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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 10-K

(Mark One)

- ☐ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007**
- or**
- ☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to**

Commission file number 1-16455

Reliant Energy, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
*(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)*

76-0655566
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

**1000 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002**
*(Address and Zip Code
of Principal Executive Offices)*

(713) 497-3000
*(Registrant's Telephone Number,
Including Area Code)*

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|--|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share, and associated rights to purchase Series A Preferred Stock | New York Stock Exchange |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$9,169,562,460 (computed by reference to the closing sale price of the registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 30, 2007, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter).

As of February 15, 2008, the registrant had 345,358,284 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of common stock were held by the registrant as treasury stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement for its 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of December 31, 2007, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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Forward-Looking Information

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are statements that contain projections, assumptions or estimates about our revenues, income, capital structure and other financial items, our plans and objectives for future operations or about our future economic performance, transactions and dispositions and financings and approvals related thereto. In many cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as anticipate, estimate, believe, continue, could, intend, may, plan, should, will, expect, objective, projection, forecast, goal, guidance, outlook, effort, target and . However, the absence of these words does not mean that the statements are not forward-looking.

Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of many factors or events, including, but not limited to, the following:

Demand and market prices for electricity, purchased power and fuel and emission allowances;

Limitations on our ability to set rates at market prices;

Legislative, regulatory and/or market developments;

Our ability to obtain adequate fuel supply and/or transmission and distribution services;

Interruption or breakdown of our generating equipment and processes;

Failure of third parties to perform contractual obligations;

Changes in environmental regulations that constrain our operations or increase our compliance costs;

Failure by transmission system operators to communicate operating and system information properly and timely;

Failure to meet our debt service, collateral postings and obligations related to our credit-enhanced retail structure;

Ineffective hedging and other risk management activities;

Changes in the wholesale energy market or in our evaluation of our generation assets;

The outcome of pending or threatened lawsuits, regulatory proceedings, tax proceedings and investigations;

Weather-related events or other events beyond our control;

The timing and extent of changes in commodity prices and interest rates;

Our ability to attract and retain retail customers and to adequately forecast their energy needs and usage; and

Financial market conditions and our access to capital.

Other factors that could cause our actual results to differ from our projected results are discussed or referred to in Item 1A of this report. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Cal ISO | California Independent System Operator. |
| capacity | Energy that could have been generated at continuous full-power operation during the period. |
| capacity factor | The ratio of actual net electricity generated to capacity. |
| CenterPoint | CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries, on and after August 31, 2002, and Reliant Energy, Incorporated and its subsidiaries, prior to August 31, 2002. |
| Channelview | Reliant Energy Channelview LP, Reliant Energy Channelview (Texas) LLC, Reliant Energy Channelview (Delaware) LLC and Reliant Energy Services Channelview LLC. |
| CO ₂ | Carbon dioxide. |
| commercial capacity factor | Generation divided by economic generation. |
| contribution margin | Revenues less (a) cost of sales, (b) operation and maintenance, (c) selling and marketing and (d) bad debt expense. |
| EBITDA | Earnings (loss) before interest expense, interest income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expense. |
| economic generation | Estimated generation at 100% plant availability based on an hourly analysis of when it is economical to generate based on the price of power, fuel, emission allowances and variable operating costs. |
| EITF | Emerging Issues Task Force. |
| EPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency. |
| ERCOT | Electric Reliability Council of Texas. |
| ERCOT ISO | ERCOT Independent System Operator. |
| ERCOT Region | The electric market operated by ERCOT. |
| FASB | Financial Accounting Standards Board. |
| FERC | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. |
| GAAP | Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. |

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|--------------------------|--|
| gross margin | Revenues less cost of sales. Gross margin excludes depreciation, amortization, labor and other product costs. |
| GWh | Gigawatt hour. |
| ISO | Independent system operator. |
| LIBOR | London Inter Bank Offering Rate. |
| market usage adjustments | The revenues and the related energy supply costs in our retail energy segment include our estimates of customer usage based on initial usage information provided by the independent system operators and the distribution companies. We revise these estimates and record any changes in the period as additional settlement information becomes available (collectively referred to as market usage adjustments). |

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|-------------------------|---|
| MISO | Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, which is an RTO. |
| MW | Megawatt. |
| MWh | Megawatt hour. |
| net generating capacity | The average of a facility's summer and winter generating capacities, net of auxiliary power. |
| NO _x | Nitrogen oxides. |
| NYMEX | New York Mercantile Exchange. |
| Orion Power | Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries. |
| PEDFA | Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority. |
| PJM | PJM Interconnection, LLC, which is an RTO. |
| PJM Market | The wholesale and retail electric market operated by PJM primarily in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. |
| PUCT | Public Utility Commission of Texas. |
| REMA | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries. |
| RERH Holdings | RERH Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries. |
| RPM | Model utilized by the PJM Interconnection, LLC to meet load serving entities' forecasted capacity obligations via a forward-looking commitment of capacity resources. |
| RTO | Regional transmission organization. |
| SEC | United States Securities and Exchange Commission. |
| SO ₂ | Sulfur dioxide. |

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PART I

Item 1. *Business*

General

We provide electricity and energy services to retail and wholesale customers through two business segments.

Retail energy provides electricity and energy services to more than 1.8 million retail electricity customers in Texas, including residential and small business customers and commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers. Our next largest market is the PJM Market, where we serve commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers. We regularly evaluate entering additional markets.

Wholesale energy provides electricity and energy services in the competitive wholesale energy markets in the United States through our ownership and operation of or contracting for power generation capacity. As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately 16,000 MW of power generation capacity.

For information about our corporate history, business segments and disposition activities, see notes 1, 18, 20, 21 and 22 to our consolidated financial statements and Selected Financial Data in Item 6 of this Form 10-K.

Retail Energy

As a retail electricity provider, we arrange for the transmission and delivery of electricity to our customers, bill customers and collect payment for electricity sold, and maintain call centers to provide customer service. We purchase the electricity we sell to customers from generation companies, utilities, power marketers and other retail energy companies in the wholesale market. We obtain our transmission and distribution services in Texas from entities regulated by the PUCT.

Our retail business for residential and small business customers is primarily concentrated in Texas. Based on metered locations, as of December 31, 2007, we had approximately 1.6 million residential and 147,000 small business customers, making us the second largest mass market electricity provider in Texas. Approximately 65% of our Texas customers are in the Houston area. We also have customers in other Texas cities, including Dallas, Ft. Worth and Corpus Christi.

In Texas and the PJM Market, we market electricity and energy services to commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers. These customers include refineries, chemical plants, manufacturing facilities, hospitals, universities, governmental agencies, restaurants and other facilities. Based on metered locations, as of December 31, 2007, we had approximately 93,000 commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers.

During 2007, we began to pilot residential and small business products and services in Texas that use advanced technology to help reduce customer consumption during peak usage periods. Smart Energy products are expected to lower our supply and operating costs, moderate consumer bills, reduce emissions and enhance our position as a retail market leader.

Under our supply strategy for our retail business, we structure our supply portfolio to match our load demands by procuring sufficient power prior to or concurrent with entering into retail sales commitments. Because of our credit-enhanced retail structure with a third party credit provider, we are not required to post collateral for our retail

supply purchases.

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See discussion of our retail energy strategy in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Business Overview in Item 7 of this Form 10-K. See discussion of Competition and Seasonality below and in Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Form 10-K.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (gigawatt hours) | | |
| Electricity Sales to End-Use Retail Customers: | | | |
| Mass: | | | |
| Residential: | | | |
| Houston | 13,516 | 15,447 | 18,029 |
| Non-Houston | 8,361 | 7,955 | 6,504 |
| Small Business: | | | |
| Houston | 3,035 | 3,587 | 3,640 |
| Non-Houston | 1,433 | 1,375 | 891 |
| Total Mass | | | |
| | 26,345 | 28,364 | 29,064 |
| Commercial and Industrial: | | | |
| ERCOT ⁽¹⁾ | | | |
| | 36,926 | 33,393 | 32,309 |
| Non-ERCOT | | | |
| | 4,680 | 5,572 | 6,152 |
| Total Commercial and Industrial | | | |
| | 41,606 | 38,965 | 38,461 |
| Market usage adjustments | | | |
| | (67) | 8 | (250) |
| Total | | | |
| | 67,884 | 67,337 | 67,275 |

(1) These volumes include customers of the Texas General Land Office for whom we provide services.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|--|-------------|-------------|
| | (in thousands, metered locations) | | |
| Weighted Average Retail Customer Count: | | | |
| Mass: | | | |
| Residential: | | | |
| Houston | 1,056 | 1,164 | 1,256 |
| Non-Houston | 563 | 504 | 390 |
| Small Business: | | | |
| Houston | 116 | 132 | 139 |
| Non-Houston | 36 | 29 | 17 |
| Total Mass | | | |
| | 1,771 | 1,829 | 1,802 |
| Commercial and Industrial: | | | |

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|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| ERCOT ⁽¹⁾ | 87 | 74 | 70 |
| Non-ERCOT | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Total Commercial and Industrial | 89 | 75 | 72 |
| Total | 1,860 | 1,904 | 1,874 |

(1) Includes customers of the Texas General Land Office for whom we provide services.

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| | December 31, 2007 2006 (in thousands, metered locations) | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------|
| Retail Customers: | | |
| Mass: | | |
| Residential: | | |
| Houston | 1,016 | 1,095 |
| Non-Houston | 555 | 547 |
| Small Business: | | |
| Houston | 109 | 124 |
| Non-Houston | 38 | 33 |
| Total Mass | 1,718 | 1,799 |
| Commercial and Industrial: | | |
| ERCOT ⁽¹⁾ | 91 | 75 |
| Non-ERCOT | 2 | 1 |
| Total Commercial and Industrial | 93 | 76 |
| Total | 1,811 | 1,875 |

(1) Includes customers of the Texas General Land Office for whom we provide services.

Wholesale Energy

As of December 31, 2007, we owned, had an interest in or leased 38 operating electric power generation facilities with an aggregate net generating capacity of 16,337 MW in five regions of the United States. The net generating capacity of these facilities consists of approximately 42% base-load, 34% intermediate and 24% peaking capacity.

We sell electricity and energy services from our generation portfolio in hour-ahead, day-ahead and forward markets in bilateral and ISO markets. We sell these products to investor-owned utilities, municipalities, cooperatives and other companies that serve end users or purchase power at wholesale for resale. We obtain transmission and distribution services for our power generation from ERCOT, various RTOs, utilities and municipalities. Because our facilities are not subject to traditional cost-based regulation, we can generally sell electricity at market-determined prices. The following table identifies the principal markets where we own, lease or have under contract wholesale generation assets:

| Region | Principal Markets |
|---------------|--|
| PJM | Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania |
| MISO | Illinois, western Pennsylvania and Ohio |
| Southeast | Florida, Mississippi and Texas (non-ERCOT) |
| West | California and Nevada |

ERCOT

Texas (ERCOT)

Through the PJM Market's reliability pricing model auctions, we have committed approximately 6,400 MW of capacity through the planning year ending May 2011. We expect that a substantial portion of our capacity that clears a PJM auction will continue to be committed to the PJM Market up to three years in advance. Revenue from these capacity sales is determined by market rules designed to ensure regional reliability, encourage competition and reduce price volatility. The California Public Utility Commission and Cal ISO are considering possible enhancements to existing resource adequacy requirements, including alternatives similar to capacity markets designed in New England and PJM.

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To ensure adequate fuel supplies, we contract for natural gas, coal and fuel oil for our generation facilities. For our natural gas-fired plants, we also arrange for, schedule and balance natural gas from our suppliers and through transporting pipelines. To perform these functions, we lease natural gas transportation and storage capacity.

In February 2006, we completed an evaluation of our wholesale energy segment's hedging strategy and use of capital. As a result of our evaluation, we substantially reduced hedging activity.

The following table describes our electric power generation facilities as of December 31, 2007:

| Region | Number of Generation Facilities | Net Generating Capacity (MW) | Fuel Type | Dispatch Type |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| PJM ⁽¹⁾ | 22 | 7,298 | Coal/Gas/Oil/Dual | Base-load/Intermediate/Peaking |
| MISO | 4 | 1,678 | Coal/Gas/Oil | Base-load/Intermediate/Peaking |
| Southeast ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 5 | 2,541 | Gas/Dual | Base-load/Intermediate/Peaking |
| West | 6 | 3,990 | Gas/Dual | Base-load/Intermediate/Peaking |
| ERCOT | 1 ⁽⁴⁾ | 830 ⁽⁴⁾ | Gas | Base-load |
| Total | 38 | 16,337 | | |

(1) We lease a 100%, 16.67% and 16.45% interest in three Pennsylvania facilities having 572 MW, 1,711 MW and 1,712 MW of net generating capacity, respectively, through facility lease agreements expiring in 2026, 2034 and 2034, respectively. The table includes our net share of the capacity of these facilities.

(2) We own a 50% interest in one of these facilities having a net generating capacity of 108 MW. An unaffiliated party owns the other 50%. The table includes our net share of the capacity of this facility.

(3) We are party to a tolling agreement entitling us to 100% of the capacity of a Florida facility having 630 MW of net generating capacity. This tolling agreement expires in 2012 and is treated as an operating lease for accounting purposes.

(4) Represents Channelview, which we deconsolidated on August 20, 2007 due to its bankruptcy filings. See notes 1 and 21 to our consolidated financial statements.

Operations Data

See discussion of our wholesale energy strategy in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation Business Overview in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

| 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| GWh | % Economic⁽¹⁾ | GWh | % Economic⁽¹⁾ | GWh | % Economic⁽¹⁾ |

Economic Generation⁽²⁾:

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| PJM Coal | 23,886.2 | 82% | 23,541.9 | 81% | 23,152.2 | 81% |
| MISO Coal | 7,998.3 | 73% | 6,525.1 | 59% | 7,047.2 | 63% |
| PJM/MISO Gas | 1,584.2 | 5% | 1,011.1 | 4% | 1,562.9 | 6% |
| West | 3,711.8 | 13% | 2,833.3 | 11% | 2,032.0 | 9% |
| Other | 3,802.2 | 48% | 5,731.1 | 86% | 6,005.9 | 56% |
| Total | 40,982.7 | 39% | 39,642.5 | 39% | 39,800.2 | 39% |

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| | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| PJM Coal | 82.4% | 82.9% | 78.9% |
| MISO Coal | 69.0% | 85.5% | 83.3% |
| PJM/MISO Gas | 91.2% | 91.9% | 77.1% |
| West | 95.5% | 86.1% | 95.9% |
| Other | 91.9% | 91.9% | 91.1% |
| Total | 82.2% | 85.1% | 82.3% |

Generation⁽²⁾:

| | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PJM Coal | 19,677.1 | 19,522.3 | 18,259.3 |
| MISO Coal | 5,518.0 | 5,577.7 | 5,871.4 |
| PJM/MISO Gas | 1,444.0 | 929.3 | 1,205.5 |
| West | 3,543.9 | 2,439.0 | 1,948.5 |
| Other | 3,493.6 | 5,268.8 | 5,474.3 |
| Total | 33,676.6 | 33,737.1 | 32,759.0 |

Open Energy Unit Margin (\$/MWh)⁽³⁾:

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| PJM Coal | \$ 30.95 | \$ 27.15 | \$ 35.11 |
| MISO Coal | 29.18 | 21.69 | 33.89 |
| PJM/MISO Gas | 34.63 | 47.35 | 50.60 |
| West | 5.64 | 4.92 | NM ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Other | 6.87 | 0.76 | 4.93 |
| Total weighted average | \$ 25.66 | \$ 21.07 | \$ 28.02 |

(1) Represents economic generation (hours) divided by maximum generation hours (maximum plant capacity multiplied by 8,760 hours).

(2) Excludes generation related to power purchase agreements, including tolling agreements.

(3) Represents open energy gross margin divided by generation volume. Open energy gross margin is a non-GAAP measure as discussed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

(4) NM is not meaningful.

Regulation**Texas**

We are certified by the PUCT to provide retail electric service in Texas. We sell electricity in the competitive areas of ERCOT to customers at unregulated prices. Our activities in Texas are subject to standards and regulations adopted by ERCOT. See Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Form 10-K.

Until January 1, 2007, we were required to make electricity available to Houston area residential and small business customers at the PUCT-approved price-to-beat. Any residential price-to-beat customers who did not select an alternative product by December 31, 2006 continued being served under our residential services plan.

Other States

We are certified in Delaware and Illinois to supply retail electric service to commercial and industrial customers in those states. Our retail activities in Delaware and Illinois are subject to standards and regulations adopted by PJM and each state's utility commission.

We operate electric generation facilities in regions administered by PJM, Cal ISO and MISO. These ISOs operate under FERC-approved market rules. The market rules include price limits or caps applicable to all

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generators and numerous other FERC-approved requirements relative to the manner in which we must operate our generating facilities.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

A number of our subsidiaries are public utilities under the Federal Power Act and are subject to FERC rules and oversight regulations. As public utilities, these subsidiaries sell power at either market-based rates (if FERC has granted market-based rate authority) or cost-based rates. Each of these subsidiaries has been granted market-based rate authority, although a limited number of services sold by some of them are sold at cost-based rates.

Competition and Seasonality

The retail and wholesale energy industries are intensely competitive. Our competitors include merchant energy companies, utilities, retail electric service providers and other companies, including in recent years companies owned by investment banking firms, hedge funds and private equity funds. Our principal competitors in the retail electricity markets outside of Houston are typically incumbent retail electric providers, which have the advantage of long-standing relationships with customers. In general, competition in the retail and wholesale energy markets is on the basis of price, service, brand image and product offerings, as well as market perceptions of creditworthiness. For additional information on the effect of competition and for a discussion of how seasonality impacts our business, see Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Form 10-K and note 17 to our consolidated financial statements.

Environmental Matters

We are subject to numerous federal, state and local requirements relating to the protection of the environment and the safety and health of personnel and the public. These requirements relate to a broad range of our activities, including the discharge of compounds into the air, water and soil; the proper handling of solid, hazardous and toxic materials and waste; noise and safety and health standards applicable to the workplace.

Based on existing regulations, our market outlook, and our current assessment of the costs of labor and materials and the state of evolving technologies, we estimate that we will invest approximately \$261 million in 2008, \$115 million in 2009 and \$33 million to \$338 million in 2010 through 2014 on projects to reduce our emission levels and lessen the environmental impact of our operations. These amounts include \$39 million for future ash landfill expansions from 2008 through 2014. As described below, a significant amount of these expenditures relate to our election to upgrade the SO₂ emissions controls at some of our facilities.

In some cases, which are described below, environmental laws and regulations are pending, are under consideration, are in dispute or could be revised. Unless otherwise noted, we cannot predict the ultimate effect of these matters on our business. For additional information on how environmental matters may impact our business, see Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Form 10-K and note 13(b) to our consolidated financial statements.

Air Quality

Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA has implemented a number of emission control programs that affect industrial sources, including power plants, by limiting emissions of NO_x and SO₂. NO_x and SO₂ are precursors to the formation of acid rain, fine particulate matter and regional haze. NO_x is also a precursor to the formation of ozone.

NO_x and SO₂ Emissions

In March 2005, the EPA finalized a regulation, referred to as the Clean Air Interstate Rule, to further reduce emissions of NO_x and SO₂ in the Eastern United States in two phases. The first phase, which takes

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effect in 2009 for NO_x and 2010 for SO₂, requires overall reductions within the area of approximately 50% in NO_x and SO₂ emissions on an annual basis. The second phase, which takes effect in 2015, requires additional reductions of approximately 10% for a 60% total reduction in NO_x and approximately 15% for a 65% reduction in SO₂. The EPA regulations include the use of cap-and-trade programs to achieve these reductions.

These regulations require us to provide an allowance for each ton of NO_x and SO₂ that we emit under a cap-and-trade program. We maintain emission allowances that at a minimum correspond with forward power sales. In general, we do not have emission allowances for all of our generation. We purchase emission allowances, as needed, to correspond with our generation of electricity.

We have undertaken studies to evaluate possible impacts of the Clean Air Interstate Rule and similar legislative and regulatory proposals, which will primarily affect our coal-fired facilities in the Eastern United States. Based on an economic analysis that includes plant operability, changes in the emission allowances market, potential impact of state-imposed regulations and our estimates at this time of capital expenditures, we have elected to invest \$217 million in 2008, \$51 million in 2009 and an estimated \$26 million to \$304 million in 2010 through 2013 to principally reduce our emissions of SO₂.

Mercury Emissions

In March 2005, the EPA finalized the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), a national rule designed to reduce mercury emissions from coal plants in two phases through a cap-and-trade system. CAMR targets phase I reductions of approximately 30% in 2010 and phase II reductions of approximately 70% in 2018.

States are permitted to adopt regulations that conform to CAMR or adopt their own mercury regulations that are stricter than CAMR. Ohio has adopted regulations implementing CAMR. Pennsylvania has finalized stricter regulations for mercury emissions. Pennsylvania's program generally requires mercury reductions on a facility basis in two phases, with 80% reductions in 2010 and 90% reductions in 2015.

Several states initiated litigation targeting CAMR, in particular to require mercury control on a facility basis, instead of through a cap-and-trade system. In February 2008, a federal appeals court struck down CAMR as unlawful. The outcome of this ruling on Ohio and some other state regulations is uncertain, but it may impact our ultimate requirements to control mercury. Pennsylvania is expected to continue implementation of its program.

Our preliminary estimate of capital expenditures to comply primarily with the first phase of Pennsylvania's mercury control program is \$88 million to \$103 million for 2008 through 2010. Our analysis and evaluation of alternatives for compliance with the second phase of Pennsylvania's program, including potential capital expenditures for controls, is underway.

Air Particulates

In September 2006, the EPA issued revised national ambient air quality standards for fine particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 2.5 microns, or PM_{2.5}. Individual states must identify the sources of emissions in noncompliant areas and develop emission reduction plans. These plans may be state-specific or regional in scope. If our generating assets are located in areas that are not in compliance, we could be required to take additional or accelerated steps to reduce our NO_x and SO₂ emissions.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

There is increasing focus within the United States over the direction of domestic climate change policy. Several states in the northeastern, midwestern and western United States, are increasingly active in developing state-specific or regional regulatory initiatives to stimulate CO₂ emission reductions in the electric power generation industry and other industries. The United States Congress is considering numerous bills that would impose mandatory limitation of CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions for the domestic power generation sector. The specific impact on our business will depend upon the form of emissions-related legislation or regulations ultimately adopted by the federal government or states in which our facilities are located. Ten

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northeastern states, including New Jersey and Maryland, have formed the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI, which requires power generators to reduce CO₂ emissions by ten percent by 2019, beginning in 2009. California adopted legislation designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 25% below 1990 levels by 2020, beginning in 2012.

In addition, the EPA has announced plans to consider regulations to address CO₂ emissions as part of the Clean Air Act's New Source Review program. Individual states may also begin to take into account CO₂ emissions when considering permits to construct or modify significant sources of emissions.

In September 2007, we joined the Chicago Climate Exchange, a voluntary greenhouse gas registry, reduction and trading system. By joining the exchange, we have committed to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to six percent below the average of our 1998-2001 levels by 2010. We expect to satisfy our reduction targets through previously implemented unit retirements and capacity factor reductions and ongoing heat rate improvement efforts and transacting on the exchange.

Water Quality

In July 2007, the EPA suspended its 2004 regulations relating to cooling water intake structures at large existing power plants pending further rulemaking. This action was in response to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals' January 2007 remand of the 2004 regulations. The EPA retained interim requirements that associated intakes employ best technology available controls as determined on a plant-by-plant, best professional judgment basis.

Other

As a result of their age, many of our facilities contain significant amounts of asbestos insulation, other asbestos containing materials, as well as lead-based paint. Existing state and federal rules require the proper management and disposal of these potentially toxic materials. We believe we properly manage and dispose of such materials in compliance with these state and federal rules. See note 13(b) to our consolidated financial statements.

We do not believe we have any material liabilities or obligations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Corporation and Liability Act of 1980 or similar state laws. These laws impose clean up and restoration liability on owners and operators of facilities from or at which there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances, together with those who have transported or arranged for the disposal of those substances.

Employees

As of December 31, 2007, we had 3,698 full-time and part-time employees. Of these employees, 1,085 are covered by collective bargaining agreements, which expire on various dates from April 30, 2008 through April 30, 2012. The following table sets forth the number of our employees as of December 31, 2007:

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Segment | |
| Retail energy | 1,161 |
| Wholesale energy | 1,976 |
| Other operations | 561 |
| Total | 3,698 |

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| Name | Age⁽¹⁾ | Present Position |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Mark M. Jacobs | 45 | President and Chief Executive Officer |
| Brian Landrum | 45 | Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer |
| Rick J. Dobson | 49 | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |
| Charles S. Griffey | 48 | Senior Vice President, Market Design and Regulatory Affairs |
| D. Rogers Herndon | 42 | Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development |
| Michael L. Jines | 49 | Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary |
| Suzanne L. Kupiec | 41 | Senior Vice President, Risk and Structuring and Corporate Compliance Officer |
| Thomas C. Livengood | 52 | Senior Vice President and Controller |
| Albert H. Myres | 44 | Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs |
| Karen D. Taylor | 50 | Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer |

(1) Age is as of February 1, 2008.

Mark M. Jacobs has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2007. Prior to that, he served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from July 2002 to October 2007.

Brian Landrum has served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since May 2007. Prior to that, he served as our Executive Vice President, Operations from February 2006 to May 2007. He was Senior Vice President, Commercial and Retail Operations, IT from February 2005 to February 2006; Senior Vice President, Customer Operations and Information Technology from January 2004 to February 2005; President, Reliant Energy Retail Services from June 2003 to January 2004 and Senior Vice President, Retail Operations from August 2001 to May 2003.

Rick J. Dobson has served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since October 2007. Prior to that, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Novelis Inc., an international aluminum rolling and recycling company, from July 2006 to August 2007 and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Aquila, Inc., an electric and natural gas distribution company that also owns and operates generation assets, from October 2002 to July 2006.

Charles S. Griffey has served as our Senior Vice President, Market Design and Regulatory Affairs since December 2007. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs from February 2003 to December 2007 and Vice President, Regulatory Planning and Analysis from December 1998 to February 2003.

D. Rogers Herndon has served as our Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development since November 2007. He was Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations and Origination from May 2006 to November 2007. Prior to that, he was a Managing Director for PSEG Energy Resources and Trade and from March

2002 to March 2003, he was Managing Director Global Derivatives for Bank of America.

Michael L. Jines has served as our Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since May 2003. He was our Deputy General Counsel and Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Wholesale Group from March 2002 to May 2003.

Suzanne L. Kupiec has served as our Senior Vice President, Risk and Structuring since January 2004. In July 2007, she also began serving as our Corporate Compliance Officer. She was our Vice President and Chief Risk and Corporate Compliance Officer from June 2003 to January 2004. From 2000 until the time she joined

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us, she was a partner at Ernst & Young LLP, where she led its Energy Trading and Risk Management Practice serving both audit and advisory service clients.

Thomas C. Livengood has served as our Senior Vice President and Controller since May 2005. Prior to that, he served as our Vice President and Controller from August 2002 to May 2005.

Albert H. Myres has served as our Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs since December 2007. He served as Shell Oil Corporation's Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the President and Country Chairman from August 2005 to December 2007 and Senior Advisor, Government Affairs from June 2002 to August 2005.

Karen D. Taylor has served as our Senior Vice President, Human Resources since December 2003. In November 2005, she was appointed as our Chief Diversity Officer. Ms. Taylor was Vice President, Human Resources from February 2003 to December 2003 and Vice President, Administration, Wholesale Group from October 1998 to February 2003.

Available Information

Our principal offices are at 1000 Main, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-497-7000). The following information is available free of charge on our website (<http://www.reliant.com>):

Our corporate governance guidelines and board committee charters;

Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports; and

Our business ethics policy.

You can request a free copy of these documents by contacting our investor relations department. It is our intention to disclose amendments to, or waivers from, our business ethics policy on our website. No information on our website is incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K. In addition, certain of these materials are available on the SEC's website at (<http://www.sec.gov>) or at its public reference room: 100 F Street, NE, Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549 (1-800-SEC-0330).

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Certifications

We will timely provide the annual certification of our Chief Executive Officer to the New York Stock Exchange. We filed last year's certification in June 2007. In addition, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer each have signed and filed the certifications under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 with this Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Risks Related to the Retail and Wholesale Energy Businesses

The financial results of our wholesale and retail energy segments are subject to market risks beyond our control.

Our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows are significantly impacted by the prevailing demand and market prices for electricity, purchased power, fuel and emission allowances over which we have no control. Market prices can fluctuate dramatically in response to many factors, including weather conditions; changes in the prices of related commodities; changes in law and regulation; regulatory intervention (including the imposition of price limitations, bidding rules or similar mechanisms); market illiquidity; transmission constraints; environmental limitations; generation unit outages; fuel supply issues; national and world-wide economic activity; and other events.

The markets in which we operate are relatively immature markets that are characterized by elements of both deregulated and regulated markets. Changes in the regulatory environment in which we operate could adversely affect our ability to set rates, or the cost, manner or feasibility of conducting our business.

We operate in a regulatory environment that is undergoing varying restructuring initiatives. In many instances, the regulatory structures governing the electricity markets are still evolving, creating gaps in the regulatory framework and associated uncertainty. In addition, existing regulations may be revised or reinterpreted and new laws and regulations may be adopted or become applicable to our facilities or our commercial activities. We cannot predict the future direction of these initiatives or the ultimate effect that this changing regulatory environment will have on our business. Consequently, future regulatory restrictions, regulatory or political intervention or changes in laws and regulations, may constrain our ability to set rates at market prices or otherwise have an adverse effect on our business. See "Business Regulation" in Item 1 of this Form 10-K.

The tightening of the supply and demand balance for electricity may result in significant long- and short-term price volatility in both our wholesale and retail businesses. Price volatility may result in legislative, regulatory or judicial initiatives intended to mitigate the impact of such volatility.

The permitting and construction of new generation facilities is a lengthy process. Additionally, the progressive tightening of environmental regulatory requirements and their reflection in permits and regulations may result in generation facilities being removed from service prior to their end of useful life or derated permanently or temporarily. As a result, there may be periods when the supply of electricity is reduced or constrained relative to the demand for electricity. During these periods the wholesale price and retail price of electricity may increase significantly. In response to this, legislators, regulators, consumers and others may seek legislative, regulatory or judicial relief in an attempt to control or limit the wholesale price and/or the retail price of electricity.

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We depend on sources, facilities and systems that we do not own or control for our fuel and fuel supply and to deliver electricity to and bill our customers. Any disruption in these sources, facilities or systems could have an adverse effect on our business.

We depend on fuel sources and fuel supply facilities owned and operated by third parties to supply our generation plants. We depend on power transmission and distribution facilities and metering systems owned and operated by third parties to deliver electricity to our customers and provide energy usage data. If these sources, facilities or systems fail, are disrupted or become unavailable to us, we may be unable to generate and/or provide electricity, our cost of doing so may significantly increase and/or we may be subject to contractual or other penalties. In addition, inaccurate or untimely information from third parties could hinder our ability to bill customers and collect amounts owed. We also participate in regional power pools, reliability councils and transmission organizations and changes in the rules governing such groups and/or in the composition of such groups may have an adverse effect on our business. Participation in RTOs is voluntary, and transmission owning companies may exit an RTO so long as they do so in compliance with the applicable FERC tariffs and agreements and FERC approval.

The operation of generation facilities involves significant risks that could interrupt operations and increase our costs.

Ownership of generation assets exposes us to risks relating to the breakdown of equipment or processes; fuel supply or transportation interruptions; construction delays or cost overruns; shortages of or delays in obtaining equipment, material and labor; operational restrictions resulting from environmental limitations and governmental interventions; as well as other risks. In addition, many of our facilities are old and require significant maintenance expenditures. We are party to collective bargaining agreements with labor unions at several of our plants. If our workers were to engage in a strike, work stoppage or other slowdown, other employees were to become unionized or the terms and conditions in future labor agreements were renegotiated, we could experience a significant disruption in our operations and higher ongoing labor costs. Similarly, we have an aging workforce at a number of our plants creating potential knowledge and expertise gaps as those workers retire. If we are unable to secure fuel, we will not be able to run our generation units. Construction delays could cause extended and/or unplanned outages of our generation facilities. If a generation unit fails or is unavailable, we may have to purchase replacement power from third parties at higher prices. We have insurance, subject to limits and deductibles, covering some types of physical damage and business interruption related to our generation units. However, this insurance may not always be available on commercially reasonable terms. In addition, there is no assurance that insurance proceeds will be sufficient to cover all losses, insurance payments will be timely made or the policies themselves will be free of substantial deductibles.

Our business operations expose us to the risk of loss if third parties fail to perform their contractual obligations.

We may incur losses if third parties default on their contractual obligations, such as obligations to pay us money; buy or sell electricity, fuel, emission allowances and other commodities; or provide us with fuel transportation services, power transmission or distribution services. For additional information about third party default risk, including our efforts to mitigate against this risk, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Credit Risk in Item 7 of this Form 10-K and note 2(e) to our consolidated financial statements.

Our costs of compliance with environmental laws are significant and can affect our future financial results.

Our wholesale energy business is subject to extensive and evolving environmental regulations, particularly our coal- and oil-fired generation facilities. We incur significant costs in complying with these regulations and, if we fail to comply, could incur significant penalties. Our cost estimates for compliance with environmental regulations are based on our current assessment of the cost of labor and materials and the state of evolving technologies. Changes to the

preceding factors, revisions of environmental regulations, litigation and new

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legislation and/or regulations (including new climate change legislation and regulations), as well as other factors, could cause our actual costs to vary outside the range of our estimates. In addition, failure to comply with environmental requirements could require us to shut down or reduce production on our generation facilities or create liability exposure. New environmental laws or regulations may be adopted that would further constrain our operations or increase our environmental compliance costs. We also may be responsible for the environmental liabilities associated with generation facilities even if a prior owner caused the liabilities. We are required to purchase emission allowances to operate some of our facilities. Such allowances may be unavailable or only available at costs that would make it uneconomical to operate our generating assets. See **Business Environmental Matters** in Item 1 of this Form 10-K and note 13(b) to our consolidated financial statements.

Failure to obtain or maintain any required permits or approvals could prevent or limit us from operating our business.

To operate our generating facilities and retail electric business, we must obtain and maintain various permits, licenses, approvals and certificates from governmental agencies. In some jurisdictions, we must also meet minimum requirements for customer service and comply with local consumer protection and other laws. Our failure to obtain or maintain any necessary governmental permits or licenses or to satisfy these legal requirements, including environmental compliance provisions, could limit our ability to operate our business or create liability exposure.

We could be liable for a share of the payment defaults of other market participants.

If a market participant defaults on its payment obligations to an ISO, we, together with other market participants, are liable for a portion of the default obligation that is not otherwise covered by the defaulting market participant. Each ISO establishes credit requirements applicable to market participants and the basis for allocating payment default amounts to market participants. In ERCOT, the allocation is based on share of the total load. As of December 31, 2007, we would have been liable for approximately 20% of any defaulted amount in ERCOT. In PJM, MISO and Cal ISO, the methods of allocating the share of defaults differ, and our exposure from these markets is currently relatively small.

Significant events beyond our control, such as hurricanes and other weather-related problems or acts of terrorism, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The uncertainty associated with events beyond our control, such as significant weather events and the risk of future terrorist activity, may affect our results of operations and financial condition in unpredictable ways. These events could result in adverse changes in the insurance markets and disruptions of power and fuel markets. In addition, terrorist actions could damage or shut down our generation facilities or the fuel and fuel supply facilities or the power transmission and distribution facilities upon which our generation and retail businesses are dependent. These events could also adversely affect the United States economy, create instability in the financial markets and, as a result, have an adverse effect on our ability to access capital on terms and conditions acceptable to us.

Risks Relating to Our Retail Business

Merrill Lynch provides credit support for our retail business.

Under the terms of our credit-enhanced retail structure, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and an affiliate (Merrill Lynch) provide guarantees and post collateral for the supply purchases and related transactions of our Texas and PJM retail energy business. If we do not comply with the material terms of our agreement, Merrill Lynch could terminate its future obligations to provide guarantees and collateral postings on our behalf. There are a number of events, including non-payments of obligations and a non-investment-grade credit rating that could cause Merrill Lynch to default. If

Merrill Lynch experiences downgrades in its credit rating or credit outlook, our suppliers may require other credit support or cease doing business with us pursuant to the credit-enhanced

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retail structure. In these events, our ability to operate our Texas and PJM retail business could be impaired, which would adversely affect our liquidity, cash flows and results of operations.

We depend on third parties to provide electricity to supply our retail customers.

We purchase substantially all of our supply requirements from third parties. As a result, our financial performance depends on our ability to obtain adequate supplies of electric generation from third parties at prices below the prices we charge our customers.

Rising power supply costs could adversely affect the financial performance of our retail electric operations.

Our earnings and cash flows could be adversely affected in any period in which our power supply costs rise at a greater rate than our rates charged to customers. The price of our power supply purchases associated with our energy commitments can be different than that reflected in the rates charged to customers due to, among other factors:

- varying supply procurement contracts used and the timing of entering into related contracts;
- subsequent changes in the overall price of natural gas;
- daily, monthly or seasonal fluctuations in the price of natural gas relative to the 12-month forward prices; and
- changes in market heat rate (i.e., the relationship between power and natural gas prices).

We may lose further market share in the Houston retail electricity market, which is a significant contributor of income to our consolidated results.

In recent years, we have experienced declines in our share of the Houston retail electricity market, which represents approximately 65% of our residential customer base. This trend could continue. The new competitive market has attracted a number of new participants. Competitors are putting downward pressure on our Houston sales volumes and may put downward pressure on our margins over time. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Business Overview in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

Violations of market power standards may negatively impact the wholesale cost of power.

In 2006, the PUCT implemented a new rule on resource adequacy and market power in the ERCOT Region. In this rule, the PUCT increased the current price cap applicable to generation offers into the ERCOT energy market, eliminated current market power mitigation measures and adopted new market power standards. If a market participant violates the market power standards and it is not adequately mitigated, such violation could have the impact of increasing the wholesale cost of power, which could adversely impact our gross margins in the Texas retail market.

We depend on the ISOs to communicate operating and system information in a timely and accurate manner. Information that is not accurate or timely can have an impact on our future reported financial results.

Each ISO communicates information relating to a customer's choice of retail electric provider and other data needed for servicing of customer accounts to utilities and retail electric providers. Any failure to perform these tasks will result in delays and other problems in enrolling, switching and billing customers. Some of the ISOs are also responsible for settling all electricity supply volumes in their region. Information that is not accurate or timely may result in incorrect estimates of our settled volumes and supply costs that would need to be corrected when such

information is received. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, New Accounting Pronouncements, Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates, Critical Accounting Estimates in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

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Risks Related to Our Company

Our borrowing levels, debt service obligations and restrictive covenants may adversely affect our business. We may be vulnerable to reductions in our cash flow.

As of December 31, 2007, we had total gross debt of \$3.0 billion:

We must dedicate a portion of our cash flows to pay debt service requirements, which reduces the amount of cash available for other business purposes;

The covenants in our debt agreements and in our agreement with Merrill Lynch restrict our ability to, among other things, obtain additional financing, make investments or acquisitions, create additional liens on our assets and take other actions to react to changes or opportunities in our business;

If we do not comply with the payment and other material covenants under our debt agreements, our debt holders could require us to repay our debt immediately and, in the case of our revolving credit facilities, terminate their commitment to lend us money; and

Our debt levels and credit ratings may affect the evaluation of our creditworthiness by customers, which could put us at a competitive disadvantage to competitors with less debt or investment grade credit ratings.

If we were unable to generate sufficient cash flows, access funds from operations or raise cash from other sources, we would not be able to meet our debt service and other obligations. These situations could result from adverse developments in the energy, fuel or capital markets, a disruption in our operations or those of third parties or other events adversely affecting our cash flows and financial performance.

Our hedging and other risk management activities may not work as planned.

Our hedges may not be effective as a result of basis price differences, transmission issues, price correlation, volume variations or other factors. See **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk** in Item 7A of this Form 10-K.

Changes in the wholesale energy market or changes in our evaluation of generation assets could result in impairments.

If our outlook for the wholesale energy market changes negatively, or if our ongoing evaluation of our wholesale energy segment results in decisions to mothball, retire or dispose of generation assets, we could have impairment charges related to goodwill or our fixed assets. See notes 2(g) and 2(h) to our consolidated financial statements.

Lawsuits, regulatory proceedings and tax proceedings could adversely affect our future financial results.

From time to time, we are named as a party to, or our property is the subject of, lawsuits, regulatory proceedings or tax proceedings. These proceedings involve highly subjective matters with complex factual and legal questions. Their outcome is uncertain. Any claim that is successfully asserted against us could result in significant damage claims and other losses. Even if we prevail, any proceedings could be costly and time-consuming and would divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations, which could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. See notes 11, 13 and 14 to our consolidated financial statements.

We have entered into outsourcing arrangements with third party service providers. In addition, our operations are highly dependent on computer and other operating systems, including telecommunications systems. Any interruptions in these arrangements or systems could significantly disrupt our business operations.

In recent years, we have entered into outsourcing arrangements, such as information technology production software, infrastructure and development and certain functions within customer operations, with

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third party service providers. If these service providers do not perform their obligations, we may incur significant costs and experience interruptions in our business operations in connection with switching to other service providers or assuming these obligations ourselves. We are also highly dependent on our specialized computer and communications systems, the operation of which could be interrupted by fire, flood, power loss, computer viruses or similar disruptions. There is no guarantee that our backup systems and disaster recovery plans will be effective.

If we acquire or develop additional generation assets, or dispose of existing generation assets, we may incur additional costs and risks.

We may seek to purchase or develop additional generation facilities or dispose of existing generation facilities. There is no assurance that these efforts will be successful. In any sale, we may be required to indemnify a purchaser against liabilities. To finance future acquisitions, we may be required to issue additional equity securities or incur additional debt.

Other Risks

For other Company risks, see **Business** in Item 1 and **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations** in Item 7 of this Form 10-K.

Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments.*

None.

Item 2. *Properties.*

Our principal executive offices are leased through 2018, subject to two five-year renewal options. Our principal generation facilities are described under **Business - Wholesale Energy** in Item 1 of this Form 10-K. We believe that our properties are adequate for our present needs. We have satisfactory title, rights and possession to our owned facilities, subject to exceptions, which, in our opinion, would not have a material adverse effect on the use or value of the facilities.

Item 3. *Legal Proceedings.*

For a description of our material pending legal and regulatory proceedings and settlements, see notes 13 and 14 to our consolidated financial statements.

Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.*

None.

Table of Contents**PART II****Item 5. *Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.***

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol RRI. On February 15, 2008, we had 36,142 stockholders of record.

The closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2007 was \$26.24.

| | Market Price | |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| | High | Low |
| 2007: | | |
| First Quarter | \$ 21.70 | \$ 13.52 |
| Second Quarter | \$ 27.79 | \$ 20.37 |
| Third Quarter | \$ 30.69 | \$ 22.72 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$ 28.74 | \$ 24.11 |
| 2006: | | |
| First Quarter | \$ 10.74 | \$ 9.57 |
| Second Quarter | \$ 12.55 | \$ 10.51 |
| Third Quarter | \$ 13.58 | \$ 11.64 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$ 14.40 | \$ 12.02 |

We have never paid dividends. Some of our debt agreements restrict the payment of dividends. See note 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

Sales of Unregistered Securities. In the fourth quarter of 2007, we issued 42,818 shares of unregistered common stock pursuant to cashless warrant exercises under an exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Stock Price Performance Graph. The following line graph compares the yearly percentage change in our cumulative total stockholder return on common stock with the cumulative total return of a broad equity market index (Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index) and the cumulative total return of a group of our peer companies comprised of Calpine Corporation, Constellation Energy Group, Inc., Dominion Resources, Inc., Dynegy Inc., Exelon Corporation, Mirant Corporation, NRG Energy, Inc., Sempra Energy and TXU Corp. TXU Corp. has been excluded from the graph for 2007 because it was acquired and is no longer a publicly-traded company.

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This stock price performance graph is furnished in this Form 10-K and is not filed, as permitted by 17 CFR 229.201(e).

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | (1)(2)(3)(4) | (1)(5)(6)(7) | (1)(7)(8) | (1) | (1)(9)(10)(11) |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Statements of Operations Data: | | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 11,209 | \$ 10,877 | \$ 9,712 | \$ 8,098 | \$ 10,097 |
| Operating income (loss) | 876 | (24) | (321) | (13) | (476) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 358 | (327) | (441) | (276) | (916) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | | 1 | (1) | 7 | (24) |
| Net income (loss) | 365 | (328) | (331) | (29) | (1,342) |

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | (1)(2)(3)(4) | (1)(5)(6)(7) | (1)(7)(8) | (1) | (1)(9)(10)(11) |
| Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share: Income | | | | | |
| (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 1.01 | \$ (1.06) | \$ (1.46) | \$ (0.93) | \$ (3.12) |

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (1)(2)(3)(4)(6) | (1)(5)(8) | (1) | (1)(10) | (1) |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Statements of Cash Flow Data: | | | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$ 762 | \$ 1,276 | \$ (917) | \$ 106 | \$ 994 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (179) | 1,057 | 306 | 900 | 917 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | (292) | (1,957) | 594 | (1,047) | (2,889) |

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| | 2007 | 2006 | December 31, 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (1)(2)(12) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Balance Sheet Data: | | | | | |
| Net margin deposits | \$ 140 | \$ 436 | \$ 1,700 | \$ 487 | \$ 36 |
| Total assets | 9,457 | 10,567 | 13,569 | 12,194 | 13,297 |
| Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings | 52 | 355 | 789 | 619 | 129 |
| Long-term debt | 2,903 | 3,178 | 4,317 | 3,939 | 4,276 |
| Stockholders equity | 4,477 | 3,950 | 3,864 | 4,386 | 4,372 |

- (1) We sold or transferred the following operations, which have been classified as discontinued operations: Desert Basin, European energy, Orion Power's hydropower plants, Liberty, Ceredo and Orion Power's New York plants. We sold the following operations, which are included in continuing operations: REMA hydropower plants in April 2005, landfill-gas fueled power plants in July 2005 and our El Dorado investment in July 2005. See notes 20 and 22 to our consolidated financial statements.
- (2) We deconsolidated Channelview on August 20, 2007. See notes 1 and 21 to our consolidated financial statements.
- (3) During 2007, we recorded and paid a \$22 million charge related to resolution of a 2004 indictment for alleged violations of the Commodity Exchange Act, wire fraud and conspiracy charges. See note 14(a) to our consolidated financial statements.
- (4) During 2007, we incurred \$73 million in debt extinguishments expenses and expensed \$41 million of deferred financing costs related to accelerated amortization for refinancings and extinguishments. See notes 2(q) and 6 to our consolidated financial statements.
- (5) During 2006, we incurred \$37 million in debt conversion expense. See note 6 to our consolidated financial statements.
- (6) During 2006, we recorded a \$35 million charge (paid in 2007) related to a settlement of certain class action natural gas cases relating to the Western states energy crisis. See note 14(a) to our consolidated financial statements.
- (7) During 2006 and 2005, we had gains on sales of emission allowances of \$159 million and \$160 million, respectively.
- (8) During 2005, we recorded charges of \$359 million relating to various settlements associated with the Western states energy crisis, which were paid during 2006. See note 14(a) to our consolidated financial statements.
- (9) Effective October 1, 2003, we adopted EITF No. 03-11 and began prospectively reporting the settlement of sales and purchases of fuel and purchased power related to our non-trading commodity derivative activities that were not physically delivered on a net basis in our results of operations in the same line as the item hedged. We did not reclassify amounts for periods prior to October 1, 2003.

- (10) During 2004, 2003 and 2002, we recorded charges of \$2 million, \$47 million and \$128 million, respectively, relating to a payment made to CenterPoint in 2004 of \$177 million.
- (11) During 2003, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$985 million.
- (12) See note 13 to our consolidated financial statements for discussion of our contingencies.

Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.*

Business Overview

Our objective is to be a leader in delivering the benefits of competitive electricity markets to customers. Our business focuses on the competitive retail and wholesale electricity markets.

Our strategy is based on our core beliefs about the power industry and the retail and wholesale electricity markets. We are committed to delivering superior returns from competitive markets through insights into the fundamentals of our core markets and a commitment to risk-weighted investments whose return on invested capital exceeds our weighted-average cost of capital.

Retail Energy. The retail energy segment is a low capital investment electricity resale business with relatively stable earnings (excluding unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives). The key earnings drivers in the retail energy segment are the volume of electricity we sell to customers, the unit margins received on those sales and the cost of acquiring and serving those customers. We earn a margin by selling electricity to end-use customers and simultaneously acquiring supply. While short-term earnings in this business are impacted by local weather patterns and the competitive tactics of other retailers in the market, the longer-term earnings drivers of the business are delivering a superior customer experience, retaining and growing market share in our existing markets through innovative product offerings and expanding into new competitive markets.

Our core beliefs about the retail market are:

We are a leader in delivering the benefits of competitive electricity markets to retail customers, which results in a business that has a high return on invested capital and relatively stable earnings;

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Retail competition provides opportunities to add value through customer segmentation, product and service innovation and brand;

Increases in wholesale supply costs will provide conservation and load management opportunities that will dramatically alter load; and

Continued success in markets currently open to retail competition will drive new competitive market openings.

These core beliefs set the stage for our strategic direction. We will focus on the following value-creation levers:

Strengthening our competitive position by improving our operating cost and effectiveness, using customer segmentation to identify and provide innovative products and services, providing superior customer service and continuing to build our brand;

Leading the development of Smart Energy to encourage more efficient power consumption and provide a superior customer experience, including increasing transparency of customer bills, providing time of use signals, disaggregating customer usage and providing enhanced control over power consumption; and

Entering and developing new competitive markets.

Wholesale Energy. The wholesale energy segment is a capital-intensive, cyclical business. Earnings are significantly impacted by spark spreads and capacity prices. Spark spreads are driven by a number of factors, including the prices of natural gas, coal and fuel oil, the cost of emissions, transmission, weather and global macro-economic factors, none of which we control. The key earnings drivers are the amount of electricity we generate, the margin we earn for each unit of electricity sold and the availability of our generating assets to meet demand. The factor that we have the most control over is the percentage of time that our generating assets are available to run when it is economical for them to do so. Longer-term earnings are driven by regional supply and demand fundamentals, the level of commodity prices and capacity markets.

Our core beliefs about the wholesale market are:

Capital intensive, cyclical industries generally earn returns below their cost of capital over a full cycle;

New build investment typically under earns its cost of capital unless there is a significant cost advantage; and

Over the next several years, we anticipate significant tightening of supply/demand.

These core beliefs set the stage for our strategic direction. We will focus on the following value-creation levers:

Realizing the value from anticipated improving supply and demand fundamentals in the wholesale markets from our existing portfolio of assets;

Achieving operating and commercial excellence in order to reliably and economically meet customer needs; and

Optimizing and growing our portfolio of assets by utilizing a highly-disciplined capital investment process with a return on invested capital focus.

Company-wide. We will focus on the following value-creation levers:

Establishing and maintaining a strong, flexible capital structure that ensures a competitive cost of capital with an ability to invest in value creating opportunities throughout the cycle, including returning capital to shareholders;

Building a highly disciplined return on invested capital focus; and

Continuing to develop innovative structures and transactions that improve returns and reduce risk.

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We also believe that stockholder value is enhanced through the development of a highly motivated and customer-focused work force. We continue to focus on:

- communicating openly with our employees;
- fostering company pride among our employees;
- providing a satisfying and safe work environment;
- recognizing and rewarding employee contributions and capabilities; and
- motivating our employees to be collaborative leaders committed to our future.

Our ability to achieve these strategic objectives and execute these actions is subject to a number of factors, some of which we may not be able to control. See **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information and Risk Factors** in Item 1A of this Form 10-K.

