded in December 2011, based on certain

year-to-date information. The preliminary estimate was recorded based on the following estimate of the payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies for 2012.

	Payments or
_	(Receipts)
	(In Millions)
Entergy Arkansas	\$37
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	<b>\$-</b>
Entergy Louisiana	(\$37)
Entergy Mississippi	<b>\$-</b>
Entergy New Orleans	<b>\$-</b>
Entergy Texas	<b>\$-</b>

The actual payments/receipts for 2012, based on calendar year 2011 production costs, will not be calculated until the Utility operating companies' FERC Form 1s have been filed. Once the calculation is completed, it will be filed at the FERC. The level of any payments and receipts is significantly affected by a number of factors, including, among others, weather, the price of alternative fuels, the operating characteristics of the Entergy System generating fleet, and multiple factors affecting the calculation of the non-fuel related revenue requirement components of the total production costs, such as plant investment.

### 2011 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2010 Production Costs

In May 2011, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2011 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. The filing shows the following payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies for 2011, based on calendar year 2010 production costs, commencing for service in June 2011, are necessary to achieve rough production cost equalization under the FERC's orders:

	Payments or	
	(Receipts)	
	(In Millions)	
Entergy Arkansas	\$77	
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	(\$12)	
Entergy Louisiana	<b>\$-</b>	
Entergy Mississippi	(\$40)	
Entergy New Orleans	(\$25)	
Entergy Texas	<b>\$-</b>	

Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC, which filed a protest as well. In July 2011, the FERC accepted Entergy's proposed rates for filing, effective June 1, 2011, subject to refund, set the proceeding for hearing procedures, and then held those procedures in abeyance pending FERC decisions in the prior production cost proceedings currently before the FERC on review.

### Prior Years' Rough Production Cost Equalization Rates

Each May since 2007 Entergy has filed with the FERC the rates to implement the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding. These filings show the following payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies are necessary to achieve rough production cost equalization as defined by the FERC's orders:

	2007 Payments or (Receipts) Based on 2006 Costs	2008 Payments or (Receipts) Based on 2007 Costs	2009 Payments or (Receipts) Based on 2008 Costs	2010 Payments or (Receipts) Based on 2009 Costs		
		(In Millions)				
Entergy Arkansas	\$252	\$252	\$390	\$41		
Entergy Gulf States Louisiana	(\$120)	(\$124)	(\$107)	<b>\$-</b>		
Entergy Louisiana	(\$91)	(\$36)	(\$140)	(\$22)		
Entergy Mississippi	(\$41)	(\$20)	(\$24)	(\$19)		
Entergy New Orleans	<b>\$-</b>	(\$7)	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>		
Entergy Texas	(\$30)	(\$65)	(\$119)	\$-		

The APSC has approved a production cost allocation rider for recovery from customers of the retail portion of the costs allocated to Entergy Arkansas. Management believes that any changes in the allocation of production costs resulting from the FERC's decision and related retail proceedings should result in similar rate changes for retail customers, subject to specific circumstances that have caused trapped costs. See "Fuel and purchased power cost recovery, Entergy Texas," above for discussion of a PUCT decision that resulted in \$18.6 million of trapped costs between Entergy's Texas and Louisiana jurisdictions. See "2007 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2006 Production Costs" below for a discussion of a FERC decision that could result in \$14.5 million of trapped costs at Entergy Arkansas.

Based on the FERC's April 27, 2007 order on rehearing that is discussed above, in the second quarter 2007 Entergy Arkansas recorded accounts payable and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy Texas recorded accounts receivable to reflect the rough production cost equalization payments and receipts required to implement the FERC's remedy based on calendar year 2006 production costs. Entergy Arkansas recorded a corresponding regulatory asset for its right to collect the payments from its customers, and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Mississippi, and Entergy Texas recorded corresponding regulatory liabilities for their obligations to pass the receipts on to their customers. The companies have followed this same accounting practice each year since then. The regulatory asset and liabilities are shown as "System Agreement cost equalization" on the respective balance sheets.