Recent Events. In February 2008, we entered into an agreement to sell our interests in Channelview, subject to approval of the court overseeing Channelview's bankruptcy proceedings and other closing conditions. Sale proceeds will be used to settle creditors' claims and a cash sharing agreement. Residual proceeds will be retained by us and will affect the amount of any gain or loss on the sale. It is possible an impairment could be recognized if the net proceeds and remaining assets (including cash and working capital) do not exceed our net investment in and receivables from Channelview. See note 21 to our consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Results of Operations

The following discussion includes non-GAAP financial measures, which are not standardized; therefore it may not be possible to compare these financial measures with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names. We strongly encourage investors to review our consolidated financial statements and publicly filed reports in their entirety and not rely on any single financial measure.

2007 Compared to 2006 and 2006 Compared to 2005

We reported \$365 million consolidated net income, or \$1.04 diluted income per share, for 2007 compared to \$328 million consolidated net loss, or \$1.07 loss per share, for 2006 and \$331 million consolidated net loss, or \$1.09 loss per share, for 2005.

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|--------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Retail energy contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives | \$ 942 | \$ 250 | \$ 342 | \$ 692 | \$ (92) |
| Wholesale energy contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives | 524 | 146 | 110 | 378 | 36 |
| Other contribution margin | 1 | 1 | 4 | | (3) |
| Other general and administrative | (171) | (172) | (140) | 1 | (32) |
| Western states and similar settlements | (22) | (35) | (359) | 13 | 324 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | 26 | 159 | 168 | (133) | (9) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (424) | (373) | (446) | (51) | 73 |
| Income of equity investments, net | 5 | 6 | 26 | (1) | (20) |
| Debt extinguishments and conversions | (73) | (37) | | (36) | (37) |
| Other, net | | | (23) | | 23 |
| Interest expense | (349) | (428) | (399) | 79 | (29) |
| Interest income | 34 | 34 | 23 | | 11 |
| Income tax (expense) benefit | (135) | 122 | 253 | (257) | (131) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 358 | (327) | (441) | 685 | 114 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 7 | (2) | 111 | 9 | (113) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | | 1 | (1) | (1) | 2 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 365 | \$ (328) | \$ (331) | \$ 693 | \$ 3 |

Retail Energy Segment

In analyzing the results of our retail energy segment, we use the non-GAAP financial measures retail gross margin and retail contribution margin, which exclude the item described below, as well as our retail energy segment profit and loss measure, contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives. Retail gross margin and retail contribution margin should not be relied upon without considering the GAAP financial measures. The item that is excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures has a recurring effect on our earnings and reflects aspects of our business that are not taken into account by this measure.

Unrealized Gains/Losses on Energy Derivatives. We use derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints and to execute our retail energy segment's supply procurement strategy. We are required to record in our consolidated statement of operations non-cash gains/losses related to future periods based on current changes in forward commodity prices for derivative instruments receiving mark-to-market accounting treatment. We refer to these gains and losses prior to settlement, as well as ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges, as unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives. In substantially all cases, the underlying transactions being hedged receive accrual accounting treatment, resulting in a mismatch of accounting treatments. Since the application of mark-to-market accounting has the effect of pulling forward into current periods non-cash gains/losses relating to and reversing in future delivery

periods, analysis of results of operations from one period to another can be difficult. We believe that excluding these unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives provides a more meaningful representation of our economic performance in the reporting period and is therefore useful to us, investors, analysts and others in facilitating the analysis of our results of operations from one period to another.

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Our retail energy segment's contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$942 million in 2007 compared to \$250 million in 2006. The \$692 million increase was primarily due to the net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of \$725 million, partially offset by a \$32 million decrease in retail gross margin. Our retail energy segment's contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$250 million in 2006 compared to \$342 million in 2005. The \$92 million decrease was primarily due to the increase in unrealized losses on energy derivatives of \$218 million. In addition, contribution margin was impacted by a \$232 million increase in retail gross margin and a \$106 million increase in operation and maintenance, selling and marketing and bad debt expense. See "Retail Energy Margins" below for explanations.

Retail Energy Revenues.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Retail energy revenues from end-use retail customers: | | | | | |
| Mass: | | | | | |
| Residential: | | | | | |
| Houston | \$ 2,057 | \$ 2,466 | \$ 2,357 | \$ (409) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 109 ⁽²⁾ |
| Non-Houston | 1,175 | 1,109 | 708 | 66 ⁽³⁾ | 401 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Small Business: | | | | | |
| Houston | 493 | 593 | 476 | (100) ⁽⁵⁾ | 117 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Non-Houston | 203 | 189 | 100 | 14 | 89 ⁽⁷⁾ |
| Total Mass | 3,928 | 4,357 | 3,641 | (429) | 716 |
| Commercial and Industrial: | | | | | |
| ERCOT | 3,334 | 2,964 | 2,549 | 370 ⁽⁸⁾ | 415 ⁽⁹⁾ |
| Non-ERCOT | 375 | 381 | 404 | (6) | (23) ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| Total Commercial and Industrial | 3,709 | 3,345 | 2,953 | 364 | 392 |
| Total | 7,637 | 7,702 | 6,594 | (65) | 1,108 |
| Retail energy revenues from resales of purchased power and other hedging activities | 540 | 488 | 474 | 52 ⁽¹¹⁾ | 14 |
| Market usage adjustments | (4) | 7 | (23) | (11) | 30 |
| Total retail energy revenues | 8,173 | \$ 8,197 | \$ 7,045 | \$ (24) | \$ 1,152 |

(1) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower volumes driven by (i) fewer number of customers and (ii) a change in customer usage and mix and (b) lower unit sales prices.

(2)

Increase primarily due to increases in unit sales prices, partially offset by lower volumes due to (a) fewer number of customers, (b) a change in customer usage and mix and (c) milder weather.

- (3) Increase primarily due to increased number of customers, partially offset by lower volumes due to a change in customer usage and mix.
- (4) Increase primarily due to (a) higher volumes due to increased number of customers and (b) higher unit sales prices.
- (5) Decrease primarily due to lower volumes primarily driven by (a) fewer number of customers and (b) a change in customer usage and mix.
- (6) Increase primarily due to higher unit sales prices.
- (7) Increase primarily due to (a) higher volumes due to increased number of customers and (b) higher unit sales prices. These increases were partially offset by lower volumes due to a change in customer usage and mix.
- (8) Increase primarily due to (a) higher volumes due to increased number of customers and (b) higher unit sales prices. These increases were partially offset by lower volumes due to a change in customer usage and mix.
- (9) Increase primarily due to (a) fixed price contracts renewed at higher market rates due to higher prices of electricity when the contracts were executed, (b) variable rate contracts, which are tied to the market price of natural gas and (c) higher volumes.
- (10) Decrease primarily due to lower volumes due to fewer number of customers. This decrease was partially offset by increases primarily due to (a) fixed price contracts renewed at higher market rates due to higher prices of electricity when the contracts were executed and (b) variable rate contracts, which are tied to the market price of natural gas.
- (11) Increase primarily due to our supply management activities in various markets in Texas.

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Costs of sales | \$ 6,820 | \$ 6,635 | \$ 5,676 | \$ 185 | \$ 959 |
| Retail energy intersegment costs | 394 | 571 | 625 | (177) | (54) |
| Subtotal | 7,214 | 7,206 | 6,301 | 8 ⁽¹⁾ | 905 ⁽²⁾ |
| Market usage adjustments | 7 | 7 | (8) | | 15 |
| Unrealized (gains) losses on energy derivatives | (438) | 287 | 69 | (725) ⁽³⁾ | 218 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Total retail energy cost of sales | \$ 6,783 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 6,362 | \$ (717) | \$ 1,138 |

(1) Increase primarily due to higher costs of purchased power at the time of procurement, partially offset by lower volumes due to a change in customer usage and mix.

(2) Increase primarily due to higher costs of purchased power at the time of procurement.

(3) See footnote 7 under Retail Energy Margins.

(4) See footnote 8 under Retail Energy Margins.

Retail Energy Margins.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Mass gross margin | \$ 719 | \$ 776 | \$ 689 | \$ (57) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 87 ⁽²⁾ |
| Commercial and industrial gross margin | 244 | 208 | 78 | 36 ⁽²⁾ | 130 ⁽²⁾ |
| Market usage adjustments | (11) | | (15) | (11) | 15 |
| Retail gross margin | 952 | 984 | 752 | (32) | 232 |
| Operation and maintenance | (245) | (234) | (190) | (11) ⁽³⁾ | (44) ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Selling and marketing expense | (124) | (124) | (95) | | (29) ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Bad debt expense | (79) | (89) | (56) | 10 | (33) ⁽⁶⁾ |

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|---|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Retail contribution margin | 504 | 537 | 411 | (33) | 126 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives | 438 | (287) | (69) | 725 ⁽⁷⁾ | (218) ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Total retail energy contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 942 | \$ 250 | \$ 342 | \$ 692 | \$ (92) |

- (1) Decrease primarily due to lower volumes driven by (a) a change in customer usage and mix and (b) fewer number of customers.
- (2) Increase primarily due to higher unit margins (higher unit sales prices, partially offset by higher unit prices of purchased power at the time procurement).
- (3) Increase primarily due to (a) \$18 million increase in salaries, contract services and professional fees and (b) \$4 million for a technology licensing settlement. These increases were partially offset by (a) \$4 million decrease in corporate allocations and (b) \$4 million decrease in gross receipt tax.
- (4) Increase primarily due to (a) \$26 million increase in gross receipts tax and (b) \$12 million increase in contract services and professional fees.
- (5) Increase primarily due to additional marketing campaigns.
- (6) Increase primarily due to higher customer defaults in 2006 primarily due to increases in unit sales prices.
- (7) Increase primarily due to (a) \$187 million of increased gains on energy derivatives which settled during the period, (b) \$71 million of decreased losses from cash flow hedge ineffectiveness, (c) \$372 million of decreased losses due to changes in prices on our derivatives marked to market and (d) \$51 million of decreased losses resulting from the termination of commodity contracts with a counterparty.
- (8) Decrease primarily due to (a) \$139 million loss due to cash flow hedge ineffectiveness and (b) \$102 million loss due to the reversal of previously recognized unrealized gains resulting from the termination of commodity contracts with a counterparty. These decreases were partially offset by \$85 million gain due to settlements.
- (9) Retail energy segment profit and loss measure.

Table of Contents***Wholesale Energy Segment***

In analyzing the results of our wholesale energy segment, we use the non-GAAP financial measures open energy gross margin, open wholesale gross margin and open wholesale contribution margin, which exclude the items described below, as well as our wholesale energy segment profit and loss measure, contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives. Open energy gross margin, open wholesale gross margin and open wholesale contribution margin should not be relied upon without considering the GAAP financial measures. The items that are excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures have or have had a recurring effect on our earnings and reflect aspects of our business that are not taken into account by these measures.

Historical and Operational Wholesale Hedges. We exclude the effect of certain historical, although recurring until the contracts terminate, wholesale hedges that were entered into in order to hedge the economics of a portion of our wholesale operations. These amounts primarily relate to settlements of forward power hedges, long-term tolling purchases, long-term natural gas transportation contracts not serving our generation assets and our legacy energy trading. We also exclude the effect of certain on-going operational wholesale hedges that were entered into primarily to mitigate certain operational risks at our generation assets. These amounts primarily relate to settlements of fuel hedges, long-term natural gas transportation contracts and storage contracts. Operational wholesale hedges are derived based on methodology consistent with the calculation of open energy gross margin. We believe that it is useful to us, investors, analysts and others to show our results in the absence of both historical and operational hedges. The impact of these hedges on our financial results is not a function of the operating performance of our generation assets, and excluding the impact better reflects the operating performance of our generation assets based on prevailing market conditions.

Unrealized Gains/Losses on Energy Derivatives. We use derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints and to increase the return on our generation assets. We are required to record in our consolidated statement of operations non-cash gains/losses related to future periods based on current changes in forward commodity prices for derivative instruments receiving mark-to-market accounting treatment. We refer to these gains and losses prior to settlement, as well as ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges, as unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives. In some cases, the underlying transactions being hedged receive accrual accounting treatment, resulting in a mismatch of accounting treatments. Since the application of mark-to-market accounting has the effect of pulling forward into current periods non-cash gains/losses relating to and reversing in future delivery periods, analysis of results of operations from one period to another can be difficult. We believe that excluding these unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives provides a more meaningful representation of our economic performance in the reporting period and is therefore useful to us, investors, analysts and others in facilitating the analysis of our results of operations from one period to another. These gains/losses are also not a function of the operating performance of our generation assets, and excluding their impact helps isolate the operating performance of our generation assets under prevailing market conditions.

Changes in California-Related Receivables and Reserves. In 2005, we excluded the impact of changes in receivables and reserves relating to energy sales in California from October 2000 through June 2001. We reached a settlement concerning these receivables during the third quarter of 2005. Because of the market conditions and regulatory events that underlie the changes in these receivables and reserves, we believe that excluding this item provides a more meaningful representation of our results of operations on an ongoing basis and is therefore useful to us, investors, analysts and others in facilitating the analysis of our results of operations from one period to another. For additional information, see note 14(a) to our consolidated financial statements.

Our wholesale energy segment's contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$524 million in 2007 compared to \$146 million in 2006. The

\$378 million increase was primarily due to (a) reduced negative effect of historical and operational wholesale hedges of \$284 million and (b) \$184 million increase in open wholesale gross margin. These increases were partially offset by (a) net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of

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\$49 million and (b) \$40 million increase in operation and maintenance expense. Our wholesale energy segment's contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$146 million in 2006 compared to \$110 million in 2005. The \$36 million increase was primarily due to (a) net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of \$179 million and (b) reduced negative effect of historical and operational wholesale hedges of \$108 million. These increases were partially offset by (a) \$199 million decrease in open wholesale gross margin and (b) \$55 million increase in operation and maintenance expense. See Wholesale Energy Margins below for explanations.

Wholesale Energy Revenues.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wholesale energy third-party revenues | \$ 2,877 | \$ 2,487 | \$ 2,879 | \$ 390 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (392) ⁽²⁾ |
| Wholesale energy intersegment revenues | 394 | 571 | 625 | (177) ⁽³⁾ | (54) |
| Subtotal | 3,271 | 3,058 | 3,504 | 213 | (446) |
| Revenues affiliates | 127 | | | 127 ⁽⁴⁾ | |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives | 32 | 192 | (218) | (160) ⁽⁵⁾ | 410 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Total wholesale energy revenues | \$ 3,430 | \$ 3,250 | \$ 3,286 | \$ 180 | \$ (36) |

- (1) Increase primarily due to (a) higher power sales prices and (b) higher power sales volumes. These increases were partially offset by lower natural gas sales volumes.
- (2) Decrease primarily due (a) lower natural gas sales prices (related to gas transportation contracts) and (b) lower power sales prices. These decreases were partially offset by higher natural gas and power sales volumes.
- (3) Decrease primarily due to lower power sales volumes. This decrease was partially offset by (a) higher power sales prices and (b) higher natural gas sales volumes related to a tolling agreement.
- (4) We deconsolidated Channelview on August 20, 2007. These revenues represent sales of fuel to Channelview.
- (5) See footnote 23 under Wholesale Energy Margins.
- (6) See footnote 24 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

Wholesale Energy Cost of Sales.

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | from 2006 to 2007 | from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|----------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wholesale energy third-party costs | \$ 2,138 | \$ 2,371 | \$ 2,725 | \$ (233) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (354) ⁽²⁾ |
| Cost of sales affiliates | 105 | | | 105 ⁽³⁾ | |
| Unrealized (gains) losses on energy derivatives | 25 | 136 | (95) | (111) ⁽⁴⁾ | 231 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Total wholesale energy cost of sales | \$ 2,268 | \$ 2,507 | \$ 2,630 | \$ (239) | \$ (123) |

(1) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower purchased natural gas and power volumes and (b) lower purchased capacity.

(2) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower prices paid for natural gas and purchased power and (b) lower oil volumes. These decreases were partially offset by (a) higher purchased natural gas volumes and (b) higher prices of coal.

(3) We deconsolidated Channelview on August 20, 2007. These cost of sales represent purchases of power from Channelview.

(4) See footnote 23 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

(5) See footnote 24 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Open energy gross margin ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | |
| PJM Coal | \$ 609 | \$ 530 | \$ 641 | \$ 79 ⁽²⁾ | \$ (111) ⁽³⁾ |
| MISO Coal | 161 | 121 | 199 | 40 ⁽⁴⁾ | (78) ⁽⁵⁾ |
| PJM/MISO Gas | 50 | 44 | 61 | 6 | (17) |
| West | 20 | 12 | (10) | 8 | 22 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Other | 24 | 4 | 27 | 20 ⁽⁷⁾ | (23) ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Total | 864 | 711 | 918 | 153 | (207) |
| Other margin: ⁽⁹⁾ PJM Coal | 56 | 29 | 40 | 27 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | (11) |
| MISO Coal | 14 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| PJM/MISO Gas | 109 | 49 | 19 | 60 ⁽¹¹⁾ | 30 ⁽¹²⁾ |
| West | 141 | 155 | 187 | (14) ⁽¹³⁾ | (32) ⁽¹⁴⁾ |
| Other | 63 | 111 | 91 | (48) ⁽¹⁵⁾ | 20 ⁽¹⁶⁾ |
| Total | 383 | 352 | 344 | 31 | 8 |
| Open wholesale gross margin | 1,247 | 1,063 | 1,262 | 184 ⁽¹⁷⁾ | (199) ⁽¹⁸⁾ |
| Operation and maintenance | (639) | (599) | (544) | (40) ⁽¹⁹⁾ | (55) ⁽²⁰⁾ |
| Bad debt expense | 1 | 2 | (2) | (1) | 4 |
| Open wholesale contribution margin | 609 | 466 | 716 | 143 | (250) |
| Historical and operational wholesale hedges | (92) | (376) | (484) | 284 ⁽²¹⁾ | 108 ⁽²²⁾ |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives | 7 | 56 | (123) | (49) ⁽²³⁾ | 179 ⁽²⁴⁾ |
| Changes in California-related receivables and reserves | | | 1 | | (1) |
| Total wholesale energy contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽²⁵⁾ | \$ 524 | \$ 146 | \$ 110 | \$ 378 | \$ 36 |

(1) Open energy gross margin is calculated using the power sales prices received by the plants less delivered spot fuel prices. This figure excludes the effects of other margin, our historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives.

- (2) Increase primarily due to (a) higher open energy unit margins (higher power prices partially offset by higher fuel costs) and (b) higher economic generation.
- (3) Decrease primarily due to lower open energy unit margins (lower power prices partially offset by lower fuel costs). This decrease was partially offset by higher commercial capacity factor.
- (4) Increase primarily due to (a) higher open energy unit margins (higher power prices) and (b) higher economic generation. These increases were partially offset by lower commercial capacity factor primarily due to higher planned outages in 2007.
- (5) Decrease primarily due to lower open energy unit margins (lower power prices partially offset by lower fuel costs).
- (6) Increase primarily due to higher open energy unit margins (lower fuel costs partially offset by lower power prices) and increased economic generation. These increases were partially offset by lower commercial capacity factor.
- (7) Increase primarily due to higher open energy unit margins (higher power prices partially offset by higher fuel costs). This increase was partially offset by lower economic generation due primarily to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.
- (8) Decrease primarily due to lower open energy unit margins (lower power prices partially offset by lower fuel costs).
- (9) Other margin represents power purchase agreements, capacity payments, ancillary services revenues and selective commercial hedge strategies.
- (10) Increase primarily due to (a) RPM capacity payments and (b) ancillary services revenues.
- (11) Increase primarily due to RPM capacity payments.
- (12) Increase primarily due to (a) higher capacity payments and (b) ancillary services revenues.

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- (13) Decrease primarily due to (a) fewer selective commercial hedge activities and (b) lower revenue from power purchase agreements. These decreases were partially offset by higher capacity payments.
- (14) Decrease primarily due to lower gains on selective commercial hedge activities.
- (15) Decrease primarily due to (a) the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007 and (b) lower revenue from power purchase agreements.
- (16) Increase primarily due to higher revenue from power purchase agreements.
- (17) Increase primarily due to (a) higher open energy unit margins, (b) higher capacity payments and (c) higher economic generation. These increases were partially offset by lower commercial capacity factor due to higher planned outages in 2007.
- (18) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower open energy unit margins and (b) lower economic generation. These decreases were partially offset with higher commercial capacity factor in the PJM and MISO regions.
- (19) Increase primarily due to (a) \$21 million increase in planned outages and maintenance spending and (b) \$19 million increase in services and support primarily due to strategic initiatives for improving plant performance (\$16 million). These increases were partially offset by decreases due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.
- (20) Increase primarily due to \$46 million increase in planned outages and maintenance spending primarily at our coal plants.
- (21) Increase primarily due to (a) \$134 million in higher margins on natural gas transportation and storage contracts, (b) \$120 million decrease in losses on closed power hedges and (c) \$23 million in higher margins on operational hedges.
- (22) Increase primarily due to a \$387 million decrease in losses from power sales, resulting from a 41% decrease in hedged volumes and 55% decrease in the average loss on hedges, reduced by \$187 million of losses on 2006 power hedges closed in the third quarter of 2005. This increase was partially offset by \$98 million due to a decrease of coal market prices combined with an increase in coal contract prices.
- (23) Decrease primarily due to \$75 million reduction in gains on energy derivatives which settled during the period, partially offset by \$14 million gain due to change in prices on our derivatives marked to market.
- (24) Increase primarily due to (a) \$113 million gain due to settlements and (b) \$74 million gain due to changes in prices on our derivatives marked to market.
- (25) Wholesale energy segment profit and loss measure.

Other General and Administrative.

| Change from 2006 | Change from 2005 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | to 2007 | to 2006 |
|--|--------|--------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | | | (in millions) | | |
| Salaries and benefits | \$ 87 | \$ 90 | \$ 66 | \$ (3) | \$ 24 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Professional fees, contract services and information systems maintenance | 38 | 29 | 22 | 9 | 7 |
| Rent and utilities | 21 | 20 | 20 | 1 | |
| Credit-enhanced retail structure fee | 1 | 13 | | (12) ⁽²⁾ | 13 ⁽²⁾ |
| Legal costs | 11 | 11 | 17 | | (6) |
| Settlement of shareholder class action lawsuits | | | 8 | | (8) |
| Costs in connection with Channelview's reorganization | 3 | | | 3 | |
| Other, net | 10 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Other general and administrative | \$ 171 | \$ 172 | \$ 140 | \$ (1) | \$ 32 |

(1) Increase primarily due to impact of increased stock price on stock-based incentive plan expense.

(2) See note 7 to our consolidated financial statements.

Western States and Similar Settlements. See note 14 to our consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents*Gains on Sales of Assets and Emission Allowances, Net.*

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Equipment held in storage | \$ 24 | \$ | \$ | \$ 24 | \$ |
| Emission allowances | 1 | 159 | 160 | (158) ⁽¹⁾ | (1) |
| REMA hydropower plants | | | 12 | | (12) |
| Landfill-gas fueled power plants | | | (4) | | 4 |
| Other, net | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | \$ 26 | \$ 159 | \$ 168 | \$ (133) | \$ (9) |

(1) Decrease primarily relates to our fundamental view compared to current to market prices. In the past few years, we sold some excess emission allowances. See Business Environmental Matters in Item 1 of this Form 10-K.

Depreciation and Amortization.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Depreciation on plants | \$ 269 | \$ 247 | \$ 264 | \$ 22 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (17) ⁽²⁾ |
| Depreciation on information systems | 35 | 50 | 76 | (15) ⁽³⁾ | (26) ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Other, net depreciation | 5 | 6 | 11 | (1) | (5) |
| Depreciation | 309 | 303 | 351 | 6 | (48) |
| Amortization of emission allowances | 110 | 65 | 90 | 45 ⁽⁵⁾ | (25) ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Other, net amortization | 5 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Amortization | 115 | 70 | 95 | 45 | (25) |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 424 | \$ 373 | \$ 446 | \$ 51 | \$ (73) |

(1) Increase primarily due to early retirements of plant components when replacement components are installed for upgrades (from \$9 million in 2006 to \$29 million in 2007). This increase was partially offset by \$5 million decrease related to Channelview, which was deconsolidated on August 20, 2007.

- (2) Decrease primarily due to early retirements of plant components when replacement components are installed for upgrades (from \$23 million in 2005 to \$9 million in 2006).
- (3) Decrease primarily due to assets becoming fully depreciated. This decrease was partially offset by depreciation on assets placed into service during 2007.
- (4) Decrease primarily due to assets becoming fully depreciated.
- (5) Increase primarily due to higher average cost of SO₂ allowances purchased and used.
- (6) Decrease primarily due to lower average cost of SO₂ and NO_x allowances purchased and used.

Income of Equity Investments, Net.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| El Dorado Energy, LLC | \$ | \$ | \$ 20 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | \$ (20) |
| Sabine Cogen, LP | 5 | 6 | 6 | (1) | |
| Income of equity investments, net | \$ 5 | \$ 6 | \$ 26 | \$ (1) | \$ (20) |

(1) We sold this investment in 2005. See note 20 to our consolidated financial statements.

Debt Extinguishments and Conversions. See note 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents*Other, Net.*

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|---------------------------|---------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Impairment of investments | \$ (3) | \$ | \$ (23) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (3) | \$ 23 |
| Other, net | 3 | | | 3 | |
| Other, net | \$ | \$ | \$ (23) | \$ | \$ 23 |

(1) See note 19 to our consolidated financial statements.

Interest Expense.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Fixed-rate debt | \$ 235 | \$ 249 | \$ 249 | \$ (14) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ |
| Deferred financing costs | 51 | 32 | 15 | 19 ⁽²⁾ | 17 ⁽²⁾ |
| Fees for MWh's delivered under credit-enhanced retail structure | 26 | 2 | | 24 ⁽³⁾ | 2 ⁽³⁾ |
| Channelview | 16 | 25 | 25 | (9) ⁽⁴⁾ | |
| Variable-rate debt | 14 | 88 | 67 | (74) ⁽⁵⁾ | 21 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Financing fees expensed | 12 | 27 | 30 | (15) | (3) |
| Unrealized losses on derivatives | 5 | 11 | 16 | (6) | (5) |
| Capitalized interest | (4) | | | (4) | |
| Amortization of fair value adjustment of acquired debt | (11) | (9) | (9) | (2) | |
| Other, net | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | (3) |
| Interest expense | \$ 349 | \$ 428 | \$ 399 | \$ (79) | \$ 29 |

(1) Decrease primarily due to decrease in outstanding debt principal balances.

(2) See notes 2(p) and 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

(3) See note 7 to our consolidated financial statements.

- (4) Decrease primarily due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.
- (5) Decrease primarily due to \$76 million due to decrease in outstanding debt principal balances.
- (6) Increase primarily due to \$16 million due to increase in rates and \$5 million due to increase in outstanding debt principal balances.

Interest Income.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | Change from 2006 to 2007 (in millions) | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Interest on temporary cash investments | \$ 25 | \$ 6 | \$ 3 | \$ 19 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 3 |
| Net margin deposits | 8 | 27 | 13 | (19) ⁽²⁾ | 14 |
| Interest on California net receivables | | | 6 | | (6) |
| Other, net | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Interest income | \$ 34 | \$ 34 | \$ 23 | \$ | \$ 11 |

(1) Increase primarily due to increase in cash equivalents due to (a) the return of net margin deposits as a result of the credit-enhanced retail structure that became effective on December 1, 2006 and (b) cash flows from operations. See note 7.

(2) Decrease primarily due to the credit-enhanced retail structure that became effective on December 1, 2006.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). See note 11 to our consolidated financial statements.

Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations. See note 22 to our consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Liquidity and Capital Resources****Sources of Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal sources of liquidity and capital resources are cash flows from operations, borrowings, net proceeds from asset sales and securities offerings. For a description of factors that could affect our liquidity and capital resources, see Risk Factors in Item 1A of this Form 10-K and the discussion of restrictive covenants in notes 6 and 7 to our consolidated financial statements.

During 2007, we generated \$755 million in operating cash flows from continuing operations, including the changes in margin deposits of \$297 million (cash inflow) and \$57 million in payments relating to the Western states and similar settlements (cash outflow). We expect to continue to have positive operating cash flow into 2008 and 2009. See

Historical Cash Flows for further detail of our cash flows from operating activities and explanation around our \$179 million use of cash from investing activities and \$292 million use of cash from financing activities.

As of February 15, 2008, we had total available liquidity of \$1.6 billion, comprised of unused borrowing capacity, letters of credit capacity and cash and cash equivalents. Of this amount, \$300 million is only available to our retail business through our working capital facility agreement with Merrill Lynch. In addition, Merrill Lynch provides financial support that significantly reduces the liquidity requirements and substantially eliminates collateral postings for our retail business. See note 7 to our consolidated financial statements.

Liquidity and Capital Requirements

Our liquidity and capital requirements primarily reflect our working capital needs, capital expenditures, discretionary debt extinguishments, debt service and collateral requirements. Examples of working capital needs include purchases of fuel and electricity, purchases of emission allowances, plant maintenance costs (including environmental expenditures) and payroll costs. Settlement costs associated with litigation and regulatory proceedings can also have a significant impact on our liquidity and cash requirements. For settlements, see note 14 to our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2007, we refinanced a significant portion of our senior secured debt as an initial step towards creating a capital structure that gives us increased flexibility to direct cash flow and additional capital to alternatives that we believe will create the greatest stockholder value. We are evaluating various alternatives to address restrictions remaining in our 6.75% senior secured notes and our tax-exempt PEDFA bonds. See note 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

Capital Requirements. The following table provides information about our actual and estimated future capital requirements:

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Maintenance capital expenditures: | | | | |
| Retail energy | \$ 14 | \$ 19 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 14 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 14 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Wholesale energy ⁽²⁾ | 55 | 56 | 67 | 54 |
| Other operations | 16 | 3 | 7 | 6 |

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|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| | 85 | 78 | 88 | 74 |
| Environmental | 100 | 261 | 115 | 26 ⁽³⁾ |
| Capitalized interest | 4 | 22 | 37 | 13 |
| Total capital expenditures | \$ 189 | \$ 361 | \$ 240 | \$ 113 |

- (1) We are currently evaluating investing in our Smart Energy initiative, which could result in capital expenditures. However, no estimate for this potential investment is included in the table as the amounts are not yet reasonably estimatable.
- (2) Excludes \$8 million for 2008 through 2014 for pre-existing environmental conditions and remediation, which have been accrued for in our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2007.

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- (3) We have estimated environmental capital expenditures of \$26 million to \$53 million for 2010 and have included the low end of the range in the table.

Contractual Obligations. The following table includes our obligations and commitments to make future payments under contracts as of December 31, 2007:

| Contractual Obligations | Total | Less than One Year | One to Three Years (in millions) | Three to Five Years | More than Five Years |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Debt, including credit facilities ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 5,177 | \$ 271 | \$ 836 | \$ 362 | \$ 3,708 |
| Other commodity commitments ⁽²⁾ | 1,543 | 255 | 359 | 233 | 696 |
| Derivative liabilities | 623 | 436 | 132 | 49 | 6 |
| REMA operating lease payments | 1,059 | 62 | 115 | 119 | 763 |
| Maintenance agreements obligations | 704 | 14 | 37 | 68 | 585 |
| Other operating lease payments | 467 | 76 | 154 | 100 | 137 |
| Plant and equipment commitments ⁽³⁾ | 296 | 240 | 56 | | |
| Other ⁽⁴⁾ | 435 | 46 | 77 | 64 | 248 |
| Total contractual cash obligations | \$ 10,304 | \$ 1,400 | \$ 1,766 | \$ 995 | \$ 6,143 |

- (1) Includes interest payments.
- (2) Includes commitments with both fixed and variable pricing components. See note 12(c) to our consolidated financial statements.
- (3) These amounts are included in the capital requirements table above under either maintenance capital expenditures for wholesale energy or environmental.
- (4) Includes stadium naming rights, credit-enhanced retail structure fee on sales commitments, estimated pension and post retirement benefit payments and other contractual obligations.

As of December 31, 2007, we have estimated minimum sales commitments over the next five years, which are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities, of (in millions):

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2008 | \$ 3,269 |
| 2009 | 2,551 |
| 2010 | 1,634 |
| 2011 | 1,049 |
| 2012 | 758 |
| Total⁽¹⁾ | \$ 9,261 |

- (1) Includes sales commitments with both fixed and variable pricing components. See note 12(c) to our consolidated financial statements.

Contingencies and Guarantees. We are involved in a number of legal, environmental and other proceedings before courts and are subject to ongoing investigations by certain governmental agencies that could negatively impact our liquidity. See notes 13 and 14 to our consolidated financial statements.

We also enter into guarantee and indemnification arrangements in the normal course of business, none of which is expected to materially impact our liquidity. See note 12(b) to our consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Credit Risk**

By extending credit to our counterparties, we are exposed to credit risk. For a discussion of our credit risk and policy, see note 2(e) to our consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2007, our derivative assets and accounts receivable from our wholesale energy and retail energy power supply counterparties, after taking into consideration netting within each contract and any master netting contracts with counterparties, are:

| Credit Rating Equivalent | Exposure Before Collateral⁽¹⁾ | Credit Collateral Held⁽²⁾ | Exposure Net of Collateral (Dollars in millions) | Number of Counterparties >10%⁽³⁾ | Net Exposure of Counterparties >10%⁽³⁾ |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Investment grade | \$ 142 | \$ (17) | \$ 125 | | \$ |
| Non-investment grade | 233 | | 233 | 2 | 206 |
| No external ratings: ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | |
| Internally rated Investment grade | 45 | | 45 | | |
| Internally rated Non-investment grade | 13 | (3) | 10 | | |
| Total | \$ 433 | \$ (20) | \$ 413 | 2 | \$ 206 |

(1) The table excludes amounts related to contracts classified as normal purchase/normal sale and non-derivative contractual commitments that are not recorded in our consolidated balance sheets, except for any related accounts receivable. Such contractual commitments contain credit and economic risk if a counterparty does not perform. Nonperformance could have a material adverse impact on our future results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

(2) Collateral consists of cash, standby letters of credit and other forms approved by management.

(3) See note 2(e) to our consolidated financial statements.

(4) For unrated counterparties, we perform credit analyses including review of financial statements, contractual rights and restrictions and credit support such as parent company guarantees to create an internal credit rating.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2007, we have no off-balance sheet arrangements. For information regarding our principles of consolidation, see note 2(b) to our consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Historical Cash Flows****Cash Flows Operating Activities***2007 Compared to 2006 and 2006 Compared to 2005.*

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change From 2006 to 2007 | Change From 2005 to 2006 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 876 | \$ (24) | \$ (321) | \$ 900 | \$ 297 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 424 | 373 | 446 | 51 | (73) |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | (26) | (159) | (168) | 133 | 9 |
| Net changes in energy derivatives | (393) ⁽¹⁾ | 317 ⁽²⁾ | 192 ⁽³⁾ | (710) | 125 |
| Western states and similar settlements | | 35 | 359 | (35) | (324) |
| Western states and similar settlements payments | (35) | (160) | | 125 | (160) |
| Margin deposits, net | 297 | 1,264 ⁽⁴⁾ | (1,214) ⁽⁵⁾ | (967) | 2,478 |
| Settlements of exchange transactions prior to contractual period ⁽⁶⁾ | (9) | 22 | (8) | (31) | 30 |
| Net option premiums sold (purchased) | (23) | (53) | 3 | 30 | (56) |
| Interest payments | (345) | (385) | (347) | 40 | (38) |
| Change in accounts and notes receivable and accounts payable, net | 20 | 32 | 35 | (12) | (3) |
| Income tax payments, net of refunds | (28) | (29) | (22) | 1 | (7) |
| Other, net | (3) | 97 | (65) | (100) | 162 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from operating activities | 755 | 1,330 | (1,110) | (575) | 2,440 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations from operating activities | 7 | (54) | 193 | 61 | (247) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ 762 | \$ 1,276 | \$ (917) | \$ (514) | \$ 2,193 |

(1) Includes unrealized gains on energy derivatives of \$445 million.

(2) Includes unrealized losses on energy derivatives of \$231 million.

(3) Includes unrealized losses on energy derivatives of \$192 million.

- (4) Change primarily due to our credit-enhanced retail structure and the expiration of certain hedges.
- (5) Change primarily due to both a decrease in net unrealized value of our broker accounts and increased counterparty obligations.
- (6) Represents exchange transactions financially settled in three business days prior to the contractual delivery month.

Table of Contents**Cash Flows Investing Activities***2007 Compared to 2006 and 2006 Compared to 2005.*

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|--|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Capital expenditures | \$ (189) | \$ (97) | \$ (82) | \$ (92) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (15) |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net ⁽²⁾ | 82 | 1 | 149 ⁽³⁾ | 81 | (148) |
| Proceeds from sales of emission allowances ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ | 7 | 205 | 234 | (198) | (29) |
| Purchases of emission allowances ⁽⁴⁾ | (92) | (23) | (146) | (69) | 123 |
| Restricted cash | 7 | 2 | 14 | 5 | (12) |
| Other, net | 6 | 1 | 6 | 5 | (5) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from investing activities | (179) | 89 | 175 | (268) | (86) |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from investing activities | | 968 ⁽⁵⁾ | 131 ⁽⁶⁾ | (968) | 837 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | \$ (179) | \$ 1,057 | \$ 306 | \$ (1,236) | \$ 751 |

(1) Increase primarily due to environmental capital expenditures for NO_x and SO₂ emission reductions at two of our facilities beginning in 2007.

(2) See note 20 to our consolidated financial statements.

(3) Includes \$76 million, \$42 million and \$28 million related to sales of El Dorado, REMA hydropower plants and landfill-gas fueled power plants, respectively.

(4) See Business Environmental Matters in Item 1 of this Form 10-K.

(5) Includes \$952 million of net cash proceeds from the sale of New York plants.

(6) Includes \$100 million of net cash proceeds from the sale of Ceredo.

Table of Contents**Cash Flows Financing Activities***2007 Compared to 2006 and 2006 Compared to 2005.*

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 (in millions) | Change from 2006 to 2007 | Change from 2005 to 2006 |
|--|----------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Proceeds from issuance of senior unsecured notes | \$ 1,300 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,300 | \$ |
| Payments of senior secured notes | (1,126) | | | (1,126) | |
| Net proceeds from (payments on) senior secured term loans | (400) | (452) | 190 | 52 | (642) |
| Net borrowings under (payments on) receivables facility | | (450) | 223 | 450 | (673) |
| Net borrowings under (payments on) senior secured revolver | | (383) | 184 | 383 | (567) |
| Payments under REMA's term loans | | | (28) | | 28 |
| Proceeds from issuances of stock | 41 | 25 | 37 | 16 | (12) |
| Payments of debt extinguishments and conversions expenses | (73) | (36) | | (37) | (36) |
| Payments of financing costs | (31) | (17) | (1) | (14) | (16) |
| Other, net | (3) | (6) | (11) | 3 | 5 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from financing activities | (292) | (1,319) | 594 | 1,027 | (1,913) |
| Net cash used in discontinued operations from financing activities | | (638) | | 638 | (638) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | \$ (292) | \$ (1,957) | \$ 594 | \$ 1,665 | \$ (2,551) |

New Accounting Pronouncements, Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates***New Accounting Pronouncements***

See notes 2 and 11 to our consolidated financial statements.

Significant Accounting Policies

See note 2 to our consolidated financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates

We make a number of estimates and judgments in preparing our consolidated financial statements. These estimates can differ from actual results and have a significant impact on our recorded assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We consider an estimate to be a critical accounting estimate if it requires a high level of subjectivity or judgment and a significant change in the estimate would have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. Each critical accounting estimate affects both our retail energy and wholesale energy segments, unless indicated otherwise. The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors reviews each critical accounting estimate with our senior management. Further discussion of these accounting policies and estimates is in the notes to our consolidated financial statements.

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Fair Value.

Goodwill. We consider the estimate of fair value to be a critical accounting estimate for our wholesale energy segment because (a) a goodwill impairment could have a material impact on our financial position and results of operations and (b) the estimate is based on a number of highly subjective judgments and assumptions. See notes 2(h) and 4 to our consolidated financial statements.

Property, Plant and Equipment. We consider the fair value estimate used to calculate impairment of property, plant and equipment a critical accounting estimate. This estimate primarily affects our wholesale energy segment, which holds approximately 98% of our total net property, plant and equipment. See note 2(g) to our consolidated financial statements. In determining the existence of an impairment in carrying value, we make a number of subjective assumptions as to:

- whether there is an indication of impairment;
- the grouping of assets;
- the intention of holding versus selling an asset;
- the forecast of undiscounted expected future cash flow over the asset's estimated useful life; and
- if an impairment exists, the fair value of the asset or asset group.

Derivative Assets and Liabilities. We report our derivative assets and liabilities, for which the normal purchase/normal sale exception has not been made, at fair value and consider it to be a critical accounting estimate because they are highly susceptible to change from period to period and are dependent on many subjective factors, including:

- estimated forward market price curves;
- valuation adjustments relating to time value;
- liquidity valuation adjustments;
- costs of administering future obligations under existing contracts; and
- credit adjustments, based on estimated defaults by counterparties.

To determine the fair value for energy derivatives where there are no market quotes or external valuation services, we rely on various modeling techniques. We use a variety of valuation models, which vary in complexity depending on the contractual terms of, and inherent risks in, the instrument being valued. We use both industry-standard models as well as internally developed proprietary valuation models that consider various assumptions such as market prices for power and fuel, market implied heat rates, load and price shapes, ancillary services, volatilities and correlations as well as other relevant factors as may be deemed appropriate. There is inherent risk in valuation modeling given the complexity and volatility of energy markets. Therefore, it is possible that results in future periods may be materially different as contracts are ultimately settled.

For additional information regarding our derivative assets and liabilities, see notes 2(d) and 5 to our consolidated financial statements and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk in Item 7A of this Form 10-K.

Retail Energy Segment Estimated Revenues and Energy Supply Costs.

Accrued Unbilled Revenues. Accrued unbilled revenues of \$435 million as of December 31, 2007 represented 4% of our consolidated revenues and 5% of our retail energy segment's revenues for 2007. Accrued unbilled revenues of \$416 million as of December 31, 2006 represented 4% of our consolidated revenues and 5% of our retail energy segment's revenues for 2006.

Accrued unbilled revenues are critical accounting estimates as volumes are not precisely known at the end of each reporting period and the revenue amounts are material. If our estimate of electricity usage were to

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increase or decrease by 3%, our accrued unbilled revenues as of December 31, 2007 would have increased or decreased by approximately \$13 million.

Estimated Energy Supply Costs. We record energy supply costs for electricity sales and services to retail customers based on estimated supply volumes for the applicable reporting period. This is a critical accounting estimate as volumes are not known at the end of each reporting period and the purchased power amounts are material.

A portion of our energy supply costs (\$74 million and \$61 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively) consisted of estimated transmission and distribution charges not yet billed by the transmission and distribution utilities.

In estimating supply volumes, we consider the effects of historical customer volumes, weather factors and usage by customer class. We estimate our transmission and distribution delivery fees using the same method that we use for electricity sales and services to retail customers. In addition, we estimate ERCOT ISO fees based on historical trends, estimated supply volumes and initial ERCOT ISO settlements. Volume estimates are then multiplied by the supply rate and recorded as purchased power in the applicable reporting period. If our estimate of electricity usage volumes increased or decreased by 3%, our energy supply costs would have increased or decreased by approximately \$12 million as of December 31, 2007. Changes in our volume usage would have resulted in a similar offsetting change in billed volumes, thus partially mitigating our energy supply costs.

Dependence on ERCOT ISO Settlement Procedures. Preliminary settlement information is due from the ERCOT ISO within two months after electricity is delivered. Final settlement information is due from the ERCOT ISO within six months after electricity is delivered. The six month settlement received from ERCOT is considered final as ERCOT will only resettle if there are data errors greater than 2% of that day's transaction dollars or if alternate dispute resolutions are granted. We record our estimated supply costs and related fees using estimated supply volumes, as discussed above, and adjust those costs upon receipt of the ERCOT ISO information. Delays in settlements could materially affect the accuracy of our recorded energy supply costs and related fees.

Loss Contingencies.

We record loss contingencies when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. We consider loss contingency estimates to be critical accounting estimates because they entail significant judgment regarding probabilities and ranges of exposure, and the ultimate outcome of the proceedings is unknown and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. See notes 13 and 14 to our consolidated financial statements.

Deferred Tax Assets, Valuation Allowances and Tax Liabilities.

We estimate (a) income taxes in the jurisdictions in which we operate, (b) net deferred tax assets and liabilities based on expected future taxes in the jurisdictions in which we operate, (c) valuation allowances for deferred tax assets and (d) uncertain income tax positions. These estimates are considered critical accounting estimates because they require projecting future operating results (which is inherently imprecise) and judgments related to the ultimate determination of tax positions by taxing authorities. Also, these estimates depend on assumptions regarding our ability to generate future taxable income during the periods in which temporary differences are deductible. See note 11 to our consolidated financial statements for additional information.

We assess our future ability to use federal, state and foreign net operating loss carryforwards, capital loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets using the more-likely-than-not criteria. These assessments include an evaluation of our recent history of earnings and losses, future reversals of temporary differences and identification of

other sources of future taxable income, including the identification of tax planning strategies in certain situations.

Table of Contents**Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.****Market Risks and Risk Management**

Our primary market risk exposure relates to fluctuations in commodity prices. We also have market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates. As described in notes 2(d) and 2(e) to our consolidated financial statements, we have a risk control framework to manage our risk exposure. However, the effectiveness of this framework can never be completely estimated or fully assured. For example, we could experience volatility in earnings from basis price differences, transmission issues, price correlation issues, volume variation or other factors. In addition, a reduction in market liquidity may impair the effectiveness of our risk management practices and resulting hedge strategies. These and other factors could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Non-trading Market Risks**Commodity Price Risk**

Changes in commodity prices prior to the energy delivery period are inherent in our wholesale and retail energy businesses. We use derivative instruments such as futures, forwards, swaps and options to execute our wholesale hedge strategy and retail supply procurement strategy.

As of December 31, 2007, the fair values of the contracts related to our net non-trading derivative assets and liabilities are:

| Source of Fair Value | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 and Thereafter | Total Fair Value |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | (in millions) | | | | | | |
| Prices actively quoted ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 1 | \$ | \$ | \$ (1) | \$ 13 | \$ | \$ 13 |
| Prices provided by other external sources ⁽²⁾ | (114) | 21 | (14) | | | | (107) |
| Prices based on models and other valuation methods ⁽³⁾ | (63) | (13) | 24 | 1 | (3) | (6) | (60) |
| Total mark-to-market non-trading derivatives | (176) | 8 | 10 | | 10 | (6) | (154) |
| Cash flow hedges ⁽⁴⁾ | (63) | (35) | (35) | (32) | (19) | | (184) |
| Total | \$ (239) | \$ (27) | \$ (25) | \$ (32) | \$ (9) | \$ (6) | \$ (338) |

(1) Represents our NYMEX futures positions in natural gas, crude oil and power, which have quoted prices for the next 72, 30 and 36 months, respectively.

(2) Represents our forward positions in natural gas, coal and crude oil and power at points for which over-the-counter market broker quotes are available, which on average, extend 24 or 36 months into the future.

Positions are valued against internally developed forward market price curves that are validated and recalibrated against over-the-counter broker quotes. This category includes some transactions whose prices are obtained from external sources and then modeled to hourly, daily or monthly prices, as appropriate.

- (3) Represents the value of (a) our valuation adjustments for liquidity, credit and administrative costs, (b) options or structured transactions not quoted by an exchange or over-the-counter broker, but for which the prices of the underlying position are available and (c) transactions for which an internally developed price curve was constructed as a result of the long-dated nature of the transaction or the illiquidity of the market point.
- (4) As of December 31, 2007, all previously designated cash flows hedges have been de-designated. See notes 2(d) and 5 to our consolidated financial statements.

The fair values shown in the table above are subject to significant changes due to fluctuating commodity forward market prices, volatility and credit risk. Market prices assume a functioning market with an adequate number of buyers and sellers to provide liquidity. Insufficient market liquidity could significantly affect the values that could be obtained for these contracts, as well as the costs at which these contracts could be hedged.

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A hypothetical 10% movement in the underlying energy prices would have the following potential gain (loss) impacts on our non-trading derivatives:

| As of December 31, | Market Prices | Fair Value of Cash Flow Hedges | Earnings Impact of Other Derivatives | Total Potential Loss in Fair Value |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 10% decrease | \$ | \$ (353) | \$ (353) |
| 2006 | 10% decrease | | 33 (328) | (295) |

This risk analysis does not include the favorable impact that the same hypothetical price movements would have on our physical purchases and sales of fuel and power to which the hedges relate. The adverse impact of changes in commodity prices on our portfolio of non-trading energy derivatives would be offset (although not necessarily in the same period) by a favorable impact on the underlying physical transactions, assuming:

the derivatives are not closed out in advance of their expected term;

the derivatives continue to function effectively as hedges of the underlying risk; and

as applicable, anticipated underlying transactions settle as expected.

If any of these assumptions cease to be true, we may experience a benefit or loss relative to the underlying exposure. See notes 2(d) and 5 to our consolidated financial statements.

Interest Rate Risk

We remain subject to the benefits or losses associated with movements in market interest rates related to certain variable rate debt, cash, cash equivalents and margin deposits, which are most vulnerable to changes in the federal funds rate. As we deconsolidated Channelview on August 20, 2007 and have no borrowings under our senior secured revolver or retail working capital facility, we have no variable rate debt outstanding as of December 31, 2007.

We assess interest rate risks using a sensitivity analysis that measures the potential change in our interest expense/income based on a hypothetical one percentage point movement in the underlying variable interest rate indices. If interest rates increased/decreased by one percentage point, our annual interest expense would have increased/decreased for 2007 by \$4 million and our annual interest income, net of interest expense would have increased/decreased by \$2 million. If interest rates increased/decreased by one percentage point, our annual interest expense would have increased/decreased for 2006 by \$15 million and our annual interest expense, net of interest income, would have increased/decreased by \$8 million.

We estimated these amounts by considering the impact of hypothetical changes in interest rates on our variable-rate debt, cash and cash equivalents and net margin deposits based on average balances throughout the respective year.

If interest rates decreased by one percentage point from their December 31, 2007 and 2006 levels, the fair market values of our fixed-rate debt would have increased by \$201 million and \$189 million, respectively.

Trading Market Risks

Prior to March 2003, we engaged in proprietary trading activities as discussed in note 5 to our consolidated financial statements. Trading positions entered into prior to our decision to exit this business are being closed on economical terms or are being retained and settled over the contract terms.

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As of December 31, 2007, the fair values of the contracts related to our legacy trading positions and recorded as net derivative assets and liabilities are:

| Source of Fair Value | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 and Thereafter | Total Fair Value |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Prices actively quoted | \$ (31) | \$ (12) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (43) |
| Prices provided by other external sources | 48 | 14 | | | | | 62 |
| Prices based on models and other valuation methods | | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 17 | \$ 2 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 19 |

The fair values in the above table are subject to significant changes based on fluctuating market prices and conditions. For further discussion of items that impact our portfolio of trading contracts and an explanation of the sources of fair value, see the discussion related to non-trading derivative assets and liabilities.

Our consolidated realized and unrealized amounts relating to these positions are (income (loss)):

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Realized | \$ 8 | \$ (3) |
| Unrealized | 11 | 30 |
| Total | \$ 19 | \$ 27 |

An analysis of these net derivative assets and liabilities is:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Fair value of contracts outstanding, beginning of period | \$ 9 | \$ (20) |
| Contracts realized or settled | (10) ⁽¹⁾ | (2) ⁽²⁾ |
| Changes in valuation techniques | | (8) |
| Changes in fair values attributable to market price and other market changes | 20 | 39 |
| Fair value of contracts outstanding, end of period Total | \$ 19 | \$ 9 |

- (1) Amount includes realized gain of \$8 million and deferred settlements of \$2 million.
- (2) Amount includes realized loss of \$3 million offset by deferred settlements of \$5 million.