### 2007 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2006 Production Costs

Several parties intervened in the 2007 rate proceeding at the FERC, including the APSC, the MPSC, the Council, and the LPSC, which have also filed protests. The PUCT also intervened. Intervenor testimony was filed in which the intervenors and also the FERC Staff advocated a number of positions on issues that affect the level of production costs the individual Utility operating companies are permitted to reflect in the bandwidth calculation, including the level of depreciation and decommissioning expense for nuclear facilities. The effect of the various positions would be to reallocate costs among the Utility operating companies. The Utility operating companies filed rebuttal testimony explaining why the bandwidth payments are properly recoverable under the AmerenUE contract, and explaining why the positions of FERC Staff and intervenors on the other issues should be rejected. A hearing in this proceeding concluded in July 2008, and the ALJ issued an initial decision in September 2008. The ALJ's initial decision concluded, among other things, that: (1) the decisions to not exercise Entergy Arkansas's option to purchase the Independence plant in 1996 and 1997 were prudent; (2) Entergy Arkansas properly flowed a portion of the bandwidth payments through to AmerenUE in accordance with the wholesale power contract; and (3) the level of nuclear depreciation and decommissioning expense reflected in the bandwidth calculation should be calculated based on NRC-authorized license life, rather than the nuclear depreciation and decommissioning expense authorized by the retail regulators for purposes of retail ratemaking. Following briefing by the parties, the matter was submitted to the FERC for decision. On January 11, 2010, the FERC issued its decision both affirming and overturning certain of the ALJ's rulings, including overturning the decision on nuclear depreciation and decommissioning expense. The FERC's conclusion related to the AmerenUE contract does not permit Entergy Arkansas to recover a portion of its

bandwidth payment from AmerenUE. The Utility operating companies requested rehearing of that portion of the decision and requested clarification on certain other portions of the decision.

AmerenUE argued that its current wholesale power contract with Entergy Arkansas, pursuant to which Entergy Arkansas sells power to AmerenUE, does not permit Entergy Arkansas to flow through to AmerenUE any portion of Entergy Arkansas's bandwidth payment. According to AmerenUE, Entergy Arkansas has sought to collect from AmerenUE approximately \$14.5 million of the 2007 Entergy Arkansas bandwidth payment. The AmerenUE contract expired in August 2009. In April 2008, AmerenUE filed a complaint with the FERC seeking refunds of this amount, plus interest, in the event the FERC ultimately determines that bandwidth payments are not properly recovered under the AmerenUE contract. In response to the FERC's decision discussed in the previous paragraph, Entergy Arkansas recorded a regulatory provision in the fourth quarter 2009 for a potential refund to AmerenUE.

# 2008 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2007 Production Costs

Several parties intervened in the 2008 rate proceeding at the FERC, including the APSC, the LPSC, and AmerenUE, which have also filed protests. Several other parties, including the MPSC and the City Council, have intervened in the proceeding without filing a protest. In direct testimony filed on January 9, 2009, certain intervenors and also the FERC staff advocated a number of positions on issues that affect the level of production costs the individual Utility operating companies are permitted to reflect in the bandwidth calculation, including the level of depreciation and decommissioning expense for the nuclear and fossil-fueled generating facilities. The effect of these various positions would be to reallocate costs among the Utility operating companies. In addition, three issues were raised alleging imprudence by the Utility operating companies, including whether the Utility operating companies had properly reflected generating units' minimum operating levels for purposes of making unit commitment and dispatch decisions, whether Entergy Arkansas's sales to third parties from its retained share of the Grand Gulf nuclear facility were reasonable, prudent, and non-discriminatory, and whether Entergy Louisiana's long-term Evangeline gas purchase contract was prudent and reasonable.

The partial settlement agreement of certain of the issues initially raised in this proceeding. The partial settlement agreement was conditioned on the FERC accepting the agreement without modification or condition, which the FERC did on August 24, 2009. A hearing on the remaining issues in the proceeding was completed in June 2009, and in September 2009 the ALJ issued an initial decision. The initial decision affirms Entergy's position in the filing, except for two issues that may result in a reallocation of costs among the Utility operating companies. In October 2011 the FERC issued an order on the ALJ's initial decision. The FERC's order resulted in a minor reallocation of payments/receipts among the Utility operating companies on one issue in the 2008 rate filing. Entergy made a compliance filing in December 2011 showing the updated payment/receipt amounts. The LPSC filed a protest in response to the compliance filing.

### 2009 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2008 Production Costs

Several parties intervened in the 2009 rate proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC and Ameren, which have also filed protests. In July 2009 the FERC accepted Entergy's proposed rates for filing, effective June 1, 2009, subject to refund, and set the proceeding for hearing and settlement procedures. Settlement procedures were terminated and a hearing before the ALJ was held in April 2010. In August 2010 the ALJ issued an initial decision. The initial decision substantially affirms Entergy's position in the filing, except for one issue that may result in some reallocation of costs among the Utility operating companies. The LPSC, the FERC trial staff, and Entergy have submitted briefs on exceptions in the proceeding.

### 2010 Rate Filing Based on Calendar Year 2009 Production Costs

In May 2010, Entergy filed with the FERC the 2010 rates in accordance with the FERC's orders in the System Agreement proceeding, and supplemented the filing in September 2010. Several parties intervened in the proceeding at the FERC, including the LPSC and the City Council, which have also filed protests. In July 2010 the

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FERC accepted Entergy's proposed rates for filing, effective June 1, 2010, subject to refund, and set the proceeding for hearing and settlement procedures. Settlement procedures have been terminated, and the ALJ scheduled hearings to begin in March 2011. Subsequently, in January 2011 the ALJ issued an order directing the parties and FERC Staff to show cause why this proceeding should not be stayed pending the issuance of FERC decisions in the prior production cost proceedings currently before the FERC on review. In March 2011 the ALJ issued an order placing this proceeding in abeyance.

## **Interruptible Load Proceeding**

In April 2007 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued its opinion in the LPSC's appeal of the FERC's March 2004 and April 2005 orders related to the treatment under the System Agreement of the Utility operating companies' interruptible loads. In its opinion, the D.C. Circuit concluded that the FERC (1) acted arbitrarily and capriciously by allowing the Utility operating companies to phase-in the effects of the elimination of the interruptible load over a 12-month period of time; (2) failed to adequately explain why refunds could not be ordered under Section 206(c) of the Federal Power Act; and (3) exercised appropriately its discretion to defer addressing the cost of sulfur dioxide allowances until a later time. The D.C. Circuit remanded the matter to the FERC for a more considered determination on the issue of refunds. The FERC issued its order on remand in September 2007, in which it directed Entergy to make a compliance filing removing all interruptible load from the computation of peak load responsibility commencing April 1, 2004 and to issue any necessary refunds to reflect this change. In addition, the order directed the Utility operating companies to make refunds for the period May 1995 through July 1996. In November 2007 the Utility operating companies filed a refund report describing the refunds to be issued pursuant to the FERC's orders. The LPSC filed a protest to the refund report in December 2007, and the Utility operating companies filed an answer to the protest in January 2008. The refunds were made in October 2008 by the Utility operating companies that owed refunds to the Utility operating companies that were due a refund under the decision. The APSC and the Utility operating companies appealed the FERC decisions to the D.C. Circuit. Because of its refund obligation to its customers as a result of this proceeding and a related LPSC proceeding, Entergy Louisiana recorded provisions during 2008 of approximately \$16 million, including interest, for rate refunds. The refunds were made in the fourth quarter 2009.

Following the filing of petitioners' initial briefs, the FERC filed a motion requesting the D.C. Circuit hold the appeal of the FERC's decisions ordering refunds in the interruptible load proceeding in abeyance and remand the record to the FERC. The D.C. Circuit granted the FERC's unopposed motion in June 2009. In December 2009 the FERC established a paper hearing to determine whether the FERC had the authority and, if so, whether it would be appropriate to order refunds resulting from changes in the treatment of interruptible load in the allocation of capacity costs by the Utility operating companies. In August 2010 the FERC issued an order stating that it has the authority and refunds are appropriate. The APSC, MPSC, and Entergy requested rehearing of the FERC's decision. In June 2011 the FERC issued an order granting rehearing in part and denying rehearing in part, in which the FERC determined to invoke its discretion to deny refunds. The FERC held that in this case where "the Entergy system as a whole collected the proper level of revenue, but, as was later established, incorrectly allocated peak load responsibility among the various Entergy operating companies....the Commission will apply here our usual practice in such cases, invoking our equitable discretion to not order refunds, notwithstanding our authority to do so." The LPSC has requested rehearing of the FERC's June 2011 decision. On October 6, 2011 the FERC issued an "Order Establishing Paper Hearing" inviting parties that oppose refunds to file briefs within 30 days addressing the LPSC's argument that FERC precedent supports refunds under the circumstances present in this proceeding. Parties that favor refunds were then invited to file reply briefs within 21 days of the date that the initial briefs are due. Briefs were submitted and the matter is pending.