We primarily assess the risk of our legacy trading positions using a value-at-risk method to maintain our total exposure within limits set by the Audit Committee. Value-at-risk is the potential loss in value of trading positions due to adverse market movements over a defined time period within a specified confidence level. We use the parametric variance/covariance method with delta/gamma approximation to calculate value-at-risk.

Our value-at-risk model utilizes four major parameters:

Confidence level 95% for natural gas and petroleum products and 99% for power products;

Volatility calculated daily from historical forward prices using the exponentially weighted moving average method;

Correlation calculated daily from daily volatilities and historical forward prices using the exponentially weighted moving average method; and

Holding period natural gas and petroleum products generally have two day-holding periods. Power products have holding periods of five to 20 days based on the risk profile of the portfolio and the liquidation period.

While we believe that our value-at-risk assumptions and approximations are reasonable, different assumptions and/or approximations could produce materially different estimates. An inherent limitation of

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value-at-risk is that past market risk may not produce accurate predictions of future market risk. In addition, value-at-risk calculated for a specified holding period does not fully capture the market risk of positions that cannot be liquidated or offset with hedges within that specified period. Future transactions, market volatility, reduction of market liquidity, failure of counterparties to satisfy their contractual obligations and/or a failure of risk controls could result in material losses from our legacy trading positions.

The daily value-at-risk for our legacy trading positions is:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| As of December 31 | \$ 1 | \$ 2 |
| Year Ended December 31: | | |
| Average | 3 | 3 |
| High | 5 | 7 |
| Low | 1 | 1 |

Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from the consolidated financial statements beginning on page F-1.

Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.*

None.

Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures.***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, these officers have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting on page F-1.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In connection with the evaluation described above, we identified no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) during our fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2007 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. *Other Information.*

None.

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See Business Executive Officers in Item 1 of this Form 10-K. Pursuant to General Instruction G to Form 10-K, we incorporate by reference the information to be disclosed in our definitive proxy statement for the annual stockholder meeting at which we will elect directors (Proxy Statement).

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Pursuant to General Instruction G to Form 10-K, we incorporate by reference into this Item 11 the information to be disclosed in our Proxy Statement.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2007 regarding our equity compensation plans.

| | (a) | | (b) | | (c) |
|---|---|----|--|--|---|
| | Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights | | Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights ⁽¹⁾ | | Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) |
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽²⁾ | 8,360,073 ⁽³⁾ | \$ | 13.56 | | 24,747,036 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽⁵⁾ | 1,404,979 ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ | 8.28 | | 3,659,039 |
| Total | 9,765,052 | \$ | 13.07 | | 28,406,075 |

(1) The weighted average exercise prices exclude shares issuable under outstanding time-based restricted stock units (which do not have an exercise price).

(2) Plans approved by stockholders include the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, the Long-Term Incentive Plan of Reliant Energy, Inc. and the Reliant Energy, Inc. Transition Stock Plan.

- (3) This amount includes 7,990,551 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options and 369,322 shares issuable pursuant to outstanding restricted stock units granted under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) Includes stockholder approved reserves of 9,899,115 shares as of December 31, 2007 that may be issued under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 14,847,921 shares that may be issued under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, no more than 25% of the shares available for future issuance are available for grant as awards of restricted stock and non-restricted awards of common stock or units denominated in common stock. No additional shares may be issued under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of Reliant Energy, Inc. or the Reliant Energy, Inc. Transition Stock Plan.
- (5) The Reliant Energy Inc. 2002 Stock Plan permits grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance based stock awards, time-based stock awards and cash awards to all employees other than the executive officers subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act. The Board authorized 6,000,000 shares for grant upon adoption of the 2002 Stock Plan. To the extent these 6,000,000 shares were not granted in 2002, the excess shares were cancelled. In January 2003, an additional 6,000,000 shares were authorized for the plan, with no more than 25% of these shares available for grant as awards of restricted stock and non-restricted awards of common stock or units denominated in common stock. The total number of shares available for future issuance is adjusted for new grants, exercises, forfeitures, cancellations and terminations of outstanding awards.
- (6) This amount includes 817,328 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options and 587,651 shares issuable pursuant to outstanding restricted stock units.

Pursuant to General Instruction G to Form 10-K, we incorporate by reference into this Item 12 the information to be disclosed in our Proxy Statement under the captions Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management Directors and Executive Officers, and Principal Stockholders.

Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.*

Item 14. *Principal Accountant Fees and Services.*

Pursuant to General Instruction G to Form 10-K, we incorporate by reference into each of these Items 13 and 14 the information to be disclosed in our Proxy Statement.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) List of Documents Filed as Part of this Report

(1) Index to Consolidated Financial Statements of Reliant Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries.

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| <u>Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u> | F-1 |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-2 |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-3 |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-4 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-5 |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006</u> | F-6 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-7 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-8 |
| <u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u> | F-9 |

(2) Financial Statement Schedule.

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| <u>Schedule II Reliant Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries' Valuation and Qualifying Accounts for 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-66 |
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The following schedules are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required or because the required information is included in the financial statements: III, IV and V.

The following financial statements are included in this report pursuant to Item 3-16 of Regulation S-X:

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| <i>Consolidated Financial Statements of RERH Holdings, LLC and Subsidiaries.</i> | |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-67 |
| <u>Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006</u> | F-68 |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006</u> | F-69 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006</u> | F-70 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Members' Equity and Comprehensive Income for the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006</u> | F-71 |
| <u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u> | F-72 |
| <i>Consolidated Financial Statements of Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC and Subsidiaries.</i> | |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-85 |
| <u>Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2005</u> | F-86 |
| <u>Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended December 31, 2005</u> | F-87 |
| <u>Consolidated Statement of Member's Equity and Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended December 31, 2005</u> | F-88 |

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Consolidated Financial Statements of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and Subsidiaries.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005

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Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005

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| <u>Consolidated Statements of Member s Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-106 |
| <u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u> | F-107 |
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| <i>Consolidated Financial Statements of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries.</i> | |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-125 |
| <u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u> | F-126 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-127 |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006</u> | F-128 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-129 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Stockholder s Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005</u> | F-130 |
| <u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u> | F-131 |

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The exhibits with the cross symbol (+) are filed with the Form 10-K. The exhibits with the asterisk symbol (*) are compensatory arrangements filed pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iii) of Regulation S-K.

| Exhibit Number | Document Description | Reporter or Registration Statement | SEC File or Registration Number | Exhibit Reference |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| 3.1 | Third Restated Certificate of Incorporation | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 3.1 |
| 3.2 | Third Amended and Restated Bylaws | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2007 | 1-16455 | 3.3 |
| 4.1 | Specimen Stock Certificate | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 5 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed March 23, 2001 | 333-48038 | 4.1 |
| 4.2 | Rights Agreement between Reliant Resources, Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Rights Agent, including a form of Rights Certificate, dated as of January 15, 2001 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed April 27, 2001 | 333-48038 | 4.2 |
| 4.3 | Common Stock Warrant Agreement by Reliant Resources, Inc. for the benefit of the holders from time to time, dated as of March 28, 2003 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2002 | 1-16455 | 4.3 |
| 4.4 | Indenture relating to the 5.00% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010, between Reliant Resources, Inc. and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee, dated as of June 24, 2003 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-3, filed July 24, 2003 | 333-107295 | 4.5 |
| 4.5 | Registration Rights Agreement relating to the 5.00% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010, among Reliant Resources, Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Banc of America Securities LLC, dated as of June 24, 2003 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Registration Statement of Form S-3, filed July 24, 2003 | 333-107295 | 4.7 |
| 4.6 | Indenture relating to the 9.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2013, among Reliant Resources, Inc., the Guarantors listed in | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed July 24, 2003 | 333-107297 | 4.7 |

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| | Schedule I thereto and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee, dated as of July 1, 2003 | | | |
| 4.7 | Supplemental Indenture relating to the 9.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2013, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of November 19, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 4.11 |

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| Exhibit Number | Document Description | Reporter or Registration Statement | SEC File or Registration Number | Exhibit Reference |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------|
| 4.8 | Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the 9.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2013, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of September 21, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 4.12 |
| 4.9 | Third Supplemental Indenture relating to the 9.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2013, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 4.2 |
| 4.10 | Form of Senior Indenture to be issued under universal shelf | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-3, filed December 10, 2003 | 333-107296 | 4.5 |
| 4.11 | Form of Subordinated Indenture to be issued under universal shelf | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-3, filed December 10, 2003 | 333-107296 | 4.6 |
| 4.12 | Senior Indenture relating to the 6.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2014, among Reliant Energy, Inc. and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of December 22, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 4.1 |
| 4.13 | First Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2014, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of December 22, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 4.2 |
| 4.14 | Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2014, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of September 21, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 4.18 |
| 4.15 | Third Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2014, among | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 4.3 |

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| | Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of December 1, 2006 | | | |
| 4.16 | Indenture between Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of April 27, 2000 | Orion Power Holdings, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed August 18, 2000 | 333-44118 | 4.1 |

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| Exhibit Number | Document Description | Reporter or Registration Statement | SEC File or Registration Number | Exhibit Reference |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| 4.17 | Fourth Supplemental Indenture relating to the 9.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2013, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of June 5, 2007 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed June 6, 2007 | 1-16455 | 4.2 |
| 4.18 | Fourth Supplemental Indenture relating to the 7.625% Senior Notes due 2014, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of June 13, 2007 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed June 15, 2007 | 1-16455 | 4.1 |
| 4.19 | Fifth Supplemental Indenture relating to the 7.875% Senior Notes due 2017, among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and Wilmington Trust Company, dated as of June 13, 2007 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed June 15, 2007 | 1-16455 | 4.2 |
| 10.1 | Master Separation Agreement between Reliant Resources, Inc. and Reliant Energy, Incorporated, dated as of December 31, 2000 | CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC s (formerly known as Reliant Energy, Incorporated) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2001 | 1-3187 | 10.1 |
| 10.2 | Tax Allocation Agreement between Reliant Resources, Inc. and Reliant Energy, Incorporated, dated as of December 31, 2000 | CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC s (formerly known as Reliant Energy, Incorporated) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2001 | 1-3187 | 10.8 |
| 10.3 | Third Amended and Restated Credit and Guaranty Agreement among (i) Reliant Energy, Inc., as Borrower; (ii) the Other Loan Parties referred to therein, as Guarantors; (iii) the Lenders party thereto; (iv) Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent; (v) Barclays Bank PLC and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as Syndication | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.6 |

Agents; and (vi) Goldman Sachs
Credit Partners L.P. and Merrill
Lynch Capital Corporation, as
Documentation Agents, dated as
of December 1, 2006

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| Exhibit Number | Document Description | Reporter or Registration Statement | SEC File or Registration Number | Exhibit Reference |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| 10.4 | Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement among Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, the Guarantors listed therein, Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc., and Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., dated as of September 24, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed September 25, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| 10.5 | Schedules and Exhibits to the Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement dated as of September 24, 2006 (Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.7B |
| 10.6A | Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement among Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, the Guarantors listed therein, Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc., and Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 99.2 |
| 10.6B | Schedules and Exhibits to the Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement dated as of December 1, 2006 (Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.6B |
| 10.7A | Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement among Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, the Guarantors listed therein, Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., dated as of August 1, 2007 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.1A |
| 10.7B | Schedules and Exhibits to the Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement dated as of August 1, | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.1B |

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have been omitted pursuant to a
request for confidential
treatment)

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| 10.8 | Working Capital Facility among Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, the Guarantors listed therein and Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation, dated as of September 24, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed September 25, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.2 |
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| Exhibit Number | Document Description | Reporter or Registration Statement | SEC File or Registration Number | Exhibit Reference |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| 10.9 | Amended and Restated Working Capital Facility Agreement among Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, the Guarantors listed therein and Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation, dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 99.1 |
| 10.10 | Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2001A between Reliant Energy, Inc., as Guarantor, and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, dated as of December 22, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.2 |
| 10.11 | Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2002A between Reliant Energy, Inc., as Guarantor, and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, dated as of December 22, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.3 |
| 10.12 | Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2002B between Reliant Energy, Inc., as Guarantor, and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, dated as of December 22, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.4 |
| 10.13 | Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.5 |

(Reliant Energy Seward, LLC
Project) Series 2003A between
Reliant Energy, Inc., as
Guarantor, and J.P. Morgan Trust
Company, National Association,
as Trustee, dated as of December
22, 2004

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| 10.14 | Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2004A between Reliant Energy, Inc., as Guarantor, and J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, dated as of December 22, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 27, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.6 |
| 10.15 | Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority s outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2001A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of September 21, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.14 |
| 10.16 | Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority s outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2002A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of September 21, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.15 |
| 10.17 | Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority s outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.16 |

Series 2002B among Reliant
Energy, Inc., the Guarantors
listed therein and The Bank of
New York Trust Company, N.A.,
as trustee, dated as of September
21, 2006

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|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| 10.18 | Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2003A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of September 21, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.17 |
| 10.19 | Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2004A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of September 21, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.18 |
| 10.20 | Second Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2001A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| 10.21 | Second Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.2 |

Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant
Energy Seward, LLC Project)
Series 2002A among Reliant
Energy, Inc., the Guarantors
listed therein and The Bank of
New York Trust Company, N.A.,
as trustee, dated as of December
1, 2006

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|-----------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| 10.22 | Second Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2002B among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.3 |
| 10.23 | Second Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2003A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.4 |
| 10.24 | Third Supplemental Guarantee Agreement relating to Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority's outstanding Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds (Reliant Energy Seward, LLC Project) Series 2004A among Reliant Energy, Inc., the Guarantors listed therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, dated as of December 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 7, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.5 |

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|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| 10.25 | Credit and Guaranty Agreement among Reliant Energy, Inc., as Borrower, the Other Loan Parties referred to therein as guarantors, the lenders party thereto, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as Joint Lead Arrangers, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation, and ABN AMRO Bank N.V., as Joint Bookrunners with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation and Bear, Sterns & Co. Inc., as Joint Bookrunners with respect to the Pre-Funded L/C Facility, dated as of June 12, 2007 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed June 15, 2007 | 1-16455 | 1.1 |
| 10.26 | Facility Lease Agreement between Conemaugh Lessor Genco LLC and Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC, dated as of August 24, 2000 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.6a |
| 10.27 | Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Facility Lease Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.26 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.6b |
| 10.28 | Pass Through Trust Agreement between Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and Bankers Trust Company, made with respect to the formation of the Series A Pass Through Trust and the issuance of 8.554% Series A Pass Through | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.4a |

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| | Certificates, dated as of August 24, 2000 | | | |
| 10.29 | Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Pass Through Trust Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.28 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.4b |

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| Exhibit Number | Document Description | Reporter or Registration Statement | SEC File or Registration Number | Exhibit Reference |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| 10.30 | Participation Agreement among (i) Conemaugh Lessor Genco LLC, as Owner Lessor; (ii) Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC, as Facility Lessee; (iii) Wilmington Trust Company, as Lessor Manager; (iv) PSEGR Conemaugh Generation, LLC, as Owner Participant; (v) Bankers Trust Company, as Lease Indenture Trustee; and (vi) Bankers Trust Company, as Pass Through Trustee, dated as of August 24, 2000 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC's Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.5a |
| 10.31 | Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Participation Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.30 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC's Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.5b |
| 10.32 | First Amendment to Participation Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2001 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.20 |
| 10.33 | Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to First Amendment to Participation Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.32 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.21 |
| 10.34 | Second Amendment to Participation Agreement, dated as of June 18, 2003 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.22 |
| 10.35 | Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Second Amendment to Participation Agreement constituting Exhibit 10.34 | Reliant Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.23 |
| 10.36 | Lease Indenture of Trust, Mortgage and Security Agreement between Conemaugh Lessor Genco LLC, as Owner Lessor, and Bankers Trust Company, as Lease Indenture Trustee, dated as of August 24, 2000 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC's Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | 333-51464 | 4.8a |
| 10.37 | | | 333-51464 | 4.8b |

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| | Schedule identifying substantially identical agreements to Lease Indenture of Trust constituting Exhibit 10.36 | Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed December 8, 2000 | | |
| 10.38 | Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Orion Power Holdings, Inc., Reliant Energy, Inc., Great Lakes Power Inc. and Brascan Corporation, dated as of May 18, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed May 21, 2004 | 1-16455 | 99.2 |

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|-----------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| 10.39 | Purchase and Sale Agreement between Orion Power Holdings, Inc., as Seller, Reliant Energy, Inc., as Guarantor, and Astoria Generating Company Acquisitions, L.L.C., as Buyer, dated as of September 30, 2005 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 10-K, filed October 6, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| 10.40 | Settlement and Release of Claims Agreement among each of the Reliant Parties, OMOI, each of the California Parties, each of the Additional Claimants, each of the Class Action Parties and each of the Local Governmental Parties (each as defined therein), dated as of October 12, 2005 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed October 20, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| 10.41 | Settlement Agreement between Reliant Energy, Inc. and Seneca Capital, L.P. dated April 18, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed April 18, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| *10.42 | Executive Life Insurance Plan, effective as of January 1, 1994, including the first and second amendments thereto (Reliant Energy, Inc. has adopted certain obligations under this plan with respect to the following individuals: James A. Ajello and Brian Landrum) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed April 27, 2001 | 333-48038 | 10.30 |
| *10.43 | Transition Stock Plan, effective as of May 4, 2001 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 | 1-16455 | 10.37 |
| *10.44 | 2002 Stock Plan, effective as of March 1, 2002 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed April 19, 2002 | 333-86610 | 4.5 |
| *10.45 | Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, effective as of January 1, 2001 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 | 1-16455 | 10.9 |
| *10.46 | 2002 Annual Incentive Compensation Plan for Executive Officers, effective as of March 1, 2002 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s 2002 Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A | 1-16455 | Appendix I |

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| *10.47 | Long-Term Incentive Plan, effective as of January 1, 2001 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 | 1-16455 | 10.10 |
| *10.48 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, effective as of June 6, 2002 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed April 19, 2002 | 333-86612 | 4.5 |
| *10.49 | Deferral Plan, effective as of January 1, 2002 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed December 7, 2001 | 333-74790 | 4.1 |

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| *10.50 | First Amendment to Deferral Plan, effective as of January 14, 2003 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 | 1-16455 | 10.5 |
| *10.51 | Successor Deferral Plan, effective as of January 1, 2002 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.30 |
| *10.52 | Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of September 1, 1985, including the first nine amendments thereto (This is now a part of the plan listed as Exhibit 10.51) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed April 27, 2001 | 333-48038 | 10.25 |
| *10.53 | Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective as of January 1, 1989, including the first nine amendments thereto (This is now a part of the plan listed as Exhibit 10.51) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed April 27, 2001 | 333-48038 | 10.26 |
| *10.54 | Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective as of January 1, 1991, including the first ten amendments thereto (This is now a part of the plan listed as Exhibit 10.51) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed April 27, 2001 | 333-48038 | 10.27 |
| *10.55 | Benefit Restoration Plan, as amended and restated effective as of July 1, 1991, including the first amendment thereto (This is now a part of the plan listed as Exhibit 10.51) | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Amendment No. 8 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed April 27, 2001 | 333-48038 | 10.12 |
| *10.56 | Key Employee Award Program 2004-2006 of the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the Form of Agreement for Key Employee Award Program, effective as of February 13, 2004 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| *10.57 | First Amendment to the Key Employee Award Program, effective as of August 10, 2005 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.44 |
| *10.58 | Form of 2002 Stock Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement, 2003 Grants | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.39 |
| +*10.59 | Form of Change in Control Agreement for CEO, CFO and | | | |

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| | COO | | | |
| +*10.60 | Form for Change in Control Agreement for persons other than CEO, CFO and COO | | | |
| *10.61 | Reliant Energy, Inc. Executive Severance Plan, effective as of January 1, 2006 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 | 1-16455 | 10.57 |

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| *10.62 | Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement for Directors | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.53 |
| *10.63 | Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Directors | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.54 |
| *10.64 | Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Quarterly Restricted and Premium Restricted Stock Units Award Agreement for Directors | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 | 1-16455 | 10.55 |
| +*10.65 | Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Quarterly Common Stock and Premium Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Directors | | | |
| +*10.66 | Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Directors | | | |
| *10.67 | Form of Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Directors initial grant | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed August 24, 2006 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| *10.68 | Reliant Energy, Inc. Non-Employee Directors Compensation Program, effective as of May 16, 2007 | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| *10.69 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan 2007 Long-Term Incentive Award Program for Officers | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.1 |
| *10.70 | Form of 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan 2007 Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement for Officers | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.2 |
| *10.71 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan 2007 Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement for Mark Jacobs | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.3 |
| *10.72 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Amendment to Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement by and between Reliant Energy, Inc. and Joel V. Staff dated as of | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.4 |

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| | May 16, 2007 | March 12, 2003 | | |
| | grant | | | |
| *10.73 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Amendment to Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement by and between Reliant Energy, Inc. and Joel V. Staff dated as of May 16, 2007 | May 8, 2003 grant | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 10.5 |

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|-----------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| *10.74 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Amendment to Nonqualified Stock Option Award Agreement by and between Reliant Energy, Inc. and Joel V. Staff dated as of May 16, 2007 August 23, 2003 grant | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.6 |
| *10.75 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Amendment to Key Employee Award Program 2004-2006 Agreement by and between Reliant Energy, Inc. and Joel V. Staff dated as of May 16, 2007 February 13, 2004 grant | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2007 | 1-16455 | 10.7 |
| *10.76 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement for Rick J. Dobson | Reliant Energy, Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2007 | 1-16544 | 10.2 |
| +*10.77 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement for Albert H. Myres, Sr. | | | |
| +*10.78 | 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan Long-Term Incentive Award Agreement for Charles Griffey | | | |
| +*10.79 | Annual Base Salaries of Named Executive Officers | | | |
| +10.80 | Asset Purchase Agreement by and among Reliant Energy Channelview LP, Reliant Energy Services Channelview LLC and Kelson Energy IV LLC entered into February 24, 2008 and dated as of February 25, 2008 | | | |
| +12.1 | Reliant Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries Ratio of Earnings from Continuing Operations to Fixed Charges | | | |
| +21.1 | Subsidiaries of Reliant Energy, Inc. | | | |
| +23.1 | Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm of Reliant Energy, Inc. | | | |
| +23.2 | | | | |

Consent of Deloitte & Touche
LLP, former independent
registered public accounting firm
of Reliant Energy, Inc.

+31.1 Certification of the Chief
Executive Officer Pursuant to
Section 302 of the
Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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| +31.2 | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | | | |
| +32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) | | | |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Reliant Energy, Inc.

(Registrant)

By:

/s/ Mark M. Jacobs

Mark M. Jacobs

President and Chief Executive Officer

February 26, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated as of February 26, 2008.

| Signature | Title |
|---|---|
| /s/ Mark M. Jacobs Mark M. Jacobs | President and Chief Executive Officer |
| /s/ Rick J. Dobson Rick J. Dobson | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) |
| /s/ Thomas C. Livengood Thomas C. Livengood | Senior Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer) |
| /s/ E. William Barnett E. William Barnett | Director |
| /s/ Sarah M. Barpoulis Sarah M. Barpoulis | Director |
| /s/ Donald J. Breeding Donald J. Breeding | Director |
| /s/ Kirbyjon H. Caldwell Kirbyjon H. Caldwell | Director |

/s/ Steven L. Miller

Director

Steven L. Miller

/s/ Laree E. Perez

Director

Laree E. Perez

/s/ Evan J. Silverstein

Director

Evan J. Silverstein

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| Signature | Title |
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| <i>/s/ Joel V. Staff</i> | Director |
| Joel V. Staff | |
| <i>/s/ William L. Transier</i> | Director |
| William L. Transier | |

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**RELIANT ENERGY, INC. S REPORT ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The management of Reliant Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria set forth in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our assessment we believe that, as of December 31, 2007, our internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

Our independent auditors have issued an audit report on our internal control over financial reporting. This report appears on page F-2.

/s/ Mark M. Jacobs

Mark M. Jacobs
President and
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Rick J. Dobson

Rick J. Dobson
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
Reliant Energy, Inc.:

We have audited Reliant Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company's) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Report of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting on Page F-1. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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 effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Reliant Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the years then ended, and our report dated February 25, 2008, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas

February 25, 2008

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
Reliant Energy, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Reliant Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company), as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the years then ended. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited financial statement schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts for 2007 and 2006. These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule 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, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Reliant Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the 2007 and 2006 information set forth therein.

As discussed in notes 11, 10(a), and 10(b) to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its accounting for income tax uncertainties in 2007, and share-based payment transactions and defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans in 2006, respectively.

We also have audited the adjustments to the financial information in note 16 to the 2005 consolidated financial statements to retrospectively reflect the change in subsidiary guarantors of the Company's senior secured notes as described in that note. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the 2005 consolidated financial statements of the Company other than with respect to these adjustments and, accordingly we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2005 consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated February 25, 2008, expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas
February 25, 2008

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Reliant Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Houston, Texas

We have audited, before the effects of the adjustments to retrospectively account for the change in subsidiary guarantors as described in note 16, the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive loss, and cash flows of Reliant Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2005 (the 2005 consolidated financial statements before the effects of the adjustments discussed in note 16 are not presented herein). Our audit also included the financial statement schedule (Schedule II - Valuation And Qualifying Accounts) listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2) for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements, before the effects of the adjustments to retrospectively account for the change in subsidiary guarantors as described in note 16, present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Reliant Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the adjustments to retrospectively account for the change in subsidiary guarantors as described in note 16 to the consolidated financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance about whether such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. Those adjustments were audited by other auditors.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Houston, Texas
March 14, 2006

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RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars, except per share amounts) | | |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Revenues (including \$31,592, \$191,405 and \$(218,081) unrealized gains (losses)) (including \$127,083, \$0 and \$0 from affiliates) | \$ 11,208,724 | \$ 10,877,385 | \$ 9,711,995 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Cost of sales (including \$413,028, \$(422,325) and \$25,846 unrealized gains (losses)) (including \$105,118, \$0 and \$0 from affiliates) | 8,656,827 | 9,435,892 | 8,365,921 |
| Operation and maintenance | 883,083 | 833,094 | 736,954 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 372,528 | 383,977 | 292,486 |
| Western states and similar settlements | 22,000 | 35,000 | 359,436 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | (25,699) | (159,386) | (168,114) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 424,432 | 372,616 | 445,871 |
| Total operating expense | 10,333,171 | 10,901,193 | 10,032,554 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | 875,553 | (23,808) | (320,559) |
| Other Income (Expense): | | | |
| Income of equity investments, net | 4,686 | 5,791 | 25,458 |
| Debt extinguishments and conversions | (72,779) | (37,257) | |
| Other, net | 4 | 203 | (22,672) |
| Interest expense | (349,199) | (427,867) | (399,281) |
| Interest income | 34,833 | 34,317 | 23,227 |
| Total other expense | (382,455) | (424,813) | (373,268) |
| Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes | 493,098 | (448,621) | (693,827) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 135,115 | (121,929) | (253,080) |
| Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations | 357,983 | (326,692) | (440,747) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 7,124 | (2,088) | 110,799 |
| Income (Loss) Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes | 365,107 | (328,780) | (329,948) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | | 968 | (608) |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ 365,107 | \$ (327,812) | \$ (330,556) |

Basic Earnings (Loss) per Share:

| | | | | | | |
|--|----|------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | 1.05 | \$ | (1.06) | \$ | (1.46) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | | 0.02 | | (0.01) | | 0.37 |
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes | | 1.07 | | (1.07) | | (1.09) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 1.07 | \$ | (1.07) | \$ | (1.09) |

Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share:

| | | | | | | |
|--|----|------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | 1.01 | \$ | (1.06) | \$ | (1.46) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | | 0.03 | | (0.01) | | 0.37 |
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes | | 1.04 | | (1.07) | | (1.09) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | | | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 1.04 | \$ | (1.07) | \$ | (1.09) |

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Table of Contents**RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

| | December 31, | |
|--|---|----------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (thousands of dollars, except per share amounts) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 754,962 | \$ 463,909 |
| Restricted cash | 3,251 | 24,980 |
| Accounts and notes receivable, principally customer, net of allowance of \$36,724 and \$33,332 | 1,082,746 | 1,043,637 |
| Inventory | 285,408 | 275,437 |
| Derivative assets | 214,207 | 489,726 |
| Margin deposits | 139,834 | 452,605 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 114,559 | 279,479 |
| Investment in and receivables from Channelview, net | 83,253 | |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 104,314 | 141,016 |
| Current assets of discontinued operations | 2,133 | 2,460 |
| Total current assets | 2,784,667 | 3,173,249 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | 5,222,217 | 5,741,995 |
| Other Assets: | | |
| Goodwill, net | 379,644 | 381,594 |
| Other intangibles, net | 405,338 | 423,745 |
| Derivative assets | 90,107 | 203,857 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 70,410 | 87,858 |
| Prepaid lease | 270,133 | 264,328 |
| Other | 234,014 | 290,507 |
| Total other assets | 1,449,646 | 1,651,889 |
| Total Assets | \$ 9,456,530 | \$ 10,567,133 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings | \$ 52,546 | \$ 355,264 |
| Accounts payable, principally trade | 687,046 | 664,630 |
| Derivative liabilities | 436,503 | 1,164,809 |
| Margin deposits | 250 | 16,490 |
| Other | 426,839 | 488,764 |
| Current liabilities of discontinued operations | | 3,286 |

| | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Total current liabilities | 1,603,184 | 2,693,243 |
| Other Liabilities: | | |
| Derivative liabilities | 187,089 | 420,534 |
| Other | 278,641 | 324,145 |
| Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations | 3,542 | |
| Total other liabilities | 469,272 | 744,679 |
| Long-term Debt | 2,902,346 | 3,177,691 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| Temporary Equity Stock-based Compensation | 4,694 | 1,647 |
| Stockholders Equity: | | |
| Preferred stock; par value \$0.001 per share (125,000,000 shares authorized; none outstanding) | | |
| Common stock; par value \$0.001 per share (2,000,000,000 shares authorized; 344,579,508 and 337,623,392 issued) | 106 | 99 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 6,215,512 | 6,174,665 |
| Accumulated deficit | (1,635,526) | (2,026,316) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (103,058) | (198,575) |
| Total stockholders equity | 4,477,034 | 3,949,873 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | \$ 9,456,530 | \$ 10,567,133 |

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Table of Contents**RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 365,107 | \$ (327,812) | \$ (330,556) |
| (Income) loss from discontinued operations | (7,124) | 2,088 | (110,799) |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations and cumulative effect of accounting changes | 357,983 | (325,724) | (441,355) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes | | (968) | 608 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 424,432 | 372,616 | 445,871 |
| Deferred income taxes | 118,631 | (152,431) | (278,992) |
| Net changes in energy derivatives | (393,453) | 316,742 | 192,235 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 50,294 | 31,508 | 15,110 |
| Debt extinguishments and conversions expenses | 72,779 | 37,257 | |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | (25,699) | (159,386) | (168,114) |
| Western states and similar settlements | | 35,000 | 359,436 |
| Income of equity investments, net | (4,686) | (5,791) | (25,458) |
| Other, net | 12,703 | 12,590 | 27,498 |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts and notes receivable, net | (25,731) | 129,161 | (109,736) |
| Changes in notes, receivables and payables with affiliates, net | (13,078) | | |
| Inventory | (21,863) | 18,157 | (42,253) |
| Margin deposits, net | 296,531 | 1,264,332 | (1,213,940) |
| Net derivative assets and liabilities | (31,088) | (30,313) | 10,978 |
| Western states and similar settlements payments | (35,000) | (159,885) | |
| Accounts payable | 46,194 | (97,117) | 144,466 |
| Other current assets | 12,306 | 17,284 | 33,071 |
| Other assets | (17,953) | (35,373) | (32,605) |
| Taxes payable/receivable | (10,975) | 1,302 | 3,053 |
| Other current liabilities | (45,713) | 64,046 | (34,479) |
| Other liabilities | (11,597) | (2,963) | 4,495 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from operating activities | 755,017 | 1,330,044 | (1,110,111) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations from operating activities | 6,726 | (54,171) | 192,948 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 761,743 | 1,275,873 | (917,163) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (188,856) | (96,793) | (82,296) |

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| | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | 82,075 | 1,417 | 149,345 |
| Proceeds from sales of emission allowances | 6,815 | 205,510 | 234,421 |
| Purchases of emission allowances | (91,923) | (22,575) | (145,769) |
| Restricted cash | 6,674 | 1,926 | 14,251 |
| Other, net | 6,045 | | 5,500 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from investing activities | (179,170) | 89,485 | 175,452 |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from investing activities | 520 | 967,566 | 130,700 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (178,650) | 1,057,051 | 306,152 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 1,300,000 | 400,000 | 299,000 |
| Payments of long-term debt | (1,535,887) | (865,870) | (148,333) |
| Increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings and revolving credit facilities, net | 6,554 | (825,554) | 407,000 |
| Payments of financing costs | (31,245) | (16,673) | (1,198) |
| Payments of debt extinguishments and conversions expenses | (72,779) | (36,157) | |
| Proceeds from issuances of stock | 41,317 | 24,842 | 37,885 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from financing activities | (292,040) | (1,319,412) | 594,354 |
| Net cash used in discontinued operations from financing activities | | (638,000) | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (292,040) | (1,957,412) | 594,354 |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 291,053 | 375,512 | (16,657) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 463,909 | 88,397 | 105,054 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 754,962 | \$ 463,909 | \$ 88,397 |
| Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information: | | | |
| Cash Payments: | | | |
| Interest paid (net of amounts capitalized) for continuing operations | \$ 344,701 | \$ 385,055 | \$ 347,249 |
| Income taxes paid (net of income tax refunds received) for continuing operations | \$ 27,884 | \$ 28,649 | \$ 21,812 |

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**RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(LOSS)**

| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income(Loss) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| Additional Paid In Capital | Treasury Stock | Accumulated Deficit | Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available For Sale Securities | Deferred Derivative Gains (Losses) | Benefits Actuarial Net Gain (Loss) | Benefits Net Prior Service Costs | Additional Minimum Benefits Liability | Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Discontin Operatio Accumula Other Comprehen Income (Loss) |
| \$ 5,790,007 | \$ (2,209) | \$ (1,367,948) (330,556) | \$ 8 | \$ (29,211) | \$ | \$ | \$ (148) | \$ (29,351) | \$ (4,200) |
| 7,079 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,411 | | | | | | | | | |
| 48,250 | 2,209 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | (233,234) | | | | (233,234) | 2,378 |
| | | | | (21,688) | | | | (21,688) | 1,493 |
| | | | (8) | | | | | (8) | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------|----|-------|
| \$ 5,846,747 | \$ | \$ (1,698,504) | \$ | \$ (284,133) | \$ | \$ | \$ (148) | \$ (284,281) | \$ | (335) |
| 18,099 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,864,846 | | (1,698,504) | | (284,133) | | | (148) | (284,281) | | (335) |
| | | (327,812) | | | | | | | | |
| (3,774) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 970 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45,201 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 267,422 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | (2,121) | (2,121) | | |
| | | | | (129,081) | | | | (129,081) | | |
| | | | | 240,971 | | | | 240,971 | | 335 |
| | | | | | (15,463) | (10,869) | 2,269 | (24,063) | | |
| \$ 6,174,665 | \$ | \$ (2,026,316) | \$ | \$ (172,243) | \$ (15,463) | \$ (10,869) | \$ | \$ (198,575) | \$ | |
| (468) | | 25,683 | | | | | | | | |
| 6,174,197 | | (2,000,633) | | (172,243) | (15,463) | (10,869) | | (198,575) | | |

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\$ 6,215,512 \$ \$ (1,635,526) \$ \$ (80,115) \$ (13,382) \$ (9,561) \$ \$ (103,058) \$

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RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Background and Basis of Presentation

Background. Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc. and we, us and our refer to Reliant Energy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our business consists primarily of two business segments, retail energy and wholesale energy. See note 18.

Reliant Energy, a Delaware corporation, was formed in August 2000 by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint) (known as Reliant Energy, Incorporated at the time) in connection with the planned separation of its regulated and unregulated operations. CenterPoint transferred substantially all of its unregulated businesses to us. In May 2001, Reliant Energy became a publicly traded company and in September 2002, CenterPoint distributed its remaining ownership of our common stock to its shareholders.

Basis of Presentation. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

Deconsolidation of Channelview. On August 20, 2007, four of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Reliant Energy Channelview LP (Channelview LP), Reliant Energy Channelview (Texas) LLC, Reliant Energy Channelview (Delaware) LLC and Reliant Energy Services Channelview LLC (collectively, Channelview), filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. As Channelview is currently subject to the supervision of the bankruptcy court, we deconsolidated Channelview's financial results beginning August 20, 2007, and began reporting our investment in Channelview using the cost method.

Since Channelview's results are no longer consolidated, any adjustments reflected in Channelview's financial statements subsequent to August 19, 2007 (relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and classification of liabilities or the effects on existing equity, as well as adjustments made to Channelview's financial information for loss contingencies and other matters), are not expected to directly impact our consolidated financial results.

We will reevaluate the accounting treatment of our investment in Channelview (as a cost method investment) when Channelview's bankruptcies are resolved or other factors, if any, indicate a change in control of Channelview.

See note 21 for further discussion of Channelview and the related bankruptcy filings.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Use of Estimates and Market Risk and Uncertainties.

Management makes estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that affect:

the reported amount of assets, liabilities and equity,

the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and

our disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements.

Our critical accounting estimates include: (a) fair value of our reporting units recorded goodwill, property, plant and equipment and derivative assets and liabilities; (b) retail energy segment estimated revenues and energy supply costs; (c) loss contingencies and (d) deferred tax assets, valuation allowances and tax liabilities. Actual results could differ from our estimates.

We are subject to various risks inherent in doing business. See notes 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(g), 2(h), 2(n), 2(o), 2(p), 3(b), 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 21.

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RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(b) Principles of Consolidation.

We include our accounts and those of our wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries in our consolidated financial statements, excluding Channelview since its deconsolidation on August 20, 2007. We do not consolidate three power generating facilities (see note 12(a)), which are under operating leases, or a 50% equity investment in a cogeneration plant.

(c) Revenues.

Power Generation and Capacity Revenues. We record gross revenues from the sale of electricity and other energy services under the accrual method. Electric power and other energy services are sold at market-based prices through existing power exchanges, related party affiliates or third party contracts. Energy sales and services that have been delivered but not billed by period-end are estimated.

Natural Gas Sales Revenues. We record gross revenues from the sales of natural gas under the accrual method. These sales are sold at market-based prices through third party contracts. Sales that have been delivered but not billed by period-end are estimated.

Retail Energy Revenues. Gross revenues for energy sales and services to residential and small business customers and to commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers are recognized upon delivery under the accrual method. Energy sales and services that have been delivered but not billed by period-end are estimated.

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we recorded unbilled revenues of \$435 million and \$416 million, respectively, for retail energy sales and services. Accrued unbilled revenues are based on our estimates of customer usage since the date of the last meter reading provided by the independent system operators or electric distribution companies. Volume estimates are based on daily forecasted volumes and estimated customer usage by class. Unbilled revenues are calculated by multiplying volume estimates by the applicable rate by customer class. Estimated amounts are adjusted when actual usage is known and billed.

(d) Derivatives and Hedging Activities.

We account for our derivatives instruments and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended (SFAS No. 133).

In the fourth quarter of 2005, we commenced an evaluation of our wholesale energy segment's hedging strategy (which included both designated and non-designated hedging derivative instruments) and use of capital. In early 2006, we concluded that the benefits of hedging our generation do not justify the costs, including collateral postings. As a result, we decided to substantially reduce new hedges of our generation. We may enter into selective hedges, including originated transactions, based on (a) our assessment of market fundamentals to increase the return from our generation assets and (b) operational and market limitations requiring us to enter into fuel, capacity and emissions transactions to manage our generation assets. We believe that this strategy significantly reduces our wholesale energy segment's use of capital; however, our earnings are subject to increased volatility based on market price changes.

We purchase substantially all of our Texas supply requirements from third parties. For our retail energy segment, we continue to focus our supply procurement strategy on (a) matching supply costs and supply timing with sales commitments, (b) managing periodic adjustments of physical supply to manage ongoing operational and customer usage changes and (c) managing procurement needs within available market liquidity.

We may also enter into derivatives to manage our exposure to (a) changes in prices of emission allowances and (b) changes in interest rates.

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RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For our risk management activities, we use both derivative and non-derivative contracts that provide for settlement in cash or by delivery of a commodity. The primary types of derivative instruments we use are forwards, futures, swaps and options. We account for our derivatives under one of three accounting methods (mark-to-market, accrual (under the normal purchase/normal sale exception to fair value accounting) or cash flow hedge accounting) based on facts and circumstances. The fair values of our derivative activities are determined by (a) prices actively quoted, (b) prices provided by other external sources or (c) prices based on models and other valuation methods.

A derivative is recognized at fair value in the balance sheet whether or not it is designated as a hedge, except for derivative contracts designated as normal purchase/normal sale exceptions, which are not in our consolidated balance sheet or results of operations prior to settlement resulting in accrual accounting treatment.

If certain conditions are met, a derivative instrument may be designated as a cash flow hedge. Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges must have a high correlation between price movements in the derivative and the hedged item. The changes in fair value of cash flow hedges are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, to the extent the contracts are, or have been, effective as hedges, until the forecasted transactions affect earnings. At the time the forecasted transactions affect earnings, we reclassify the amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings. We record the ineffective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges immediately into earnings. For all other derivatives, changes in fair value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses in our results of operations.

If and when an acceptable level of correlation no longer exists, hedge accounting ceases and changes in fair value are recognized in our results of operations. If it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur, we immediately recognize the related deferred gains or losses in our results of operations. The associated hedging instrument is then marked to market through our results of operations for the remainder of the contract term unless a new hedging relationship is redesignated.

Realized gains and losses on derivatives contracts not held for trading purposes are reported either on a net or gross basis based on the relevant facts and circumstances. Hedging transactions that do not physically

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flow are included in the same caption as the items being hedged. A summary of our derivative activities and classification in our results of operations is:

| Instrument | Purpose for Holding or Issuing Instrument⁽¹⁾ | Transactions that Physically Flow/Settle | Transactions that Financially Settle⁽²⁾ |
|--|--|---|---|
| Power futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Power sales to end-use retail customers | Revenues | N/A ⁽³⁾ |
| | Power sales from wholesale operations | Revenues | Revenues |
| | Supply management revenues | Revenues | Cost of sales |
| | Power purchases related to our retail operations | Cost of sales | Cost of sales |
| | Power purchases related to wholesale operations | Cost of sales | Revenues |
| | Power purchases/sales related to our legacy trading positions | Revenues | Revenues |
| Natural gas and fuel futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Natural gas and fuel purchases/sales related to our retail operations | N/A ⁽³⁾ | Cost of sales |
| | Natural gas and fuel sales related to wholesale operations | Revenues | Cost of sales |
| | Natural gas and fuel purchases related to wholesale operations | Cost of sales | Cost of sales |
| | Natural gas and fuel purchases/sales related to our legacy trading positions | Cost of sales | Cost of sales |
| Interest rate swaps and caps | Interest rate risk associated with floating-rate debt | N/A ⁽³⁾ | Interest expense |
| Emission allowances futures ⁽⁴⁾ | Price risk associated with purchases/sales of emission allowances | N/A ⁽³⁾ | Revenues/Cost of sales |

(1) The purpose for holding or issuing is not impacted by the accounting method elected for each instrument.

(2) Includes classification for mark-to-market derivatives and amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to cash flow hedges.

(3) N/A is not applicable.

(4) Includes emission allowances futures for sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and carbon dioxide (CO₂).

In addition to market risk, we are exposed to credit and operational risk. We have a risk control framework to manage these risks, which include: (a) measuring and monitoring these risks, (b) review and approval of new transactions relative to these risks, (c) transaction validation and (d) portfolio valuation and reporting. We use mark-to-market valuation, value-at-risk and other metrics in monitoring and measuring risk. Our risk control framework includes a variety of separate but complementary processes, which involve commercial and senior management and our Board of Directors. See note 2(e) for further discussion of our credit policy.

Earnings Volatility from Derivative Instruments. We purchase most of the generation capacity necessary to supply our retail energy business in Texas from third parties. Our primary objective is to satisfy the

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forecasted retail load and maintain adequate capacity reserves to manage operational and market constraints. We routinely enter into derivative contracts to manage our fixed purchase and sale commitments. Some types of transactions may cause us to experience volatility in our earnings due to the revenue receiving accrual treatment while a portion of the related supply is marked to market.

We procure natural gas, coal, oil, natural gas transportation and storage capacity and other energy-related commodities to support our wholesale energy business. Some types of transactions may cause us to experience volatility in our earnings due to natural gas inventory related to transportation and storage generally receiving accrual treatment while the related derivative instruments are marked to market through earnings.

Over the past several years, we have substantially decreased derivatives accounted for as cash flow hedges, in favor of utilizing the mark-to-market method of accounting or the normal purchase/normal sale exception for these derivatives. Effective September 1, 2005, we began marking to market through earnings a portion of our previously designated cash flow hedge portfolio related to our PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) coal plants for October 2005 through December 2007 due to ineffectiveness. The ineffectiveness resulted from transmission constraints, hotter than average weather and higher natural gas prices.

Effective September 1, 2006, we de-designated certain cash flow hedges of our coal contracts in the PJM and MISO regions and either began utilizing the mark-to-market method of accounting or elected the normal purchase/normal sale exception. During the fourth quarter of 2006, in connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, we (a) de-designated cash flow hedges of natural gas futures and swap transactions used to hedge our retail energy business and began utilizing the mark-to-market method of accounting and (b) closed out a majority of our remaining generation hedges in the PJM region.

During the first quarter of 2007, we de-designated our remaining cash flow hedges; therefore, as of December 31, 2007, we have no cash flow hedges.

Set-off of Derivative Assets and Liabilities. Where derivative instruments are subject to a master netting agreement and the accounting criteria to offset are met, we present our derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis. Derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable are presented and set-off separately in our consolidated balance sheets although in most cases contracts permit the set-off of derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable with a given counterparty. However, we do not offset collateral (net margin deposits) related to these derivatives.

New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted Offsetting of Amounts. The FASB issued FSP FIN 39-1, an amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 (FIN 39), which was applicable for us beginning January 1, 2008. This interpretation allows either (a) offsetting assets and liabilities for derivative instruments under a common master netting arrangement only if the fair value amounts recognized for any related cash collateral are also offset or (b) presenting these amounts gross.

Effective January 1, 2008, we plan to discontinue netting our derivative assets and liabilities and present them on a gross basis. Cash collateral amounts will remain presented on a gross basis. This change will significantly increase our derivative assets and liabilities retrospectively for all financial statements presented.

(e) Credit Risk.

We have a credit policy that governs the management of credit risk, including the establishment of counterparty credit limits and specific transaction approvals. Credit risk is monitored daily and the financial condition of our counterparties is reviewed periodically. We try to mitigate credit risk by entering into contracts that permit netting and allow us to terminate upon the occurrence of certain events of default. We measure credit risk as the replacement cost for our derivative positions plus amounts owed for settled transactions.

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Our credit exposure is based on our derivative assets and accounts receivable from our wholesale energy and retail energy power supply counterparties, after taking into consideration netting within each contract and any master netting contracts with counterparties. We provide reserves for non-investment grade counterparties representing a significant portion of our credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007, two non-investment grade counterparties represented 47% (\$206 million) of our credit exposure. As of December 31, 2006, two non-investment grade counterparties represented 53% (\$359 million) of our credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we held no collateral from these counterparties. There were no other counterparties representing greater than 10% of our credit exposure.

(f) Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.

Selling, general and administrative expenses include (a) selling and marketing, (b) bad debt expense and (c) other general and administrative expenses. Other general and administrative expenses include, among other items, (a) financial services, (b) legal costs, (c) regulatory costs and (d) certain benefit costs.

(g) Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation Expense.

We compute depreciation using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense was \$309 million, \$303 million and \$351 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

| | Estimated Useful Lives (Years) | December 31, 2007 2006 (in millions) | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|----------|
| Electric generation facilities | 10 - 35 | \$ 5,868 | \$ 6,311 |
| Building and building improvements | 5 - 15 | 31 | 30 |
| Land improvements | 20 - 35 | 235 | 238 |
| Other | 3 - 10 | 470 | 451 |
| Land | | 92 | 95 |
| Assets under construction | | 157 | 67 |
| Total | | 6,853 | 7,192 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | (1,630) | (1,450) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | | \$ 5,223 | \$ 5,742 |

We periodically evaluate property, plant and equipment for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The evaluation is highly dependent on the underlying assumptions of related cash flows. We recorded no material property, plant and equipment impairments during 2007, 2006 and 2005.

In the future, we could recognize impairments if our wholesale energy market outlook changes negatively. In addition, our ongoing evaluation of our wholesale energy business could result in decisions to mothball, retire or dispose of additional generation assets, any of which could result in impairment charges.

(h) Intangible Assets and Amortization Expense.

Goodwill. We perform our goodwill impairment test annually on April 1 and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Other Intangibles. We recognize specifically identifiable intangible assets, including emission allowances, contractual rights, power generation site permits and water rights, when specific rights and contracts are acquired. We have no intangible assets with indefinite lives recorded as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

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During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we capitalized \$4 million, \$0 and \$0 of interest expense, respectively.

(j) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

We record all highly liquid short-term investments with maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

(k) Restricted Cash.

Restricted cash includes cash at certain subsidiaries, the distribution or transfer of which is restricted by financing and other agreements.

(l) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.

We accrue an allowance for doubtful accounts based on estimates of uncollectible revenues by analyzing counterparty credit ratings, historical collections, accounts receivable agings and other factors. We write-off accounts receivable balances against the allowance for doubtful accounts when we determine a receivable is uncollectible.

(m) Inventory.

We value fuel inventories at the lower of average cost or market. We remove these inventories as they are used in the production of electricity or sold. We value materials and supplies at average cost. We remove these inventories when they are used for repairs, maintenance or capital projects. Sales of fuel inventory are classified as operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Materials and supplies, including spare parts | \$ 151 | \$ 155 |
| Coal | 55 | 51 |
| Natural gas | 29 | 20 |
| Heating oil | 50 | 49 |
| Total inventory | \$ 285 | \$ 275 |

(n) Environmental Costs.

We expense environmental expenditures related to existing conditions that do not have future economic benefit. We capitalize environmental expenditures for which there is a future economic benefit. We record liabilities for expected future costs, on an undiscounted basis, related to environmental assessments and/or remediation when they are

probable and can be reasonably estimated. See note 13(b).

(o) Asset Retirement Obligations.

Our asset retirement obligations relate to future costs primarily associated with dismantling power plants and ash disposal site closures. Our asset retirement obligations are \$21 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we have \$16 million and \$15 million, respectively (classified in other long-term assets) on deposit with the state of Pennsylvania to guarantee our obligation related to future closures of ash disposal sites. See note 13(b).

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During 2005, we adopted an accounting interpretation relating to asset retirement obligations. This interpretation clarifies that an asset retirement obligation is unconditional even though uncertainty exists about the timing and/or method of settlement and requires that a liability be recognized if it can be reasonably estimated. Based on this, we (a) recorded a cumulative effect of an accounting change, net of tax, of \$1 million (\$0.00 per share), (b) increased other long-term liabilities by \$2 million and (c) increased property, plant and equipment by \$1 million.

(p) Repair and Maintenance Costs for Power Generation Assets.

We recognize repair and maintenance costs as incurred.

(q) Deferred Financing Costs.

We incur costs, which are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt, in connection with obtaining financings. See note 6. Changes in deferred financing costs, classified in other long-term assets are:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 92 | \$ 112 | \$ 126 |
| Capitalized | 31 | 17 | 1 |
| Amortized | (10) | (16) | (15) |
| Accelerated amortization/write-offs ⁽¹⁾ | (41) | (21) ⁽²⁾ | |
| Channelview deconsolidation ⁽³⁾ | (5) | | |
| End of year | \$ 67 | \$ 92 | \$ 112 |

(1) See note 6.

(2) Of this amount, \$5 million was recorded to additional-paid-in capital in connection with converting our debt to equity. See note 6.

(3) Channelview was deconsolidated on August 20, 2007. See notes 1 and 21.

(r) Gross Receipts Taxes.

We record gross receipts taxes for our retail energy segment on a gross basis in revenues and operations and maintenance expense in our consolidated statements of operations. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, our retail energy segment's revenues and operation and maintenance expense include gross receipts taxes of \$98 million, \$102 million and \$76 million, respectively.

(s) Sales Taxes.

We record sales taxes collected from our taxable retail energy segment customers and remitted to the various governmental entities on a net basis, thus there is no impact on our consolidated statements of operations.

(t) New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted Fair Value.

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, (SFAS No. 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is to be applied prospectively, except for aspects that do not apply to us. We adopted SFAS No. 157 on January 1, 2008. In connection with the adoption, (a) no cumulative effect of an accounting change will be recognized and (b) we expect to decrease our derivative liabilities and increase our income from continuing operations before income taxes relating to

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discounting these liabilities using our own credit ratings. For non-financial assets and liabilities, the adoption of SFAS No. 157 has been deferred until January 1, 2009.

(3) Related Party Transactions**(a) Equity Contributions/Distributions.**

During 2005, we recorded non-cash contributions of \$7 million from CenterPoint in settlement of certain tax matters. See note 11(d).

(b) Indemnities and Releases.

As part of our separation from CenterPoint, we agreed to indemnify our former parent company for liabilities associated with the business we acquired and relating to our initial public offering. See notes 11(d) and 12(b).

(4) Intangible Assets**(a) Goodwill.**

The following table shows goodwill by segment and the changes:

| | Retail Energy | Wholesale Energy (in millions) | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| As of January 1, 2006 | \$ 53 | \$ 334 | \$ 387 |
| Changes | | (5) | (5) |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 53 | 329 | 382 |
| Changes | | (2) | (2) |
| As of December 31, 2007 | \$ 53 | \$ 327 | \$ 380 |

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we had \$72 million and \$82 million, respectively, of goodwill that is deductible for United States income tax purposes in future periods.

Goodwill Impairment Tests. We performed impairment tests at the following dates: January 2005, March 2005, April 2005, August 2005, September 2005, April 2006 and April 2007 due to either asset sales or our annual impairment tests. No impairments were indicated in these tests.

Estimation of our Wholesale Energy Reporting Unit's Fair Value. We estimate the fair value of our wholesale energy reporting unit based on a number of subjective factors, including: (a) appropriate weighting of valuation approaches

(income approach, market approach and comparable public company approach), (b) projections about future power generation margins, (c) estimates of our future cost structure, (d) environmental assumptions, (e) discount rates for our estimated cash flows, (f) selection of peer group companies for the public company approach, (g) required level of working capital, (h) assumed EBITDA multiple for terminal values and (i) time horizon of cash flow forecasts.

In determining the fair value of our wholesale energy reporting unit, we made the following key assumptions: (a) the markets in which we operate will continue to be deregulated; (b) there will be a recovery in electricity margins over time such that companies building new generation facilities can earn a reasonable rate of return on their investment and (c) the long-term returns on future construction of new generation facilities will likely be driven by integrated utilities, which we expect will have a lower cost of capital than merchant generators. As part of our process, we modeled all of our power generation facilities and those of

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others in the regions in which we operate. Our assumptions for each of our goodwill impairment tests during 2005, 2006 and 2007 were:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Number of years used in internal cash flow analysis | 15 |
| EBITDA ⁽¹⁾ multiple for terminal values (through August 2005 test and for April 2006 test) | 7.5 |
| EBITDA multiple for terminal values (for September 2005 test and April 2007 test) | 8.0 ⁽²⁾ |
| Risk-adjusted discount rate for our estimated cash flows (through April 2006 test) | 9.0% |
| Risk-adjusted discount rate for our estimated cash flows (April 2007 test) | 9.5% ⁽³⁾ |
| Approximate average anticipated growth rate for demand in power | 2.0% |
| Long-term after-tax return on investment for new investment | 7.5% |

(1) Defined as earnings (loss) before interest expense, interest income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses.

(2) Changed primarily due to market factors affecting peer company comparisons.

(3) Changed primarily due to capital structure of peer company comparisons.

(b) Other Intangibles.

| | Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period (Years) | December 31, | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 2007 Carrying Amount | 2007 Accumulated Amortization | 2006 Carrying Amount | 2006 Accumulated Amortization |
| SO ₂ emission allowances ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | (1) | \$ 444 | \$ (307) | \$ 357 | \$ (222) |
| NOx emission allowances ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | (1) | 335 | (188) | 339 | (170) |
| Contractual rights ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | 4 | (4) |
| Power generation site permits ⁽⁵⁾ | 27 | 73 | (12) | 73 | (10) |
| Water rights ⁽⁵⁾ | 27 | 68 | (16) | 67 | (14) |
| Other ⁽⁵⁾ | | 8 | | 4 | |
| Total | | \$ 928 | \$ (523) | \$ 844 | \$ (420) |

(1) Amortized to amortization expense on a units-of-production basis. As of December 31, 2007, we have recorded (a) SO₂ emission allowances through the 2039 vintage year (most of which relate to 2010 and beyond) and

- (b) NOx emission allowances through the 2039 vintage year (most of which relate to 2009 and beyond).
- (2) During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we purchased \$89 million, \$22 million and \$130 million, respectively, of SO₂ emission allowances.
- (3) During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we purchased \$3 million, \$1 million and \$16 million, respectively, of NOx emission allowances.
- (4) Amortized to revenues and cost of sales, as applicable, based on the estimated realization of the fair value established on the acquisition date over the contractual lives. As of December 31, 2007, we have no contractual rights recorded on our consolidated balance sheet.
- (5) Amortized to amortization expense on a straight-line basis over the estimated lives.

Amortization expense consists of:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Other intangibles, excluding contractual rights and obligations ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | \$ 115 | \$ 70 | \$ 95 |
| Contractual rights ⁽³⁾ | \$ | \$ (1) | \$ (1) |
| Contractual obligations ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | | 3 | 9 |
| Net | \$ | \$ 2 | \$ 8 |

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- (1) Contractual obligations are in other long-term liabilities.
- (2) Includes amortization of emission allowances of \$110 million, \$65 million and \$90 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.
- (3) Amortized to revenues and cost of sales, as applicable, based on the estimated realization of the fair value established on the acquisition date over the contractual lives.

Estimated amortization expense based on our intangibles as of December 31, 2007 for the next five years is (in millions):

| | |
|------|----------------------|
| 2008 | \$ 16 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2009 | 13 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2010 | 16 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2011 | 16 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2012 | 16 ⁽¹⁾ |

- (1) These amounts do not include expected amortization expense of emission allowances, which have not been purchased as of December 31, 2007.

(5) Derivatives and Hedging Activities

We use derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints, to increase return on our generation assets and to execute our retail energy segment's supply procurement strategy. The instruments used are fixed-price derivative contracts to hedge the variability in future cash flows from forecasted sales of power and purchases of fuel and power. Our objective in entering into these fixed-price derivatives is to fix the price for a portion of these transactions. See note 2(d).

As of December 31, 2006, the maximum length of time we were hedging our exposure to the variability in future cash flows that may result from changes in commodity prices was six years. During the first quarter of 2007, we de-designated our remaining cash flow hedges; therefore, as of December 31, 2007, we have no cash flow hedges.

Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss:

| | December 31, 2007 |
|---|---|
| | Expected to be Reclassified into Results of Operations in Next 12 Months |
| At the End of the Period | |

| | (in millions) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----|----|----|
| Designated cash flow hedges | \$ | | \$ | |
| De-designated cash flow hedges | | 80 | | 31 |
| | \$ | 80 | \$ | 31 |

Although we discontinued our proprietary trading business in March 2003, we have legacy positions, which will be closed as economically feasible or in accordance with their terms. The income (loss) associated with these transactions are:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---------------|---------------|-------|---------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Revenues | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ (15) |
| Cost of sales | 18 | 26 | (30) |
| Total | \$ 19 | \$ 27 | \$ (45) |

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The income (loss) of our energy and interest rate derivative instruments is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Energy derivatives: | | | |
| Hedge ineffectiveness gains (losses) | \$ 6 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ (69) | \$ 71 |
| Other net unrealized gains (losses) | 439 | (162) | (263) |
| Interest rate derivatives: | | | |
| Other net unrealized losses | (5) | (11) | (16) |
| Total ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | \$ 440 | \$ (242) | \$ (208) |

- (1) As discussed above, during 2007, we de-designated our remaining cash flow hedges; the amount reflected here subsequent to that time relates to previously measured ineffectiveness reversing due to settlement of the derivative contracts.
- (2) No component of the derivatives gain or loss was excluded from the assessment of effectiveness.
- (3) Includes \$0, \$3 million loss and \$0 for 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, recognized in our results of continuing operations as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges for forecasted transactions that we determined were probable of not occurring.

For a discussion of our interest rate derivatives, see note 6(e).

During the second quarter of 2006, we refined our methodology for estimating fair value of derivative instruments cleared and settled through brokers by modifying our discounting assumptions to be consistent with discounting assumptions used in estimating fair value of exchange-traded futures contracts. This change in accounting estimate had an impact during 2006 as follows (income (loss)):

| | 2006 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | Income/Loss from | |
| | Continuing | |
| | Operations | |
| | before Income | |
| | Taxes | Net Loss |
| | (in millions) | |
| Cash flow hedges ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | \$ |
| Mark-to-market derivatives | (32) ⁽²⁾ | (20) |

| | | | | |
|-------|----|------|----|------|
| Total | \$ | (32) | \$ | (20) |
|-------|----|------|----|------|

- (1) The impact relating to cash flow hedges was an increase in our net derivative liabilities of \$9 million and a \$5 million increase in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes.
- (2) This amount represented an increase in our net derivative liabilities and an increase in net unrealized losses on energy derivatives, which were recorded \$(1) million in revenues and \$(31) million in cost of sales.
- (3) This represents a \$0.07 impact on loss per share for 2006.

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Our outstanding debt:

| | Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate(1) | December 31, | | Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate(1) | 2006 | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------|---------|-----|
| | | 2007 | | | Long-Term | Current | |
| | | Long-Term | Current | Long-Term | Current | | |
| | | (in millions, except interest rates) | | | | | |
| Facilities, Bonds and Notes: | | | | | | | |
| Reliant Energy: | | | | | | | |
| Senior secured revolver due 2012 | 6.45% | \$ | \$ | % | \$ | \$ | |
| Senior secured term loans(B) | | | | 7.73 | 397 | | 3 |
| Senior unsecured notes due 2010 ⁽²⁾ | | | | 9.25 | 550 | | |
| Senior unsecured notes due 2013 ⁽³⁾ | 9.50 | 13 | | 9.50 | 550 | | |
| Senior secured notes due 2014 | 6.75 | 671 | 41 ⁽⁴⁾ | 6.75 | 750 | | |
| Senior unsecured notes due 2014 | 7.625 | 575 | | | | | |
| Senior unsecured notes due 2017 | 7.875 | 725 | | | | | |
| Convertible senior subordinated notes due 2010 (unsecured) | 5.00 | 2 | | 5.00 | 2 | | |
| Subsidiary Obligations: | | | | | | | |
| Orion Power Holdings senior notes due 2010 (unsecured) | 12.00 | 400 | | 12.00 | 400 | | |
| Reliant Energy Seward, LLC PEDFA ⁽⁵⁾ fixed-rate bonds due 2036 | 6.75 | 500 | | 6.75 | 500 | | |
| Channelview LP ⁽⁶⁾ : | | | | | | | |
| Term loans and revolving working capital facility: | | | | | | | |
| Floating rate debt due 2008 to 2024 | | | | 6.95 | | | 267 |
| Fixed rate debt due 2014 to 2024 | | | | 9.55 | | | 75 |
| Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC working capital facility due 2012 | 5.30 | | | 5.80 | | | |
| Total facilities, bonds and notes | | 2,886 | 41 | | 3,149 | | 345 |

Other:

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| | | | | |
|---|----------|-------|----------|--------|
| Adjustment to fair value of debt ⁽⁷⁾ | 17 | 11 | 29 | 10 |
| Total other debt | 17 | 11 | 29 | 10 |
| Total debt | \$ 2,903 | \$ 52 | \$ 3,178 | \$ 355 |

- (1) The weighted average stated interest rates are as of December 31, 2007 or 2006.
- (2) These notes became unsecured in June 2007 and we called the remaining balance in July 2007. See below.
- (3) These notes became unsecured in June 2007. See below.
- (4) As of February 15, 2008, we repurchased \$41 million subsequent to December 31, 2007.
- (5) PEDFA is the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority.

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(6) Channelview was deconsolidated on August 20, 2007. See notes 1 and 21.

(7) Debt acquired in the Orion Power acquisition was adjusted to fair market value as of the acquisition date. Included in interest expense is amortization of \$11 million, \$9 million and \$9 million for valuation adjustments for debt for 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Amounts borrowed and available for borrowing under our revolving credit agreements as of December 31, 2007 are:

| | Total Committed Credit | Drawn Amount (in millions) | Letters of Credit | Unused Amount |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reliant Energy senior secured revolver due 2012 | \$ 500 | \$ | \$ 109 | \$ 391 |
| Reliant Energy letter of credit facility due 2014 | 250 | | 247 | 3 |
| Retail working capital facility due 2012 | 300 | | | 300 |
| | \$ 1,050 | \$ | \$ 356 | \$ 694 |

Debt maturities as of December 31, 2007 are:

| | Reliant Energy | Reliant Energy Consolidated (in millions) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 2008 | \$ 41 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 41 |
| 2009 | | |
| 2010 | 2 | 402 |
| 2011 | | |
| 2012 | | |
| 2013 and thereafter | 1,984 | 2,484 |
| | \$ 2,027 | \$ 2,927 ⁽²⁾ |

(1) As of February 15, 2008, we repurchased \$41 million subsequent to December 31, 2007.

(2) Excludes Channelview LP's debt of \$338 million.

(b) Financing Activity.

2007 Financing Activity. We completed a refinancing in June 2007, the components of which included:

Downsize of:

\$700 million to \$500 million senior secured revolver and extension of maturity from 2009 to 2012, and

\$300 million to \$250 million senior secured letter of credit facility and extension of maturity from 2010 to 2014;

Issuance of:

\$575 million 7.625% senior unsecured notes due 2014, and

\$725 million 7.875% senior unsecured notes due 2017;

Repayment of:

\$521 million 9.25% senior secured notes due 2010,

\$537 million 9.50% senior secured notes due 2013, and

\$400 million senior secured term loan due 2010.

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In July 2007, we called the remaining \$29 million of our senior unsecured notes due 2010. In December 2007, we repurchased \$38 million of our 6.75% notes.

2006 Financing Activity. In connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure (see note 7), we completed a refinancing in December 2006, the components of which included:

Amendment and downsize of:

\$1.7 billion to \$700 million senior secured revolver, and

\$530 million to \$400 million senior secured term loans;

Issuance of:

\$300 million letter of credit facility, and

\$300 million retail working capital facility; and

Repayment of \$450 million retail receivables facility.

We also amended our senior secured revolver and term loans, senior secured notes and the guarantee of our PEDFA bonds to allow us to grant liens to Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and affiliates (Merrill Lynch) in connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure and the retail working capital facility.

(c) Credit Facilities and Debt.

Senior Secured Revolver and Letter of Credit Facility (the June 2007 credit facilities). We entered into the June 2007 credit facilities, which replaced the December 2006 credit facilities. The senior secured revolver bears interest at the London Inter Bank Offering Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.75% or a base rate plus 0.75%. Our revolving credit facility and letter of credit facility provide for the issuance of up to \$500 million and \$250 million of letters of credit, respectively.

The June 2007 credit facilities restrict our ability to, among other actions, (a) encumber our assets, (b) enter into business combinations or divest our assets, (c) incur additional debt or engage in sale and leaseback transactions, (d) pay dividends or pay subordinated debt, (e) make investments or acquisitions, (f) enter into transactions with affiliates, (g) materially change our business, (h) repurchase capital stock or (i) utilize proceeds from asset sales. When there are any revolving loans or revolving letters of credit outstanding under our June 2007 credit facilities, we are required to achieve specified levels for the ratio of consolidated secured debt to adjusted net earnings (loss) before interest expense, interest income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (consolidated secured leverage ratio).

The June 2007 credit facilities are guaranteed by and secured by the assets and stock of some of our subsidiaries. See note 16.

Senior Unsecured 7.625% and 7.875% Notes. In June 2007, we issued \$575 million of 7.625% senior unsecured notes due 2014 and \$725 million of 7.875% senior unsecured notes due 2017. These notes are unsecured obligations and not guaranteed. The unsecured notes restrict our ability to encumber our assets. Upon a change of control, the notes require that an offer to purchase the notes be made at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount. The proceeds of this issuance were used to repay the tendered 9.25% and 9.50% senior secured notes and a portion of the senior secured term loan.

Senior Unsecured 9.25% and 9.50% Notes. In June 2007, we completed a tender offer to purchase for cash any and all of the outstanding 9.25% senior secured notes due 2010 and 9.50% senior secured notes due 2013. We also solicited consents to (a) amend the applicable indentures governing the notes to eliminate substantially all of the restrictive covenants, (b) amend certain events of default, (c) modify other provisions contained in the indentures and (d) release the collateral securing the notes. Approximately 94.81% of the

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2010 note holders and 97.73% of the 2013 note holders accepted the tender offer and agreed to the consents. We paid a cash premium of \$50 million and a consent solicitation fee of \$21 million to the note holders who tendered during the second quarter of 2007.

In July 2007, we called the remaining \$29 million of our 2010 notes that were outstanding as of June 30, 2007. We used cash on hand to pay the \$29 million and a \$1 million call premium.

Senior Secured 6.75% Notes. The senior secured notes are guaranteed by and secured by the assets and stock of some of our subsidiaries. See note 16. If our June 2007 credit facilities become unsecured and certain credit ratios are achieved for two consecutive quarters, the senior secured notes will become unsecured. Upon a change of control, the notes require that an offer to purchase the notes be made at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount. The senior secured notes have negative covenants similar to the negative covenants in our June 2007 credit facilities.

Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes. On December 21, 2006, we completed an exchange offer for our 5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes. Approximately 99.2% of the holders accepted the offer, resulting in \$2 million outstanding as of December 31, 2007 and 2006. We (a) issued an aggregate of 28.6 million shares of our common stock (104.8108 shares per \$1,000 principal) and paid an aggregate cash premium of \$41 million (\$150 per \$1,000 principal) to the holders who exchanged their notes and (b) recognized a charge of \$37 million for the debt conversion expense during 2006. This represented a non-cash conversion of debt to equity of \$273 million.

Orion Power Holdings Senior Notes. These notes were recorded at a fair value of \$479 million upon the acquisition of Orion Power. The \$79 million premium is being amortized to interest expense over the life of the notes. The senior notes are senior unsecured obligations of Orion Power Holdings, are not guaranteed by any of Orion Power Holdings subsidiaries and are non-recourse to Reliant Energy. The senior notes have covenants that restrict the ability of Orion Power Holdings and its subsidiaries to, among other actions, (a) pay dividends or pay subordinated debt, (b) incur indebtedness or issue preferred stock, (c) make investments, (d) divest assets, (e) encumber its assets, (f) enter into transactions with affiliates, (g) engage in unrelated businesses and (h) engage in sale and leaseback transactions. As of December 31, 2007, conditions under these covenants were not met that allow the payment of dividends by Orion Power Holdings. As of December 31, 2007, the adjusted net assets of Orion Power that are restricted to Reliant Energy are \$1.3 billion.

Reliant Energy Seward, LLC PEDFA Bonds. Reliant Energy Seward, LLC (Seward) partially financed the construction of its power plant with proceeds from the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by PEDFA. These bonds are guaranteed by Reliant Energy and each guarantee is secured by the same collateral as and has covenants similar to our senior secured notes. If our June 2007 credit facilities become unsecured and certain ratios are achieved for two consecutive quarters, the PEDFA bonds will become secured by only certain assets of our Seward power plant. Upon a change of control, the guarantees require that an offer to purchase the bonds be made at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount.

REMA Term Loans. Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC (REMA LLC) and its subsidiaries (REMA) have sale-leaseback agreements with respect to three of their generating facilities. During 2005, term loans (which provided required credit support) were paid in full and replaced with letters of credit. See note 12(a).

Channelview LP. Channelview LP was deconsolidated on August 20, 2007. See notes 1 and 21. Channelview LP entered into a credit agreement that financed the construction of a power plant. The credit agreement consisted of (a) \$369 million in term loans and (b) \$14 million revolving working capital facility that matured in 2007.

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Retail Working Capital Facility. In connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, on December 1, 2006, we entered into a \$300 million working capital facility agreement with Merrill Lynch. Loans bear interest at LIBOR plus 0.45% or a base rate. Borrowings under this facility will mature on the 90th day after the termination of the credit sleeve and reimbursement agreement with Merrill Lynch. The working capital facility includes a \$150 million minimum adjusted EBITDA requirement for RERH Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries (RERH Holdings) for each trailing four-quarter period. The covenants under the credit sleeve and reimbursement agreement with Merrill Lynch also apply to the working capital facility. See note 7 for discussion on security for the retail working capital facility. The obligations of RERH Holdings are non-recourse to Reliant Energy.

(d) Warrants.

In March 2003, we issued 7.8 million common stock warrants with an exercise price of \$5.09 per share in connection with a credit facility. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, 5,149,656 and 6,920,122 warrants, respectively, were outstanding and expire in August 2008. We recorded the fair value of the warrants (\$15 million) as a discount to debt and an increase to additional paid-in capital. We amortize the debt discount to interest expense over the life of the related debt. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, the amortization was insignificant.

(e) Interest Rate Derivative Instruments.

Historically, we have used interest rate swaps and caps to hedge a portion of the floating interest rate risk associated with our floating rate long-term debt. Some swaps used to hedge our exposure were designated as cash flow hedges, with the effective portion of gains and losses, net of tax, recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. The interest rate derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges were marked to market. We reclassify gains and losses on the designated hedges from accumulated other comprehensive loss into interest expense during the periods in which the interest payments being hedged occurred. See notes 2(d) and 5 for information regarding our derivatives.

Expirations. As of December 31, 2005, the LIBOR interest rate caps associated with Reliant Energy's credit facilities and the interest rate swaps related to the Channelview credit facilities expired. During 2005, we recorded \$9 million in interest expense related to these instruments.

Terminations. In 2002, we liquidated forward-starting interest rate swaps having a notional value of \$1.0 billion. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we have \$1 million and \$4 million, respectively, of deferred losses in accumulated other comprehensive loss related to these interest rate swaps. We are amortizing these losses into interest expense through 2012 for the forward-starting interest rate swaps. As of December 31, 2007, an insignificant amount of accumulated other comprehensive loss is expected to be reclassified into interest expense during the next 12 months.

(7) Credit-Enhanced Retail Structure

The credit sleeve and reimbursement agreement (the agreement) and a working capital facility agreement, providing for revolving credit loans, each with Merrill Lynch became effective on December 1, 2006, which substantially eliminated collateral postings for our retail energy business.

Under the agreement, Merrill Lynch provides guarantees and the posting of collateral to our counterparties in supply transactions for our retail energy business. Cash flow activity in connection with these contracts and related collateral

is classified as operating cash flow. During 2006, we recorded an unrealized loss on energy derivatives of \$18 million due to the differences in quantity between our contracts with Merrill Lynch and its contracts with the exchange relating to existing financially settled supply contracts.

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We paid Merrill Lynch one-time structuring fees of \$14 million (\$13 million in 2006 and \$1 million in 2007), which were expensed as general and administrative costs. We also pay a fee to Merrill Lynch of \$0.40 for each megawatt hour (MWh) of power that we deliver to our retail customers. This fee (\$26 million and \$2 million during 2007 and 2006, respectively) is classified as interest expense. We are obligated to reimburse Merrill Lynch to the extent that any guarantees are called upon or any collateral posted by Merrill Lynch is foreclosed upon.

The initial term of the agreement was five years; effective December 31, 2007, the term was extended by an additional year. We are permitted to terminate at any time, subject to a make-whole payment during the first two years of the agreement. Merrill Lynch does not have an early termination option.

In connection with the agreement, we implemented a structure so that the entities comprising our retail energy business became subsidiaries of RERH Holdings, LLC. The agreement (a) restricts the ability of RERH Holdings to, among other actions, (i) encumber its assets, (ii) sell certain assets, (iii) incur additional debt, (iv) pay dividends or pay subordinated debt, (v) make investments or acquisitions or (vi) enter into certain transactions with affiliates and (b) requires us to manage our risks related to commodity prices. Our obligations under the agreement with Merrill Lynch and the retail working capital facility are secured by first liens on the assets of RERH Holdings. RERH Holdings, as well as our subsidiaries Reliant Energy Trademark Trust and Reliant Energy IT Trust that provide trademark assets and information technology services to our retail energy business, are designed to maintain the separate nature of their assets, avoid consolidation of such assets with the bankruptcy estate of Reliant Energy in the event Reliant Energy ever becomes subject to such a proceeding, and ensure that such assets are available first and foremost to satisfy their creditors' claims. The obligations of RERH Holdings under the agreement and the retail working capital facility are non-recourse to Reliant Energy. See note 6(c) for discussion of the retail working capital facility.

(8) Stockholders Equity

The following describes our capital stock activity:

| | Common Stock (Shares in thousands) | Treasury Stock |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| As of January 1, 2005 | 299,684 | 128 |
| Issued to benefit plans | 4,877 | (128) |
| Issued for warrants | 339 | |
| As of December 31, 2005 | 304,900 | |
| Issued to benefit plans | 3,732 | |
| Issued for warrants | 390 | |
| Issued for converted debt | 28,601 | |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 337,623 | |
| Issued to benefit plans | 5,562 | |

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Issued for warrants | 1,384 |
| Issued for converted debt | 11 |
| As of December 31, 2007 | 344,580 |

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Reconciliations of the amounts used in the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share computations are:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations (basic) | \$ 358 | \$ (327) | \$ (441) |
| Plus: Interest expense on 5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes, net of tax | (1) | (2) | (2) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations (diluted) | \$ 358 | \$ (327) | \$ (441) |

(1) In December 2006, we converted 99.2% of our convertible senior subordinated notes to common stock.

(2) As we incurred a loss from continuing operations for this period, diluted loss per share is calculated the same as basic loss per share.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (Shares in thousands) | | |
| Diluted Weighted Average Shares Calculation: | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding (basic) | 342,467 | 307,705 | 302,409 |
| Plus: Incremental shares from assumed conversions: | | | |
| Stock options | 4,885 | (1) | (1) |
| Restricted stock | 505 | (1) | (1) |
| Employee stock purchase plan | 47 | (1) | (1) |
| 5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes | 213 ⁽²⁾ | (1) | (1) |
| Warrants | 4,674 | (1) | (1) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding assuming conversion (diluted) | 352,791 | 307,705 | 302,409 |

(1) See footnote 2 above regarding diluted loss per share.

(2) See footnote 1 above.

We excluded the following items from diluted earnings (loss) per common share due to the anti-dilutive effect:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | (Shares in thousands, dollars in millions) | | |
| Shares excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings/loss per share | N/A ⁽¹⁾ | 35,951 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 36,538 ⁽³⁾ |
| Shares excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings/loss per share because the exercise price exceeded the average market price | 2,005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 2,536 ⁽⁴⁾ | 4,471 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Interest expense (after-tax) that would be added to income if 5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes were dilutive | N/A ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 9 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 9 |

(1) Not applicable as we included the item in the calculation of diluted earnings/loss per share.

(2) On December 21, 2006, we converted 99.2% of our convertible senior subordinated notes to common stock. See note 6.

(3) Potential shares excluded consist of convertible senior subordinated notes, warrants, stock options, restricted stock, performance-based shares and shares related to the employee stock purchase plan.

(4) Includes stock options.

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Overview of Plans. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors administers our stock-based incentive plans. The Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Stock Plan permit us to grant various stock-based incentive awards to officers, key employees and directors. Awards may include stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance awards, cash awards and stock awards.

As of December 31, 2007, 37 million shares are authorized for issuance under our stock-based incentive plans. No more than 25% of these shares can be granted as stock-based awards other than options. We have generally issued new shares when stock options are exercised and for other equity-based awards.

Summary. Prior to January 1, 2006, we applied the intrinsic value method of accounting for employee stock-based incentive plans (APB No. 25). Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123R) (using the modified prospective method). SFAS No. 123R requires compensation costs related to share-based transactions to be recognized in the financial statements based on estimated fair values at the grant dates. Our financial statements for 2007 and 2006 reflect the impact of SFAS No. 123R; however, our financial statements for 2005 have not been restated to reflect, and do not include, the impact of the new standard. Our compensation expense for our stock-based incentive plans was:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Stock-based incentive plans compensation expense (pre-tax) | \$ 26 | \$ 30 | \$ 8 |
| Income tax impact (before impact of the valuation allowances) | \$ (9) | \$ (9) | \$ (3) |

We did not capitalize any stock-based compensation costs as an asset during 2007, 2006 and 2005.

We recorded a cumulative effect of an accounting change of \$2 million (\$1 million, net of tax) during the first quarter of 2006 for the estimated future forfeitures for the unvested awards outstanding as of January 1, 2006. During the fourth quarter of 2006, we adopted the alternative transition method to calculate excess tax benefits available to absorb tax deficiencies recognized subsequent to the adoption. This resulted in zero excess tax benefits.

Valuation Data. Below is the description of the methods used during the indicated periods to estimate the fair value of our various awards.

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| | After January 1, 2006 (SFAS No. 123R) | Prior to January 1, 2006 (APB No. 25) |
|--|---|---|
| Award: | | |
| Time-based stock options ⁽¹⁾ | Black-Scholes option-pricing model value on the grant date | Intrinsic value on the grant date |
| Time-based restricted stock ⁽²⁾ | No change | Market price of our common stock on the grant date |
| Time-based cash ⁽³⁾ | No change | Market price of our common stock on each reporting measurement date |
| Performance-based stock ⁽⁴⁾ | Market price of our common stock on each reporting measurement date until accounting grant date | Market price of our common stock on each reporting measurement date |
| Performance-based options ⁽⁴⁾ | Black-Scholes option-pricing model value on each reporting measurement date until accounting grant date | Intrinsic value of option on each reporting measurement date |
| Performance-based cash ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | No change | Market price of our common stock on each reporting measurement date |
| Employee stock purchase plan | Black-Scholes option-pricing model value on the first day of the offering period | No compensation expense recorded |

(1) No awards were granted during 2006.

(2) Restricted stock and restricted stock units are referred to as restricted stock.

(3) These are liability-classified awards under SFAS No. 123R.

(4) No awards were granted in 2007 and 2006.

Time-Based Stock Options. We grant time-based stock options to officers, key employees and directors at an exercise price equal to the market value of our common stock on the grant date. Generally, options vest 33.33% per year for three years and have a term of 10 years. Beginning January 1, 2006, compensation expense is measured at fair value on the grant date, net of estimated forfeitures, and expensed on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award.

Summarized time-based option activity is:

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2007 | |
| | Weighted | Weighted |

| | Options | Average Exercise Price | Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Beginning of period | 7,864,352 | \$ 13.98 | 5 | \$ 37 |
| Granted | 541,907 | 18.36 | | |
| Exercised | (2,196,713) ⁽¹⁾ | 9.43 | | |
| Forfeited | (49,930) | 16.26 | | |
| Expired | (413,862) | 26.54 | | |
| End of period | 5,745,754 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | 15.21 | 4 | 71 |
| Exercisable at end of period | 5,243,775 | 14.90 | 4 | 67 |

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- (1) Received proceeds of \$21 million. Intrinsic value was \$26 million on the exercise dates. No tax benefits were realized in 2007 due to our net operating loss carryforwards.
- (2) We estimate that 115,798 of these will be forfeited.
- (3) As of December 31, 2007, the total compensation cost related to nonvested time-based stock options not yet recognized and the weighted-average period over which it is expected to be recognized is \$2 million and 2 years, respectively.

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---|-------------|
| | (in millions, except per unit amounts) | |
| Weighted average grant date fair value of the time-based options granted | \$ | \$ 7.18 |
| Proceeds from exercise of time-based options | 16 | 29 |
| Intrinsic value of exercised time-based options | 8 | 17 |
| Tax benefits realized | (1) | (1) |

- (1) None realized due to our net operating loss carryforwards.

Our time-based stock option awards are based on the following weighted average assumptions and resulting fair value. No time-based stock options awards were granted during 2006.

| | 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Expected term in years ⁽¹⁾ | 6 |
| Estimated volatility ⁽²⁾ | 31.04% |
| Risk free interest rate | 4.63% |
| Dividend yield | 0% |
| Weighted-average fair value | \$ 7.32 |

- (1) The expected term is based on a binomial lattice model.

- (2) We estimate volatility based on historical and implied volatility of our common stock.

Time-Based Restricted Stock Awards. We grant time-based restricted stock awards to officers, key employees and directors. In general, these awards vest, subject to the participant's continued employment, three years from the grant date. Beginning January 1, 2006, compensation expense is measured at fair value on the grant date, net of estimated

forfeitures, and expensed on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

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Summarized restricted stock award activity is:

| | 2007 | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| | Shares | |
| Beginning of period | 1,095,469 | \$ 9.95 |
| Granted | 456,776 | 18.91 |
| Vested | (429,779) ⁽¹⁾ | 8.85 |
| Forfeited | (75,063) | 13.71 |
| End of period | 1,047,403 ⁽²⁾ | 14.04 |
| December 31, 2007 total compensation cost related to nonvested time-based restricted stock awards not yet recognized | \$ 6 million | |
| Weighted average period over which the nonvested time-based restricted stock is expected to be recognized | 2 years | |

(1) Based on the market price of our common stock on the vesting date, \$9 million in fair value vested.

(2) We estimate that 133,415 of these will be forfeited.

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|---|-------------|
| | (in millions, except per unit amounts) | |
| Fair value of time-based restricted stock that vested based on market price of our common stock on the vesting date | \$ 11 | \$ 9 |
| Weighted-average grant date fair value of time-based restricted stock granted | 11.64 | 12.65 |

Time-Based Cash Awards. We grant time-based cash awards (cash units with each cash unit having an equivalent fair market value of one share of our common stock on the vesting date) to officers and key employees. In general, these awards vest, subject to the participant's continued employment, three years from the grant date. Compensation expense is measured at fair value on each financial reporting measurement date, net of estimated forfeitures, and expensed on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we had \$8 million liability and \$7 million liability, respectively, recorded for these awards.

During 2007, 392,126 time-based cash awards vested and were paid in the amount of \$8 million. During 2006 and 2005, no time-based cash awards vested and we did not pay cash for any stock-based liabilities. As of December 31, 2007, the total compensation cost related to nonvested time-based cash awards not yet recognized is \$6 million and the weighted-average period over which it is expected to be recognized is two years.

Performance-Based and Market-Based Awards. We grant performance-based and market-based awards to officers and key employees. The number of performance-based awards earned is determined at the end of each performance period. As of December 31, 2007, there were no outstanding performance-based or market-based awards. Beginning January 1, 2006, compensation expense is measured at fair value, net of estimated forfeitures, at each reporting measurement date preceding the grant date for accounting purposes. We have broadly interpreted the criteria for determining if the service inception date precedes the grant date for our performance-based awards under SFAS No. 123R. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we had \$0 and \$15 million liability, respectively, recorded for these awards.

During February 2007, the compensation committee of our board of directors granted stock-based compensation awards to 47 of our officers under the Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The

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committee granted 345,358 market-based cash units, 429,221 time-based stock options (included in the time-based stock options disclosures above) and 200,314 time-based restricted stock units (included in the time-based restricted stock award disclosures above). Our common stock closed at \$23 or higher for 20 consecutive trading days on June 1, 2007. Accordingly, all of the outstanding market-based cash units (326,048) vested according to their terms and we recognized expense and paid in cash of \$8 million during 2007 related to these units.

The Compensation Committee granted the 2004-2006 performance-based awards through the Key Employee Award Program (the Key Employee Program) established under the Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Under the Key Employee Program, each performance-based award represented a targeted award of (a) 16,000 shares of performance-based stock, (b) 68,000 performance-based stock options and (c) 16,000 cash units with each cash unit having an equivalent fair market value of one share of our common stock on the vesting date. The three-year performance period ended on December 31, 2006. On January 26, 2007, the Compensation Committee determined the payout percentage was 80%.

Summarized performance-based stock award activity of the Key Employee Program based on the 80% achievement is:

| | | 2007 | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| | Shares | Reporting Measurement Date | Fair Value |
| Beginning of period | 1,004,800 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 14.48 |
| Vested | (1,004,800) | | 14.48 |
| End of period | | | N/A |

(1) Based on the market price of our common stock on the vesting date, \$15 million in fair value vested.

Summarized performance-based option activity of the Key Employee Program is:

| | 2007 | | |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions) |

| | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|---|-------|
| Beginning of period | 4,270,400 | \$ 8.36 | 7 | \$ 25 |
| Exercised | (1,366,600) ⁽¹⁾ | 8.40 | | |
| End of period | 2,903,800 | 8.33 | 6 | 52 |
| Exercisable at end of period | 2,903,800 | 8.33 | 6 | 52 |
| Weighted average grant date fair value | N/A | | | |

(1) Received proceeds of \$11 million, intrinsic value was \$19 million on the exercise dates. No tax benefits were realized in 2007 due to our net operating loss carryforwards.

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Our option awards under the Key Employee Program are based on the following weighted average assumptions and resulting fair values for 2007 and 2006:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Expected term in years ⁽¹⁾ | 3 |
| Estimated volatility ⁽²⁾ | 31.21% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.9% |
| Dividend yield | 0% |
| Weighted-average fair value | \$ 7.52 |

(1) The expected term is based on a projection of exercise behavior considering the contractual terms and the participants of the option awards.

(2) We estimated volatility based on historical and implied volatility of our common stock.

The performance-based cash units under the Key Employee Program (1,004,800) vested and we paid \$15 million in cash during 2007 related to these units.

Other than the performance-based and market-based awards that vested in 2007, there were no other material performance-based or market-based awards that vested in 2007, 2006 and 2005.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan. We have 18 million shares of authorized common stock reserved and approved for issuance under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). Under the ESPP, substantially all employees can purchase our common stock through payroll deductions of up to 15% of eligible compensation during semiannual offering periods commencing on January 1 and July 1 of each year. The share price paid by participants equals 85% of the lesser of the average market price on the first or last business day of each offering period.

The estimated fair value of the discounted share price element in our ESPP is based on the following weighted average assumptions:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Expected term in years | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Estimated volatility ⁽²⁾ | 21.32% | 42.96% | 32.97% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 5.07% | 4.74% | 2.94% |
| Dividend yield | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Weighted-average fair value | \$ 3.87 | \$ 3.02 | \$ 3.25 |

(1) Because we applied APB No. 25 during 2005, this was only used for pro-forma data.

(2) We estimated volatility based on the historical volatility of our common stock.

During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we issued 786,458 shares, 859,549 shares and 838,120 shares, respectively, under the ESPP and received \$9 million, \$8 million and \$8 million, respectively, from the sale of shares to employees. Approximately 10 million reserved unissued shares were available under the ESPP as of December 31, 2007.

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Pro-forma Data for 2005. If employee stock-based compensation costs had been expensed based on the fair value (determined using the Black-Scholes model and market price of our common stock) method of accounting applied to all stock-based awards, our pro forma results would be:

| | 2005 (in millions, except per-share amounts) |
|---|---|
| Net loss, as reported | \$ (331) |
| Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net loss, net of related tax effects | 5 |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects | (17) |
| Pro forma net loss | \$ (343) |
| Loss per share: | |
| Basic and diluted, as reported | \$ (1.09) |
| Basic and diluted, pro forma | \$ (1.13) |

We used the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions and resulting fair values:

| | Options 2005 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expected term in years | 5 |
| Estimated volatility ⁽¹⁾ | 45.75% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.18% |
| Dividend yield | 0% |
| Weighted-average fair value | \$ 5.72 |

(1) We estimated volatility based on an equal weighting of historical and implied volatility of our common stock.

Classification. Through December 31, 2005, our accruals for our stock-based incentive awards were recorded as liabilities. Beginning January 1, 2006, for stock-based equity awards, we reclassified our accrual of \$23 million to equity, of which \$5 million was classified as temporary equity stock-based compensation based on the redemption amount of the award as of the grant date, and the remainder was classified as additional paid-in capital in stockholders equity. Some of our stock-based equity awards provide for the settlement of the award in cash by us pursuant to

change of control provisions and we do not believe it is probable these awards will become redeemable.

Other. We did not use cash to settle equity instruments granted under stock-based compensation plans during 2007, 2006 or 2005. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, there were no significant modifications to our outstanding stock-based awards.

(b) Pension and Postretirement Benefits.

Benefit Plans. We sponsor multiple defined benefit pension plans. We provide subsidized postretirement benefits to some bargaining employees but generally do not provide them to non-bargaining employees.

Effective December 31, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans. This statement requires recognition of the funded status of plans, measured as of year end. We already use the required measurement date. The adoption did not have a material effect on any individual line item of our consolidated balance sheet

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as of December 31, 2006. As of December 31, 2007, \$0 and \$2 million of net actuarial loss and net prior service costs, respectively, in accumulated other comprehensive loss are expected to be recognized in net periodic benefit cost during the next 12 months.

Our benefit obligations and funded status are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Change in Benefit Obligation | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 90 | \$ 82 | \$ 73 | \$ 67 |
| Service cost | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Interest cost | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Benefits paid | (2) | (2) | | |
| Actuarial gain | (1) | (1) | (1) | |
| End of year | \$ 98 | \$ 90 | \$ 78 | \$ 73 |
| Change in Plan Assets | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 59 | \$ 50 | \$ | \$ |
| Employer contributions | 14 | 4 | | |
| Benefits paid | (3) | (2) | | |
| Actual investment return | 5 | 7 | | |
| End of year | \$ 75 | \$ 59 | \$ | \$ |
| Funded status | \$ (23) | \$ (31) | \$ (78) | \$ (73) |

Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | December 31, 2007 | December 31, 2006 | December 31, 2007 | December 31, 2006 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Current liabilities | \$ | \$ | \$ (2) | \$ (1) |
| Noncurrent liabilities | (23) | (31) | (76) | (72) |
| Net amount recognized | \$ (23) | \$ (31) | \$ (78) | \$ (73) |

The accumulated benefit obligation for all pension plans was \$87 million and \$81 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. All pension plans have accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets.

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Net benefit costs are:

| | Pension | | | Postretirement Benefits | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (in millions) | | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 6 | \$ 6 | \$ 6 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 |
| Interest cost | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (4) | (4) | (3) | | | |
| Net amortization | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Net benefit cost | \$ 8 | \$ 8 | \$ 8 | \$ 6 | \$ 6 | \$ 8 |

Assumptions. The significant weighted average assumptions used to determine the benefit obligations are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | December 31, 2007 | December 31, 2006 | December 31, 2007 | December 31, 2006 |
| Discount rate | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% |

The significant weighted average assumptions used to determine the net benefit costs are:

| | Pension | | | Postretirement Benefits | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Discount rate | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% |
| Expected long-term rate of return on assets | 7.5% | 7.5% | 7.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we developed our expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets based on third party models. These models consider expected inflation, current dividend yields, expected corporate earnings growth and risk premiums based on the expected volatility of each asset category. We weight the expected long-term rates of return for each asset category to determine our overall expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets. In addition, we review peer data and historical returns.

Our assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of benefits covered by our postretirement plans are:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year | 8.3% | 9.0% | 9.0% |
| Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to gradually decline (ultimate trend rate) | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% |
| Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate | 2015 | 2015 | 2011 |

Assumed health care cost trend rates can have a significant effect on the amounts reported for our health care plans. A one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects as of December 31, 2007:

| | One-Percentage Point | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Increase | Decrease |
| | (in millions) | |
| Effect on service and interest cost | \$ 1 | \$ (1) |
| Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation | 10 | (9) |

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Plan Assets. Our pension weighted average asset allocations and target allocation by asset category are:

| | Percentage of Plan Assets as of December 31, | | Target Allocation 2008 |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | |
| Domestic equity securities | 49% | 50% | 50% |
| International equity securities | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Global equity securities | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Debt securities | 31 | 28 | 30 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

In managing the investments associated with the pension plans, our objective is to exceed, on a net-of-fee basis, the rate of return of a performance benchmark composed of the following indices:

| Asset Class | Index | Weight |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Domestic equity securities | Wilshire 5000 Index | 50% |
| International equity securities | MSCI All Country World Ex-U.S. Index | 10 |
| Global equity securities | MSCI All Country World Index | 10 |
| Debt securities | Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index | 30 |
| | | 100% |

As a secondary measure, we compare asset performance to the returns of a universe of comparable funds, where applicable, over a full market cycle. Our Benefits Committee reviews plan asset performance each quarter by comparing the actual quarterly returns of each asset class to its related benchmark. Our plan assets have generally performed in accordance with the benchmarks.

Cash Obligations. We expect pension cash contributions to approximate \$2 million during 2008. Expected benefit payments for the next ten years, which reflect future service as appropriate, are:

| | Pension | Postretirement Benefits |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| 2008 | \$ 3 | \$ 2 |

| | | |
|-----------|----|----|
| 2009 | 3 | 3 |
| 2010 | 4 | 3 |
| 2011 | 4 | 4 |
| 2012 | 5 | 5 |
| 2013-2017 | 39 | 33 |

(c) Savings Plan.

We have employee savings plans under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our savings plans benefit expense, including the matching contributions of generally up to 6% and discretionary contributions, was \$24 million, \$19 million and \$19 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

We sponsor non-qualified deferred compensation plans for key and highly compensated employees. Our obligations under these plans were \$41 million and \$39 million and related rabbi trust investments were \$29 million and \$28 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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As of December 31, 2007, approximately 29% of our employees are subject to collective bargaining arrangements. Approximately 4% of our employees are subject to collective bargaining arrangements that will expire in 2008.

(11) Income Taxes**(a) Summary.**

Our income tax expense (benefit) is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Federal | \$ | \$ | \$ 7 |
| State | 16 | 30 | 19 |
| Total current | 16 | 30 | 26 |
| Deferred: | | | |
| Federal | 121 | (19) | (305) |
| State | (2) | (133) | 26 |
| Total deferred | 119 | (152) | (279) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) from continuing operations | \$ 135 | \$ (122) | \$ (253) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) from discontinued operations | \$ | \$ (5) | \$ (68) |

A reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate for our continuing operations is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Federal statutory rate | 35% | (35)% | (35)% |
| Additions (reductions) resulting from: | | | |
| Federal tax uncertainties | (1) | 3 | 1 |
| Federal valuation allowance ⁽¹⁾ | (7) | 15 ⁽²⁾ | |
| State income taxes, net of federal income taxes | 2 ⁽³⁾ | (12) ⁽⁴⁾ | 4 |

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| | | | |
|---|-----|-------|-------|
| Capital loss valuation allowances | | | (12) |
| Debt conversion expense | | 3 | |
| Changes in estimates of deferred tax assets and liabilities | | | 4 |
| Other, net | (2) | (1) | 2 |
| Effective rate | 27% | (27)% | (36)% |

- (1) Our changes to the federal valuation allowance are recorded at Reliant Energy, Inc.
- (2) Of this percentage, \$18 million (4%) relates to the reduction of net deferred tax assets.
- (3) Of this percentage, \$18 million (4%) relates to a decrease in our state valuation allowances.
- (4) Of this percentage, \$40 million (9%) relates to Pennsylvania state law changes, which effectively decreased all limitations to use net operating losses in that state.

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| | December 31, | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Current: | | |
| Derivative liabilities, net | \$ 86 | \$ 275 |
| Western states settlement | | 13 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 13 | 13 |
| Employee benefits | 7 | 4 |
| Federal valuation allowance | | (10) |
| State valuation allowances | | (15) |
| Other | 9 | 4 |
| Total current deferred tax assets | 115 | 284 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Employee benefits | 68 | 73 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards | 629 | 620 |
| Capital loss carryforwards | 9 | |
| Environmental reserves | 11 | 11 |
| Derivative liabilities, net | 42 | 92 |
| Other | 62 | 44 |
| Federal valuation allowance | (14) | (50) |
| State valuation allowances | (67) | (70) |
| Other valuation allowances | (22) | (18) |
| Total non-current deferred tax assets | 718 | 702 |
| Total deferred tax assets | \$ 833 | \$ 986 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Current: | | |
| Other | \$ | \$ 9 |
| Total current deferred tax liabilities | | 9 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 653 | 622 |
| Other | 12 | 6 |
| Total non-current deferred tax liabilities | 665 | 628 |

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Total deferred tax liabilities | \$ 665 | \$ 637 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes, net | \$ 168 | \$ 349 |

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| | December 31, 2007 (in millions) | Statutory Carryforward Period (in years) | Expiration Year(s) |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Net Operating Loss Carryforwards: | | | |
| Federal | \$ 1,284 | 20 | 2022 through 2027 |
| State | 3,257 | 5 to 20 | 2008 through 2027 |
| Foreign | 64 | 7 to 10 | 2008 through 2014 |
| Capital Loss Carryforwards | 26 | 5 | 2012 |
| Charitable Contribution Carryforwards | 4 | 5 | 2009 through 2012 |
| State Tax Credit Carryforwards | 6 | 1 to 20 | 2008 through 2027 |

(c) Valuation Allowances.

We assess our future ability to use federal, state and foreign net operating loss carryforwards, capital loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets using the more-likely-than-not criteria. These assessments include an evaluation of our recent history of earnings and losses, future reversals of temporary differences and identification of other sources of future taxable income, including the identification of tax planning strategies in certain situations.

Our valuation allowances for deferred tax assets are:

| | Federal | State (in millions) | Capital, Foreign and Other, Net |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| As of January 1, 2005 | \$ | \$ 96 | \$ 138 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | | (1) | (117) ⁽¹⁾ |
| As of December 31, 2005 | | 95 | 21 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | 50 ⁽²⁾ | (14) | (3) |
| Changes in valuation allowance included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | 10 | | |
| Other, net | | 4 | |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 60 | 85 | 18 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | (37) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | (18) ⁽⁴⁾ | 4 |

| | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------|----|----|
| Changes in valuation allowance included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | 4 | | | |
| Channelview deconsolidation | (13) ⁽⁵⁾ | | | |
| As of December 31, 2007 | \$ 14 | \$ 67 | \$ | 22 |

- (1) Net decrease is primarily due to net capital gains recorded during the year and the identification of various tax planning strategies with respect to the sale of assets. Of the capital loss carryforward impact of \$120 million, \$82 million is recorded in continuing operations and \$38 million is recorded in discontinued operations.
- (2) Net increase is primarily due to our recent history of losses and the change in our net federal deferred tax assets.
- (3) During 2007, we submitted a revision to taxable income to the Internal Revenue Service filed in our 2003 federal income tax return, which resulted in an increase in our net deferred tax assets related to our net operating losses, which was offset by an increase in our valuation allowance of \$19 million.
- (4) Net decrease is primarily due to 2007 pre-tax income.
- (5) Channelview was deconsolidated on August 20, 2007. See notes 1 and 21.

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Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, (FIN 48). This interpretation addresses whether (and when) tax benefits claimed in our tax returns should be recorded in our financial statements. Pursuant to FIN 48, we may only recognize the tax benefit for financial reporting purposes from an uncertain tax position when it is more-likely-than-not that, based on the technical merits, the position will be sustained by taxing authorities or the courts. The recognized tax benefits are measured as the largest benefit having a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon settlement with a taxing authority. FIN 48 also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosures, transition rules and related matters. We classify accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions in income tax expense/benefit.