In September 2010 the FERC had issued an order setting the refund report filed in the proceeding in November 2007 for hearing and settlement judge procedures. In May 2011, Entergy filed a settlement agreement that resolved all issues relating to the refund report set for hearing. In June 2011 the settlement judge certified the settlement as uncontested and the settlement agreement is currently pending before the FERC. In July 2011, Entergy

filed an amended/corrected refund report and a motion to defer action on the settlement agreement until after the FERC rules on the LPSC's rehearing request regarding the June 2011 decision denying refunds.

Prior to the FERC's June 2011 order on rehearing, Entergy Arkansas filed an application in November 2010 with the APSC for recovery of the refund that it paid. The APSC denied Entergy Arkansas's application, and also denied Entergy Arkansas's petition for rehearing. If the FERC were to order Entergy Arkansas to pay refunds on rehearing in the interruptible load proceeding the APSC's decision would trap FERC-approved costs at Entergy Arkansas with no regulatory-approved mechanism to recover them. In August 2011, Entergy Arkansas filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas asking for a declaratory judgment. In the complaint Entergy Arkansas asks the court to declare that the rejection of Entergy Arkansas's application by the APSC is preempted by the Federal Power Act. The APSC filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. A trial in the proceeding is scheduled for July 2012.

## **Entergy Arkansas Opportunity Sales Proceeding**

In June 2009, the LPSC filed a complaint requesting that the FERC determine that certain of Entergy Arkansas's sales of electric energy to third parties: (a) violated the provisions of the System Agreement that allocate the energy generated by Entergy System resources, (b) imprudently denied the Entergy System and its ultimate consumers the benefits of low-cost Entergy System generating capacity, and (c) violated the provision of the System Agreement that prohibits sales to third parties by individual companies absent an offer of a right-of-first-refusal to other Utility operating companies. The LPSC's complaint challenges sales made beginning in 2002 and requests refunds. On July 20, 2009, the Utility operating companies filed a response to the complaint requesting that the FERC dismiss the complaint on the merits without hearing because the LPSC has failed to meet its burden of showing any violation of the System Agreement and failed to produce any evidence of imprudent action by the Entergy System. In their response, the Utility operating companies explained that the System Agreement clearly contemplates that the Utility operating companies may make sales to third parties for their own account, subject to the requirement that those sales be included in the load (or load shape) for the applicable Utility operating company. The response further explains that the FERC already has determined that Entergy Arkansas's short-term wholesale sales did not trigger the "right-of-first-refusal" provision of the System Agreement. While the D.C. Circuit recently determined that the "right-of-first-refusal" issue was not properly before the FERC at the time of its earlier decision on the issue, the LPSC has raised no additional claims or facts that would warrant the FERC reaching a different On December 7, 2009, the FERC issued an order setting the matter for hearing and settlement conclusion. procedures.

The LPSC filed direct testimony in the proceeding alleging, among other things, (1) that Entergy violated the System Agreement by permitting Entergy Arkansas to make non-requirements sales to non-affiliated third parties rather than making such energy available to the other Utility operating companies' customers; and (2) that over the period 2000 - 2009, these non-requirements sales caused harm to the Utility operating companies' customers of \$144 million and these customers should be compensated for this harm by Entergy. In subsequent testimony, the LPSC modified its original damages claim in favor of quantifying damages by re-running intra-system bills, which has not occurred. The Utility operating companies believe the LPSC's allegations are without merit. A hearing in the matter was held in August 2010.

In December 2010 the ALJ issued an initial decision. The ALJ found that the System Agreement allowed for Entergy Arkansas to make the sales to third parties but concluded that the sales should be accounted for in the same manner as joint account sales. The ALJ concluded that "shareholders" should make refunds of the damages to the Utility operating companies, along with interest. Entergy Corporation, or an Entergy Corporation subsidiary, is the shareholder of each of the Utility operating companies. Entergy disagrees with several aspects of the ALJ's initial decision and in January 2011 filed with the FERC exceptions to the decision. FERC consideration of the initial decision is pending. Entergy is unable to estimate the potential damages in this matter because certain aspects of how the refunds would be calculated require clarification by the FERC.

# Storm Cost Recovery Filings with Retail Regulators

# **Entergy Arkansas**

In January 2009 a severe ice storm caused significant damage to Entergy Arkansas's transmission and distribution lines, equipment, poles, and other facilities. A law was enacted in April 2009 in Arkansas that authorizes securitization of storm damage restoration costs. In June 2010 the APSC issued a financing order authorizing the issuance of approximately \$126.3 million in storm cost recovery bonds, which includes carrying costs of \$11.5 million and \$4.6 million of up-front financing costs. See Note 5 to the financial statements for a discussion of the August 2010 issuance of the securitization bonds.

# **Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana**

### Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike

In September 2008, Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike caused catastrophic damage to Entergy's service territory. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana filed their Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike storm cost recovery case with the LPSC in May 2009. In September 2009, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana and the Louisiana Utilities Restoration Corporation (LURC), an instrumentality of the State of Louisiana, filed with the LPSC an application requesting that the LPSC grant financing orders authorizing the financing of Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's and Entergy Louisiana's storm costs, storm reserves, and issuance costs pursuant to Act 55 of the Louisiana Regular Session of 2007 (Act 55 financings). Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's and Entergy Louisiana's Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita storm costs were financed primarily by Act 55 financings, as discussed below. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana also filed an application requesting LPSC approval for ancillary issues including the mechanism to flow charges and Act 55 financing savings to customers via a Storm Cost Offset rider.

In December 2009, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and Entergy Louisiana entered into a stipulation agreement with the LPSC Staff that provides for total recoverable costs of approximately \$234 million for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana and \$394 million for Entergy Louisiana, including carrying costs. Under this stipulation, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana agrees not to recover \$4.4 million and Entergy Louisiana agrees not to recover \$7.2 million of their storm restoration spending. The stipulation also permits replenishing Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's storm reserve in the amount of \$90 million and Entergy Louisiana's storm reserve in the amount of \$200 million when the Act 55 financings are accomplished. In March and April 2010, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, Entergy Louisiana, and other parties to the proceeding filed with the LPSC an uncontested stipulated settlement that includes these terms and also includes Entergy Gulf States Louisiana's and Entergy Louisiana's proposals under the Act 55 financings, which includes a commitment to pass on to customers a minimum of \$15.5 million and \$27.75 million of customer benefits, respectively, through prospective annual rate reductions of \$3.1 million and \$2.7.75 million for five years. A stipulation hearing was held before the ALJ on April 13, 2010. On April 21, 2010, the LPSC approved the settlement and subsequently issued two financing orders and one ratemaking order intended to facilitate the implementation of the Act 55 financings. In June 2010 the Louisiana State Bond Commission approved the Act 55 financings.

In July 2010 the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (LCDA) issued \$468.9 million in bonds under Act 55. From the \$462.4 million of bond proceeds loaned by the LCDA to the LURC, the LURC deposited \$200 million in a restricted escrow account as a storm damage reserve for Entergy Louisiana and transferred \$262.4 million directly to Entergy Louisiana. From the bond proceeds received by Entergy Louisiana from the LURC, Entergy Louisiana used \$262.4 million to acquire 2,624,297.11 Class B preferred, non-voting, membership interest units of Entergy Holdings Company LLC, a company wholly-owned and consolidated by Entergy, that carry a 9% annual distribution rate. Distributions are payable quarterly commencing on September 15, 2010, and the membership interests have a liquidation price of \$100 per unit. The preferred membership interests are callable at the option of Entergy Holdings Company LLC after ten years under