In connection with the adoption, we recognized the following in our consolidated financial statements:

| | Adoption Effect on January 1, 2007 Increase (Decrease) (in millions) |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Goodwill | \$ (2) |
| Other long-term liabilities | (27) |
| Retained deficit | (25) |

Our unrecognized tax benefits changed as follows:

| | 2007 (in millions) |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Beginning of year (immediately after adoption) | \$ 4 |
| Increases related to prior years | 11 |
| Decreases related to prior years | (11) |
| Increases related to current year | |
| Settlements | (3) |
| Lapses in the statute of limitations | |
| End of year | \$ 1 |

We have the following in our consolidated balance sheet (included in other long-term liabilities):

January 1, 2007

**(Immediately After
Adoption)** **December 31,
2007**
(in millions)

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|----|
| Interest and penalties ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | 3 | \$ |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|----|

(1) The activity during 2007 was insignificant.

During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we recognized \$(2) million, \$6 million and \$1 million, respectively, of income tax expense (benefit) due to changes in interest and penalties for federal and state income taxes.

We have the following years that remain subject to examination or are currently under audit for our major tax jurisdictions:

| | Subject to Examination | Currently Under Audit |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Federal | 1997 to 2007 | 1997 to 2005 |
| Texas | 2000 to 2007 | 2000 to 2005 |
| Pennsylvania | 2004 to 2007 | 2006 |
| California | 2003 to 2007 | 2003 to 2006 |

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We expect to continue discussions with taxing authorities regarding tax positions related to the following, and believe it is reasonably possible some of these matters could be resolved during 2008; however, we cannot estimate the range of changes that might occur:

\$177 million payment to CenterPoint during 2004 related to our residential customers;

\$351 million charge during 2005 to settle certain civil litigation and claims relating to the Western states energy crisis (see note 14(a)); and

the timing of tax deductions as a result of negotiations with respect to California-related revenue, depreciation, emission allowances and certain employee benefits.

Agreement with CenterPoint. We ceased being a member of the CenterPoint consolidated tax group as of September 30, 2002 and could be limited in our ability to use tax attributes related to periods through that date. CenterPoint's income tax returns for the 1997 to 2002 tax reporting periods are under audit by federal and state taxing authorities. We have a tax allocation agreement that addresses the allocation of taxes pertaining to our separation from CenterPoint. This agreement provides that we may carry back net operating losses generated subsequent to September 30, 2002 to tax years when we were part of CenterPoint's consolidated tax group. Any such carryback is subject to CenterPoint's consent and any existing statutory carryback limitations. For items relating to periods prior to September 30, 2002, we will (a) recognize any net costs incurred by CenterPoint for temporary differences up to \$15 million (of which \$0 has been recognized through December 31, 2007) as an equity contribution and (b) recognize any net benefits realized by CenterPoint for temporary differences up to \$1 million as an equity distribution. Generally, amounts for temporary differences in excess of the \$15 million and \$1 million thresholds will be settled in cash between us and CenterPoint. Pursuant to this agreement, generally, taxes related to permanent differences are the responsibility of CenterPoint. As of December 31, 2007, we cannot predict the amount of any contingent liabilities or assets that we may incur or realize under this agreement.

(12) Commitments

(a) Lease Commitments.

REMA Leases. One of our subsidiaries, REMA, entered into sale-leaseback transactions, under operating leases that are non-recourse to us. We lease 16.45% and 16.67% interests in the Conemaugh and Keystone facilities, respectively. The leases expire in 2034 and we expect to make payments through 2029. We also lease a 100% interest in the Shawville facility. This lease expires in 2026 and we expect to make payments through that date. At the expiration of these leases, there are several renewal options related to fair market value. REMA LLC's subsidiaries guarantee the lease obligations and we have pledged the equity interests in these subsidiaries as collateral. We provide credit support for REMA's lease obligations in the form of letters of credit under the June 2007 credit facilities. See note 6. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we made lease payments under these leases of \$65 million, \$64 million and \$75 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we have recorded a prepaid lease of \$59 million in other current assets and \$270 million and \$264 million, respectively, in noncurrent assets. REMA operates the Conemaugh and Keystone facilities under agreements that could terminate annually with one year's notice and received fees of \$10 million, \$9 million and \$9 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These fees, which are recorded in operation and maintenance expense, are primarily to cover REMA's administrative support costs of providing these

services.

REMA's ability to pay dividends or pay subordinated obligations is restricted by conditions within the lease documents. As of December 31, 2007, REMA was not limited by these restrictions.

Tolling Agreements. As of December 31, 2007, we have a tolling arrangement that extends through 2012. This arrangement, which qualifies as an operating lease, entitles us to purchase and dispatch electric

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generating capacity. We paid \$39 million, \$63 million and \$64 million in tolling payments during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, related to this tolling arrangement and one that expired in 2007.

Office Space Lease. In 2003, we entered into a long-term operating lease for our corporate headquarters. The lease expires in 2018 and is subject to two five-year renewal options.

Cash Obligations Under Operating Leases. Our projected cash obligations under non-cancelable long-term operating leases as of December 31, 2007 are:

| | REMA Leases | Other⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (in millions) | Total |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | \$ 62 | \$ 76 | \$ 138 |
| 2009 | 63 | 78 | 141 |
| 2010 | 52 | 76 | 128 |
| 2011 | 63 | 66 | 129 |
| 2012 | 56 | 34 | 90 |
| 2013 and thereafter | 763 | 137 | 900 |
| Total | \$ 1,059 | \$ 467 | \$ 1,526 |

(1) Includes tolling arrangement, rental agreements for office space and capacity commitments accounted for as leases.

(2) Excludes projected sublease income on office space of \$48 million.

Operating Lease Expense. Total lease expense for all operating leases was \$135 million, \$156 million and \$152 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

(b) Guarantees and Indemnifications.

We have guaranteed some non-qualified benefits of CenterPoint's existing retirees at September 20, 2002. The estimated maximum potential amount of future payments under the guarantee was approximately \$55 million as of December 31, 2007 and no liability is recorded in our consolidated balance sheets for this item.

In addition, we are also required to indemnify CenterPoint for certain liabilities relating to the initial public offering of our common stock.

We also guarantee the \$500 million PEDFA bonds, which are included in our consolidated balance sheet as outstanding debt. Our guarantees are secured by guarantees from some of our subsidiaries. The guarantees require us

to comply with covenants substantially identical to those in the 6.75% senior secured notes indenture. The PEDFA bonds will become secured by certain assets of our Seward power plant if the collateral supporting both the 6.75% senior secured notes and our guarantees are released. Our maximum potential obligation under the guarantees is for payment of the principal of \$500 million and related interest charges at a fixed rate of 6.75%.

We have guaranteed payments to a third party relating to energy sales from El Dorado Energy, LLC, a former investment. The estimated maximum potential amount of future payments under this guarantee was approximately \$21 million as of December 31, 2007 and no liability is recorded in our consolidated balance sheets for this item.

We enter into contracts that include indemnification and guarantee provisions. In general, we enter into contracts with indemnities for matters such as breaches of representations and warranties and covenants contained in the contract and/or against certain specified liabilities. Examples of these contracts include asset sales agreements, retail supply agreements, service agreements and procurement agreements.

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In our debt agreements, we typically indemnify against liabilities that arise from the preparation, entry into, administration or enforcement of the agreement.

Except as otherwise noted, we are unable to estimate our maximum potential exposure under these agreements until an event triggering payment occurs. We do not expect to make any material payments under these agreements.

Reliant Energy has issued guarantees in conjunction with certain performance agreements and commodity and derivative contracts and other contracts that provide financial assurance to third parties on behalf of a subsidiary or an unconsolidated third party. The guarantees on behalf of subsidiaries are entered into primarily to support or enhance the creditworthiness otherwise attributed to a subsidiary on a stand-alone basis, thereby facilitating the extension of sufficient credit to accomplish the relevant subsidiary's intended commercial purposes.

The following table details Reliant Energy's various guarantees:

| Type of Guarantee | December 31, 2007 | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| | Stated Maximum Potential Amount of Future Payments | Amount Utilized ⁽¹⁾ (in millions) | Assets Held As Collateral | Carrying Amount of Liability Recorded on Balance Sheet |
| Commodity obligations ⁽²⁾ | \$ 3,173 | \$ 196 | \$ | \$ |
| Standby letters of credit ⁽³⁾ | 302 | 302 | | |
| Payment and performance obligations under service contracts and leases ⁽⁴⁾ | 35 | | | |
| Non-qualified benefits of CenterPoint's retirees ⁽⁵⁾ | 55 | 55 | | |
| Total guarantees | \$ 3,565 | \$ 553 | \$ | \$ |

(1) This represents the estimated portion of the maximum potential amount of future payments that is utilized as of December 31, 2007. For those guarantees related to obligations that are recorded as liabilities by our subsidiaries, this includes the recorded amount.

(2) Reliant Energy has guaranteed the performance of certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries' commodity obligations. These guarantees were provided to counterparties in order to facilitate physical and financial agreements in electricity, gas, oil, transportation and related commodities and services. Some of these guarantees have varying expiration dates and some can be terminated by Reliant Energy upon notice.

- (3) Reliant Energy has outstanding standby letters of credit, which guarantee the performance of certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2007, these letters of credit expire on various dates through 2008.
- (4) Reliant Energy has guaranteed the payment obligations of certain wholly-owned subsidiaries arising under long-term service agreements and leases for certain facilities. As of December 31, 2007, these guarantees expire over varying years through 2018.
- (5) See above.

Unless otherwise noted, failure by the primary obligor to perform under the terms of the various agreements and contracts guaranteed may result in the beneficiary requesting immediate payment from Reliant Energy. To the extent liabilities exist under the various agreements and contracts that Reliant Energy guarantees, such liabilities are recorded in Reliant Energy's subsidiaries' balance sheets as of December 31, 2007. We do not expect Reliant Energy to make any material payments under these provisions.

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Property, Plant and Equipment Commitments. As of December 31, 2007, we have contractual commitments to spend approximately \$296 million on plant and equipment relating primarily to SO₂ emissions reductions.

Fuel Supply, Commodity Transportation, Purchased Power and Electric Capacity Commitments. We are a party to fuel supply contracts, commodity transportation contracts and purchased power and electric capacity contracts of various quantities and durations that are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities. These contracts are not included in our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2007. Minimum purchase commitment obligations under these agreements are as follows as of December 31, 2007:

| | Fuel | | Transportation | Purchased Power And Electric Capacity | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| | Commitments Fixed Pricing | Variable Pricing ⁽¹⁾ | Commitments Fixed Pricing (in millions) | Commitments Fixed Pricing | Variable Pricing ⁽²⁾ |
| 2008 | \$ 81 | \$ 7 | \$ 87 | \$ 67 | \$ 13 |
| 2009 | 60 | 8 | 75 | 74 | 11 |
| 2010 | 37 | 8 | 73 | 13 | |
| 2011 | 21 | 9 | 75 | 13 | |
| 2012 | 22 | 9 | 71 | 13 | |
| 2013 and thereafter | 101 | 86 | 502 | 7 | |
| Total | \$ 322 | \$ 127 | \$ 883 | \$ 187 | \$ 24 |

(1) For contracts with variable pricing components, we estimated prices based on assumptions on escalations per the contractual terms.

(2) For contracts with variable pricing components, we estimated prices based on forward commodity curves as of December 31, 2007.

As of December 31, 2007, the maximum remaining terms under any individual fuel supply contract is 13 years, any transportation contract is 15 years and any purchased power and electric capacity contract is seven years.

Sales Commitments. As of December 31, 2007, we have sales commitments, including electric energy and capacity sales contracts, which are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities. The estimated minimum sales commitments over the next five years under these contracts are as follows:

| | Retail Energy | | Wholesale |
|-------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| | Fixed | Variable | Energy |
| | Pricing⁽¹⁾ | Pricing⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Fixed |
| | | (in millions) | Pricing |
| 2008 | \$ 854 | \$ 2,071 | \$ 344 |
| 2009 | 526 | 1,517 | 508 |
| 2010 | 213 | 1,130 | 291 |
| 2011 | 64 | 859 | 126 |
| 2012 | 27 | 573 | 158 |
| Total | \$ 1,684 | \$ 6,150 | \$ 1,427 |

(1) In connection with our credit-enhanced retail structure, we estimate the fees under these sales commitments to be \$15 million, \$10 million, \$7 million, \$5 million and \$3 million during 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

(2) For contracts with variable pricing components, we estimated prices based on forward commodity curves as of December 31, 2007.

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Naming Rights to Houston Sports Complex. We acquired the naming rights, including advertising and other benefits, for a football stadium and other convention and entertainment facilities included in the stadium complex. Pursuant to this agreement, we are required to pay \$10 million per year from 2002 through 2032.

Long-term Power Generation Maintenance Agreements. We have entered into long-term maintenance agreements that cover some periodic maintenance, including parts, on power generation turbines. The long-term maintenance agreements terminate from 2011 to 2036 based on turbine usage. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we incurred expenses of \$9 million, \$17 million and \$16 million, respectively. Estimated cash payments over the next five years for these agreements are as follows (in millions):

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 2008 | \$ 14 |
| 2009 | 10 |
| 2010 | 27 |
| 2011 | 28 |
| 2012 | 40 |
| 2013 and thereafter | 585 |
| Total | \$ 704 |

(13) Contingencies

We are party to many legal proceedings, some of which may involve substantial amounts. Unless otherwise noted, we cannot predict the outcome of the matters described below.

(a) Pending Electricity and Natural Gas Litigation.

The following proceedings relate to alleged conduct in the electricity and natural gas markets. In 2005 and 2006, we settled a number of proceedings that were pending in California and other Western states; however, a number of other proceedings remain pending.

Electricity Actions. In February 2005, our one remaining lawsuit relating to our participation in alleged conduct to increase electricity prices in violation of antitrust laws, unfair competition laws and similar laws was dismissed in our favor from an order of the United States District Court. In January 2008, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the decision to dismiss this case.

Natural Gas Actions. We are party to approximately 30 lawsuits, several of which are class action lawsuits, in state and federal courts in California, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Tennessee and Wisconsin. These lawsuits relate to alleged conduct to increase natural gas prices in violation of antitrust and similar laws. The lawsuits seek treble or punitive damages, restitution and/or expenses. The lawsuits also name a number of unaffiliated energy companies as parties. In September 2007, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued decisions in a number of the gas cases in which we are a defendant. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a series of lower court decisions holding that the

filed rate doctrine barred the plaintiff's claims in those cases. As a result of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rulings, these cases have been remanded for further proceedings at the trial court level.

One of the natural gas cases is a case filed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) in the California Superior Court in 2004. The lawsuit alleges that we conspired to manipulate natural gas prices in breach of our supply contract with LADWP and in violation of California's antitrust laws and the California False Claims Act. The lawsuit seeks treble damages for the alleged overcharges (estimated to be \$218 million) for gas purchased by LADWP, interest and legal costs. The lawsuit also seeks (a) a determination that an extension of the contract with LADWP was invalid in that the required municipal

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approvals for the extension were allegedly not obtained and (b) a return of all money paid by LADWP during that period (estimated to be \$681 million).

(b) Environmental Matters.

New Source Review Matters. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and various states are investigating compliance of coal-fueled electric generating stations with the pre-construction permitting requirements of the Clean Air Act known as New Source Review. In 2000 and 2001, we responded to the EPA's information requests related to five of our stations, and in December 2007, we received supplemental requests for two of those stations. The EPA has agreed to share information relating to its investigations with state environmental agencies.

In December 2007, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) filed suit against us in the United States District Court in Pennsylvania, alleging that New Source Review violations occurred at one of our power plants located in Pennsylvania. The suit seeks installation of best available control technologies for each pollutant, to enjoin us from operating the plant if it is not in compliance with the Clean Air Act and civil penalties. The allegations are based on projects occurring prior to our ownership of the facility and the suit names three past owners of the plant as defendants. We believe we are indemnified by or have the right to seek indemnification from the prior owners for losses and expenses that we may incur.

We are unable to predict the ultimate outcome of the EPA's investigation or the NJDEP's suit, but a final finding that we violated the New Source Review requirements could result in significant capital expenditures associated with the implementation of emissions reductions on an accelerated basis and possible penalties.

Ash Disposal Site Closures. We are responsible for environmental costs related to the future closures of seven ash disposal sites. We recorded the estimated discounted costs associated with these environmental liabilities as part of our asset retirement obligations. See note 2(o).

Remediation Obligations. We are responsible for environmental costs related to site contamination investigations and remediation requirements at four power plants in New Jersey. We recorded the estimated liability for the remediation costs of \$8 million and \$7 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Conemaugh Actions. In April 2007, the PADEP filed suit against us in the Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. In addition, in April 2007, PennEnvironment and the Sierra Club filed a citizens' suit against us in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania. Each suit alleges that the Conemaugh plant is in violation of its water discharge permit and related state and federal laws and seeks civil penalties, remediation and to enjoin violations. The Conemaugh plant is jointly leased by us and seven other companies and is governed by a consent order agreement with the PADEP. We are confident that the Conemaugh plant has operated and will continue to operate in material compliance with the consent order agreement, its water discharge permit and related state and federal laws. However, if PADEP or PennEnvironment and the Sierra Club are successful, we could incur significant capital expenditures associated with the implementation of discharge reductions on an accelerated basis and possible penalties.

(c) Other.

PUCT Cases. There are various proceedings pending before the state district court in Travis County, Texas, seeking reviews of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) orders relating to the fuel factor component used in our price-to-beat tariff. These proceedings pertain to the same issues affirmed by a district court in Travis County and later by the Travis County Court of Appeals in 2004 in a separate proceeding.

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CenterPoint Indemnity. We have agreed to indemnify CenterPoint against certain losses relating to the lawsuits described in note 13(a) under Pending Electricity and Natural Gas Litigation Natural Gas Actions. We have also agreed to indemnify CenterPoint against losses relating to an alleged breach of fiduciary duties in violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act in a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages and restitution. In January 2006, the court granted CenterPoint's motion for summary judgment and dismissed the case with prejudice. The court's decision is on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Texas Franchise Audit. The state of Texas has issued preliminary audit findings indicating an estimated tax liability of approximately \$75 million (excluding any interest and penalties) relating primarily to the sourcing of receipts for 2000 through 2005. We plan to contest any proposed audit assessment related to this issue.

Sales Tax Contingencies. We have some estimated sales tax exposure related to tax-exempt customers. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, we have \$19 million and \$28 million, respectively, accrued in current and noncurrent liabilities relating to these contingencies.

(14) Settlements and Other Charges**(a) Western States and Similar Settlements.**

In August 2005, we entered into an agreement, which the FERC approved in December 2005, with the states of California, Oregon and Washington, California's three largest investor-owned utilities and a number of other parties that resolves as to the settling parties a number of the regulatory and civil proceedings and claims related to the Western states energy crisis of 2000 and 2001.

Although the settlement resolves a number of the regulatory and civil proceedings relating to the Western states energy crisis of 2000 and 2001, it did not resolve the Western states electricity and natural gas proceedings described in note 13(a).

Additionally, in December 2005, we agreed in principle to settle the class action lawsuits filed in New York involving allegations of manipulation of NYMEX natural gas contracts (the Cornerstone settlement). The settlement was approved in May 2006.

During 2005, we recorded charges of \$359 million, which include cash payments of \$160 million during 2006. As part of the settlement, we waived claims to and transferred our interest in our receivables for power deliveries from January 1, 2000 to June 20, 2001, as well as the interest owed on those receivables. The components of the settlement charge are (in millions):

| | |
|--|--------|
| Accounts receivable related to the period from October 2000 through June 2001, excluding estimated refund obligation | \$ 268 |
| Estimated refund obligation | (87) |
| Discount | (14) |
| Interest receivable | 41 |

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash payments | 150 |
| Cornerstone settlement | 8 |
| Other | (7) |
| Total | \$ 359 ⁽¹⁾ |

(1) The settlement also included undertakings not involving the payment of cash or the waiver of rights to receivables.

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Prior to reaching a settlement in August 2005, we regularly adjusted our estimated refund obligation, credit reserve and receivables (netted in revenues) and interest income (recorded in interest income) related to these energy sales in California as new information was obtained or events occurred (income (loss)):

| | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | (in millions) |
| Estimated refund obligation | \$ 2 |
| Discount | (1) |
| Interest receivable | 6 |
| Net impact | \$ 7 |

In December 2006, we reached a settlement of the 12 class action natural gas cases pending in state court in California. The settlement required us to pay \$35 million, which we expensed during 2006 and paid during 2007. The settlement does not include similar cases filed by individual plaintiffs and cases filed in jurisdictions other than California, which we continue to vigorously defend.

Criminal Proceeding Reliant Energy Services. In March 2007, Reliant Energy Services, Inc. entered into a Deferred Prosecution Agreement in resolution of its April 2004 indictment for alleged violations of the Commodity Exchange Act, wire fraud and conspiracy charges. As part of the agreement, Reliant Energy Services, Inc. paid and expensed a \$22 million penalty in March 2007. The agreement has a term of two years.

(b) Nevada Power.

In August 2005, we entered into a settlement agreement with Nevada Power Company resolving (a) a complaint filed by Nevada Power Company with the FERC seeking to revise the prices of long-term forward power contracts and (b) an arbitration claim relating to our alleged participation in an unlawful conspiracy to increase the price of natural gas in Nevada from 2001 to 2002. We recognized a charge of \$8 million during 2005.

(c) Shareholder Class Action Lawsuits.

In July 2005, we reached a settlement agreement related to the class action lawsuits against us for claims alleging violations of securities laws. The settlement agreement provides for a total settlement payment by us of \$68 million, of which \$61.5 million is covered by director and officer insurance policies. In addition, Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent auditor at the time and a defendant in the litigation, agreed to make a payment of \$7 million. The settlement also includes releases to all claims asserted by the plaintiffs against some of our former officers. During 2005, we recognized a charge of \$8 million related to the settlement and associated legal expenses.

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The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and payable, margin deposits and derivative assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts. Values of our debt (see note 6) are:

| | Carrying Value | December 31, | | Carrying Value | Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| | | 2007 Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | 2006 Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Fixed rate debt | \$ 2,955 | \$ 2,963 | \$ 2,866 | \$ 2,987 | |
| Variable rate debt | | | 667 | 669 | |
| Total debt | \$ 2,955 | \$ 2,963 | \$ 3,533 | \$ 3,656 | |

(1) We based the fair values of our fixed rate and variable rate debt on (a) incremental borrowing rates for similar borrowing arrangements or (b) information from market participants.

(16) Supplemental Guarantor Information

Our wholly-owned subsidiaries are either (a) full and unconditional guarantors, jointly and severally, or (b) non-guarantors of the senior secured notes. The primary guarantors are: Reliant Energy California Holdings, LLC; Reliant Energy Northeast Holdings, Inc.; Reliant Energy Power Generation, Inc. and Reliant Energy Services, Inc. The primary non-guarantors are: Channelview (deconsolidated on August 20, 2007), Orion Power, REMA and RERH Holdings.

Some of Reliant Energy's subsidiaries have effective restrictions on their ability to pay dividends or make intercompany loans and advances under their financing arrangements or other third party agreements. The amounts of restricted net assets of Reliant Energy's consolidated and unconsolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 are approximately \$1.5 billion and \$83 million, respectively. These restrictions are on the net assets of Orion Power and RERH Holdings and our net investment in and receivables from Channelview.

During 2007, Reliant Energy received cash dividends from RERH Holdings for \$437 million. During 2006 and 2005, Reliant Energy received cash dividends from Orion Power for \$209 million and \$340 million, respectively. During 2006, Reliant Energy received cash dividends from Reliant Energy Services, Inc. for \$475 million.

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| | 2007 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors (in millions) | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| Revenues | \$ | \$ 3,662 | \$ 9,756 | \$ (2,209) | \$ 11,209 |
| Cost of sales | | 3,298 | 7,557 | (2,198) | 8,657 |
| Operation and maintenance | | 187 | 701 | (5) | 883 |
| Selling, general and administrative | | 24 | 355 | (6) | 373 |
| Western states and similar settlements | | 22 | | | 22 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | | (17) | (9) | | (26) |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 157 | 267 | | 424 |
| Total | | 3,671 | 8,871 | (2,209) | 10,333 |
| Operating income (loss) | | (9) | 885 | | 876 |
| Income of equity investment, net | | 5 | | | 5 |
| Income (loss) of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries | 271 | 3 | | (274) | |
| Debt extinguishments | (73) | | | | (73) |
| Interest expense | (234) | (35) | (80) | | (349) |
| Interest income | 11 | 7 | 16 | | 34 |
| Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net | 340 | (255) | (85) | | |
| Total other income (expense) | 315 | (275) | (149) | (274) | (383) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | 315 | (284) | 736 | (274) | 493 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (50) | (113) | 298 | | 135 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 365 | (171) | 438 | (274) | 358 |
| | | | 7 | | 7 |

Income from discontinued
operations

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 365 | \$ | (171) | \$ | 445 | \$ | (274) | \$ | 365 |
|-------------------|----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|

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| | 2006 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors (in millions) | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| Revenues | \$ | \$ 8,811 | \$ 9,805 | \$ (7,739) | \$ 10,877 |
| Cost of sales | | 8,734 | 8,439 | (7,737) | 9,436 |
| Operation and maintenance | | 177 | 658 | (2) | 833 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 1 | 9 | 373 | | 383 |
| (Gain) loss on sales of receivables | | 7 | (7) | | |
| Western states and similar settlements | | 35 | | | 35 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | | (21) | (138) | | (159) |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 152 | 221 | | 373 |
| Total | 1 | 9,093 | 9,546 | (7,739) | 10,901 |
| Operating income (loss) | (1) | (282) | 259 | | (24) |
| Income of equity investment, net | | 6 | | | 6 |
| Income (loss) of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries | (189) | (9) | 4 | 194 | |
| Debt conversions | (37) | | | | (37) |
| Interest expense | (299) | (35) | (94) | | (428) |
| Interest income | 2 | 27 | 5 | | 34 |
| Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net | 267 | (296) | 29 | | |
| Total other expense | (256) | (307) | (56) | 194 | (425) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | (257) | (589) | 203 | 194 | (449) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 66 | (230) | 42 | | (122) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (323) | (359) | 161 | 194 | (327) |
| | (5) | (2) | 5 | | (2) |

Income (loss) from discontinued operations

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change | (328) | (361) | 166 | 194 | (329) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (328) | \$ (360) | \$ 166 | \$ 194 | \$ (328) |

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| | 2005 | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors (in millions) | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| Revenues | \$ | \$ 8,518 | \$ 7,893 | \$ (6,699) | \$ 9,712 |
| Cost of sales | (1) | 8,754 | 6,311 | (6,698) | 8,366 |
| Operation and maintenance | | 171 | 565 | 1 | 737 |
| Selling, general and administrative | | 9 | 291 | (7) | 293 |
| Loss on sales of receivables Western states and similar settlements | | 8 359 | (8) | | 359 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | | (7) | (164) | 3 | (168) |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 165 | 274 | 7 | 446 |
| Total | (1) | 9,459 | 7,269 | (6,694) | 10,033 |
| Operating income (loss) | 1 | (941) | 624 | (5) | (321) |
| Income of equity investments, net | | 26 | | | 26 |
| Income (loss) of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries | (193) | 96 | (3) | 100 | |
| Other, net | | (23) | | | (23) |
| Interest expense | (278) | (35) | (86) | | (399) |
| Interest income | 1 | 20 | 2 | | 23 |
| Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net | 144 | (170) | 26 | | |
| Total other expense | (326) | (86) | (61) | 100 | (373) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | (325) | (1,027) | 563 | 95 | (694) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 12 | (456) | 185 | 6 | (253) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (337) | (571) | 378 | 89 | (441) |
| | 6 | 130 | (85) | 60 | 111 |

Income (loss) from discontinued operations

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change | (331) | (441) | 293 | 149 | (330) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | (1) | | (1) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (331) | \$ (441) | \$ 292 | \$ 149 | \$ (331) |

(1) These amounts relate to either (a) eliminations and adjustments recorded in the normal consolidation process or (b) reclassifications recorded due to differences in classifications at the subsidiary levels compared to the consolidated level.

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| | December 31, 2007 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 490 | \$ 1 | \$ 264 | \$ | \$ 755 |
| Restricted cash | | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| Accounts and notes receivable, principally customer, net | 11 | 252 | 831 | (11) | 1,083 |
| Accounts and notes receivable affiliated companies | 2,009 | 368 | 328 | (2,705) | |
| Inventory | | 148 | 137 | | 285 |
| Derivative assets | | 73 | 141 | | 214 |
| Investment in and receivables from Channelview, net | 1 | 82 | | | 83 |
| Other current assets | 19 | 160 | 197 | (17) | 359 |
| Current assets of discontinued operations | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Total current assets | 2,530 | 1,085 | 1,902 | (2,733) | 2,784 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | | 2,870 | 2,353 | | 5,223 |
| Other Assets: | | | | | |
| Goodwill and other intangibles, net | | 184 | 482 | 119 | 785 |
| Notes receivable affiliated companies | 2,365 | 656 | 68 | (3,089) | |
| Equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries | 2,212 | 304 | | (2,516) | |
| Derivative assets | | 12 | 78 | | 90 |
| Other long-term assets | 55 | 860 | 356 | (696) | 575 |
| Total other assets | 4,632 | 2,016 | 984 | (6,182) | 1,450 |
| Total Assets | \$ 7,162 | \$ 5,971 | \$ 5,239 | \$ (8,915) | \$ 9,457 |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**Current Liabilities:**

| | | | | | |
|---|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings | \$ 41 | \$ | \$ 11 | \$ | \$ 52 |
|---|-------|----|-------|----|-------|

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| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts payable, principally trade | | 68 | 624 | (5) | 687 |
| Accounts and notes payable affiliated companies | 103 | 2,223 | 379 | (2,705) | |
| Derivative liabilities | | 62 | 375 | | 437 |
| Other current liabilities | 11 | 182 | 256 | (23) | 426 |
| Total current liabilities | 155 | 2,535 | 1,645 | (2,733) | 1,602 |
| Other Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Notes payable affiliated companies | | 2,213 | 876 | (3,089) | |
| Derivative liabilities | | 25 | 162 | | 187 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 539 | 152 | 284 | (696) | 279 |
| Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Total other liabilities | 539 | 2,390 | 1,326 | (3,785) | 470 |
| Long-term Debt | 1,986 | 500 | 417 | | 2,903 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | | | | |
| Temporary Equity Stock-based Compensation | | | | | |
| | 5 | | | | 5 |
| Total Stockholders Equity | 4,477 | 546 | 1,851 | (2,397) | 4,477 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | \$ 7,162 | \$ 5,971 | \$ 5,239 | \$ (8,915) | \$ 9,457 |

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| | December 31, 2006 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 286 | \$ 24 | \$ 154 | \$ | \$ 464 |
| Restricted cash | | | 25 | | 25 |
| Accounts and notes receivable, principally customer, net | 10 | 264 | 779 | (9) | 1,044 |
| Accounts and notes receivable affiliated companies | 1,737 | 418 | 259 | (2,414) | |
| Inventory | | 144 | 131 | | 275 |
| Derivative assets | | 61 | 429 | | 490 |
| Other current assets | 7 | 529 | 354 | (17) | 873 |
| Current assets of discontinued operations | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Total current assets | 2,040 | 1,440 | 2,133 | (2,440) | 3,173 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | | 3,044 | 2,698 | | 5,742 |
| Other Assets: | | | | | |
| Goodwill and other intangibles, net | | 182 | 505 | 119 | 806 |
| Notes receivable affiliated companies | 3,249 | 789 | 94 | (4,132) | |
| Equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries | 1,377 | 328 | 5 | (1,710) | |
| Derivative assets | | 77 | 127 | | 204 |
| Other long-term assets | 76 | 730 | 400 | (564) | 642 |
| Total other assets | 4,702 | 2,106 | 1,131 | (6,287) | 1,652 |
| Total Assets | \$ 6,742 | \$ 6,590 | \$ 5,962 | \$ (8,727) | \$ 10,567 |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**Current Liabilities:**

| | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings | \$ 3 | \$ | \$ 352 | \$ | \$ 355 |
| Accounts payable, principally trade | | 224 | 444 | (3) | 665 |
| Accounts and notes payable affiliated companies | | 2,021 | 393 | (2,414) | |

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| | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Derivative liabilities | | 238 | 927 | | 1,165 |
| Other current liabilities | 55 | 159 | 313 | (23) | 504 |
| Current liabilities of discontinued operations | | | 3 | | 3 |
| Total current liabilities | 58 | 2,642 | 2,432 | (2,440) | 2,692 |
| Other Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Notes payable affiliated companies | | 3,251 | 881 | (4,132) | |
| Derivative liabilities | | 77 | 344 | | 421 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 484 | 167 | 237 | (564) | 324 |
| Total other liabilities | 484 | 3,495 | 1,462 | (4,696) | 745 |
| Long-term Debt | 2,248 | 501 | 429 | | 3,178 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | | | | |
| Temporary Equity Stock-based Compensation | | | | | |
| | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Total Stockholders Equity | 3,950 | (48) | 1,639 | (1,591) | 3,950 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | \$ 6,742 | \$ 6,590 | \$ 5,962 | \$ (8,727) | \$ 10,567 |

- (1) These amounts relate to either (a) eliminations and adjustments recorded in the normal consolidation process or (b) reclassifications recorded due to differences in classifications at the subsidiary levels compared to the consolidated level.

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| | 2007 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from operating activities | \$ 146 | \$ (114) | \$ 613 | \$ 110 | \$ 755 |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from operating activities | | | 7 | | 7 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 146 | (114) | 620 | 110 | 762 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | | (27) | (162) | | (189) |
| Investments in, advances to and from and distributions from subsidiaries, net ⁽²⁾ | 346 | (6) | (279) | (61) | |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | | 82 | | | 82 |
| Net purchases of emission allowances | | (42) | (43) | | (85) |
| Restricted cash | | (1) | 8 | | 7 |
| Other, net | | 6 | | | 6 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from investing activities | 346 | 12 | (476) | (61) | (179) |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from investing activities | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 346 | 12 | (476) | (61) | (179) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 1,300 | | | | 1,300 |

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|--|---------|------|--------|------|---------|
| Payments of long-term debt | (1,526) | | (10) | | (1,536) |
| Increase in short-term borrowings and revolving credit facilities, net | | | 7 | | 7 |
| Changes in notes with affiliated companies, net ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | 80 | (31) | (49) | |
| Payments of debt extinguishment costs | (73) | | | | (73) |
| Proceeds from issuances of stock | 41 | | | | 41 |
| Payments of financing costs | (31) | | | | (31) |
| Other, net | 1 | (1) | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (288) | 79 | (34) | (49) | (292) |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 204 | (23) | 110 | | 291 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 286 | 24 | 154 | | 464 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 490 | \$ 1 | \$ 264 | \$ | \$ 755 |

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| | 2006 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors⁽⁵⁾ | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by continuing operations from operating activities | \$ 10 | \$ 414 | \$ 906 | \$ | \$ 1,330 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations from operating activities | 3 | (7) | (50) | | (54) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 13 | 407 | 856 | | 1,276 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | | (24) | (73) | | (97) |
| Investments in, advances to and from and distributions from subsidiaries, net ⁽²⁾ | 1,059 | (468) | (216) | (375) | |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Net proceeds from sale of emission allowances | | 88 | 94 | | 182 |
| Restricted cash | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Other, net | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from investing activities | 1,059 | (403) | (192) | (375) | 89 |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from investing activities | 712 | | 968 | (712) | 968 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 1,771 | (403) | 776 | (1,087) | 1,057 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 400 | | | | 400 |
| Payments of long-term debt | (852) | | (14) | | (866) |
| Increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings and revolving credit | (383) | | (442) | | (825) |

| | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| facilities, net | | | | | |
| Changes in notes with affiliated companies, net ⁽³⁾ | | (16) | (359) | 375 | |
| Premium paid for conversion of senior subordinated notes | (36) | | | | (36) |
| Proceeds from issuances of stock | 25 | | | | 25 |
| Payments of financing costs | (17) | | | | (17) |
| Net cash used in continuing operations from financing activities | (863) | (16) | (815) | 375 | (1,319) |
| Net cash used in discontinued operations from financing activities | (638) | | (712) | 712 | (638) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (1,501) | (16) | (1,527) | 1,087 | (1,957) |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 283 | (12) | 105 | | 376 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 3 | 36 | 49 | | 88 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 286 | \$ 24 | \$ 154 | \$ | \$ 464 |

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| | 2005 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Reliant Energy | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Adjustments⁽¹⁾ | Consolidated |
| | (in millions) | | | | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from operating activities | \$ (95) | \$ (1,989) | \$ 974 | \$ | \$ (1,110) |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from operating activities | 13 | 8 | 172 | | 193 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (82) | (1,981) | 1,146 | | (917) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | | (49) | (33) | | (82) |
| Investments in, advances to and from and distributions from subsidiaries, net ⁽²⁾ | (460) | 1 | (341) | 800 | |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | | 77 | 72 | | 149 |
| Net sales (purchases) of emission allowances | | (49) | 137 | | 88 |
| Restricted cash | | | 14 | | 14 |
| Other, net | | 6 | | | 6 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from investing activities | (460) | (14) | (151) | 800 | 175 |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from investing activities | 110 | 51 | 80 | (110) | 131 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (350) | 37 | (71) | 690 | 306 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 299 | | | | 299 |
| Payments of long-term debt | (109) | (1) | (38) | | (148) |
| Increase in short-term borrowings and revolving credit facilities, net | 184 | | 223 | | 407 |

| | | | | | |
|--|------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Changes in notes with affiliated companies, net ⁽³⁾ | | 1,956 | (1,156) | (800) | |
| Proceeds from issuances of stock | 37 | | | | 37 |
| Payments of financing costs | (1) | | | | (1) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from financing activities | 410 | 1,955 | (971) | (800) | 594 |
| Net cash used in discontinued operations from financing activities | | | (110) | 110 | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 410 | 1,955 | (1,081) | (690) | 594 |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (22) | 11 | (6) | | (17) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 25 | 25 | 55 | | 105 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 3 | \$ 36 | \$ 49 | \$ | \$ 88 |

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- (1) These amounts relate to either (a) eliminations and adjustments recorded in the normal consolidation process or (b) reclassifications recorded due to differences in classifications at the subsidiary levels compared to the consolidated level.
- (2) Net investments in, advances to and from and distributions from subsidiaries are classified as investing activities.
- (3) Net changes in notes with affiliated companies are classified as financing activities for subsidiaries of Reliant Energy and as investing activities for Reliant Energy.
- (4) Reliant Energy converted intercompany notes payable of a guarantor subsidiary of \$753 million to equity during 2007.
- (5) During 2006, Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC, a non-guarantor, made a non-cash capital distribution (related to intercompany receivables) of \$1.9 billion to Reliant Energy.

(17) Unaudited Quarterly Information

| | 2007 | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
| | (in millions, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 2,362 | \$ 2,650 | \$ 3,544 | \$ 2,653 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 260 | (281) | 160 | 219 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | (1) | (2) | 2 | 8 |
| Net income (loss) | 259 | (283) | 162 | 227 |
| Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Share: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 0.77 | \$ (0.82) | \$ 0.47 | \$ 0.64 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | (0.01) | (0.01) | | 0.02 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 0.76 | \$ (0.83) | \$ 0.47 | \$ 0.66 |
| Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 0.75 | \$ (0.82) | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.62 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | (0.01) | (0.01) | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 0.74 | \$ (0.83) | \$ 0.46 | \$ 0.64 |

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| | 2006 | | | |
|---|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
| | (in millions, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 2,453 | \$ 2,775 | \$ 3,305 | \$ 2,344 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (139) | 23 | (154) | (57) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 5 | (9) | (1) | 3 |
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change | (134) | 14 | (155) | (54) |
| Net income (loss) | (133) | 14 | (155) | (54) |
| Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Share: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (0.46) | \$ 0.07 | \$ (0.50) | \$ (0.18) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 0.02 | (0.02) | | 0.01 |
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change | (0.44) | 0.05 | (0.50) | (0.17) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (0.44) | \$ 0.05 | \$ (0.50) | \$ (0.17) |
| Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (0.46) | \$ 0.07 | \$ (0.50) | \$ (0.18) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 0.02 | (0.02) | | 0.01 |
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change | (0.44) | 0.05 | (0.50) | (0.17) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (0.44) | \$ 0.05 | \$ (0.50) | \$ (0.17) |

Variances in revenues and gross margin from quarter to quarter were primarily due to (a) seasonal fluctuations in demand for electric energy and energy services and (b) changes in energy commodity prices, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives. During 2007, we recognized \$445 million in unrealized gains on energy derivatives (\$522 million gain in the first quarter, \$326 million loss in the second quarter, \$28 million loss in the third quarter and \$277 gain in the fourth quarter). During 2006, we incurred \$231 million in unrealized losses on energy derivatives (\$23 million gain in the first quarter, \$52 million gain in the second quarter, \$355 million loss in the third quarter and \$49 million gain in the fourth quarter). On August 20, 2007, we deconsolidated Channelview. See notes 1 and 21.

Changes in net income (loss) from quarter to quarter were primarily due to:

seasonal fluctuations in demand for electric energy and energy services;

changes in energy commodity prices, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives; and

timing of maintenance expenses.

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In addition, net income (loss) changed from quarter to quarter in 2007 by (amounts are pre-tax unless indicated otherwise):

\$73 million of debt extinguishments expenses (\$71 million in the second quarter and \$1 million in each of the third and fourth quarters);

\$41 million write-off of deferred financing costs (\$39 million in the second quarter and \$1 million in each of the third and fourth quarters);

\$37 million change in income tax expense/benefit due to our federal valuation allowance (\$1 million increase during the first quarter, \$21 million increase during the second quarter, \$22 million decrease during the third quarter and \$37 million decrease during the fourth quarter);

\$29 million charge for early retirements in depreciation expense (\$15 million in the first quarter, \$13 million in the second quarter and \$1 million in the third quarter);

\$24 million gain on sales of equipment (\$18 million in the third quarter and \$6 million in the fourth quarter); and

\$22 million charge for Reliant Energy Services, Inc. resolution of criminal indictment in the first quarter.

Also, net income (loss) changed from quarter to quarter in 2006 by (amounts are pre-tax unless indicated otherwise):

\$159 million gain on sales of emission allowances (\$151 million gain in the first quarter, \$5 million gain in the second quarter and \$3 million gain in the third quarter);

\$68 million change in income tax expense/benefit due to our federal valuation allowance (\$70 million increase during the first quarter, \$20 million increase during the second quarter, \$30 million decrease during the third quarter and \$8 million increase during the fourth quarter);

\$40 million income tax benefit in the fourth quarter related to Pennsylvania state law changes;

\$37 million charge for the debt conversion expense during the fourth quarter; and

\$35 million charge related to the settlement of certain class action natural gas cases relating to the Western states energy crisis during the third quarter.

(18) Reportable Segments

We have two principal business segments:

Retail energy provides electricity and energy services to more than 1.8 million retail electricity customers in Texas, including residential and small business customers and commercial, industrial and

governmental/institutional customers. Our next largest market is the PJM market, where we serve commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers. We regularly evaluate entering additional markets.

Wholesale energy provides electricity and energy services in the competitive wholesale energy markets in the United States through our ownership and operation of or contracting for power generation capacity. As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately 16,000 MW of power generation capacity.

We also have unallocated corporate functions and other investments.

Our segments are the strategic operating units under which we manage our business, including the allocation of resources and assessment of performance. We use contribution margin, including historical and

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operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives to evaluate our business segments because we use that measure in organizing and managing our business. Our segment measure is defined as total revenues less (a) cost of sales, (b) operation and maintenance, (c) selling and marketing and (d) bad debt expense. We manage the costs not included in our segment measure (other general and administrative, depreciation, amortization, interest and income taxes) on a company-wide basis.

The accounting policies of our segments are described in note 2. We account for intersegment revenues at current market prices.

Financial data for our segments are as follows:

| | Retail Energy | Wholesale Energy | Other Operations (in millions) | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2007: | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 8,173 | \$ 3,036 ⁽²⁾ | \$ | \$ | \$ 11,209 |
| Intersegment revenues | | 394 | 13 | (407) | |
| Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | 942 | 524 ⁽⁵⁾ | 7 | (6) | 1,467 |
| Expenditures for long-lived assets ⁽⁶⁾ | 14 | 159 | 16 | | 189 |
| Equity investment as of December 31, 2007 | | 25 | | | 25 |
| Total assets as of December 31, 2007 | 1,778 | 7,492 | 1,081 ⁽⁷⁾ | (894) | 9,457 |
| 2006: | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 8,197 | \$ 2,679 ⁽⁸⁾ | \$ 1 | \$ | \$ 10,877 |
| Intersegment revenues | | 571 | 1 | (572) | |
| Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽³⁾⁽⁹⁾ | 250 | 146 ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 1 | | 397 |
| Expenditures for long-lived assets ⁽⁶⁾ | 9 | 78 | 10 | | 97 |
| Equity investment as of December 31, 2006 | | 25 | | | 25 |
| Total assets as of December 31, 2006 | 1,984 | 8,402 | 848 ⁽⁷⁾ | (667) | 10,567 |
| 2005: | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 7,045 | \$ 2,661 | \$ 6 | \$ | \$ 9,712 |
| Intersegment revenues | | 625 | | (625) | |
| Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy | 342 | 110 ⁽¹²⁾ | 4 | | 456 |

| | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------|
| derivatives ⁽³⁾⁽¹¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Expenditures for long-lived assets ⁽⁶⁾ | 9 | 66 | 7 | | 82 |
| Equity investments as of December 31, 2005 | | 30 | | | 30 |
| Total assets as of December 31, 2005 | 2,762 | 9,871 | 1,691 ⁽⁷⁾ | (755) | 13,569 |

- (1) Substantially all revenues are in the United States.
- (2) Includes \$127 million from affiliates.
- (3) Revenues less (a) cost of sales, (b) operation and maintenance, (c) selling and marketing and (d) bad debt expense.
- (4) Includes \$438 million, \$7 million and \$445 million in retail energy, wholesale energy and consolidated, respectively, results relating to unrealized gains on energy derivatives, which is a non-cash item.
- (5) Includes \$(92) million relating to historical and operational wholesale hedges.
- (6) Long-lived assets include net property, plant and equipment, net goodwill, net other intangibles and equity investments. All of our long-lived assets are in the United States.
- (7) Other operations include discontinued operations of \$2 million, \$2 million and \$1,084 million as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.
- (8) Includes \$1.2 billion in revenues from a single counterparty, which represented 11% of our consolidated revenues and 45% of our wholesale energy segment's revenues. As of December 31, 2006, \$16 million was outstanding from this counterparty.
- (9) Includes \$(287) million, \$56 million and \$(231) million in retail energy, wholesale energy and consolidated, respectively, results relating to unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives, which is a non-cash item.

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- (10) Includes \$(376) million relating to historical and operational wholesale hedges.
- (11) Includes \$(69) million, \$(123) million and \$(192) million in retail energy, wholesale energy and consolidated, respectively, results relating to unrealized losses on energy derivatives, which is a non-cash item.
- (12) Includes \$(484) million relating to historical and operational wholesale hedges.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives | \$ 1,467 | \$ 397 | \$ 456 |
| Other general and administrative | 171 | 172 | 140 |
| Western states and similar settlements | 22 | 35 | 359 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | (26) | (159) | (168) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 424 | 373 | 446 |
| Operating income (loss) | 876 | (24) | (321) |
| Income of equity investments, net | 5 | 6 | 26 |
| Debt extinguishments and conversions | (73) | (37) | |
| Other, net | | | (23) |
| Interest expense | (349) | (428) | (399) |
| Interest income | 34 | 34 | 23 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | 493 | (449) | (694) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 135 | (122) | (253) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | 358 | (327) | (441) |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 7 | (2) | 111 |
| Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes | 365 | (329) | (330) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | | 1 | (1) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 365 | \$ (328) | \$ (331) |

(19) Impairment of Cost Method Investment

During 2005, we recorded a non-cash charge of \$23 million (recorded in other, net) for the impairment of our investment in a communications services company. The impairment charge was based on an internal valuation of projected future cash flows and earnings conducted in connection with the preparation of our interim financial statements. As of December 31, 2007, our remaining non-energy investments have a net book value of \$2 million and

are included in other long-term assets.

(20) Sales of Assets and Emission Allowances

We included the following (all from our wholesale energy segment) in our results of operations through the date of sale.

Property, Plant and Equipment. We sold some property, plant and equipment that was primarily held in storage for \$82 million during 2007 for gains of \$25 million.

Emission Allowances. We sold emission allowances during 2007, 2006 and 2005 for gains of \$1 million, \$159 million and \$160 million, respectively.

REMA Hydropower Plants. Two hydropower plants sold for \$42 million in April 2005 for a gain of \$12 million.

Landfill-gas Fueled Power Plants. Our landfill-gas fueled power plants sold for \$28 million in July 2005 for a loss of \$4 million.

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El Dorado Investment. Our 50% interest in El Dorado Energy, LLC sold for \$132 million in July 2005 and we received \$76 million after adjustment for net project debt. We recognized a gains on the disposal of \$25 million (recorded in income of equity investments, net) during 2005.

(21) Channelview s Bankruptcy Filings

On August 20, 2007, Channelview filed voluntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The bankruptcy cases are being jointly administered, with Channelview managing its business in the ordinary course as debtors-in-possession subject to the supervision of the bankruptcy court.

Under Channelview LP s credit agreement, the partnership was required to maintain a working capital requirement of \$14 million. The covenant was previously met by a \$14 million revolving working capital facility. That facility matured on August 15, 2007. Failure to meet the working capital requirement would eventually have constituted an event of default. Channelview LP filed for bankruptcy protection to prevent the lenders from exercising their remedies, including foreclosing on the project. During 2007, we incurred \$3 million in selling, general and administrative expenses related to these bankruptcy filings and associated costs, which do not include the reorganization costs that Channelview incurred subsequent to August 19, 2007. Channelview LP s debt is non-recourse to Reliant Energy and the bankruptcy filings did not cause a default under any of our other debt.

As a result of the bankruptcies, we deconsolidated Channelview s financial results beginning August 20, 2007, and began reporting our investment in Channelview using the cost method. The following table contains certain combined financial information of Channelview:

| | December 31, | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$ 356 | \$ 368 |
| Secured debt obligations, including accrued interest | 340 | 343 |
| Payables to Reliant Energy and its subsidiaries, net | 96 | 72 |

In February 2008, we entered into an agreement to sell our Channelview cogeneration assets and assign related contracts for \$468 million. The sale is subject to closing conditions, including the approval of the bankruptcy court. We expect to close in the second or third quarter of 2008.

The sale is expected to resolve the bankruptcy proceedings and provide value to us for our equity interest. Proceeds from the sale will be used to settle the claims of secured creditors (approximately \$379 million of debt, accrued interest and make-whole payments as of January 31, 2008), the claims of unsecured creditors (approximately \$29 million as of January 31, 2008), and a cash sharing agreement (amount subject to a bankruptcy court ruling). Residual proceeds will be retained by us.

Any gain or loss on the sale will depend on the net proceeds received. It is reasonably possible an impairment could be recognized if the net proceeds and remaining assets (including cash and working capital) do not exceed our net investment in and receivables from Channelview (\$83 million as of December 31, 2007, classified as current assets).

(22) Discontinued Operations

(a) New York Plants.

General. In February 2006, we closed on the sale of our three remaining New York plants with an aggregate net generating capacity of approximately 2,100 MW for \$979 million. During the third quarter of 2005, we began to report the results of the New York plants as discontinued operations. These plants were a part of our wholesale energy segment.

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Use of Proceeds. We applied \$952 million of cash proceeds, which is net of estimated city, state and transfer taxes and transaction costs, to pay down our senior secured term loans.

Assumptions Related to Debt, Deferred Financing Costs and Interest Expense on Discontinued Operations. Based on our contractual obligation (at the time the purchase and sale agreement was executed) to utilize a portion of the net proceeds from the sale to prepay debt, we classified \$638 million of debt as discontinued operations. We have also classified as discontinued operations the related deferred financing costs and interest expense on this debt. We allocated \$15 million and \$39 million of related interest expense during 2006 and 2005, respectively, to discontinued operations. No interest was allocated to discontinued operations subsequent to the closing.

(b) Ceredo Plant.

In 2005, we sold our 505 MW Ceredo power plant for \$100 million. We used the net cash proceeds of \$100 million to pay down a portion of our senior secured term loans. During the third quarter of 2005, we began to report results of Ceredo's operations as discontinued operations effective January 1, 2005. The plant was a part of our wholesale energy segment.

(c) European Energy.

In 2003, we sold our European energy operations, which formerly were a reportable segment. We have reported the results of our European energy operations as discontinued operations since the first quarter of 2003.

In addition to the initial cash proceeds, we are entitled to receive a significant portion of any cash distributions in excess of Euro 110 million received by the purchaser from the former coordinating body for the Dutch electricity sector as contingent consideration for the sale. We received payments of \$52 million during 2005.

(d) All Discontinued Operations.

The following summarizes certain financial information of the businesses reported as discontinued operations:

| | New York Plants | Ceredo Plant | European Energy | Total |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 2006 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 108 | \$ | \$ | \$ 108 |
| Loss before income tax expense/benefit | (7) ⁽¹⁾ | | | (7) |
| 2005 | | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 996 | \$ | \$ | \$ 996 |
| Income (loss) before income tax expense/benefit | 18 ⁽²⁾ | (27) ⁽³⁾ | 52 | 43 |

(1) Includes an additional pre-tax loss on disposal of \$16 million primarily due to changes in derivative assets not terminated as of the date of sale. The cumulative pre-tax loss on disposal through December 31, 2006 was \$255 million.

(2) Includes \$239 million estimated loss on disposal.

(3) Includes \$27 million loss on disposal.

Subsequent to the sale of our New York plants in February 2006, we continue to have (a) insignificant settlements with the independent system operator and (b) property tax settlements. These amounts are classified as discontinued operations in our results of operations. We recognized \$7 million of income before income taxes from discontinued operations during 2007. In addition, we have some amounts on our consolidated balance sheets classified as discontinued operations relating to these settlements and other insignificant items.

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| Column A | Column B | Column C | | Column D | Column E |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Description | Balance at Beginning of Period | Charged to Income | Charged to Other Accounts ⁽¹⁾ | Deductions from Reserves ⁽²⁾ | Balance at End of Period |
| | (thousands of dollars) | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 33,332 | \$ 78,588 | \$ | \$ (75,196) | \$ 36,724 |
| Reserves deducted from derivative assets | 126,710 | (58,310) | | (159) | 68,241 |
| 2006 | | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 34,054 | 86,961 | | (87,683) | 33,332 |
| Reserves deducted from derivative assets | 197,384 | (68,240) | | (2,434) | 126,710 |
| Reserves for severance | 1,860 | 3,845 | | (5,705) | |
| 2005 | | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 41,636 | 57,817 | | (65,399) | 34,054 |
| Reserves deducted from derivative assets | 87,323 | 128,306 | 33 | (18,278) | 197,384 |
| Reserves for severance | 1,325 | 8,664 | | (8,129) | 1,860 |

(1) Represents charges to accumulated other comprehensive income/loss.

(2) Deductions from reserves represent losses or expenses for which the respective reserves were created. In the case of the allowance for doubtful accounts, such deductions are net of recoveries of amounts previously written off.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Members
RERH Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of RERH Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries (the Company), as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, members' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of RERH Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in note 7 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its accounting for income tax uncertainties in 2007.

KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas
February 25, 2008

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RERH HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | |
| Revenues: | | |
| Electricity sales and services revenues (including \$(70) and \$227 unrealized gains(losses)) | \$ 7,978,078 | \$ 7,460,341 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Cost of sales (including \$443,218 and \$(394,902) unrealized gains (losses)) | 6,368,557 | 2,790,009 |
| Cost of sales affiliates | 236,762 | 3,937,469 |
| Operation and maintenance | 225,261 | 206,397 |
| Operation and maintenance affiliates | 19,271 | 25,917 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 211,372 | 231,692 |
| Selling, general and administrative affiliates | 68,876 | 70,060 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 23,947 | 29,490 |
| Total operating expense | 7,154,046 | 7,291,034 |
| Operating Income | 824,032 | 169,307 |
| Other Income (Expense): | | |
| Other, net | 699 | 22 |
| Interest expense | (29,476) | (28,198) |
| Interest income | 15,166 | 2,481 |
| Interest income (expense), net affiliates | (6,579) | 104,427 |
| Total other income (expense) | (20,190) | 78,732 |
| Income Before Income Taxes | 803,842 | 248,039 |
| Income tax expense | 309,135 | 96,180 |
| Net Income | \$ 494,707 | \$ 151,859 |

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| | December 31, | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (thousands of dollars) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 226,200 | \$ 136,017 |
| Restricted cash | | 13,000 |
| Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue, principally customer, net of allowance of \$34,947 and \$29,386 | 776,115 | 732,975 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 94,744 | 206,795 |
| Derivative assets | 128,935 | 422,098 |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 21,171 | 41,603 |
| Total current assets | 1,247,165 | 1,552,488 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | 43,487 | 54,340 |
| Other Assets: | | |
| Goodwill, net | 31,631 | 31,631 |
| Derivative assets | 75,660 | 127,028 |
| Other | 22,969 | 47,434 |
| Total other assets | 130,260 | 206,093 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,420,912 | \$ 1,812,921 |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable, principally trade | \$ 486,746 | \$ 396,728 |
| Payable to affiliates, net | 40,437 | 38,970 |
| Retail customer deposits | 62,676 | 67,068 |
| Other taxes payable | 46,634 | 53,585 |
| Taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. | 21,188 | |
| Accrual for transmission and distribution charges | 74,393 | 60,654 |
| Derivative liabilities | 336,440 | 904,108 |
| Other | 90,569 | 75,497 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,159,083 | 1,596,610 |
| Other Liabilities: | | |
| Derivative liabilities | 38,011 | 225,997 |
| Other | 33,833 | 19,043 |

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Total other liabilities | 71,844 | 245,040 |
| Commitments and Contingencies Members Equity: | | |
| Members equity | 189,985 | (28,729) |
| Total members equity | 189,985 | (28,729) |
| Total Liabilities and Members Equity | \$ 1,420,912 | \$ 1,812,921 |

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| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 494,707 | \$ 151,859 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 23,947 | 29,490 |
| Deferred income taxes | 163,557 | (108,547) |
| Net changes in energy derivatives | (391,981) | 407,649 |
| Non-cash federal income tax contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | 179,222 |
| Other, net | 3,301 | 1,118 |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue, net | 12,315 | 196,846 |
| Receivables/payables affiliates | (41,891) | (481,521) |
| Margin deposits, net | 10,890 | (2,775) |
| Net derivative assets and liabilities | (22,709) | (76,112) |
| Accounts payable | 89,974 | 271,019 |
| Other current assets | 9,806 | 10,763 |
| Other current liabilities | 12,902 | 31,057 |
| Other assets | (5,295) | 342 |
| Retail customer deposits | (4,392) | 6,158 |
| Taxes payable/receivable | (4,226) | 9,032 |
| Other taxes payable | (9,057) | 14,311 |
| Accrual for transmission and distribution charges | 13,739 | 16,344 |
| Taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. and related accrued interest | 21,188 | |
| Other liabilities | (2,687) | (3,477) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 374,088 | 652,778 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | |
| Restricted cash | 13,000 | (13,000) |
| Capital expenditures | (13,457) | (9,424) |
| Contribution to investment | (2,550) | |
| Contribution from Reliant Energy, Inc. of Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC | 2,530 | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (477) | (22,424) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Dividends to Reliant Energy, Inc. | (437,000) | |
| Decrease in short-term borrowings, net | | (450,000) |
| Contributions from (distributions to) Reliant Energy, Inc. | 153,572 | (2,944) |
| Changes in note with Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | (50,115) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (283,428) | (503,059) |

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 90,183 | 127,295 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 136,017 | 8,722 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 226,200 | \$ 136,017 |
| Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information: | | |
| Cash Payments: | | |
| Interest paid to affiliate | \$ 5,995 | \$ 2,942 |
| Interest paid to third parties | 29,741 | 29,090 |
| Income taxes paid (net of income tax refunds received) | 25,012 | 16,472 |
| Income taxes paid to affiliate | 110,000 | |
| Non-cash Disclosure: | | |
| Contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | 995 | 171,629 |
| Transfer of certain assets and liabilities from Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC to Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, net | | 329,807 |
| Transfer of certain assets and liabilities from Reliant Energy Services, Inc. to Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, net | (2,254) | (329,773) |
| Contributions from (distributions to) Reliant Energy, Inc. of Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC | 6,164 | (2,058) |
| Distribution to Reliant Energy, Inc. of note receivable | | (1,943,943) |

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Table of Contents**RERH HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

| | Members Equity | Comprehensive Income |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | |
| Balance at December 31, 2005 | \$ 1,596,694 | |
| Net income | 151,859 | \$ 151,859 |
| Contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | 171,629 | |
| Distribution to Reliant Energy, Inc. of Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC | (5,002) | |
| Distribution to Reliant Energy, Inc. of note receivable | (1,943,943) | |
| Transfer of certain assets and liabilities from Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC to Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, net | 329,807 | |
| Transfer of certain assets and liabilities from Reliant Energy Services, Inc. to Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, net | (329,773) | |
| Comprehensive income | | \$ 151,859 |
| Balance at December 31, 2006 | \$ (28,729) | |
| Net income | 494,707 | 494,707 |
| Contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | 154,567 | |
| Distribution to Reliant Energy, Inc. of cash dividend | (437,000) | |
| Contribution from Reliant Energy, Inc. of Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC | 8,694 | |
| Transfer of certain assets and liabilities from Reliant Energy Services, Inc. to Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC, net | (2,254) | |
| Comprehensive income | | \$ 494,707 |
| Balance at December 31, 2007 | \$ 189,985 | |

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RERH HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Background and Basis of Presentation

Background. Retail Holdings refers to RERH Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy, Inc. and was formed in July 2006. However, no activity occurred until December 1, 2006. The transfer of Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries by Reliant Energy, Inc. into Retail Holdings is a transfer of equity interests between entities under common control. Accordingly, the results of operations of RERH Holdings, LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries (RERH Holdings) reflect the transfer as if it occurred at the beginning of 2006. Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Reliant Energy, Inc. is the sole Class A member and holds all 1,000 membership units of that class of Retail Holdings. In connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. owns one Class B membership unit, which is all of the issued and outstanding units of that class for Retail Holdings. The Class B member has only limited rights to vote on certain matters and no interest in profits and losses.

In preparation for and in connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, RERH Holdings made ownership changes relating to entities, assets and liabilities during 2006. The following occurred (related amounts are included on the consolidated statements of members' equity and comprehensive income):

Formed Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC in April 2006 to procure the purchased power for RERH Holdings Texas retail customers. Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC began procuring power in July 2006.

Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC was distributed to Reliant Energy, Inc. on October 1, 2006 as this entity does business for retail customers outside of Texas. See below for 2007 activity.

Certain assets and liabilities were transferred from Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC and Reliant Energy Services, Inc. (both of which are not subsidiaries of Retail Holdings) to Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC in the third and fourth quarters of 2006 as these related to supply positions for the Texas retail customers.

During 2007, RERH Holdings completed the inclusion of its business outside of Texas in the credit-enhanced retail structure. The following occurred (related amounts are included on the consolidated statements of members' equity and comprehensive income):

Reliant Energy, Inc. contributed Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC to Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC on August 1, 2007 and its operations are included in these consolidated financial statements from that point forward for 2007. See above for 2006 activity.

RERH Holdings provides electricity and energy services to retail electricity customers in Texas, including residential and small business customers and commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers. RERH Holdings next largest market is the market operated by PJM Interconnection, LLC, primarily in New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania. Approximately 65% of RERH Holdings' residential and small business customers are in the Houston area.

As of December 31, 2007, RERH Holdings' subsidiaries include:

Subsidiary

Formation Date

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC (the predecessor parent) | September 2000 |
| Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC | September 2000 |
| Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC | February 2002 |
| RE Retail Receivables, LLC | June 2002 |
| Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC | April 2006 |

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Basis of Presentation. These consolidated statements include all revenues and costs directly attributable to RERH Holdings including costs for facilities and costs for functions and services performed by Reliant Energy and charged to RERH Holdings. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Use of Estimates and Market Risk and Uncertainties.

Management makes estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that affect:

the reported amount of assets, liabilities and equity,

the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and

disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements.

RERH Holdings' critical accounting estimates include: (a) fair value of derivative assets and liabilities; (b) estimated revenues and energy supply costs; and (c) deferred tax assets, valuation allowances and tax liabilities. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

RERH Holdings is subject to various risks inherent in doing business. See notes 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(g), 2(h), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

(b) Principles of Consolidation.

Retail Holdings includes its accounts and those of its wholly-owned subsidiaries in its consolidated financial statements.

(c) Revenues.

Gross revenues for energy sales and services to residential and small business customers and to commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers are recognized upon delivery under the accrual method. Energy sales and services that have been delivered but not billed by period-end are estimated.

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, RERH Holdings recorded unbilled revenues of \$435 million and \$398 million, respectively, for energy sales and services. Accrued unbilled revenues are based on RERH Holdings' estimates of customer usage since the date of the last meter reading provided by the independent system operators or electric distribution companies. Volume estimates are based on daily forecasted volumes and estimated customer usage by class. Unbilled revenues are calculated by multiplying volume estimates by the applicable rate by customer class. Estimated amounts are adjusted when actual usage is known and billed.

(d) Derivatives and Hedging Activities.

RERH Holdings accounts for its derivatives instruments and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended (SFAS No. 133).

RERH Holdings uses derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints and to execute its supply procurement strategy. The instruments used are fixed-price derivative contracts to hedge the variability in future cash flows from forecasted sales of power and purchases of fuel and power. RERH Holdings' objective in entering into these fixed-price derivatives is to fix the price for a portion of these transactions.

For RERH Holdings' risk management activities, it uses both derivative and non-derivative contracts that provide for settlement in cash or by delivery of a commodity. The primary types of derivative instruments RERH Holdings uses are forwards, futures, swaps and options. RERH Holdings accounts for its derivatives

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under one of two accounting methods (mark-to-market or accrual accounting (under the normal purchase/normal sale exception to fair value)) based on facts and circumstances. The fair values of derivative activities are determined by (a) prices actively quoted, (b) prices provided by other external sources or (c) prices based on models and other valuation methods.

Realized gains and losses on derivatives contracts not held for trading purposes are reported either on a net or gross basis based on the relevant facts and circumstances. Hedging transactions that do not physically flow are included in the same caption as the items being hedged. A summary of RERH Holdings' derivative activities and classification in its results of operations is:

| Instrument | Purpose for Holding or Issuing Instrument⁽¹⁾ | Transactions that Physically Flow/Settle | Transactions that Financially Settle⁽²⁾ |
|---|--|---|---|
| Power futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Power sales to end-use retail customers | Revenues | N/A ⁽³⁾ |
| | Supply management revenues | Revenues | Cost of sales |
| | Power purchases | Cost of sales | Cost of sales |
| Natural gas futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Natural gas purchases/sales | N/A ⁽³⁾ | Cost of sales |

(1) The purpose for holding or issuing is not impacted by the accounting method elected for each instrument.

(2) Includes classification for mark-to-market derivatives.

(3) N/A is not applicable.

Unrealized gains and losses on energy derivatives consist of both gains and losses on energy derivatives during the current reporting period for derivative assets or liabilities that have not settled as of the balance sheet date and the reversal of unrealized gains and losses from prior periods for derivative assets or liabilities that settled prior to the balance sheet date but during the current reporting period.

In addition to market risk, RERH Holdings is exposed to credit and operational risk. Reliant Energy has a risk control framework, to which RERH Holdings is subject, to manage these risks, which include: (a) measuring and monitoring these risks, (b) review and approval of new transactions relative to these risks, (c) transaction validation and (d) portfolio valuation and reporting. RERH Holdings uses mark-to-market valuation, value-at-risk and other metrics in monitoring and measuring risk. Reliant Energy's risk control framework includes a variety of separate but complementary processes, which involve commercial and senior management and Reliant Energy's Board of Directors. See note 2(e) for further discussion of RERH Holdings' credit policy.

Set-off of Derivative Assets and Liabilities. Where derivative instruments are subject to a master netting agreement and the accounting criteria to offset are met, RERH Holdings presents its derivative assets and liabilities on a net

basis. Derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable are presented and set-off separately in the consolidated balance sheets although in most cases contracts permit the set-off of derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable with a given counterparty.

New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted Offsetting of Amounts. The FASB issued FSP FIN 39-1, an amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 (FIN 39), which was applicable for RERH Holdings beginning January 1, 2008. This interpretation allows either (a) offsetting assets and liabilities for derivative instruments under a common master netting arrangement only if the fair value amounts recognized for any related cash collateral are also offset or (b) presenting these amounts gross.

Effective January 1, 2008, RERH Holdings plans to discontinue netting its derivative assets and liabilities and present them on a gross basis. Cash collateral amounts will remain presented on a gross basis. This

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change will significantly increase RERH Holdings' derivative assets and liabilities retrospectively for all financial statements presented.

(e) Credit Risk.

RERH Holdings has a credit policy that governs the management of credit risk, including the establishment of counterparty credit limits and specific transaction approvals. Credit risk is monitored daily and the financial condition of counterparties is reviewed periodically. RERH Holdings tries to mitigate credit risk by entering into contracts that permit netting and allow it to terminate upon the occurrence of certain events of default. RERH Holdings measures credit risk as the replacement cost for its derivative positions plus amounts owed for settled transactions.

RERH Holdings' credit exposure is based on its derivative assets and accounts receivable from its power supply counterparties, after taking into consideration netting within each contract and any master netting contracts with counterparties. RERH Holdings provides reserves for non-investment grade counterparties representing a significant portion of its credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007, one non-investment grade counterparty represented 95% (\$144 million) of RERH Holdings' credit exposure. As of December 31, 2006, one non-investment grade counterparty represented 99% (\$261 million) of RERH Holdings' credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, RERH Holdings held no collateral from these counterparties. There were no other counterparties representing greater than 10% of its credit exposure.

(f) Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.

Selling, general and administrative expenses include, among other items, (a) selling and marketing, (b) bad debt expense, (c) financial services, (d) legal costs, (e) regulatory costs and (f) certain benefit costs. Some of the expenses are allocated from affiliates (see note 3).

(g) Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation Expense.

RERH Holdings computes depreciation using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense was \$24 million and \$29 million during 2007 and 2006, respectively.

| | Estimated Useful Lives (Years) | December 31, 2007 2006 (in millions) | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------|
| Information technology | 3 - 10 | \$ 183 | \$ 174 |
| Furniture and leasehold improvements | 3 - 10 | 6 | 6 |
| Assets under construction | | 5 | 5 |
| Total | | 194 | 185 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | (151) | (131) |

Property, plant and equipment, net \$ 43 \$ 54

RERH Holdings periodically evaluates property, plant and equipment for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The evaluation is highly dependent on the underlying assumptions of related cash flows. RERH Holdings recorded no material property, plant and equipment impairments during 2007 and 2006.

(h) Intangible Assets and Amortization Expense.

Goodwill. RERH Holdings performs its goodwill impairment test annually on April 1 and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. As of December 31,

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2007 and 2006, RERH Holdings had \$17 million and \$19 million, respectively, of goodwill that is deductible for United States income tax purposes in future periods.

Other Intangibles. RERH Holdings recognizes specifically identifiable intangible assets, including renewable energy credits, when specific rights and contracts are acquired. RERH Holdings has no intangible assets with indefinite lives recorded as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

(i) *Income Taxes.*

Federal. RERH Holdings is included in the consolidated federal income tax returns of Reliant Energy and calculates its income tax provision on a separate return basis, whereby Reliant Energy pays all federal income taxes on RERH Holdings' behalf and is entitled to any related tax savings. The difference between RERH Holdings' current federal income tax expense or benefit, as calculated on a separate return basis, and related amounts paid to/received from Reliant Energy, if any, were recorded in RERH Holdings' financial statements as adjustments to members' equity. Reliant Energy changed its funding policy in January 2007 and these differences are recorded to (a) income taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. if RERH Holdings has cumulative taxable income on a separate return basis or (b) deferred tax assets if RERH Holdings has cumulative taxable losses on a separate return basis. Deferred federal income taxes reflected on RERH Holdings' consolidated balance sheet will ultimately be settled with Reliant Energy. See notes 3 and 7.

State. RERH Holdings is included in the consolidated state income tax returns of Reliant Energy. It calculates its state provision, related payables or receivables and deferred state income taxes on a separate return basis and primarily settles the related assets and liabilities directly with the governmental entity. See note 7.

(j) *Cash and Cash Equivalents.*

RERH Holdings records all highly liquid short-term investments with maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

(k) *Restricted Cash.*

Restricted cash as of December 31, 2006 was comprised of funds received in error and subsequently returned.

(l) *Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.*

RERH Holdings accrues an allowance for doubtful accounts based on estimates of uncollectible revenues by analyzing counterparty credit ratings (for commercial and industrial customers), historical collections, accounts receivable agings and other factors. RERH Holdings writes-off accounts receivable balances against the allowance for doubtful accounts when it determines a receivable is uncollectible.

(m) *Gross Receipts Taxes.*

RERH Holdings records gross receipts taxes on a gross basis in revenues and operations and maintenance expense in its consolidated statements of operations. During 2007 and 2006, RERH Holdings' revenues and operation and

maintenance expense include gross receipts taxes of \$97 million and \$102 million, respectively.

(n) Sales Taxes.

RERH Holdings records sales taxes collected from its taxable customers and remitted to the various governmental entities on a net basis, thus there is no impact on its consolidated statements of operations.

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The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, (SFAS No. 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is to be applied prospectively, except for aspects that do not apply to RERH Holdings. RERH Holdings adopted SFAS No. 157 on January 1, 2008. In connection with the adoption, (a) no cumulative effect of an accounting change will be recognized and (b) RERH Holdings expects to decrease its derivative liabilities and increase its income before income taxes relating to discounting these liabilities using its own credit ratings. For non-financial assets and liabilities, the adoption of SFAS No. 157 has been deferred until January 1, 2009.

(3) Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include the impact of significant transactions between RERH Holdings and Reliant Energy. The majority of these transactions involve the purchase or sale of energy, capacity or related services from or to RERH Holdings and allocations of costs to RERH Holdings for support services.

Support and Technical Services. Reliant Energy provides commercial support, technical services and other corporate services to RERH Holdings. Reliant Energy allocates certain support services costs to RERH Holdings based on RERH Holdings underlying planned operating expenses relative to the underlying planned operating expenses of other entities to which Reliant Energy provides similar services and also charges RERH Holdings for certain other services based on usage. Management believes this method of allocation is reasonable. These allocations and charges were not necessarily indicative of what would have been incurred had RERH Holdings been an unaffiliated entity. Effective with the credit-enhanced retail structure, beginning December 1, 2006, Reliant Energy charges a fee for these services calculated in the same manner and including a mark-up percentage of 1.5%, which was \$1 million in 2007 and insignificant in 2006.

The following details the amounts recorded as operation and maintenance affiliates and selling, general and administrative affiliates:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Allocated or charged by Reliant Energy ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 88 | \$ 96 |

(1) Includes \$2 million and \$3 million for RERH Holdings share of allocated rent expense.

Services from Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC and Reliant Energy Services, Inc. Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC transferred its interest in Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC (REES) to Reliant Energy on January 1, 2005. During 2006 (through November 30, 2006), REES and Reliant Energy Services, Inc. (RES) primarily provided the energy supply services to RERH Holdings. The administrative costs for these services are included in the corporate support services allocations discussed above. Prior to December 1, 2006, REES and RES entered into

contracts with third parties for the purposes of supplying RERH Holdings with some of the electricity necessary to serve its retail customers. RERH Holdings reimbursed REES and RES for the ultimate price of any electricity sold from REES/RES to RERH Holdings, including costs of derivative instruments, upon final delivery of that electricity. These supply contracts are subject to the provisions of the master commodity purchase and sale agreements, master netting arrangements and other contractual arrangements that REES and RES utilize with third-party customers and suppliers in connection with their supply portfolio management activities, including those activities undertaken for RERH Holdings. Effective December 1, 2006, RERH Holdings manages primarily all of its electricity supply portfolio directly with third parties.

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Purchases from Reliant Energy under various commodity agreements ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 237 | \$ 3,937 |

(1) Recorded in cost of sales affiliates.

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Notes Receivable Reliant Energy, Inc. Reliant Energy manages RERH Holdings' daily cash balances. Prior to the credit-enhanced retail structure, excess cash was advanced to Reliant Energy, which provided a cash management function, and was recorded in notes receivable from Reliant Energy, Inc. RERH Holdings recorded interest income or expense, based on whether RERH Holdings invested excess funds, or borrowed funds from Reliant Energy. The amount of net interest income was \$104 million during 2006. During 2006, this note receivable was distributed to Reliant Energy as a non-cash equity distribution in the amount of \$1.9 billion.

Naming Rights to Houston Sports Complex. In 2000, Reliant Energy acquired the naming rights, including advertising and other benefits, for a football stadium and other convention and entertainment facilities. Pursuant to this agreement, Reliant Energy is required to pay \$10 million per year from 2002 through 2032. These costs are charged to RERH Holdings by Reliant Energy and are included in selling, general and administrative expense.

Income Taxes. See discussion in note 2(i) regarding RERH Holdings' policy with regards to income taxes.

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Non-cash federal income tax contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | \$ | \$ 179 |

As of December 31, 2007, RERH Holdings has \$21 million recorded as taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc., which includes accrued interest payable of \$2 million. RERH Holdings has incurred interest expense related to this payable of \$7 million during 2007.

(4) Debt**(a) Working Capital Facility.**

In connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, on December 1, 2006, RERH Holdings entered into a \$300 million working capital facility agreement with Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and affiliates (Merrill Lynch). As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, no amounts were outstanding under this facility. Loans bear interest at LIBOR plus 0.45% or a base rate. Borrowings under this facility will mature on the 90th day after the termination of the credit sleeve and reimbursement agreement with Merrill Lynch. The working capital facility includes a \$150 million minimum adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) requirement for RERH Holdings for each trailing four-quarter period. The covenants under the credit sleeve and reimbursement agreement with Merrill Lynch also apply to the working capital facility. The obligations of RERH Holdings are non-recourse to Reliant Energy.

(b) Receivables Facility.

RERH Holdings had a receivables facility arrangement to sell an undivided interest in accounts receivable from its business to financial institutions on an ongoing basis. In connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, this agreement was terminated and RERH Holdings repaid \$450 million on December 1, 2006.

The borrowings under the facility bore interest at floating rates that included fees based on the facility's level of commitment and utilization. RERH Holdings serviced the receivables and received a fee of 0.4% of cash collected during 2006, which approximated the actual service costs.

(5) Credit-Enhanced Retail Structure

The credit sleeve and reimbursement agreement (the agreement) and a working capital facility agreement, providing for revolving credit loans, each with Merrill Lynch became effective on December 1, 2006, which

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substantially eliminated collateral postings for RERH Holdings' business, although these collateral postings were made by Reliant Energy, not RERH Holdings.

Under the agreement, Merrill Lynch provides guarantees and the posting of collateral to RERH Holdings' counterparties in supply transactions for its retail energy business. Cash flow activity in connection with these contracts and related collateral is classified as operating cash flow. During 2006, RERH Holdings recorded an unrealized loss on energy derivatives of \$18 million due to the differences in quantity between contracts with Merrill Lynch and its contracts with the exchange relating to existing financially settled supply contracts.

RERH Holdings paid Merrill Lynch one-time structuring fees of \$14 million (\$13 million in 2006 and \$1 million in 2007), which were expensed as general and administrative costs. RERH Holdings also pays a fee to Merrill Lynch of \$0.40 for each megawatt hour (MWh) of power that it delivers to its retail customers. This fee (\$26 million and \$2 million during 2007 and 2006, respectively) is classified as interest expense. RERH Holdings is obligated to reimburse Merrill Lynch to the extent that any guarantees are called upon or any collateral posted by Merrill Lynch is foreclosed upon.

The initial term of the agreement was five years; effective December 31, 2007, the term was extended by an additional year. RERH Holdings is permitted to terminate at any time, subject to a make-whole payment during the first two years of the agreement. Merrill Lynch does not have an early termination option.

In connection with the agreement, Reliant Energy implemented a structure so that the entities comprising its retail energy business became subsidiaries of Retail Holdings. The agreement (a) restricts the ability of RERH Holdings to, among other actions, (i) encumber its assets, (ii) sell certain assets, (iii) incur additional debt, (iv) pay dividends or pay subordinated debt, (v) make investments or acquisitions or (vi) enter into certain transactions with affiliates and (b) requires RERH Holdings to manage its risks related to commodity prices. RERH Holdings' obligations under the agreement with Merrill Lynch and the retail working capital facility are secured by first liens on the assets of RERH Holdings. Retail Holdings and its subsidiaries are designed to maintain the separate nature of their assets, avoid consolidation of such assets with the bankruptcy estate of Reliant Energy in the event Reliant Energy ever becomes subject to such a proceeding, and ensure that such assets are available first and foremost to satisfy their creditors' claims. The obligations of RERH Holdings under the agreement and the retail working capital facility are non-recourse to Reliant Energy. See note 4(a) for discussion of the retail working capital facility.

(6) Benefit Plans

RERH Holdings' eligible employees participate in Reliant Energy's stock-based incentive plans. During 2007 and 2006, RERH Holdings' pre-tax stock-based incentive plans compensation expense was \$6 million and \$5 million, respectively.

RERH Holdings' employees participate in Reliant Energy's employee savings plans under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. RERH Holdings' savings plan benefit expense, including matching and discretionary contributions, was \$6 million and \$4 million during 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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RERH Holdings income tax expense (benefit) is:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| Current: | | |
| Federal | \$ 126 | \$ 179 |
| State | 20 | 26 |
| Total current | 146 | 205 |
| Deferred: | | |
| Federal | 141 | (95) |
| State | 22 | (14) |
| Total deferred | 163 | (109) |
| Income tax expense | \$ 309 | \$ 96 |

A reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Federal statutory rate | 35% | 35% |
| Additions (reductions) resulting from: | | |
| State income taxes, net of federal income taxes | 3 | 4 |
| Effective rate | 38% | 39% |

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| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Current: | | |
| Derivative liabilities, net | \$ 80 | \$ 202 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts and credit provisions | 12 | 11 |
| Employee benefits | 1 | 1 |
| Other | 3 | |
| Total current deferred tax assets | 96 | 214 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Derivative liabilities, net | | 39 |
| Employee benefits | | 2 |
| Total non-current deferred tax assets | | 41 |
| Total deferred tax assets | \$ 96 | \$ 255 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Current: | | |
| Other | \$ | \$ 7 |
| Total current deferred tax liabilities | | 7 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 9 | 17 |
| Derivative assets, net | 13 | |
| Other | | 1 |
| Total non-current deferred tax liabilities | 22 | 18 |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | \$ 22 | \$ 25 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes, net | \$ 74 | \$ 230 |

(b) Valuation Allowances.

RERH Holdings assesses its future ability to use deferred tax assets using the more-likely-than-not criteria. These assessments include an evaluation of its recent history of earnings and losses, future reversals of temporary differences

and identification of other sources of future taxable income, including the identification of tax planning strategies in certain situations. Based on the analysis, RERH Holdings determined that no valuation allowance is needed for its deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

(c) Adoption of FIN 48 and Tax Uncertainties.

Effective January 1, 2007, RERH Holdings adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, (FIN 48). This interpretation addresses whether (and when) tax benefits claimed in Reliant Energy's federal and RERH Holdings' state tax returns should be recorded in the financial statements. Pursuant to FIN 48, RERH Holdings may only recognize the tax benefit for financial reporting purposes from an uncertain tax position when it is more-likely-than-not that, based on the technical merits, the position will be sustained by taxing authorities or the courts. The recognized tax

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benefits are measured as the largest benefit having a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon settlement with a taxing authority. FIN 48 also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosures, transition rules and related matters. RERH Holdings classifies accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions in income tax expense. Adoption of FIN 48 had no impact on RERH Holdings consolidated financial statements.

As of January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, RERH Holdings had no amounts accrued for unrecognized tax benefits, interest or penalties. During 2007 and 2006, RERH Holdings recognized \$0 of income tax expense (benefit) due to changes in interest and penalties for federal and state income taxes.

RERH Holdings has the following years that remain subject to examination or are currently under audit for its major tax jurisdictions:

| | Subject to Examination | Currently Under Audit |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Federal | 1997 to 2007 | 1997 to 2005 |
| Texas | 2000 to 2007 | 2000 to 2005 |
| Pennsylvania | 2004 to 2007 | 2006 |

RERH Holdings, through Reliant Energy, expects to continue discussions with taxing authorities regarding tax positions related to the following, and believe it is reasonably possible some of these matters could be resolved during 2008; however, it cannot estimate the range of changes that might occur:

\$177 million payment to CenterPoint during 2004 related to residential customers; and

the timing of tax deductions could be changed as a result of negotiations with respect to depreciation.

(8) Commitments**(a) Lease Commitments.**

Cash Obligations Under Operating Leases. RERH Holdings projected cash obligations under non-cancelable long-term operating leases as of December 31, 2007 are (in millions):

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 2008 | \$ 15 |
| 2009 | 16 |
| 2010 | 16 |
| 2011 | 7 |
| 2012 | 1 |
| 2013 and thereafter | |

Total

\$ 55

Operating Lease Expense. Total lease expense for all operating leases was \$12 million during 2007 and 2006.

(b) Guarantees and Indemnifications.

Equity Pledged as Collateral for Reliant Energy. Retail Holdings' equity is pledged as collateral under certain of Reliant Energy's credit and debt agreements, which have an outstanding balance of \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2007.

Other. RERH Holdings enters into contracts that include indemnification and guarantee provisions. In general, RERH Holdings enters into contracts with indemnities for matters such as breaches of representations and warranties and covenants contained in the contract and/or against certain specified liabilities. Examples of

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these contracts include asset sales agreements, retail supply agreements, service agreements and procurement agreements.

RERH Holdings is unable to estimate its maximum potential exposure under these agreements until an event triggering payment occurs. RERH Holdings does not expect to make any material payments under these agreements.

(c) Other Commitments.

Purchased Power Commitments. RERH Holdings is a party to purchased power contracts of various quantities and durations that are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities. These contracts are not included in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2007. Minimum purchase commitment obligations under these agreements are as follows as of December 31, 2007:

| | Purchased Power Commitments | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Fixed Pricing | Variable Pricing⁽¹⁾ |
| | (in millions) | |
| 2008 | \$ 67 | \$ 13 |
| 2009 | 73 | 11 |
| 2010 | 13 | |
| 2011 | 13 | |
| 2012 | 13 | |
| 2013 and thereafter | 6 | |
| Total | \$ 185 | \$ 24 |

(1) For contracts with variable pricing components, RERH Holdings estimated prices based on forward commodity curves as of December 31, 2007.

As of December 31, 2007, the maximum remaining term under any individual purchased power contract is seven years.

Sales Commitments. As of December 31, 2007, RERH Holdings has sales commitments, including electric energy and capacity sales contracts, which are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities. The estimated minimum sales commitments over the next five years under these contracts are as follows:

| Fixed Pricing⁽¹⁾ | Variable Pricing⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
|------------------------------------|--|
| (in millions) | |

| | | | | |
|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| 2008 | \$ | 854 | \$ | 2,071 |
| 2009 | | 526 | | 1,517 |
| 2010 | | 213 | | 1,130 |
| 2011 | | 64 | | 859 |
| 2012 | | 27 | | 573 |
| Total | \$ | 1,684 | \$ | 6,150 |

- (1) In connection with the credit-enhanced retail structure, RERH Holdings estimates the fees under these sales commitments to be \$15 million, \$10 million, \$7 million, \$5 million and \$3 million during 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) For contracts with variable pricing components, RERH Holdings estimated prices based on forward commodity curves as of December 31, 2007.

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(9) Contingencies

RERH Holdings is involved in legal and other matters before courts and governmental agencies. Unless otherwise noted, RERH Holdings cannot predict the outcome of these matters.

PUCT Cases. There are various proceedings pending before the state district court in Travis County, Texas, seeking reviews of the Public Utility Commission of Texas orders relating to the fuel factor component used in the price-to-beat tariff. These proceedings pertain to the same issues affirmed by a district court in Travis County and later by the Travis County Court of Appeals in 2004 in a separate proceeding.

(10) Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and payable and derivative assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Reliant Energy, Inc., Sole Member of Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, member's equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows of Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Houston, Texas
March 14, 2006

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| | 2005 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) |
| Revenues: | |
| Electricity sales and services revenues | \$ 5,997,644 |
| Expenses: | |
| Purchased power | 621,075 |
| Purchased power affiliates | 4,629,342 |
| Operation and maintenance | 175,382 |
| Operation and maintenance affiliates | 17,401 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 153,792 |
| Selling, general and administrative affiliates | 49,568 |
| Loss on sales of assets | 4,329 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 48,656 |
| Total operating expense | 5,699,545 |
| Operating Income | 298,099 |
| Other Income (Expense): | |
| Other, net | 275 |
| Interest expense | (19,196) |
| Interest income | 300 |
| Interest income, net affiliates | 102,244 |
| Total other income | 83,623 |
| Income Before Income Taxes | 381,722 |
| Income tax expense | 148,824 |
| Net Income | \$ 232,898 |

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| | 2005 |
|---|-------------------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | |
| Net income | \$ 232,898 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 48,656 |
| Deferred income taxes | (6,203) |
| Federal income tax contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | 136,564 |
| Loss on sale of assets | 4,329 |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities: | |
| Accounts and notes receivable and unbilled revenue, net | (201,964) |
| Accounts receivable/payable affiliates | 122,966 |
| Net derivative assets and liabilities | 350 |
| Accounts payable | 14,123 |
| Other current assets | 2,564 |
| Other current liabilities | 5,384 |
| Other assets | 654 |
| Retail customer deposits | 163 |
| State income taxes payable | 4,244 |
| Other taxes payable | 5,327 |
| Accrual for transmission and distribution charges | 317 |
| Other liabilities | 2,707 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 373,079 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | |
| Capital expenditures | (9,239) |
| Proceeds from sale of assets, net | 27,303 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 18,064 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | |
| Increase in short-term borrowings, net | 223,000 |
| Changes in notes with Reliant Energy, Inc., net | (613,383) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (390,383) |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 760 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 7,962 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 8,722 |

Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:

Cash Payments:

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| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Interest paid to affiliate | \$ | 6,920 |
| Interest paid (net of amounts capitalized) to third party | | 19,355 |
| Income taxes paid (net of income tax refunds received) | | 14,096 |
| Non-cash Disclosure: | | |
| Contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | 133,564 |
| Transfer of Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC to Reliant Energy, Inc. | | (273,476) |

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Table of Contents**RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF MEMBER S EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

| | Other Member s Equity | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (thousands of dollars) | Total Member s Equity | Comprehensive Income |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2004 | \$ 1,503,710 | \$ (2) | \$ 1,503,708 | |
| Net income | 232,898 | | 232,898 | \$ 232,898 |
| Contributions from member | 133,564 | | 133,564 | |
| Transfer of Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC to Reliant Energy, Inc. | (273,478) | 2 | (273,476) | |
| Comprehensive income | | | | \$ 232,898 |
| Balance at December 31, 2005 | \$ 1,596,694 | \$ | \$ 1,596,694 | |

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Background. RERH LLC refers to Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

RERH refers to Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries. Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. RERH LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy and was formed in September 2000. Reliant Energy is the sole member and holds all 1,000 shares of RERH LLC.

RERH provides electricity products and related services to end-use customers ranging from residential and small business customers to large commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers. During 2003, RERH began providing retail energy products and services to commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers in New Jersey and Maryland. During 2004, RERH began marketing retail energy to this same class of customers in other areas of the wholesale and retail electric market operated by PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM), primarily in the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania.

As of December 31, 2005, RERH's subsidiaries include:

| Subsidiary | Formation Date |
|---|-----------------------|
| Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC (Retail Services) | September 2000 |
| Reliant Energy Solutions East, LLC (Solutions East) | February 2002 |
| RE Retail Receivables, LLC | June 2002 |

In January 2003, RERH purchased all the outstanding common stock in Reliant Energy Renewables, Inc. (Renewables) from Reliant Energy Power Generation, Inc., an affiliated company and a subsidiary of Reliant Energy for approximately \$27,000 and assumed all notes payable to affiliated companies. The purchase price was based on Renewables' book value. The acquisition was treated as a reorganization of entities under common control. In July 2005, RERH sold the common stock and all related assets and liabilities of Renewables. See note 11.

Effective September 28, 2004, RERH consolidated RE Retail Receivables, LLC (see note 5). Effective January 1, 2005, Reliant Energy Solutions, LLC was merged into Retail Services and RERH transferred its interest in Reliant Energy Electric Solutions, LLC (REES) to Reliant Energy.

Basis of Presentation. These consolidated statements include all revenues and costs directly attributable to RERH including costs for facilities and costs for functions and services performed by Reliant Energy and charged to RERH. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**(a) Use of Estimates and Market Risk and Uncertainties.**

Management makes estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that affect:

the reported amount of assets and liabilities,

the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and

our disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements.

RERH's critical accounting estimates include: (a) derivative assets and liabilities (prior to 2005); (b) estimated revenues and energy supply costs; and (c) deferred tax assets, valuation allowances and tax liabilities. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

RERH is subject to various risks inherent in doing business. See notes 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

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(b) Principles of Consolidation.

RERH LLC includes the accounts and those of its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries in its consolidated financial statements. Since September 28, 2004, RERH has consolidated its receivables facility arrangement (see note 5).

(c) Revenues.

Retail Revenues. Gross revenues for energy sales and services to residential and small business customers and electric sales to large commercial, industrial and governmental/institutional customers under contracts executed after October 2002 are recognized upon delivery and include estimated energy and services delivered but not billed by the end of the period.

As of December 31, 2005, RERH recorded unbilled revenues of \$363 million for retail energy sales. Accrued unbilled revenues are based on RERH's estimates of customer usage since the date of the last meter reading provided by the independent system operators or electric distribution companies. Volume estimates are based on daily forecasted volumes, estimated customer usage by class and applicable customer rates. Unbilled revenues are calculated by multiplying volume estimates by estimated rates by customer class. Estimated amounts are adjusted when actual usage and rates are known and billed.

Changes in Estimates. The revenues and the related energy supply costs include estimates of customer usage after consideration of initial usage information provided by the independent system operators and the distribution companies. RERH revises these estimates and records any changes in the period as information becomes available (collectively referred to as market usage adjustments). During 2005, RERH recognized in gross margin (revenues less purchased power) \$13 million of expense related to market usage adjustments.

(d) Derivatives and Hedging Activities.

RERH accounts for its derivatives instruments and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended (SFAS No. 133)

Prior to RERH transferring its interest in REES to Reliant Energy, for hedging activities, RERH used both derivative and non-derivative contracts that provided for settlement in cash or by delivery of a commodity. The primary types of derivative instruments used were forwards, futures, swaps and options. RERH elected one of three accounting methods (cash flow hedge, mark-to-market or accrual accounting) for derivatives based on facts and circumstances. The fair values of derivative activities were determined by (a) prices actively quoted, (b) prices provided by other external sources or (c) prices based on models and other valuation methods.

If certain conditions are met, a derivative instrument may be designated as a cash flow hedge. A derivative is recognized at fair value in the balance sheet whether or not it is designated as a hedge, except for derivative contracts designated as normal purchases and sales exceptions, which are not in its consolidated balance sheet or results of operations prior to settlement. As of December 31, 2005, RERH did not have any derivatives designated as cash flow hedges.

Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges must have a high correlation between price movements in the derivative and the hedged item. The changes in fair value of cash flow hedges were deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, to the extent the contracts were effective as hedges, until the forecasted transactions affected earnings. At the time the forecasted transactions affected earnings, RERH reclassified the amounts in other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings. RERH recorded the ineffective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges immediately into earnings. For all other derivatives, changes in fair value were recorded as unrealized gains or losses in its results of operations.

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If and when an acceptable level of correlation no longer exists, hedge accounting ceases and changes in fair value are recognized in its results of operations. If it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur, RERH immediately recognizes the related deferred gains or losses in its results of operations. The associated hedging instrument is then marked to market through its results of operations for the remainder of the contract term unless a new hedging relationship is redesignated.

In July 2003, the EITF issued EITF No. 03-11, which states that realized gains and losses on derivatives contracts not held for trading purposes should be reported either on a net or gross basis based on the relevant facts and circumstances. EITF No. 03-11 has no impact on margins or net income. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, due to the adoption of EITF No. 03-11, hedging transactions that do not physically flow are included in the same caption as the items being hedged. A summary of RERH's derivative activities and classification in its results of operations is:

| Instrument | Purpose for Holding or Issuing Instrument⁽¹⁾ | Transactions that Physically Flow | Transactions that Financially Settle⁽²⁾ |
|--|--|--|---|
| Power futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Power sales to end-use retail customers Supply management revenues Power purchases | Revenues Revenues Purchased power | N/A Purchased power Purchased power |
| Natural gas and fuel futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Natural gas and fuel purchases/sales | N/A | Purchased power |

(1) The purpose for holding or issuing is not impacted by the accounting method elected for each instrument.

(2) Includes classification for mark-to-market derivatives and amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to cash flow hedges.

In addition to market risk, RERH is exposed to credit and operational risk. Reliant Energy has a control framework, to which RERH is subject, to manage these risks, which include: (a) measuring and monitoring these risks, (b) review and approval of new transactions relative to these risks, (c) transaction validation and (d) portfolio valuation and reporting. RERH uses mark-to-market valuation, value-at-risk and other metrics in monitoring and measuring risk. Reliant Energy's risk control framework includes a variety of separate but complementary processes, which involve commercial and senior management and Reliant Energy's Board of Directors. See note 2(e) for further discussion of RERH's credit policy.

Set-off of Derivative Assets and Liabilities. Where derivative instruments are subject to a master netting agreement and the accounting criteria to net are met, RERH presents its derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis. Derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable are presented and set-off separately in the consolidated balance sheets although in most cases contracts permit the set-off of derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable with a given counterparty.

(e) Credit Risk.

RERH has a credit policy that governs the management of credit risk, including the establishment of counterparty credit limits and specific transaction approvals. Credit risk is monitored and the financial condition of RERH's counterparties are reviewed periodically. RERH tries to mitigate credit risk by entering into contracts that permit netting and allow RERH to terminate upon the occurrence of certain events of default. RERH measures credit risk as the replacement cost for its derivative positions (through December 31, 2004) plus amounts owed for settled transactions.

As of December 31, 2004, one non-investment grade counterparty represented 90% (\$107 million) of RERH's credit exposure, net of collateral, primarily related to its derivative assets and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) power supply counterparties. RERH did not have any credit exposure from this

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one counterparty as of December 31, 2005 as the transactions were with REES, which is no longer a subsidiary of RERH. REES has net credit exposure of \$708 million as of December 31, 2005 to this non-investment grade counterparty. If the counterparty defaulted, RERH would experience increased purchased power costs going forward. There were no other counterparties representing greater than 10% of RERH's credit exposure, net of collateral.

(f) Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.

Selling, general and administrative expenses include (a) selling and marketing, (b) bad debt expense and (c) other general and administrative expenses. Other general and administrative expenses include, among other items, (a) financial services, (b) legal costs, (c) regulatory costs and (d) certain benefit costs. Some of the expenses are allocated from affiliates (see note 3).

(g) Severance Costs.

During 2005, RERH incurred \$2 million in severance costs (included in both operation and maintenance and selling, general and administrative expenses), which were substantially paid in each applicable period.

(h) Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation Expense.

RERH computes depreciation using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense was \$48 million during 2005.

RERH periodically evaluates property, plant and equipment for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The evaluation is highly dependent on the underlying assumptions of related cash flows. RERH recorded no material property, plant and equipment impairments during 2005.

(i) Intangible Assets and Amortization Expense.

Goodwill. RERH performs its goodwill impairment test annually and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. RERH previously selected November 1 as its annual goodwill impairment testing date since Reliant Energy had historically completed its annual strategic planning process by that date. Reliant Energy has since modified its strategic planning process, which provides key information used in the analysis of RERH's goodwill impairment test, and such information is no longer completed by November 1. In order to align RERH's annual goodwill impairment test with Reliant Energy's annual strategic planning process, to meet the accelerated reporting deadlines and to provide adequate time to complete the analysis each year, beginning in 2005, RERH changed the date on which it performs the annual goodwill impairment test to April 1. The change is not intended to delay, accelerate or avoid an impairment charge. RERH believes that this accounting change is to an alternative accounting principle that is preferable under the circumstances.

Other Intangibles. RERH recognizes specifically identifiable intangible assets, including emission allowances, demand side management contracts and permanent seat licenses, when specific rights and contracts are acquired.

(j) Stock-based Compensation.

RERH applies the intrinsic value method of accounting for employee stock-based compensation and expenses it ratably over the vesting period. On January 1, 2006, RERH began to recognize compensation cost for the unvested portion of pre-January 2006 awards and awards granted from that date based on the grant-date fair value of those awards. RERH expects the adoption of the fair value based method of accounting will not have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations. Under the intrinsic value method,

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RERH adjusts compensation cost for performance-based stock awards and options based on changes in Reliant Energy's stock price; however, under the fair value based method, RERH recognizes compensation cost based on grant date fair value recognized over the service period. Under the intrinsic value method, RERH does not recognize compensation cost for time-based stock options or Reliant Energy's employee stock purchase plan; however, under the fair value based method, RERH recognizes compensation cost. The fair value based method of accounting does not change RERH's compensation cost for time-based restricted stock awards or performance-based cash awards.

Using the Black-Scholes model for determining fair values, RERH's pro forma results are:

| | 2005 (in millions) |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Net income, as reported | \$ 233 |
| Add: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of tax | |
| Deduct: Stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of tax | (2) |
| Pro forma net income | \$ 231 |

RERH uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions and resulting fair values.

| | Reliant Energy Stock Options 2005 | Reliant Energy Employee Stock Purchase Plan Rights 2005 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Expected life in years | 5 | 0.5 |
| Estimated volatility ⁽¹⁾ | 45.75% | 32.97% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.18% | 2.94% |
| Dividend yield | 0% | 0% |
| Weighted-average fair value | \$ 5.72 | \$ 3.25 |

- (1) For options, RERH estimated volatility based on an equal weighting of historical and implied volatility of Reliant Energy's common stock. For employee stock purchase plan rights, RERH estimated volatility based on the historical volatility of Reliant Energy's common stock.

(k) Income Taxes.

RERH is included in the consolidated income tax returns of Reliant Energy and calculates its income tax provision on a separate return basis, whereby Reliant Energy pays all federal income taxes on RERH's behalf and is entitled to any related tax savings. The difference between RERH's current federal income tax expense or benefit, as calculated on a separate return basis, and related amounts paid or received to/from Reliant Energy, if any, are recorded in RERH's financial statements as adjustments to member's equity on its consolidated balance sheets. Deferred income taxes reflected on RERH's consolidated balance sheet will ultimately be settled with Reliant Energy through member's equity. See notes 3 and 7.

(l) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

RERH records all highly liquid short-term investments with maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

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(m) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.

RERH accrues an allowance for doubtful accounts based on estimates of uncollectible revenues by analyzing counterparty credit ratings, historical collections, accounts receivable agings and other factors. RERH writes-off accounts receivable balances against the allowance for doubtful accounts when it determines a receivable is uncollectible.

(3) Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include significant transactions between RERH and Reliant Energy. The majority of these transactions involve the purchase or sale of power or related services by Reliant Energy from or to RERH and allocations of costs to RERH for certain support services. The following describes the impacts on the financial statements for the particular transactions:

Notes Receivable Affiliate. Reliant Energy manages RERH's daily cash balances. Excess cash is advanced to Reliant Energy, which provides a cash management function, and is recorded in long-term notes receivable affiliated company. As cash is required to fund operations, Reliant Energy funds RERH's bank accounts. RERH records interest income or expense, based on whether RERH invested excess funds, or borrowed funds from Reliant Energy. The amount of net interest income is \$102 million during 2005.

Support Services. Reliant Energy provides RERH commercial support and other corporate support services. Effective January 2005, Reliant Energy began allocating certain support services costs to RERH based on RERH's underlying planned operating expenses relative to the underlying planned operating expenses of other entities to which Reliant Energy provides similar services and also began charging RERH for certain services based on usage and based on number of employees. Management believes this method of allocation is reasonable. These allocations and charges were not necessarily indicative of what would have been incurred had RERH been an unaffiliated entity. Amounts charged and allocated to RERH for these services were \$67 million during 2005 and are included in operation and maintenance affiliates and selling, general and administrative expenses affiliates. Included in these amounts are \$6 million for 2005 for RERH's share of allocated rent expense, which is included in selling, general and administrative expense affiliates.

Naming Rights to Houston Sports Complex. In 2000, Reliant Energy acquired the naming rights, including advertising and other benefits, for a football stadium and other convention and entertainment facilities. Pursuant to this agreement, Reliant Energy is required to pay \$10 million per year from 2002 through 2032. These costs are charged to RERH by Reliant Energy and are included in selling, general and administrative expense.

Reliant Energy Services and REES Energy Supply Services. Prior to 2003, Reliant Energy Services primarily provided RERH with its energy supply services. During 2003, certain supply contracts were transferred from Reliant Energy Services to RERH's subsidiary at the time, REES. As discussed in note 1, RERH transferred its interest in REES to Reliant Energy on January 1, 2005. During 2005, REES and Reliant Energy Services primarily provided the energy supply services to RERH. During 2005, the administrative costs for these services were included in the corporate support services allocations.

As discussed above, Reliant Energy Services and REES enter into contracts with third parties for the purposes of supplying RERH with some of the electricity necessary to serve its retail customers. These supply contracts are subject to the provisions of the master commodity purchase and sale agreements, master netting arrangements and other contractual arrangements that Reliant Energy Services and REES utilize with third-party customers and suppliers in connection with their supply portfolio management activities, including those activities undertaken for RERH. Consequently, the cost associated with credit support for the supply portfolio managed by Reliant Energy Services and REES for RERH could differ significantly from those that RERH would experience if it managed all of its electricity supply portfolio directly with third parties.

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RERH reimburses Reliant Energy Services and REES for the ultimate price of any electricity sold from Reliant Energy Services/REES to RERH, including costs of derivative instruments, upon final delivery of that electricity. RERH does not account for the unrealized value associated with the derivative instruments executed by Reliant Energy Services/REES with third parties because the contracts are executed by Reliant Energy Services/REES.

Purchased power from REES was \$4.6 billion during 2005. This amount was recorded as purchased power affiliates.

Income Taxes. During 2005, Reliant Energy made equity contributions to RERH for deemed distributions related to federal income taxes of \$133 million. See note 7.

(4) Derivatives and Hedging Activities

RERH, through REES and Reliant Energy Services, historically used derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints and to execute its supply procurement strategy. The instruments used were fixed-price derivative contracts to hedge the variability in future cash flows from forecasted sales of power and purchases of power. RERH's objective in entering into these fixed-price derivatives was to fix the price for a portion of these transactions. See note 2(d).

As a result of RERH transferring its interest in REES effective January 2005, RERH did not have any cash flow hedges or other derivatives during 2005.

(5) Receivables Facility

RERH has a receivables facility arrangement to sell an undivided interest in accounts receivable from its business to financial institutions on an ongoing basis. RERH amended this arrangement in September 2005 to extend its maturity until September 2006, reduce the fees it is charged, increase the proportion of receivables against which it can borrow and increase the maximum capacity available from \$350 million to \$450 million.

The assets of the special purpose subsidiary that purchases the receivables and then resells receivables under the facility are available first and foremost to satisfy the claims of its creditors. The special purpose subsidiary is a separate entity.

Prior to September 28, 2004, these transactions were accounted for as sales of receivables; as a result, the related receivables and debt were excluded from the consolidated balance sheet. Effective with the September 28, 2004 amendment to this facility, the qualified special purpose entity (QSPE) ceased to be a QSPE and RERH began consolidating its results of operations and the proceeds from receivables sold to the financial institutions were treated as a financing. As a result, accounts receivable and short-term borrowings of \$350 million were included in the consolidated balance sheet as of the amendment date. The borrowings under the facility bear interest at floating rates that include fees based on the facility's level of commitment and utilization. RERH services the receivables and received a fee of 0.4% of cash collected during 2005, which approximates the actual service costs. Reliant Energy also guarantees the performance obligations of the originators of the receivables and the servicing of the receivables.

(6) Benefit Plans

(a) Stock-Based Incentive Plans.

Overview. RERH's eligible employees participate in stock-based incentive plans described below. The Compensation Committee of Reliant Energy's Board of Directors administers Reliant Energy's stock-based incentive plans. The Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 2002 LTIP) and the Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Stock Plan (the 2002 Stock Plan) permit Reliant Energy to grant various stock-based

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incentive awards to officers, key employees and directors. Awards include stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance awards, cash awards and stock awards.

Prior to the adoption of the plans, participants received awards under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of Reliant Energy, Inc. (the 2001 LTIP) or the Reliant Energy, Inc. Transition Stock Plan (collectively the previous plans). Awards under the previous plans are no longer permitted.

RERH applies the intrinsic value method of accounting for employee stock-based incentive plans. Awards to RERH employees under Reliant Energy's stock-based incentive plans resulted in expense of \$0 during 2005. See note 2(j) for pro forma information.

Time-Based Stock Options. Reliant Energy grants time-based stock options to RERH's employees at an exercise price equal to or greater than the fair market value of Reliant Energy's stock on the grant date without cost to participants. Generally, options vest 33.33% per year and have a term of ten years.

Summarized time-based option activity is:

| | 2005 | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| | Options | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| Granted | | \$ |
| Outstanding at end of year | 1,351,042 | 16.95 |
| Exercisable at end of year | 1,250,823 | 18.03 |

Time-Based Restricted Stock Awards. Reliant Energy grants time-based restricted stock awards to RERH's employees without cost to participants. In general, these awards vest, subject to the participant's continued employment, three years from the grant date.

Summarized restricted stock award activity is:

| | 2005 |
|--|-------------|
| Granted | 80,235 |
| Outstanding at end of year | 334,904 |
| Weighted average grant date fair value | \$ 12.63 |

Performance-Based Awards. Reliant Energy grants performance-based awards to RERH's employees without cost to participants. The number of performance-based awards earned is determined at the end of each performance period.

Reliant Energy's Compensation Committee granted the 2004-2006 performance-based awards through the Key Employee Award Program (the Program) established under the 2002 LTIP. Under the Program, each performance-based award represents a targeted award of (a) 16,000 shares of performance-based stock, (b) 68,000 performance-based stock options and (c) 16,000 cash units with each cash unit having an equivalent fair market value of one share of Reliant Energy's common stock on the vesting date. The Program provides for a payout ranging from 0% to 140% of the targeted award level, as determined by Reliant Energy's Compensation Committee in its sole discretion after considering various qualitative and quantitative performance criteria. These criteria include (a) reducing Reliant Energy's ratio of adjusted net debt to adjusted EBITDA to at least 3.5, (b) delivering superior customer value and (c) building a great company to work for, taking into consideration market conditions for each factor. EBITDA is defined as earnings (loss) before interest expense, interest income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expense. Reliant Energy's Compensation Committee has the discretion to weight the various performance objectives as it deems appropriate.

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Summarized performance-based stock award activity, including the Program and previous programs and assuming a 140% payout of the Program, is:

| | 2005 |
|--|-------------|
| Granted | |
| Outstanding at end of year | 179,200 |
| Weighted average grant date fair value | N/A |

Summarized performance-based option activity of the Program, assuming a 140% payout, is:

| | Options | 2005 Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Granted | | \$ |
| Outstanding at end of year | 761,600 | 8.34 |
| Exercisable at end of year | | |

Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Reliant Energy had 18 million shares of authorized common stock reserved and approved for issuance under the Reliant Energy, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) as of December 31, 2005. Under the ESPP, substantially all regular RERH employees can purchase Reliant Energy common stock through payroll deductions of up to 15% of eligible compensation. The ESPP provides for semiannual offering periods commencing on January 1 and July 1 of each year. The share price paid by an employee equals the lesser of 85% of the average market price on the first or last business day of each offering period. Individual ESPP participants are restricted from purchasing more than \$25,000 of common stock in a calendar year.

During January 2006 and during 2005, Reliant Energy issued 72,809 shares and 201,049 shares to RERH's employees under the ESPP, respectively.

(b) Savings Plan.

RERH's employees participate in Reliant Energy's employee savings plans under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the plans, participating employees may contribute a portion of their compensation generally up to a maximum of 50% pre-tax and 16% after-tax during 2005. RERH's savings plan benefit expense, including matching and discretionary contributions, was \$5 million during 2005.

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RERH's income tax expense (benefit) is:

| | 2005 (in millions) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Current: | |
| Federal | \$ 137 |
| State | 18 |
| Total current | 155 |
| Deferred: | |
| Federal | (10) |
| State | 4 |
| Total deferred | (6) |
| Income tax expense | \$ 149 |

A reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is:

| | 2005 (in millions) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Income before income taxes | \$ 382 |
| Federal statutory rate | 35% |
| Income tax expense at statutory rate | 134 |
| Net addition (reduction) in taxes resulting from: | |
| State income taxes, net of federal income taxes | 14 |
| Other, net | 1 |
| Total | 15 |
| Income tax expense | \$ 149 |
| Effective rate | 39% |

Tax Contingencies. Reliant Energy's income tax returns, including years when it was included in CenterPoint's consolidated tax group, for the 1997 to 2004 tax reporting periods are under audit by federal and state taxing authorities. These audits may result in additional taxes or revisions of the timing of tax payments. As RERH is a part of the consolidated income tax returns of Reliant Energy, it could be subject to additional taxes. RERH evaluates the need for contingent tax liabilities on a quarterly basis and records any estimable and probable tax exposures in its results of operations. In addition, RERH discloses any material tax contingencies as to which it believes there is a reasonable possibility of a future tax assessment.

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Cash Obligations Under Operating Leases. RERH's projected cash obligations under non-cancelable long-term operating leases as of December 31, 2005 are (in millions):

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 2006 | \$ 4 |
| 2007 | 3 |
| 2008 | 2 |
| 2009 | 2 |
| 2010 | 2 |
| 2011 and thereafter | |
| Total | \$ 13 |

Operating Lease Expense. Total lease expense for all operating leases was \$9 million during 2005.

(b) Guarantees.

Guarantor. Together with certain of Reliant Energy's other subsidiaries, RERH, excluding RE Retail Receivables, LLC, is a guarantor of certain obligations under credit and debt agreements of Reliant Energy. As of December 31, 2005, RERH's maximum potential amount of future payments under these guarantees is approximately \$4.9 billion and \$3.6 billion is outstanding for continuing operations. These obligations mature at various dates from 2009 through 2036.

Equity Pledged as Collateral to Reliant Energy. RERH LLC's equity is pledged as collateral under certain of Reliant Energy's credit and debt agreements, which have an outstanding balance from continuing operations of \$3.6 billion as of December 31, 2005.

Other. RERH enters into contracts that include indemnification and guarantee provisions. In general, RERH enters into contracts with indemnities for matters such as breaches of representations and warranties and covenants contained in the contract and/or against certain specified liabilities. Examples of these contracts include asset sales agreements, retail supply agreements, service agreements and procurement agreements.

RERH is unable to estimate its maximum potential exposure under these provisions until an event triggering payment under these provisions occurs. Based on current information, RERH considers the likelihood of making any material payments under these provisions to be remote.

(c) Other Commitments.

Sales Commitments. As of December 31, 2005, RERH has sales commitments, including electric energy and capacity sales contracts, which are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities. The estimated minimum sales commitments under these contracts are as follows (in millions):

| | |
|-------|----------|
| 2006 | \$ 2,043 |
| 2007 | 924 |
| 2008 | 416 |
| 2009 | 144 |
| 2010 | 73 |
| Total | \$ 3,600 |

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(9) Contingencies

Legal Matters.

RERH is party to a number of legal and other proceedings before courts and governmental agencies. Unless otherwise noted, RERH cannot predict the outcome of these proceedings.

Texas Commercial Energy. In July 2003, Texas Commercial Energy, LLP (TCE) sued RERH and several other ERCOT power market participants in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. TCE claimed damages in excess of \$535 million for alleged violations of state and federal antitrust laws, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract and civil conspiracy. The trial court dismissed the lawsuit. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the lawsuit and denied TCE's request for a rehearing. In January 2006, the United States Supreme Court denied a petition to review the dismissal of the lawsuit.

Utility Choice Electric. In February 2005, Utility Choice Electric filed a lawsuit that alleges similar claims to the TCE lawsuit and additional claims including, among others, wire fraud, mail fraud and violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. In December 2005, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas granted RERH's motion to dismiss all federal claims. The court also dismissed without prejudice the state law claims. Following the dismissal, RERH reached an agreement to settle the remaining state law claims for an immaterial amount.

PUCT Cases. There are various proceedings pending before the state district court in Travis County, Texas, seeking reviews of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) orders relating to the fuel factor component used in RERH's price-to-beat tariff. These proceedings pertain to the same issues affirmed by a district court in Travis County and later by the Travis County Court of Appeals in 2004 in a separate proceeding.

(10) Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and payable and derivative assets and liabilities and third-party debt equal their carrying amounts.

(11) Sales of Landfill-Gas Fueled Power Plants

RERH sold Renewables, which owned landfill-gas fueled power plants, for \$28 million in July 2005 and recognized a loss of \$4 million.

(12) Subsequent Event (Unaudited)

In connection with a credit-enhanced retail structure, effective December 1, 2006, RERH was contributed to RERH Holdings, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy, Inc. that was formed in July 2006) by Reliant Energy, Inc. However, there is no impact to the consolidated financial statements for RERH for 2005 due to this transfer of entities under common control.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors

Reliant Energy Northeast Generation, Inc., Sole Member of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries (the Company), as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, member's equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in notes 8 and 7 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its accounting for income tax uncertainties in 2007 and defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans in 2006, respectively.

KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas
February 25, 2008

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Reliant Energy Northeast Generation, Inc., Sole Member of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, member's equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Houston, Texas
March 14, 2006

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | | |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Revenues | \$ (10,235) | \$ 26,107 | \$ 42,906 |
| Revenues affiliates | 696,856 | 539,701 | 587,336 |
| Total | 686,621 | 565,808 | 630,242 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Cost of sales | 244,695 | 239,686 | 230,391 |
| Cost of sales affiliates | 9,930 | 15,329 | 20,465 |
| Operation and maintenance | 104,600 | 91,915 | 72,712 |
| Operation and maintenance affiliates | 57,831 | 48,155 | 45,997 |
| Facilities leases | 59,848 | 59,848 | 59,848 |
| General and administrative affiliates | 44,029 | 43,017 | 44,956 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | (1,969) | (71,323) | (109,798) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 88,449 | 71,315 | 83,544 |
| Total operating expense | 607,413 | 497,942 | 448,115 |
| Operating Income | 79,208 | 67,866 | 182,127 |
| Other Income (Expense): | | | |
| Other, net | | 1 | 53 |
| Interest expense | (1,230) | (1,095) | (1,418) |
| Interest expense affiliates | (70,485) | (68,921) | (64,746) |
| Interest income | 837 | 655 | 939 |
| Total other expense | (70,878) | (69,360) | (65,172) |
| Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes | 8,330 | (1,494) | 116,955 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 5,262 | (9,842) | 14,579 |
| Income Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change | 3,068 | 8,348 | 102,376 |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | (225) |
| Net Income | \$ 3,068 | \$ 8,348 | \$ 102,151 |

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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| | December 31, | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (thousands of dollars) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 28,536 | \$ 17,274 |
| Restricted cash | 1,663 | |
| Accounts receivable | 4,875 | 4,595 |
| Receivables from affiliates, net | 59,180 | 11,466 |
| Inventory | 81,382 | 80,689 |
| Prepaid lease | 59,030 | 59,030 |
| Derivative assets | 12,374 | 1,744 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 11,319 | 9,751 |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 7,227 | 7,558 |
| Total current assets | 265,586 | 192,107 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | 681,675 | 679,319 |
| Other Assets: | | |
| Goodwill, net | 3,635 | 3,635 |
| Other intangibles, net | 98,732 | 105,642 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 48,968 | 68,378 |
| Prepaid lease | 270,133 | 264,328 |
| Other | 43,646 | 41,098 |
| Total other assets | 465,114 | 483,081 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,412,375 | \$ 1,354,507 |

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER S EQUITY

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 89 | \$ 83 |
| Accounts payable, principally trade | 28,543 | 16,142 |
| Subordinated accounts payable to affiliates, net | 193,897 | 160,308 |
| Subordinated interest payable to affiliates, net | 29,800 | 63,587 |
| Derivative liabilities | 37,614 | 22,695 |
| Other | 18,389 | 17,168 |
| Total current liabilities | 308,332 | 279,983 |
| Other Liabilities: | | |

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Derivative liabilities | 123,794 | 117,269 |
| Benefit obligations | 39,289 | 42,021 |
| Other | 19,597 | 18,459 |
| Total other liabilities | 182,680 | 177,749 |
| Subordinated Note Payable to Affiliate | 618,658 | 618,658 |
| Long-term Debt | 642 | 731 |
| Commitments and Contingencies Member s Equity: | | |
| Common stock; no par value (1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding) | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | 284,672 | 284,672 |
| Retained earnings | 82,455 | 79,387 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (65,064) | (86,673) |
| Total member s equity | 302,063 | 277,386 |
| Total Liabilities and Member s Equity | \$ 1,412,375 | \$ 1,354,507 |

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------------------------|----------|------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 3,068 | \$ 8,348 | \$ 102,151 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes | | | 225 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 88,449 | 71,315 | 83,544 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,341 | (14,112) | 2,385 |
| Non-cash federal income tax contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | | 3,826 |
| Net changes in energy derivatives | 35,711 | (5,422) | 5,885 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net | (1,969) | (71,323) | (109,798) |
| Other, net | (27) | (59) | (493) |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (280) | (140) | 1,321 |
| Accounts receivable from affiliates, net | (47,624) | 24,823 | 13,820 |
| Inventory | (693) | 291 | (9,216) |
| Prepaid lease | (5,805) | (4,916) | (15,949) |
| Accounts payable | 3,976 | 272 | (857) |
| Other current assets | 246 | 1,602 | (8,536) |
| Other current liabilities | 199 | 4,328 | (1,773) |
| Other assets | 337 | (9,925) | (1,218) |
| Subordinated accounts payable to affiliates, net | 42,531 | 30,393 | (21,700) |
| Subordinated interest payable to affiliates, net | (33,787) | (41,172) | (186,822) |
| Income taxes payable/receivable | 698 | (17,051) | 17,279 |
| Other liabilities | 3,029 | (1,737) | 9,160 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 92,400 | (24,485) | (116,766) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (33,172) | (14,360) | (7,785) |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | 124 | 1,238 | 42,560 |
| Proceeds from sales of emission allowances | 628 | 1,141 | 8,519 |
| Proceeds from sales of emission allowances affiliates | 3,744 | 73,140 | 99,903 |
| Purchases of emission allowances affiliates | (50,799) | (50,467) | (34,834) |
| Restricted cash | (1,663) | | 28,652 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (81,138) | 10,692 | 137,015 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | | |
| Payments of long-term debt | | | (28,211) |

| | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|------------|
| Net cash used in financing activities | | | (28,211) |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 11,262 | (13,793) | (7,962) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 17,274 | 31,067 | 39,029 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 28,536 | \$ 17,274 | \$ 31,067 |
| Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information: | | | |
| Cash Payments: | | | |
| Interest paid to affiliate (net of amounts capitalized) | \$ 91,884 | \$ 107,364 | \$ 244,976 |
| Interest paid to third parties | 286 | 1,338 | 1,539 |
| Income taxes paid (net of income tax refunds received) | 221 | 21,322 | (1,739) |
| Non-cash Disclosure: | | | |
| Contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | 33,152 | 17,826 |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF MEMBER S EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

| | Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings (Deficit) | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | | | Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total Member s Equity | Comp |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------|------|
| | | | | Deferred Derivative Gains (Losses) | Benefits Actuarial Net Gain (Loss) | Benefits Net Prior Service Costs | | | |
| | Shares | Amount | | | | | | | |
| December 31, | 1,000 | 233,694 | (31,112) 102,151 | (55,583) | | | (55,583) | 146,999 102,151 | \$ |
| ons from nergy, Inc., net oss from cash es, net of tax lion | | 17,826 | | | | | | 17,826 | |
| ication of net oss from cash es, net of tax lion | | | | (128,132) | | | (128,132) | (128,132) | |
| nsive income | | | | 52,836 | | | 52,836 | 52,836 | \$ |
| December 31, | 1,000 | \$ 251,520 | \$ 71,039 8,348 | \$ (130,879) | \$ | \$ | \$ (130,879) | \$ 191,680 8,348 | \$ |
| ons from nergy, Inc., net oss from cash es, net of tax lion | | 33,152 | | | | | | 33,152 | |
| ication of net oss from cash es, net of tax lion | | | | 18,061 | | | 18,061 | 18,061 | |
| nsive income | | | | 31,743 | | | 31,743 | 31,743 | \$ |
| nt to initially SB Statement | | | | | (2,861) | (2,737) | (5,598) | (5,598) | |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|----|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----|
| et of tax of and | | | | | | | | | | |
| December 31, | 1,000 | \$ | \$ 284,672 | \$ 79,387 | \$ (81,075) | \$ (2,861) | \$ (2,737) | \$ (86,673) | \$ 277,386 | |
| e | | | | 3,068 | | | | | 3,068 | \$ |
| gain from cash | | | | | | | | | | |
| es, net of tax | | | | | | | | | | |
| on | | | | | 2,929 | | | 2,929 | 2,929 | |
| ication of net | | | | | | | | | | |
| oss from cash | | | | | | | | | | |
| es, net of tax | | | | | | | | | | |
| on | | | | | 12,802 | | | 12,802 | 12,802 | |
| ication of net | | | | | | | | | | |
| ce costs into | | | | | | | | | | |
| et of tax of \$0 | | | | | | | 593 | 593 | 593 | |
| ication of | | | | | | | | | | |
| et loss into | | | | | | | | | | |
| et of tax of \$0 | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | |
| enefits, net of | | | | | | | | | | |
| million and | | | | | | 2,851 | 2,394 | 5,245 | 5,245 | |
| nsive income | | | | | | | | | | \$ |
| December 31, | 1,000 | \$ | \$ 284,672 | \$ 82,455 | \$ (65,344) | \$ 30 | \$ 250 | \$ (65,064) | \$ 302,063 | |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Background and Basis of Presentation

Background. REMA LLC refers to Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. REMA refers to REMA LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries. Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. REMA LLC was formed in December 1998 and is an indirect subsidiary of Reliant Energy Power Generation, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliant Energy.

REMA owns or leases interests in 16 operating electric generation plants in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland with an annual average net generating capacity of approximately 3,644 megawatts (MW).

Basis of Presentation. These consolidated statements include all revenues and costs directly attributable to REMA including costs for facilities and costs for functions and services performed by Reliant Energy and charged to REMA. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Use of Estimates and Market Risk and Uncertainties.

Management makes estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that affect:

the reported amount of assets, liabilities and equity,

the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and

disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements.

REMA's critical accounting estimates include: (a) fair value of property, plant and equipment and derivative assets and liabilities and (b) deferred tax assets, valuation allowances and tax liabilities. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

REMA is subject to various risks inherent in doing business. See notes 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(g), 2(h), 2(m), 2(n), 2(o), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

(b) Principles of Consolidation.

REMA LLC includes its accounts and those of its wholly-owned subsidiaries in its consolidated financial statements. REMA does not consolidate three power generating facilities (see note 9(a)), which are under operating leases.

(c) Power Generation and Capacity Revenues.

REMA records gross revenues from the sale of electricity and other energy services under the accrual method. Electric power and other energy services are sold at market-based prices through existing power exchanges, related party affiliates or third party contracts. Energy sales and services that have been delivered but not billed by period-end are estimated. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, REMA recognized \$(46) million, \$4 million and \$5 million in unrealized

gains (losses) on energy derivatives included in revenues from third parties. See notes 2(d) and 5.

(d) Derivatives and Hedging Activities.

REMA accounts for its derivatives instruments and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended (SFAS No. 133).

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For REMA's risk management activities, it uses both derivative and non-derivative contracts that provide for settlement in cash or by delivery of a commodity. The primary types of derivative instruments REMA uses are forwards, futures, swaps and options. REMA accounts for its derivatives under one of three accounting methods (mark-to-market, accrual (under the normal purchase/normal sale exception to fair value) or cash flow hedge accounting) based on facts and circumstances. The fair values of derivative activities are determined by (a) prices actively quoted, (b) prices provided by other external sources or (c) prices based on models and other valuation methods.

A derivative is recognized at fair value in the balance sheet whether or not it is designated as a hedge, except for derivative contracts designated as normal purchase/normal sale exceptions, which are not in the consolidated balance sheet or results of operations prior to settlement resulting in accrual accounting treatment.

If certain conditions are met, a derivative instrument may be designated as a cash flow hedge. Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges must have a high correlation between price movements in the derivative and the hedged item. The changes in fair value of cash flow hedges are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, to the extent the contracts are, or have been, effective as hedges, until the forecasted transactions affect earnings. At the time the forecasted transactions affect earnings, REMA reclassifies the amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings. REMA records the ineffective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges immediately into earnings. For all other derivatives, changes in fair value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses in its results of operations.

If and when an acceptable level of correlation no longer exists, hedge accounting ceases and changes in fair value are recognized in its results of operations. If it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur, REMA immediately recognizes the related deferred gains or losses in its results of operations. The associated hedging instrument is then marked to market through its results of operations for the remainder of the contract term unless a new hedging relationship is redesignated.

Realized gains and losses on derivatives contracts not held for trading purposes are reported either on a net or gross basis based on the relevant facts and circumstances. Hedging transactions that do not physically flow are included in the same caption as the items being hedged. A summary of REMA's derivative activities and classification in its results of operations is:

| Instrument | Purpose for Holding or Issuing Instrument⁽¹⁾ | Transactions that Physically Flow/Settle | Transactions that Financially Settle⁽²⁾ |
|--|--|---|---|
| Power futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Power sales Power purchases | Revenues Cost of sales | Revenues Revenues |
| Natural gas and fuel futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Natural gas and fuel purchases | Cost of sales | Cost of sales |

(1) The purpose for holding or issuing is not impacted by the accounting method elected for each instrument.

- (2) Includes classification for mark-to-market derivatives and amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to cash flow hedges.

In addition to market risk, REMA is exposed to credit and operational risk. Reliant Energy has a risk control framework, to which REMA is subject, to manage these risks, which include: (a) measuring and monitoring these risks, (b) review and approval of new transactions relative to these risks, (c) transaction validation and (d) portfolio valuation and reporting. REMA uses mark-to-market valuation, value-at-risk and other metrics in monitoring and measuring risk. Reliant Energy's risk control framework includes a variety of separate but complementary processes, which involve commercial and senior management and Reliant Energy's Board of Directors. See note 2(e) for further discussion of REMA's credit policy.

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Effective September 1, 2006, REMA de-designated certain cash flow hedges of coal contracts and either began utilizing the mark-to-market method of accounting or elected the normal purchase/normal sale exception. During the first quarter of 2007, REMA de-designated its remaining cash flow hedges; therefore, REMA has no outstanding cash flow hedges as of December 31, 2007.

Set-off of Derivative Assets and Liabilities. Where derivative instruments are subject to a master netting agreement and the accounting criteria to offset are met, REMA presents its derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis. Derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable are presented and set-off separately in the consolidated balance sheets although in most cases contracts permit the set-off of derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable with a given counterparty. However, REMA does not offset collateral (net margin deposits) related to these derivatives.

New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted Offsetting of Amounts. The FASB issued FSP FIN 39-1, an amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 (FIN 39), which was applicable for REMA beginning January 1, 2008. This interpretation allows either (a) offsetting assets and liabilities for derivative instruments under a common master netting arrangement only if the fair value amounts recognized for any related cash collateral are also offset or (b) presenting these amounts gross.

Effective January 1, 2008, REMA plans to discontinue netting its derivative assets and liabilities and present them on a gross basis. Cash collateral amounts will remain presented on a gross basis. This change will significantly increase REMA's derivative assets and liabilities retrospectively for all financial statements presented.

Effective January 1, 2008, REMA plans to discontinue netting its derivative assets and liabilities and present its derivative assets and liabilities on a gross basis. Cash collateral amounts will remain presented on a gross basis.

(e) Credit Risk.

REMA has a credit policy that governs the management of credit risk, including the establishment of counterparty credit limits and specific transaction approvals. Credit risk is monitored daily and the financial condition of counterparties is reviewed periodically. REMA tries to mitigate credit risk by entering into contracts that permit netting and allow it to terminate upon the occurrence of certain events of default. REMA measures credit risk as the replacement cost for its derivative positions plus amounts owed for settled transactions.

REMA's credit exposure is based on its derivative assets and accounts receivable from counterparties, after taking into consideration netting within each contract and any master netting contracts with counterparties. REMA provides reserves for non-investment grade counterparties representing a significant portion of its credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007, one non-investment grade counterparty represented 100% (\$10 million) of REMA's credit exposure. As of December 31, 2006, REMA's credit exposure to any individual counterparty was not significant.

(f) General and Administrative Expenses Affiliates.

General and administrative expenses from affiliates include, among other items, (a) selling and marketing, (b) bad debt expense, (c) financial services, (d) legal costs, (e) regulatory costs and (f) certain benefit costs. See note 3.

(g) *Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation Expense.*

REMA computes depreciation using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense was \$33 million, \$32 million and \$33 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

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| | Estimated Useful Lives (Years) | December 31, 2007 2006 (in millions) | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--------|
| Electric generation facilities | 20 - 30 | \$ 834 | \$ 823 |
| Other | 3 - 26 | 11 | 11 |
| Land | | 26 | 26 |
| Assets under construction | | 38 | 15 |
| Total | | 909 | 875 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | (227) | (196) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | | \$ 682 | \$ 679 |

REMA periodically evaluates property, plant and equipment for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The evaluation is highly dependent on the underlying assumptions of related cash flows. REMA recorded no material property, plant and equipment impairments during 2007, 2006 and 2005.

In the future, REMA could recognize impairments if its wholesale energy market outlook changes negatively. In addition, REMA's ongoing evaluation of its business could result in decisions to mothball, retire or dispose of additional generation assets, any of which could result in impairment charges.

(h) Intangible Assets and Amortization Expense.

Goodwill. REMA performs its goodwill impairment test annually on April 1 and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Other Intangibles. REMA recognizes specifically identifiable intangible assets, including emission allowances, when specific rights and contracts are acquired. REMA has no intangible assets with indefinite lives recorded as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

(i) Income Taxes.

Federal. REMA is included in the consolidated federal income tax returns of Reliant Energy and calculates its income tax provision on a separate return basis, whereby Reliant Energy pays all federal income taxes on REMA's behalf and is entitled to any related tax savings. The difference between REMA's current federal income tax expense or benefit, as calculated on a separate return basis, and related amounts paid to/received from Reliant Energy, if any, were recorded in REMA's financial statements as adjustments to additional paid-in capital. Reliant Energy changed its funding policy in late December 2006 and these differences are recorded to (a) income taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. if REMA has cumulative taxable income on a separate return basis or (b) deferred tax assets if REMA

has cumulative taxable losses on a separate return basis. Deferred federal income taxes reflected on REMA's consolidated balance sheet will ultimately be settled with Reliant Energy. See notes 3 and 8.

State. REMA is included in the consolidated state income tax returns of Reliant Energy. It calculates its state provision, related payables or receivables and deferred state income taxes on a separate return basis and settles the related assets and liabilities with the governmental entity or Reliant Energy based on the tax status of the applicable entities. See note 8.

(j) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

REMA records all highly liquid short-term investments with maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

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Restricted cash includes cash at certain subsidiaries, the distribution or transfer of which is restricted by financing and other agreements.

(l) Inventory.

REMA values fuel inventories at the lower of average cost or market. REMA removes these inventories as they are used in the production of electricity. REMA values materials and supplies at average cost. REMA removes these inventories when they are used for repairs, maintenance or capital projects.

| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Materials and supplies, including spare parts | \$ 48 | \$ 47 |
| Coal | 15 | 17 |
| Heating oil | 18 | 17 |
| Total inventory | \$ 81 | \$ 81 |

(m) Environmental Costs.

REMA expenses environmental expenditures related to existing conditions that do not have future economic benefit. REMA capitalizes environmental expenditures for which there is a future economic benefit. REMA records liabilities for expected future costs, on an undiscounted basis, related to environmental assessments and/or remediation when they are probable and can be reasonably estimated. See note 10.

(n) Asset Retirement Obligations.

REMA's asset retirement obligations relate to future costs primarily associated with ash disposal site closures. REMA's asset retirement obligations were \$7 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA has \$14 million and \$12 million, respectively, (classified in other long-term assets) on deposit with the state of Pennsylvania to guarantee its obligation related to future closures of ash disposal sites. See note 10.

During 2005, REMA adopted an accounting interpretation relating to asset retirement obligations. This interpretation clarifies that an asset retirement obligation is unconditional even though uncertainty exists about the timing and/or method of settlement and requires that a liability be recognized if it can be reasonably estimated. Based on this, REMA (a) recorded a cumulative effect of an accounting change, net of tax, of \$225,000, (b) increased other long-term liabilities by \$447,000, (c) increased property, plant and equipment by \$77,000 and (d) decreased deferred income tax liabilities by \$145,000.

(o) Repair and Maintenance Costs for Power Generation Assets.

REMA recognizes repair and maintenance costs as incurred.

(p) Deferred Lease Costs.

REMA incurred costs in connection with its sale-leaseback transactions in 2000 (see note 9(a)). These costs are deferred and amortized, using the straight-line method, over the life of the individual sale-leaseback transactions. REMA amortized \$1 million to facilities lease expense during 2007, 2006 and 2005. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA had \$18 million and \$19 million, respectively, of net deferred lease costs classified in other long-term assets in its consolidated balance sheets.

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The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, (SFAS No. 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is to be applied prospectively, except for aspects that do not apply to REMA. REMA adopted SFAS No. 157 on January 1, 2008. In connection with the adoption, (a) no cumulative effect of an account change will be recognized and (b) REMA expects to decrease its derivative liabilities and increase its income from continuing operations before income taxes relating to discounting these liabilities using its own credit ratings. For non-financial assets and liabilities, the adoption of SFAS No. 157 has been deferred until January 1, 2009.

(3) Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include the impact of significant transactions between REMA and Reliant Energy. The majority of these transactions involve the purchase or sale of energy, capacity, fuel, emission allowances or related services (including transportation, transmission and storage services) from or to REMA and allocations of costs to REMA for support services.

Support Services. Reliant Energy provides commercial support, technical services and other corporate services to REMA. Reliant Energy allocates certain support services costs to REMA based on REMA's underlying planned operating expenses relative to the underlying planned operating expenses of other entities to which Reliant Energy provides similar services and also charges REMA for certain other services based on usage. Management believes this method of allocation is reasonable. These allocations and charges were not necessarily indicative of what would have been incurred had REMA been an unaffiliated entity. Payments to Reliant Energy for services under the support services agreement are subordinated to certain obligations, including the lease obligations, pursuant to the lease documents.

The following details the amounts recorded as operation and maintenance affiliates and general and administrative affiliates:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---------------|-------|-------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Allocated or charged by Reliant Energy | \$ 96 | \$ 86 | \$ 86 |

Procurement and Marketing. REMA has sales to and purchases from Reliant Energy related to commodity procurement and marketing services.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Sales to Reliant Energy under various commodity agreements ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 697 | \$ 540 | \$ 587 |
| Purchase from Reliant Energy under various commodity agreements ⁽²⁾ | 8 | 13 | 18 |

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| | | | |
|--|---|----|-----|
| Fees charged by Reliant Energy for these services and included in operation and maintenance affiliates | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Fees charged by Reliant Energy for these services and included in cost of sales affiliates | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Sales of emission allowances to Reliant Energy ⁽³⁾ | 4 | 73 | 100 |
| Gains on emission allowances sales to Reliant Energy ⁽⁴⁾ | 1 | 70 | 92 |

(1) Recorded in revenues affiliates.

(2) Recorded in cost of sales affiliates.

(3) Reflects price at which Reliant Energy sold the emission allowances to third parties.

(4) Recorded in gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net.

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Subordinated Long-term Note Payable to Affiliate. REMA has a note payable to Reliant Energy. The note is due January 1, 2029 and accrues interest at a fixed rate of 9.4% per year. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA classified the related accrued interest as a current liability since REMA intends to pay the entire amount within the next 12 months from the respective dates. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA had \$619 million outstanding under the note. Payments under this indebtedness are subordinated to certain obligations, including the lease obligations, pursuant to the lease documents.

Working Capital Note. REMA has a revolving note payable to Reliant Energy under which REMA may borrow, and Reliant Energy is committed to lend, up to \$30 million for working capital needs. Borrowings under the note will be unsecured and will rank equal in priority with REMA's lease obligations. REMA may replace this note with a working capital facility from an unaffiliated lender if then permitted under Reliant Energy's debt agreements. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, there were no borrowings outstanding under the note.

Subordinated Working Capital Facility. REMA has an irrevocably committed subordinated working capital facility with Reliant Energy. REMA may borrow under this facility to pay operating expenditures, senior indebtedness and rent, but excluding capital expenditures and subordinated obligations. In addition, Reliant Energy must make advances to REMA and REMA must obtain such advances under such facility up to the maximum available commitment under such facility from time to time if REMA's pro forma fixed charge coverage ratio does not equal or exceed 1.1 to 1.0, measured at the time rent under the leases is due. Subject to the maximum available commitment, drawings will be made in amounts necessary to permit REMA to achieve a pro forma fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.1 to 1.0. The amount available under the subordinated working capital facility was \$120 million through January 1, 2007. Thereafter, the available amount decreased by \$24 million on January 2, 2007 and decreases by \$24 million each subsequent year through its expiration in 2011. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility.

Letters of Credit. Reliant Energy has posted letters of credit on behalf of REMA related to its lease obligations. See notes 6 and 9(a).

Income Taxes. See discussion in note 2(i) regarding REMA's policy with regards to income taxes.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|---------------|-------|-------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Non-cash federal income tax contributions from (distributions to) Reliant Energy, Inc., net | \$ | \$ 33 | \$ 18 |

(4) Intangible Assets**(a) Goodwill.**

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA had no goodwill that is deductible for United States income tax purposes in future periods.

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| | Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period (Years) | December 31, | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 2007 Carrying Amount | 2007 Accumulated Amortization | 2006 Carrying Amount | 2006 Accumulated Amortization |
| | | (in millions) | | | |
| SO ₂ emission allowances ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | (1) | \$ 252 | \$ (187) | \$ 204 | \$ (138) |
| NO _x emission allowances ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | (1) | 90 | (56) | 89 | (49) |
| Total | | \$ 342 | \$ (243) | \$ 293 | \$ (187) |

(1) SO₂ is sulfur dioxide and NO_x is nitrogen oxides. Amortized to amortization expense on a units-of-production basis. As of December 31, 2007, REMA has recorded (a) SO₂ emission allowances through the 2030 vintage year (most of which relate to 2011 and beyond) and (b) NO_x emission allowances through the 2030 vintage year (most of which relate to 2009 and beyond).

(2) During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we purchased \$48 million, \$29 million and \$35 million, respectively, of SO₂ emission allowances from affiliates.

(3) During 2007, 2006 and 2005, we purchased \$3 million, \$2 million and \$0, respectively, of NO_x emission allowances from affiliates.

Amortization expense consists of:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---------------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Emission allowances | \$ 56 | \$ 39 | \$ 51 |
| Total | \$ 56 | \$ 39 | \$ 51 |

Estimated amortization expense based on REMA's intangibles as of December 31, 2007 for the next five years is (in millions):

2008 \$ (1)

| | |
|------|------------------|
| 2009 | 2 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2010 | 4 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2011 | 5 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2012 | 5 ⁽¹⁾ |

- (1) These amounts do not include estimated amortization expense of emission allowances, which have not been purchased as of December 31, 2007.

(5) Derivatives and Hedging Activities

REMA uses derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints and to increase return on its generation assets. The instruments used are fixed-price derivative contracts to hedge the variability in future cash flows from forecasted sales of power and purchases of fuel and power. REMA's objective in entering into these fixed-price derivatives is to fix the price for a portion of these transactions. See note 2(d).

During 2007, 2006 and 2005, there was \$2 million gain, an insignificant amount and \$1 million gain, respectively, of hedge ineffectiveness recognized from derivatives that were designated and qualified as cash flow hedges. In addition, no component of the derivatives' gain or loss was excluded from the assessment of effectiveness for these periods. If it becomes probable that an anticipated transaction will not occur, REMA realizes in net income (loss) the deferred gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, there were no amounts recognized in the results of operations as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges because it was probable that the forecasted transaction would not occur.

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As of December 31, 2006, the maximum length of time REMA was hedging its exposure to the variability in future cash flows that may result from changes in commodity prices was six years. During the first quarter of 2007, REMA de-designated its remaining cash flow hedges; therefore, REMA has no outstanding cash flow hedges as of December 31, 2007.

Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss:

| | December 31, 2007 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | At the End of the Period | Expected to be Reclassified into Results of Operations in Next 12 Months⁽¹⁾ (in millions) |
| Designated cash flow hedges | \$ | \$ |
| De-designated cash flow hedges | (65) | (17) |
| | \$ (65) | \$ (17) |

(6) Debt

REMA is obligated to provide credit support for its lease obligations (see note 9(a)) in the form of letters of credit and/or cash equal to an amount representing the greater of (a) the next six months scheduled rental payments under the related lease or (b) 50% of the scheduled rental payments due in the next 12 months under the related lease.

Previously, REMA had term loans that were used to partially fulfill REMA's requirement to provide credit support for its obligations under these leases. During 2005, the term loans were paid in full and replacement credit support was provided in the form of letters of credit issued under Reliant Energy's credit facilities. The term loans bore interest at LIBOR plus 3%. The term loans were non-recourse to Reliant Energy. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the amount of credit support was \$33 million and \$32 million, respectively.

See note 3 for debt transactions with affiliates.

(7) Benefit Plans**(a) Pension and Postretirement Benefits.**

Benefit Plans. REMA sponsors a defined benefit pension plan and provides subsidized postretirement benefits to some bargaining employees but generally does not provide them to non-bargaining employees.

Effective December 31, 2006, REMA adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans. This statement requires recognition of the funded status of plans, measured as of year end. REMA already uses the required measurement date. The adoption did not have a material effect on any individual line item of REMA's consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2006. As of December 31, 2007, \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million of net actuarial loss and net prior service costs, respectively, in accumulated other comprehensive loss are expected to be recognized in net periodic benefit cost during the next 12 months.

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The benefit obligations and funded status are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Change in Benefit Obligation | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 25 | \$ 27 | \$ 32 | \$ 39 |
| Transfer to affiliate | | (5) | | (8) |
| Service cost | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Interest cost | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Benefits paid | (1) | | | |
| Actuarial gain | (2) | (1) | (3) | (2) |
| End of year | \$ 26 | \$ 25 | \$ 32 | \$ 32 |
| Change in Plan Assets | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 17 | \$ 18 | \$ | \$ |
| Transfer to affiliate | | (3) | | |
| Employer contributions | 3 | 1 | | |
| Actual investment return | | 1 | | |
| End of year | \$ 20 | \$ 17 | \$ | \$ |
| Funded status | \$ (6) | \$ (8) | \$ (32) | \$ (32) |

Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | December 31, 2007 | December 31, 2006 | December 31, 2007 | December 31, 2006 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Current liabilities | \$ | \$ | \$ (1) | \$ |
| Noncurrent liabilities | (6) | (8) | (31) | (32) |
| Net amount recognized | \$ (6) | \$ (8) | \$ (32) | \$ (32) |

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The accumulated benefit obligation for the pension plan was \$23 million and \$22 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The pension plan has an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets.

Net benefit costs are:

| | | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (in millions) | | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 3 | \$ 3 | \$ 4 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 2 |
| Interest cost | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1) | (1) | (1) | | | |
| Net amortization | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Net benefit cost | \$ 3 | \$ 3 | \$ 4 | \$ 3 | \$ 4 | \$ 7 |

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Assumptions. The significant weighted average assumptions used to determine the benefit obligations are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | December 31, | | December 31, | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Discount rate | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.0% | 3.0% | N/A | N/A |

The significant weighted average assumptions used to determine the net benefit costs are:

| | Pension | | | Postretirement Benefits | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Discount rate | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Expected long-term rate of return on assets | 7.5% | 7.5% | 7.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA developed its expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets based on third party models. These models consider expected inflation, current dividend yields, expected corporate earnings growth and risk premiums based on the expected volatility of each asset category. REMA weights the expected long-term rates of return for each asset category to determine its overall expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets. In addition, REMA reviews peer data and historical returns.

REMA's assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of benefits covered by its postretirement plan are:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year | 8.3% | 9.0% | 9.0% |
| Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to gradually decline (ultimate trend rate) | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% |
| Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate | 2015 | 2015 | 2011 |

Assumed health care cost trend rates can have a significant effect on the amounts reported for REMA's health care plan. A one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects as of December 31, 2007:

| | One-Percentage Point | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Increase | Decrease |
| | (in millions) | |
| Effect on service and interest cost | \$ | \$ |
| Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation | 4 | (3) |

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Plan Assets. REMA's pension weighted average asset allocations and target allocation by asset category are:

| | Percentage of Plan Assets as of December 31, | | Target Allocation 2008 |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | |
| Domestic equity securities | 49% | 50% | 50% |
| International equity securities | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Global equity securities | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Debt securities | 31 | 28 | 30 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

In managing the investments associated with the pension plan, REMA's objective is to exceed, on a net-of-fee basis, the rate of return of a performance benchmark composed of the following indices:

| Asset Class | Index | Weight |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Domestic equity securities | Wilshire 5000 Index | 50% |
| International equity securities | MSCI All Country World Ex-U.S. Index | 10 |
| Global equity securities | MSCI All Country World Index | 10 |
| Debt securities | Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index | 30 |
| | | 100% |

As a secondary measure, REMA compares asset performance to the returns of a universe of comparable funds, where applicable, over a full market cycle. Reliant Energy's Benefits Committee reviews plan asset performance each quarter by comparing the actual quarterly returns of each asset class to its related benchmark. REMA's plan assets have generally performed in accordance with the benchmarks.

Cash Obligations. REMA expects pension cash contributions to approximate \$1 million during 2008. Expected benefit payments for the next ten years, which reflect future service as appropriate, are:

| Pension | Postretirement Benefits |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| (in millions) | |

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| 2008 | \$ | 1 | \$ | 1 |
| 2009 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 2010 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 2011 | | 1 | | 2 |
| 2012 | | 1 | | 2 |
| 2013-2017 | | 10 | | 15 |

(b) Savings Plan.

REMA's employees participate in Reliant Energy's employee savings plans under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. REMA's savings plan benefit expense, including matching and discretionary contributions, was \$3 million, \$2 million and \$2 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

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As of December 31, 2007, approximately 73% of REMA's employees are subject to collective bargaining arrangements. REMA's collective bargaining arrangements expire at various intervals beginning in 2010.

(8) Income Taxes*(a) Summary.*

REMA's income tax expense (benefit) is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Federal | \$ 1 | \$ 4 | \$ 3 |
| State | | | 9 |
| Total current | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Deferred: | | | |
| Federal | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| State | 3 | (21) | (3) |
| Total deferred | 4 | (14) | 3 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 5 | \$ (10) | \$ 15 |

A reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|----------------------|------|
| Federal statutory rate | 35% | (35)% | 35% |
| Additions (reductions) resulting from: | | | |
| State income taxes, net of federal income taxes | 29 | (555) ⁽¹⁾ | 3 |
| Federal valuation allowance | | | (25) |
| Other, net | (1) | (69) | (1) |
| Effective rate | 63% | (659)% | 12% |

- (1) Of this percentage, \$9 million (592%) relates to Pennsylvania state law changes, which effectively decreased REMA's limitations to use net operating losses in that state.

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| | December 31, | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Current: | | |
| Derivative liabilities, net | \$ 10 | \$ 9 |
| Employee benefits | | 1 |
| Total current deferred tax assets | 10 | 10 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Employee benefits | 19 | 16 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards | 59 | 84 |
| Environmental reserves | 6 | 3 |
| Derivative liabilities, net | 50 | 49 |
| Other | 18 | 11 |
| Total non-current deferred tax assets | 152 | 163 |
| Total deferred tax assets | \$ 162 | \$ 173 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Non-current: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 106 | \$ 99 |
| Total non-current deferred tax liabilities | 106 | 99 |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | \$ 106 | \$ 99 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes, net | \$ 56 | \$ 74 |

(b) Tax Attribute Carryovers.

| | December 31, | Statutory | Expiration |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | 2007 | Carryforward | Year(s) |
| | (in millions) | Period | |
| | | (in years) | |
| Net Operating Loss Carryforwards: | | | |
| Federal | \$ 128 | 20 | 2026 through 2027 |

(c) Valuation Allowances.

REMA assesses its future ability to use federal and state net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets using the more-likely-than-not criteria. These assessments include an evaluation of REMA's recent history of earnings and losses, future reversals of temporary differences and identification of other sources of future taxable income, including the identification of tax planning strategies in certain situations.

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REMA's valuation allowances for deferred tax assets are:

| | Federal | State |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| As of January 1, 2005 | \$ 30 | \$ 5 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | (30) | (2) |
| As of December 31, 2005 | | 3 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | | (3) |
| As of December 31, 2006 and 2007 | \$ | \$ |

(d) Adoption of FIN 48 and Tax Uncertainties.

Effective January 1, 2007, REMA adopted Financial Accounting Standards and Board Interpretation No. 48,

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, (FIN 48). This interpretation addresses whether (and when) tax benefits claimed in Reliant Energy's federal and REMA's state tax returns should be recorded in the financial statements. Pursuant to FIN 48, REMA may only recognize the tax benefit for financial reporting purposes from an uncertain tax position when it is more-likely-than-not that, based on the technical merits, the position will be sustained by taxing authorities or courts. The recognized tax benefits are measured as the largest benefit having a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon settlement with a taxing authority. FIN 48 also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosures, transition rules and related matters. REMA classifies accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions in income tax expense/benefit. Adoption of FIN 48 had no impact on REMA's consolidated financial statements.

As of January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, REMA had no amounts accrued for unrecognized tax benefits, interest or penalties. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, REMA recognized \$0 of income tax expense (benefit) due to changes in interest and penalties for federal and state income taxes.

REMA has the following years that remain subject to examination or are currently under audit for its major tax jurisdictions:

| | Subject to Examination | Currently Under Audit |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Federal | 1997 to 2007 | 1997 to 2005 |
| New Jersey | 2004 to 2007 | None |
| Pennsylvania | 2004 to 2007 | None |

REMA, through Reliant Energy, expects to continue discussions with taxing authorities regarding tax positions related to the following, and believe it is reasonably possible some of these matters could be resolved during 2008; however, it cannot estimate the range of changes that might occur:

the timing of tax deductions could be changed as a result of negotiations with respect to depreciation, emission allowances and certain employee benefits.

(9) Commitments

(a) Lease Commitments.

REMA entered into sale-leaseback transactions, under operating leases that are non-recourse to Reliant Energy. REMA leases 16.45% and 16.67% interests in the Conemaugh and Keystone facilities, respectively. The leases expire in 2034 and REMA expects to make payments through 2029. REMA also leases a 100% interest in the Shawville facility. This lease expires in 2026 and REMA expects to make payments through

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that date. At the expiration of these leases, there are several renewal options related to fair market value. REMA LLC's subsidiaries guarantee the lease obligations and REMA LLC has pledged the equity interests in these subsidiaries as collateral. Reliant Energy also provides credit support for these lease obligations in the form of letters of credit. See note 6. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, REMA made lease payments under these leases of \$65 million, \$64 million and \$75 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, REMA has recorded a prepaid lease of \$59 million in current assets and \$270 million and \$264 million, respectively, in long-term assets. REMA operates the Conemaugh and Keystone facilities under agreements that could terminate annually with one year's notice and received fees of \$10 million, \$9 million and \$9 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These fees, which are recorded in operation and maintenance expense, are primarily to cover REMA's administrative support costs of providing these services.

REMA's ability to pay dividends or pay subordinated obligations is restricted by conditions within the lease documents. As of December 31, 2007, REMA was not limited by these restrictions.

Cash Obligations Under Operating Leases. REMA's projected cash obligations under non-cancelable long-term operating leases as of December 31, 2007 are (in thousands):

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| 2008 | \$ 62 |
| 2009 | 63 |
| 2010 | 52 |
| 2011 | 63 |
| 2012 | 56 |
| 2013 and thereafter | 763 |
| Total | \$ 1,059 |

Operating Lease Expense. Operating lease expense, including the amortization of deferred lease costs, was \$60 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005.

(b) Guarantees and Indemnifications.

Equity Pledged as Collateral for Reliant Energy. REMA LLC's equity is pledged as collateral under certain of Reliant Energy's credit and debt agreements, which have an outstanding balance of \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2007.

Other. REMA enters into contracts that include indemnification and guarantee provisions. In general, REMA enters into contracts with indemnities for matters such as breaches of representations and warranties and covenants contained in the contract and/or against certain specified liabilities. Examples of these contracts include asset sales agreements, service agreements and procurement agreements.

REMA is unable to estimate its maximum potential exposure under these agreements until an event triggering payment occurs. REMA does not expect to make any material payments under these agreements.

(c) Other Commitments.

Property, Plant and Equipment Commitments. As of December 31, 2007, REMA has contractual commitments to spend approximately \$88 million on plant and equipment relating primarily to SO₂ emissions reductions.

Fuel Supply Commitments. REMA is a party to fuel supply contracts of various quantities and durations that are not classified as derivative assets and liabilities. These contracts are not included in the consolidated

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balance sheet as of December 31, 2007. Minimum purchase commitment obligations under these agreements are as follows as of December 31, 2007 (in millions):

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2008 | \$ 88 |
| 2009 | 68 |
| 2010 | 45 |
| 2011 | 30 |
| 2012 | 31 |
| 2013 and thereafter | 187 |
| Total | \$ 449 ⁽¹⁾ |

- (1) Of this amount, \$127 million relates to contracts with variable pricing components for which the prices were determined based on assumptions on escalations per the contractual terms.

As of December 31, 2007, the maximum remaining term under any individual fuel supply contract is 13 years.

(10) Contingencies

REMA is involved in a number of legal, environmental and other matters before courts and governmental agencies, some of which may involve substantial amounts. Unless otherwise noted, REMA cannot predict the outcome of these matters.

New Source Review Matters. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and various states are investigating compliance of coal-fueled electric generating stations with the pre-construction permitting requirements of the Clean Air Act known as New Source Review. In 2000 and 2001, REMA responded to the EPA's information requests related to five of its stations, and in December 2007, REMA received supplemental requests for two of those stations. The EPA has agreed to share information relating to its investigations with state environmental agencies.

In December 2007, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) filed suit against REMA in the United States District Court in Pennsylvania, alleging that New Source Review violations occurred at one of REMA's power plants located in Pennsylvania. The suit seeks installation of best available control technologies for each pollutant, to enjoin REMA from operating the plant if it is not in compliance with the Clean Air Act and civil penalties. The allegations are based on projects occurring prior to REMA's ownership of the facility and the suit names three past owners of the plant as defendants. REMA believes it is indemnified by or has the right to seek indemnification from the prior owners for losses and expenses that it may incur.

REMA is unable to predict the ultimate outcome of the EPA's investigation or the NJDEP's suit, but a final finding that REMA violated the New Source Review requirements could result in significant capital expenditures associated with the implementation of emissions reductions on an accelerated basis and possible penalties.

Ash Disposal Site Closures. REMA is responsible for environmental costs related to the future closures of five ash disposal sites. REMA recorded the estimated discounted costs associated with these environmental liabilities as part of its asset retirement obligations. See note 2(n).

Remediation Obligations. REMA is responsible for environmental costs related to site contamination investigations and remediation requirements at four power plants in New Jersey. REMA recorded the estimated liability for the remediation costs of \$8 million and \$7 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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Conemaugh Actions. In April 2007, the PADEP filed suit against Reliant Energy in the Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. In addition, in April 2007, PennEnvironment and the Sierra Club filed a citizens suit against Reliant Energy in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania. Each suit alleges that the Conemaugh plant is in violation of its water discharge permit and related state and federal laws and seeks civil penalties, remediation and/or to enjoin violations. The Conemaugh plant is jointly leased by REMA and seven other companies and is governed by a consent order agreement with the PADEP. Reliant Energy is confident that the Conemaugh plant has operated and will continue to operate in material compliance with the consent order agreement, its water discharge permit and related state and federal laws. However, if PADEP or PennEnvironment and the Sierra Club are successful, REMA could incur significant capital expenditures associated with the implementation of discharge reductions on an accelerated basis and possible penalties.

(11) Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and payable and derivative assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts.

(12) Sales of Assets and Emission Allowances

REMA included the following in its results of operations through the date of sale.

Emission Allowances. REMA sold emission allowances during 2007, 2006 and 2005 for gains of \$2 million, \$71 million and \$97 million, respectively.

Hydropower Plants. Two hydropower plants sold for \$42 million in April 2005 for a gain of \$12 million.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors
Orion Power Holdings, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company), as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholder's equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in notes 8 and 7 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its accounting for income tax uncertainties in 2007 and defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans in 2006, respectively.

KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas
February 25, 2008

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, stockholder's equity and comprehensive loss, and cash flows of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing 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. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Houston, Texas
March 14, 2006

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | | |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 22,317 | \$ 22,861 | \$ 91,919 |
| Revenues affiliates | 542,568 | 474,851 | 548,533 |
| Total | 564,885 | 497,712 | 640,452 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Cost of sales | 227,240 | 222,358 | 186,912 |
| Cost of sales affiliates | (5,521) | 2,427 | 68,272 |
| Operation and maintenance | 161,713 | 143,786 | 115,924 |
| Operation and maintenance affiliates | 37,696 | 35,924 | 43,500 |
| Taxes other than income taxes | 11,570 | 13,089 | 3,709 |
| General and administrative primarily affiliates | 27,685 | 27,980 | 40,493 |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net primarily affiliates | (7,480) | (66,964) | (58,189) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 137,602 | 100,107 | 126,416 |
| Total operating expenses | 590,505 | 478,707 | 527,037 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (25,620) | 19,005 | 113,415 |
| Other Income (Expense): | | | |
| Other, net | | | 42 |
| Interest expense | (34,314) | (38,472) | (39,949) |
| Interest expense affiliates | (9,293) | (1,351) | (908) |
| Interest income primarily affiliates | 8,452 | 8,956 | 382 |
| Total other expense | (35,155) | (30,867) | (40,433) |
| Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes | (60,775) | (11,862) | 72,982 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (25,737) | (31,135) | 24,385 |
| Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations | (35,038) | 19,273 | 48,597 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | 7,124 | 5,375 | (86,096) |
| Income (Loss) Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Changes | (27,914) | 24,648 | (37,499) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | | | (198) |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (27,914) | \$ 24,648 | \$ (37,697) |

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Table of Contents**ORION POWER HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

| | December 31, | |
|---|---|---------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (thousands of dollars, except per share amounts) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 259 | \$ 81 |
| Accounts receivable, principally customer, net of allowance of \$0 | 102 | 1,664 |
| Receivables from affiliates, net | 19,968 | 33,046 |
| State income taxes receivable | 45,763 | 10,084 |
| Inventory | 57,233 | 50,289 |
| Derivative assets | | 5,086 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 6,713 | 7,359 |
| Collateral posted under agreement with Reliant Energy, Inc. | 2,000 | 3,278 |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 1,843 | 1,304 |
| Current assets of discontinued operations | 2,132 | 2,460 |
| Total current assets | 136,013 | 114,651 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | 1,619,651 | 1,587,885 |
| Other Assets: | | |
| Goodwill, net | 173,570 | 175,520 |
| Other intangibles, net | 165,509 | 183,163 |
| Long-term note receivable from Reliant Energy, Inc. | 67,200 | 92,200 |
| Long-term collateral posted under agreement with Reliant Energy, Inc. | 14,392 | 12,326 |
| Other | 9,383 | 59,615 |
| Total other assets | 430,054 | 522,824 |
| Total Assets | \$ 2,185,718 | \$ 2,225,360 |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 11,409 | \$ 10,505 |
| Accounts payable, principally trade | 36,278 | 29,594 |
| Accrued interest payable | 7,999 | 7,996 |
| Other taxes payable | 12,496 | 10,910 |
| Other | 17,530 | 9,335 |
| Current liabilities of discontinued operations | | 3,286 |
| Total current liabilities | 85,712 | 71,626 |

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 165,709 | 178,042 |
| Benefit obligations | 46,726 | 58,100 |
| Taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. | 66,294 | 84,310 |
| Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations | 3,542 | |
| Other | 10,602 | 11,043 |
| Total other liabilities | 292,873 | 331,495 |
| Revolving Credit Facility with Reliant Energy, Inc. | 37,299 | 12,683 |
| Long-term Debt | 416,934 | 428,343 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| Stockholder s Equity: | | |
| Common stock; par value \$1.00 per share (1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding) | 1 | 1 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,211,138 | 2,211,139 |
| Accumulated deficit | (851,607) | (823,693) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (6,632) | (6,234) |
| Total stockholder s equity | 1,352,900 | 1,381,213 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholder s Equity | \$ 2,185,718 | \$ 2,225,360 |

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| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (thousands of dollars) | | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (27,914) | \$ 24,648 | \$ (37,697) |
| (Income) loss from discontinued operations | (7,124) | (5,375) | 86,096 |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations and cumulative effect of accounting changes | (35,038) | 19,273 | 48,399 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change | | | 198 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 137,602 | 100,107 | 126,416 |
| Deferred income taxes | (21,422) | (27,474) | 44,581 |
| Non-cash equity contribution of operation and maintenance and general and administrative costs from Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | | 56,890 |
| Net changes in energy derivatives | 1,108 | (1,108) | 4,846 |
| Net amortization of contractual rights and obligations | (302) | (2,218) | (8,177) |
| Amortization of revaluation of acquired debt | (10,505) | (9,721) | (8,921) |
| Gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net primarily affiliates | (7,480) | (66,964) | (58,189) |
| Non-cash federal income tax distributions to Reliant Energy, Inc., net | | | (26,361) |
| Other, net | 366 | (658) | 2,003 |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,562 | 2,415 | 48,996 |
| Inventory | (7,384) | 3,414 | (1,853) |
| Other current assets | (539) | 2,173 | (2,603) |
| Other assets | 4,867 | 10,036 | 422 |
| Accounts payable | (27) | 5,163 | 1,644 |
| Payable to/receivable from affiliates, net | (14,840) | 7,188 | (52,412) |
| Collateral posted under agreement with Reliant Energy, Inc. | (788) | (15,604) | |
| Income taxes payable/receivable | 22,938 | 13,510 | 1,768 |
| Accrued interest | 3 | (4) | |
| Long-term taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. and related accrued interest | (18,015) | | |
| Other current liabilities | 184 | 1,735 | (9,881) |
| Other liabilities | (3,680) | 3,726 | (5,014) |
| Net cash provided by continuing operations from operating activities | 48,610 | 44,989 | 162,752 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations from operating activities | 6,726 | (49,689) | 171,800 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 55,336 | (4,700) | 334,552 |

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

| | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| Capital expenditures | (109,212) | (45,566) | (16,334) |
| Proceeds from sales of assets, net | 259 | | 2,372 |
| Proceeds from sales of emission allowances | 624 | 1,134 | 8,554 |
| Proceeds from sales of emission allowances affiliates | 12,678 | 69,320 | 56,519 |
| Purchases of emission allowances affiliates | (9,643) | | (1,998) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from investing activities | (105,294) | 24,888 | 49,113 |
| Net cash provided by discontinued operations from investing activities | 520 | 967,566 | 79,101 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (104,774) | 992,454 | 128,214 |

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------------|-----------|
| Distributions to Reliant Energy, Inc. | | (209,400) | (340,000) |
| Changes in revolving credit facility with Reliant Energy, Inc., net | 24,616 | 12,683 | (7,300) |
| (Loan to) repayments from Reliant Energy, Inc. | 25,000 | (92,200) | |
| Payments of long-term debt | | (191) | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from financing activities | 49,616 | (289,108) | (347,300) |
| Net cash used in discontinued operations from financing activities | | (712,317) | (110,183) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 49,616 | (1,001,425) | (457,483) |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 178 | (13,671) | 5,283 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period | 81 | 13,752 | 8,469 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period | \$ 259 | \$ 81 | \$ 13,752 |

Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:

Cash Payments:

| | | | |
|---|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Interest paid (net of amounts capitalized) to third parties for continuing operations | 44,756 | \$ 48,360 | \$ 48,686 |
| Income taxes paid (net of income tax refunds received) for continuing operations | (2,858) | (17,022) | 3,917 |

Non-cash Disclosure:

| | | | |
|---|--|----------|----------|
| Contributions from (distributions to) Reliant Energy, Inc., net for continuing operations | | (39,543) | (51,471) |
| Contributions from Reliant Energy, Inc., net for discontinued operations | | | 30,468 |

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(LOSS)**

| Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Accumulated Deficit | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | | | | | Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Discontinued Operations Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Loss | Total Equity |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| | | | Deferred Derivative Gains (Losses) | Benefits Actuarial Net Gain (Loss) (thousands of dollars) | Benefits Net Prior Service Costs | Additional Minimum Benefits Liability | Comprehensive Income | | | |
| 1,000 | \$ 1 | \$ 2,821,552 | \$ (810,644) (37,697) | \$ 45,047 | \$ | \$ | \$ (147) | \$ 44,900 | \$ (3,738) | \$ 2,000,000 |
| | (361,001) | | | | | | | | | (361,001) |
| | | | | 4,925 | | | | 4,925 | | |
| | | | | (31,125) | | | | (31,125) | 3,403 | |
| 1,000 | 1 | 2,460,551 | (848,341) 24,648 | 18,847 | | | (147) | 18,700 | (335) | 1,000,000 |
| | (249,412) | | | | | | | | | (249,412) |
| | | | | | | | (2,029) | (2,029) | | |
| | | | | (4,334) | | | | (4,334) | | |
| | | | | (11,802) | | | | (11,802) | 335 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|-------|
| | | | | | | (5,566) | (3,379) | 2,176 | (6,769) | |
| 1,000 | \$ 1 | \$ 2,211,139 | \$ (823,693) (27,914) | \$ 2,711 | \$ (5,566) | \$ (3,379) | \$ | \$ (6,234) | \$ | \$ 1, |
| | | | | 330 | | | | 330 | | |
| | | | | (3,041) | | | | (3,041) | | |
| | | | | | | 401 | | 401 | | |
| | | | | | 170 | | | 170 | | |
| | | | | | 1,100 | 642 | | 1,742 | | |
| 1,000 | \$ 1 | \$ 2,211,139 | \$ (851,607) | \$ | \$ (4,296) | \$ (2,336) | \$ | \$ (6,632) | \$ | \$ 1, |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Background and Basis of Presentation

Background. Orion Power Holdings refers to Orion Power Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation. Orion Power refers to Orion Power Holdings and its consolidated subsidiaries. Reliant Energy refers to Reliant Energy, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Orion Power owns and operates electric generation facilities in Ohio and Pennsylvania with an aggregate generating capacity of 2,683 megawatts (MW) as of December 31, 2007. Orion Power typically sells its wholesale products to independent system operators, regulated utilities, municipalities, energy supply companies (including Reliant Energy), cooperatives and retail load or customer aggregators.

On February 19, 2002, Reliant Energy acquired Orion Power through a merger.

Basis of Presentation. These consolidated statements include all revenues and costs directly attributable to Orion Power including costs for facilities and costs for functions and services performed by Reliant Energy and charged to Orion Power. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Use of Estimates and Market Risk and Uncertainties.

Management makes estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that affect:

the reported amount of assets, liabilities and equity,

the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and

disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements.

Orion Power's critical accounting estimates include: (a) fair value of recorded goodwill, property, plant and equipment and derivative assets and liabilities and (b) deferred tax assets, valuation allowances and tax liabilities. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

Orion Power is subject to various risks inherent in doing business. See notes 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(g), 2(h), 2(n), 2(o), 2(p), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

(b) Principles of Consolidation.

Orion Power Holdings includes its accounts and those of its wholly-owned subsidiaries in the consolidated financial statements.

(c) Power Generation and Capacity Revenues.

Orion Power records gross revenues from the sale of electricity and other energy services under the accrual method. Electric power and other energy services are sold at market-based prices through existing power exchanges, related

party affiliates or third party contracts. Energy sales and services that have been delivered but not billed by period-end are estimated.

(d) Derivatives and Hedging Activities.

Orion Power accounts for its derivatives instruments and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended (SFAS No. 133).

For Orion Power's risk management activities, it uses both derivative and non-derivative contracts that provide for settlement in cash or by delivery of a commodity. The primary types of derivative instruments Orion Power uses are forwards, futures, swaps and options. Orion Power accounts for its derivatives under one

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of three accounting methods (mark-to-market, accrual (under the normal purchase/normal sale exception to fair value) or cash flow hedge accounting) based on facts and circumstances. The fair values of derivative activities are determined by (a) prices actively quoted, (b) prices provided by other external sources or (c) prices based on models and other valuation methods.

A derivative is recognized at fair value in the balance sheet whether or not it is designated as a hedge, except for derivative contracts designated as normal purchase/normal sale exceptions, which are not in the consolidated balance sheet or results of operations prior to settlement resulting in accrual accounting treatment.

If certain conditions are met, a derivative instrument may be designated as a cash flow hedge. Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges must have a high correlation between price movements in the derivative and the hedged item. The changes in fair value of cash flow hedges are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, to the extent the contracts are, or have been, effective as hedges, until the forecasted transactions affect earnings. At the time the forecasted transactions affect earnings, Orion Power reclassifies the amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings. Orion Power records the ineffective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges immediately into earnings. For all other derivatives, changes in fair value are recorded as unrealized gains or losses in its results of operations.

If and when an acceptable level of correlation no longer exists, hedge accounting ceases and changes in fair value are recognized in its results of operations. If it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur, Orion Power immediately recognizes the related deferred gains or losses in its results of operations. The associated hedging instrument is then marked to market through its results of operations for the remainder of the contract term unless a new hedging relationship is redesignated.

Realized gains and losses on derivatives contracts not held for trading purposes are reported either on a net or gross basis based on the relevant facts and circumstances. Hedging transactions that do not physically flow are included in the same caption as the items being hedged. A summary of Orion Power's derivative activities and classification in its results of operations is:

| Instrument | Purpose for Holding or Issuing Instrument(1) | Transactions that Physically Flow | Transactions that Financially Settle(2) |
|--|---|--|--|
| Power futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Power sales | Revenues | Revenues |
| | Power purchases | Cost of sales | Revenues |
| | Natural gas and fuel sales | | |
| Natural gas and fuel futures, forward, swap and option contracts | Natural gas and fuel purchases | Revenues Cost of sales | Cost of sales Cost of sales |

(1) The purpose for holding or issuing is not impacted by the accounting method elected for each instrument.

(2) Includes classification for mark-to-market derivatives and amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to cash flow hedges.

In addition to market risk, Orion Power is exposed to credit and operational risk. Reliant Energy has a risk control framework, to which Orion Power is subject, to manage these risks, which include: (a) measuring and monitoring these risks, (b) review and approval of new transactions relative to these risks, (c) transaction validation and (d) portfolio valuation and reporting. Orion Power uses mark-to-market valuation, value-at-risk and other metrics in monitoring and measuring risk. Reliant Energy's risk control framework includes a variety of separate but complementary processes, which involve commercial and senior management and Reliant Energy's Board of Directors. See note 2(e) for further discussion of Orion Power's credit policy.

Effective September 1, 2006, Orion Power de-designated its cash flow hedges of coal contracts and either began utilizing the mark-to-market method of accounting or elected the normal purchase/normal sale exception. During the third quarter of 2006, Orion Power de-designated its remaining cash flows hedges; therefore, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power has no cash flow hedges.

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Set-off of Derivative Assets and Liabilities. Where derivative instruments are subject to a master netting agreement and the accounting criteria to offset are met, Orion Power presents its derivative assets and liabilities on a net basis. Derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable are presented and set-off separately in the consolidated balance sheets although in most cases contracts permit the set-off of derivative assets/liabilities and accounts receivable/payable with a given counterparty. However, Orion Power does not offset collateral (net margin deposits) related to these derivatives.

New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted Offsetting of Amounts. The FASB issued FSP FIN 39-1, an amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 (FIN 39), which was applicable for Orion Power beginning January 1, 2008. This interpretation allows either (a) offsetting assets and liabilities for derivative instruments under a common master netting arrangement only if the fair value amounts recognized for any related cash collateral are also offset or (b) presenting these amounts gross.

Effective January 1, 2008, Orion Power plans to discontinue netting its derivative assets and liabilities and present them on a gross basis. Cash collateral amounts will remain presented on a gross basis. Orion Power's December 31, 2007 consolidated balance sheet will not be affected because all derivative contracts accounted for under the mark-to-market and cash flow hedge accounting methods have settled over the contract terms.

(e) Credit Risk.

Orion Power has a credit policy that governs the management of credit risk, including the establishment of counterparty credit limits and specific transaction approvals. Credit risk is monitored daily and the financial condition of counterparties is reviewed periodically. Orion Power tries to mitigate credit risk by entering into contracts that permit netting and allow it to terminate upon the occurrence of certain events of default. Orion Power measures credit risk as the replacement cost for its derivative positions plus amounts owed for settled transactions.

Orion Power's credit exposure is based on its derivative assets and accounts receivable from counterparties, after taking into consideration netting within each contract and any master netting contracts with counterparties. Orion Power provides reserves for non-investment grade counterparties representing a significant portion of its credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007, Orion Power has no credit exposure. As of December 31, 2006, one non-investment grade counterparty represented 100% (\$4 million) of Orion Power's credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power held no collateral from these counterparties. There were no other counterparties representing greater than 10% of Orion Power's credit exposure.

(f) General and Administrative Expenses Primarily Affiliates.

General and administrative expenses from affiliates include, among other items, (a) selling and marketing, (b) bad debt expense, (c) financial services, (d) legal costs, (e) regulatory costs and (f) certain benefit costs. See note 3.

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Orion Power computes depreciation using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives. Depreciation expense was \$87 million, \$76 million and \$95 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

| | Estimated Useful Lives (Years) | December 31, 2007 2006 (in millions) | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|----------|
| Electric generation facilities | 20 - 32 | \$ 1,823 | \$ 1,783 |
| Land improvements | 20 - 32 | 98 | 97 |
| Other | 3 - 10 | 10 | 9 |
| Land | | 12 | 12 |
| Assets under construction | | 89 | 28 |
| Total | | 2,032 | 1,929 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | (412) | (341) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | | \$ 1,620 | \$ 1,588 |

Orion Power periodically evaluates property, plant and equipment for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The evaluation is highly dependent on the underlying assumptions of related cash flows. Orion Power recorded no material property, plant and equipment impairments during 2007, 2006 and 2005.

In the future, Orion Power could recognize impairments if its wholesale energy market outlook changes negatively. In addition, Orion Power's ongoing evaluation of its business could result in decisions to mothball, retire or dispose of additional generation assets, any of which could result in impairment charges.

(h) Intangible Assets and Amortization Expense.

Goodwill. Orion Power performs its goodwill impairment test annually on April 1 and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Other Intangibles. Orion Power recognizes specifically identifiable intangible assets, including emission allowances and contractual rights, when specific rights and contracts are acquired. Orion Power has no intangible assets with indefinite lives recorded as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

(i) Capitalization of Interest Expense.

During 2007, 2006 and 2005, Orion power capitalized \$3 million, \$0 and \$0 of interest expense, respectively.

(j) *Income Taxes.*

Federal. Orion Power is included in the consolidated federal income tax returns of Reliant Energy and calculates its income tax provision on a separate return basis, whereby Reliant Energy pays all federal income taxes on Orion Power's behalf and is entitled to any related tax savings. The difference between Orion Power's current federal income tax expense or benefit, as calculated on a separate return basis, and related amounts paid to/received from Reliant Energy, if any, were recorded in Orion Power's financial statements as adjustments to additional paid-in capital. Reliant Energy changed its funding policy in late December 2006 and these differences are recorded to (a) income taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc. if Orion Power has cumulative taxable income on a separate return basis or (b) deferred tax assets if Orion Power has cumulative taxable losses on a separate return basis. Deferred federal income taxes reflected on Orion Power's consolidated balance sheet will ultimately be settled with Reliant Energy. See notes 3 and 8.

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State. Orion Power is included in the consolidated state income tax returns of Reliant Energy. It calculates its state provision, related payables or receivables and deferred state income taxes on a separate return basis and settles the related assets and liabilities directly with the governmental entity. See note 8.

(k) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

Orion Power records all highly liquid short-term investments with maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

(l) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.

Orion Power accrues an allowance for doubtful accounts based on estimates of uncollectible revenues by analyzing counterparty credit ratings, historical collections, accounts receivable agings and other factors. Orion Power writes-off accounts receivable balances against the allowance for doubtful accounts when it determines a receivable is uncollectible.

(m) Inventory.

Orion Power values fuel inventories at the lower of average cost or market. Orion Power removes these inventories as they are used in the production of electricity or sold. Orion Power values materials and supplies at average cost. Orion Power removes these inventories when they are used for repairs, maintenance or capital projects. Sales of fuel inventory are classified as operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Materials and supplies, including spare parts | \$ 21 | \$ 19 |
| Coal | 34 | 30 |
| Heating oil | 2 | 1 |
| Total inventory | \$ 57 | \$ 50 |

(n) Environmental Costs.

Orion Power expenses environmental expenditures related to existing conditions that do not have future economic benefit. Orion Power capitalizes environmental expenditures for which there is a future economic benefit. Orion Power records liabilities for expected future costs, on an undiscounted basis, related to environmental assessments and/or remediation when they are probable and can be reasonably estimated. See note 10.

(o) Asset Retirement Obligations.

Orion Power's asset retirement obligations relate to future costs associated primarily with ash disposal site closures. Orion Power's asset retirement obligations are \$8 million and \$4 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power has \$3 million (classified in other long-term assets) on deposit with the state of Pennsylvania to guarantee its obligation related to future closures of ash disposal sites. See note 10.

During 2005, Orion Power adopted an accounting interpretation relating to asset retirement obligations. This interpretation clarifies that an asset retirement obligation is unconditional even though uncertainty exists about the timing and/or method of settlement and requires that a liability be recognized if it can be reasonably estimated. Based on this, Orion Power (a) recorded a cumulative effect of an accounting change, net of tax, of

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\$198,000, (b) increased other long-term liabilities by \$624,000, (c) increased property, plant and equipment by \$317,000 and (d) decreased deferred income tax liabilities by \$109,000.

(p) Repair and Maintenance Costs for Power Generation Assets.

Orion Power recognizes repair and maintenance costs as incurred.

(q) New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted Fair Value.

The FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, (SFAS No. 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is to be applied prospectively, except for aspects that do not apply to Orion Power. Orion Power adopted SFAS No. 157 on January 1, 2008. In connection with the adoption, no cumulative effect of an accounting change will be recognized. For non-financial assets and liabilities, the adoption of SFAS No. 157 has been deferred until January 1, 2009.

(3) Related Party Transactions

These financial statements include the impact of significant transactions between Orion Power and Reliant Energy. The majority of these transactions involve the purchase or sale of energy, capacity, fuel, emission allowances or related services (including transportation, transmission and storage services) from or to Orion Power and allocations of costs to Orion Power for support services.

Support and Technical Services. Reliant Energy provides commercial support, technical services and other corporate services to Orion Power. Reliant Energy allocates certain support services costs to Orion Power based on Orion Power's underlying planned operating expenses relative to the underlying planned operating expenses of other entities to which Reliant Energy provides similar services and also charges Orion Power for certain other services based on usage. Management believes this method of allocation is reasonable. These allocations and charges were not necessarily indicative of what would have been incurred had Orion Power been an unaffiliated entity. During 2005, Orion Power only paid a certain amount for these services. Beginning January 2006, Orion Power began paying all of the costs for these services.

The following details the amounts recorded as operation and maintenance affiliates and general and administrative affiliates:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|---------------|-------|-------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Allocated or charged by Reliant Energy | \$ 65 | \$ 64 | \$ 84 |
| Unpaid allocations and charges recorded as non-cash equity contributions from Reliant Energy | | | 57 |

Commodity Procurement and Marketing. Orion Power has sales to and purchases from Reliant Energy related to commodity procurement and marketing services.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Sales to Reliant Energy under various commodity agreements ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 543 | \$ 475 | \$ 548 |
| Purchases from Reliant Energy under various commodity agreements ⁽²⁾ | 1 | 7 | 68 |
| Gains on coal sales to Reliant Energy ⁽³⁾ | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Sales of emission allowances to Reliant Energy ⁽⁴⁾ | 13 | 69 | 56 |
| Gains on emission allowances sales to Reliant Energy ⁽⁵⁾ | 6 | 66 | 53 |

(1) Recorded in revenues affiliates.

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- (2) Recorded in cost of sales affiliates. Amounts include purchases from an affiliate to meet requirements of contractual commitments.
- (3) Recorded in cost of sales affiliates.
- (4) Reflects price at which Reliant Energy sold the emission allowances to third parties.
- (5) Recorded in gains on sales of assets and emission allowances, net.

Debt Obligations from/to Reliant Energy. In December 2004, Orion Power Midwest, L.P. (Orion MidWest) entered into the following with Reliant Energy: (a) two related-party notes for a total of \$400 million and (b) a \$75 million revolving credit facility. In December 2004, Orion Power New York, L.P. (Orion New York) entered into the following with Reliant Energy: (a) a related-party note for \$400 million and (b) a \$50 million revolving credit facility. The Orion MidWest and Orion New York related party notes bore interest at 6.5% per year and interest was payable monthly. The revolving credit facilities bore interest at London Inter Bank Offering Rate (LIBOR) plus 2.875%. Some of these amounts were classified as discontinued operations. See note 13. In connection with the sales of the New York plants and the Ceredo plant, the related party notes were paid off and the Orion New York revolving credit facility was terminated. The \$75 million Orion MidWest revolving credit facility matures in December 2008; however, Reliant Energy plans to extend the maturity each December for 12 months from that date. Orion Power has incurred interest expense (in continuing operations) related to these notes and revolving credit facilities of \$3 million, \$1 million and \$1 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

In March 2006, Orion Power made a term loan to Reliant Energy for \$92 million, which matures in 2010. The note bore interest at ten percent through September 30, 2007 and interest is payable monthly. Effective October 1, 2007, the interest rate was changed to 7.5 percent. During 2007, Reliant energy paid down \$25 million on this loan. Orion Power has earned interest income related to this term loan of \$8 million and \$7 million during 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Secured Revolving Letter of Credit Facility Agreement with Reliant Energy. Reliant Energy posts letters of credit on behalf of Orion Power. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Reliant Energy posted letters of credit totaling \$16 million on behalf of Orion Power. During September 2006, Reliant Energy and Orion Power entered into a Secured Revolving Letter of Credit Facility Agreement whereby Orion Power will provide cash to Reliant Energy as collateral for letters of credit when issued up to a maximum of \$20 million. The agreement expires on April 30, 2010. As letters of credit expire, the cash collateral will be returned to Orion Power. Orion Power will reimburse Reliant Energy for the costs of the letters of credit and will earn interest income on the collateral posted. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power has provided cash collateral of \$16 million to Reliant Energy. During 2007 and 2006, the letters of credit costs, recorded in interest expense, were insignificant and the related interest income was \$1 million.

Cash Distributions to Reliant Energy.

| 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---------------|------|------|
| (in millions) | | |

Orion Power Holdings cash distributions to Reliant Energy \$ \$ (209) \$ (340)

Income Taxes. See discussion in note 2(k) regarding Orion Power's policy with respect to income taxes and the long-term taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc.

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Non-cash contributions from (distributions to) Reliant Energy related to federal income taxes for continuing and discontinued operations | \$ | \$ (40) | \$ (78) |

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power has \$66 million and \$84 million, respectively, recorded as long-term taxes payable to Reliant Energy, Inc., which includes accrued interest payable of \$6 million and \$0, respectively. Orion Power has incurred interest expense related to this payable of \$6 million during 2007.

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The following table shows goodwill and the changes (in millions):

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| As of January 1, 2006 | \$ 181 |
| Changes | (5) |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 176 |
| Changes | (2) |
| As of December 31, 2007 | \$ 174 |

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power had \$35 million and \$39 million, respectively, of goodwill that is deductible for United States income tax purposes in future periods.

Goodwill Impairment Tests. Orion Power performed impairment tests at the following dates: April 2005, August 2005, September 2005, April 2006 and April 2007 due to either asset sales or annual impairment tests. No impairments were indicated in these tests.

Estimation of Fair Value. Orion Power estimates the fair value based on a number of subjective factors, including: (a) appropriate weighting of valuation approaches (income approach, market approach and comparable public company approach), (b) projections about future power generation margins, (c) estimates of future cost structure, (d) environmental assumptions, (e) discount rates for estimated cash flows, (f) selection of peer group companies for the public company approach, (g) required level of working capital, (h) assumed EBITDA multiple for terminal values and (i) time horizon of cash flow forecasts.

In determining the fair value, Orion Power made the following key assumptions: (a) the markets in which Orion Power operates will continue to be deregulated; (b) there will be a recovery in electricity margins over time such that companies building new generation facilities can earn a reasonable rate of return on their investment and (c) the long-term returns on future construction of new generation facilities will likely be driven by integrated utilities, which Orion Power expects will have a lower cost of capital than merchant generators. As part of the process, Orion Power modeled all of its power generation facilities and those of others in the regions in which Orion Power operates. The assumptions for each of the goodwill impairment tests during 2005, 2006 and 2007 were:

| | |
|---|--------|
| Number of years used in internal cash flow analysis | 15 |
| EBITDA(1) multiple for terminal values (2005 tests) | 7.5 |
| EBITDA multiple for terminal values (April 2006 test) | 7.0(2) |
| EBITDA multiple for terminal values (April 2007 test) | 8.0(2) |
| Risk-adjusted discount rate for estimated cash flows (2005 tests) | 9.0% |

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Risk-adjusted discount rate for estimated cash flows (April 2006 test) | 9.5% ⁽³⁾ |
| Risk-adjusted discount rate for estimated cash flows (April 2007 test) | 10.0% ⁽³⁾ |
| Approximate average anticipated growth rate for demand in power | 2.0% |
| Long-term after-tax return on investment for new investment | 7.5% |

- (1) Defined as earnings (loss) before interest expense, interest income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses.
- (2) Changed primarily due to market factors affecting peer company comparisons.
- (3) Changed primarily due to capital structure of peer company comparisons.

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| | Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period (Years) | December 31, | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 2007 Carrying Amount | 2007 Accumulated Amortization (in millions) | 2006 Carrying Amount | 2006 Accumulated Amortization |
| SO ₂ emission allowances ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | (1) | \$ 160 | \$ (103) | \$ 134 | \$ (72) |
| NO _x emission allowances ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | (1) | 180 | (71) | 181 | (60) |
| Contractual rights ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | 4 | (4) |
| Total | | \$ 340 | \$ (174) | \$ 319 | \$ (136) |

(1) SO₂ is sulfur dioxide and NO_x is nitrogen oxides. Amortized to amortization expense on a units-of-production basis. As of December 31, 2007, Orion Power has recorded (a) SO₂ emission allowances through the 2039 vintage year (most of which relate to 2010 and beyond) and (b) NO_x emission allowances through the 2039 vintage year (most of which relate to 2009 and beyond).

(2) During 2007, 2006 and 2005, Orion Power purchased \$28 million, \$0 and \$0, respectively, of SO₂ emission allowances from affiliates.

(3) During 2007, 2006 and 2005, Orion Power purchased \$4 million, \$0 and \$2 million, respectively, of NO_x emission allowances from affiliates.

(4) Amortized to revenues and cost of sales, as applicable, based on the estimated realization of the fair value established on the acquisition date over the contractual lives. As of December 31, 2007, Orion Power has no contractual rights recorded on its consolidated balance sheet.

Amortization expense consists of:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Emission allowances | \$ 50 | \$ 25 | \$ 31 |
| Contractual rights ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | \$ (1) | \$ (1) |

| | | | | |
|---|--|----|------|------|
| Contractual obligations ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | | 3 | 9 |
| Net | | \$ | \$ 2 | \$ 8 |

(1) Amortized to revenues and cost of sales, as applicable, based on the estimated realization of the fair value established on the acquisition date over the contractual lives.

(2) Contractual obligations are in other long-term liabilities.

Estimated amortization expense based on Orion Power's intangibles as of December 31, 2007 for the next five years is (in millions):

| | | | |
|------|--|----|------------------|
| 2008 | | \$ | 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2009 | | | 6 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2010 | | | 7 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2011 | | | 7 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2012 | | | 7 ⁽¹⁾ |

(1) These amounts do not include expected amortization expense of emission allowances, which have not been purchased as of December 31, 2007.

(5) Derivatives and Hedging Activities

Orion Power uses derivative instruments to manage operational or market constraints and to increase return on its generation assets. The instruments used are fixed-price derivative contracts to hedge the

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variability in future cash flows from forecasted sales of power and purchases of fuel and power. Orion Power's objective in entering into these fixed-price derivatives is to fix the price for a portion of these transactions. See note 2(d).

During 2006 and 2005, there was no hedge ineffectiveness recognized from derivatives that were designated and qualified as cash flow hedges. In addition, no component of the derivatives' gain or loss was excluded from the assessment of effectiveness for these periods. If it becomes probable that an anticipated transaction will not occur, Orion Power realizes in net income (loss) the deferred gains and losses recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss. During 2006 and 2005, \$0 was recognized in the results of continuing operations as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges because it was probable that the forecasted transaction would not occur.

As of December 31, 2007, all derivative instruments accounted for under the mark-to-market and cash flow hedge accounting methods have settled over the contract terms and there are no deferred derivative gains/losses remaining in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

(6) Debt

Outstanding debt to third parties:

| | Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾ | December 31, | | 2006 | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | 2007 | | 2006 | |
| | | Long-term | Current | Long-term | Current |
| | | (in millions, except interest rates) | | | |
| Orion Power Holdings senior notes due 2010 (unsecured) | 12.00 | \$ 400 | \$ | 12.00 | \$ 400 |
| Adjustment to fair value of debt ⁽²⁾ | | 17 | 11 | 29 | 10 |
| Total debt | | \$ 417 | \$ 11 | \$ 429 | \$ 10 |

(1) The weighted average stated interest rates are as of December 31, 2007 or 2006.

(2) Debt acquired by Reliant Energy in the Orion Power acquisition was adjusted to fair market value as of the acquisition date. Included in interest expense is amortization of \$11 million, \$9 million and \$9 million for valuation adjustments for debt for 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Debt maturities as of December 31, 2007 are (in millions):

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 2008 | \$ |
| 2009 | |
| 2010 | 400 |
| 2011 | |
| 2012 | |
| 2013 and thereafter | |
| | \$ 400 |

Orion Power Holdings Senior Notes. These notes were recorded at a fair value of \$479 million upon the acquisition by Reliant Energy. The \$79 million premium is being amortized to interest expense over the life of the notes. The senior notes are senior unsecured obligations of Orion Power Holdings, are not guaranteed by any of Orion Power Holdings subsidiaries and are non-recourse to Reliant Energy. The senior notes have covenants that restrict the ability of Orion Power Holdings and its subsidiaries to, among other

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actions, (a) pay dividends or pay subordinated debt, (b) incur indebtedness or issue preferred stock, (c) make investments, (d) divest assets, (e) encumber its assets, (f) enter into transactions with affiliates, (g) engage in unrelated businesses and (h) engage in sale and leaseback transactions. As of December 31, 2007, conditions under these covenants were not met that allow the payment of dividends by Orion Power Holdings. As of December 31, 2007, the adjusted net assets of Orion Power that are restricted to Reliant Energy, Inc. are \$1.3 billion.

See note 3 for debt transactions with affiliates.

(7) Benefit Plans**(a) Pension and Postretirement Benefits.**

Benefit Plans. Some Orion Power employees participate in a defined benefit pension plan. Orion Power provides subsidized postretirement benefits to some bargaining employees but generally does not provide them to non-bargaining employees.

Effective December 31, 2006, Orion Power adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158,

Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans. This statement requires recognition of the funded status of plans, measured as of year end. Orion Power already uses the required measurement date. The adoption did not have a material effect on any individual line item of Orion Power's consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2006. As of December 31, 2007, \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million of net loss and net prior service costs, respectively, in accumulated other comprehensive loss are expected to be recognized in net periodic benefit cost during the next 12 months.

The benefit obligations and funded status are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement Benefits | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Change in Benefit Obligation | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 57 | \$ 52 | \$ 31 | \$ 28 |
| Service cost | 2 | 3 | 1 | |
| Interest cost | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Benefits paid | (2) | (1) | | |
| Actuarial loss | | | (1) | 1 |
| End of year | \$ 60 | \$ 57 | \$ 33 | \$ 31 |
| Change in Plan Assets | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ 36 | \$ 30 | \$ | \$ |
| Employer contributions | 9 | 3 | | |

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|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Benefits paid | (2) | (1) | | |
| Actual investment return | 3 | 4 | | |
| End of year | \$ 46 | \$ 36 | \$ | \$ |
| Funded Status | \$ (14) | \$ (21) | \$ (33) | \$ (31) |

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Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | December 31, | | Benefits | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Current liabilities | \$ | \$ | \$ (1) | \$ (1) |
| Noncurrent liabilities | (14) | (21) | (32) | (30) |
| Net amount recognized | \$ (14) | \$ (21) | \$ (33) | \$ (31) |

The accumulated benefit obligation for all pension plans was \$54 million and \$51 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. All pension plans have accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets.

Net benefit costs are:

| | Pension | | | Postretirement | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (in millions) | | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 3 | \$ 3 | \$ 2 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1 |
| Interest cost | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (3) | (2) | (1) | | | |
| Net amortization | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Net benefit cost | \$ 4 | \$ 5 | \$ 4 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 |

Assumptions. The significant weighted average assumptions used to determine the benefit obligations are:

| | Pension | | Postretirement | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | December 31, | | Benefits | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Discount rate | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% |

The significant weighted average assumptions used to determine the net benefit costs are:

| | Pension | | | Postretirement Benefits | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Discount rate | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% | 5.75% |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 3.0% |
| Expected long-term rate of return on assets | 7.5% | 7.5% | 7.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Orion Power developed its expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets based on third party models. These models consider expected inflation, current dividend yields, expected corporate earnings growth and risk premiums based on the expected volatility of each asset category. Orion Power weights the expected long-term rates of return for each asset category to determine its overall expected long-term rate of return on pension plan assets. In addition, Orion Power reviews peer data and historical returns.

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Orion Power's assumed health care cost trend rates used to measure the expected cost of benefits covered by its postretirement plan are:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year | 8.3% | 9.0% | 9.0% |
| Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to gradually decline (ultimate trend rate) | 5.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% |
| Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate | 2015 | 2015 | 2011 |

Assumed health care cost trend rates can have a significant effect on the amounts reported for Orion Power's health care plans. A one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects as of December 31, 2007:

| | One-Percentage Point Increase Decrease (in millions) | |
|---|--|-----|
| Effect on service and interest cost | \$ | \$ |
| Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation | 5 | (4) |

Plan Assets. Orion Power's pension weighted average asset allocations and target allocation by asset category are:

| | Percentage of Plan Assets | | Target Allocation 2008 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| | as of December 31, 2007 | 2006 | |
| Domestic equity securities | 49% | 50% | 50% |
| International equity securities | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Global equity securities | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Debt securities | 31 | 28 | 30 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

In managing the investments associated with the pension plans, Orion Power's objective is to exceed, on a net-of-fee basis, the rate of return of a performance benchmark composed of the following indices:

| Asset Class | Index | Weight |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Domestic equity securities | Wilshire 5000 Index | 50% |
| International equity securities | MSCI All Country World Ex-U.S. Index | 10 |
| Global equity securities | MSCI All Country World Index | 10 |
| Debt securities | Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index | 30 |
| Total | | 100% |

As a secondary measure, Orion Power compares asset performance to the returns of a universe of comparable funds, where applicable, over a full market cycle. Reliant Energy’s Benefits Committee reviews plan asset performance each quarter by comparing the actual quarterly returns of each asset class to its related benchmark. Orion Power’s plan assets have generally performed in accordance with the benchmarks.

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Cash Obligations. Orion Power does not expect to make pension cash contributions during 2008. Expected benefit payments for the next ten years, which reflect future service as appropriate, are:

| | Pension | Postretirement Benefits |
|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| | (in millions) | |
| 2008 | \$ 2 | \$ 1 |
| 2009 | 2 | 1 |
| 2010 | 2 | 1 |
| 2011 | 3 | 2 |
| 2012 | 3 | 2 |
| 2013-2017 | 24 | 12 |

(b) Savings Plan.

Orion Power's employees participate in Reliant Energy's employee savings plans under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Orion Power's savings plan benefit expense, including matching and discretionary contributions, was \$2 million, \$1 million and \$1 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

(c) Other Employee Matters.

As of December 31, 2007, approximately 74% of Orion Power's employees are subject to collective bargaining arrangements. Collective bargaining arrangements covering 35% of these employees will expire in 2008.

(8) Income Taxes**(a) Summary.**

Orion Power's income tax expense (benefit) is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (in millions) | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Federal | \$ | \$ | \$ (26) |
| State | (4) | (4) | 6 |
| Total current | (4) | (4) | (20) |
| Deferred: | | | |
| Federal | (18) | 11 | 57 |

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|---|---------|---------|-------|
| State | (4) | (38) | (13) |
| Total deferred | (22) | (27) | 44 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) from continuing operations | \$ (26) | \$ (31) | \$ 24 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) from discontinued operations | \$ | \$ (1) | \$ 6 |

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A reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------|--------------------|------|
| Federal statutory rate | (35)% | 35% | 35% |
| Additions (reductions) resulting from: | | | |
| State income taxes, net of federal income taxes | (9) | 254 ⁽¹⁾ | (6) |
| Other, net | 2 | (27) | 4 |
| Effective rate | (42)% | 262% | 33% |

(1) Of this percentage, (a) \$17 million (145%) relates to Pennsylvania state law changes, which effectively decreased our limitations to use net operating losses in that state and (b) \$7 million (61%) relates to changes in valuation allowances.

| | December 31, | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Current: | | |
| Employee benefits | \$ 1 | \$ 1 |
| Other | 4 | 6 |
| Total current deferred tax assets | 5 | 7 |
| Non-current: | | |
| Employee benefits | 18 | 21 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards | 29 | 29 |
| Other | 13 | 14 |
| Valuation allowance | (3) | (5) |
| Total non-current deferred tax assets | 57 | 59 |
| Total deferred tax assets | \$ 62 | \$ 66 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Non-current: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 215 | 209 |
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| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Other | | 7 |
| Total non-current deferred tax liabilities | 215 | 216 |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | \$ 215 | \$ 216 |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes, net | \$ (153) | \$ (150) |

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| | December 31, 2007 (in millions) | Statutory Carryforward Period (in years) | Expiration Year(s) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Net Operating Loss Carryforwards: | | | |
| State | \$ 480 | 20 | 2020 through 2027 |

(c) Valuation Allowances.

Orion Power assesses its future ability to use federal and state net operating loss carryforwards, capital loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets using the more-likely-than-not criteria. These assessments include an evaluation of Orion Power's recent history of earnings and losses, future reversals of temporary differences and identification of other sources of future taxable income, including the identification of tax planning strategies in certain situations.

Orion Power's valuation allowances for deferred tax assets are:

| | State (in millions) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| As of January 1, 2005 | \$ 25 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | (1) |
| As of December 31, 2005 | 24 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | (19) |
| As of December 31, 2006 | 5 |
| Changes in valuation allowance | (2) |
| As of December 31, 2007 | \$ 3 |

(d) Adoption of FIN 48 and Tax Uncertainties.

Effective January 1, 2007, Orion Power adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48,

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, (FIN 48). This interpretation addresses whether (and when) tax benefits claimed in Reliant Energy's federal and Orion Power's state tax returns should be recorded in its financial statements. Pursuant to FIN 48, Orion Power may only recognize the tax benefit for financial reporting purposes from an uncertain tax position when it is more-likely-than-not that, based on the technical merits, the position will be sustained

by taxing authorities or the courts. The recognized tax benefits are measured as the largest benefit having a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon settlement with a taxing authority. FIN 48 also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosures, transition rules and related matters. Orion Power classifies accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain income tax positions in income tax expense/benefit.

In connection with the adoption, Orion Power recognized the following in its consolidated financial statements:

| | Adoption Effect on January 1, 2007 Increase (Decrease) (in millions) |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Goodwill | \$ (2) |
| Other long-term liabilities | (3) |
| Retained deficit | (1) |

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Orion Power has the following in its consolidated balance sheet:

| | January 1, 2007 (Immediately After Adoption) (in millions) | December 31, 2007 |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Unrecognized tax benefits ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | \$ (2) |
| Interest and penalties ⁽¹⁾ | | |

(1) The activity during 2007 was insignificant.

(2) Of this amount, \$0, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate.

During 2007, 2006 and 2005, Orion Power recognized an insignificant amount of income tax expense (benefit) due to changes in interest and penalties for federal and state income taxes.

Orion Power has the following years that remain subject to examination or are currently under audit for its major tax jurisdictions:

| | Subject to Examination | Currently Under Audit |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Federal | 1997 to 2007 | 1997 to 2005 |
| Pennsylvania | 2004 to 2007 | 2006 |
| New York state and city | 2003 to 2006 | 2003 to 2006 |

Orion Power, through Reliant Energy, expects to continue discussions with taxing authorities regarding tax positions related to the following, and believe it is reasonably possible some of these matters could be resolved during 2008; however, Orion Power cannot estimate the range of changes that might occur: the timing of tax deductions could be changed as a result of negotiations with respect to depreciation and emission allowances.

(9) Commitments**(a) Lease Commitments.**

Operating Lease Expense. Total lease expense for all operating leases was \$2 million, \$2 million and \$1 million during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

(b) Guarantees and Indemnifications.

Equity Pledged as Collateral for Reliant Energy. Orion Power Holdings' equity is pledged as collateral under certain of Reliant Energy's credit and debt agreements, which have an outstanding balance of \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2007.

Interests Pledged as Collateral to Reliant Energy. In connection with Orion Power's debt to Reliant Energy (as discussed in note 3), Orion Power Holdings has pledged its interests in Orion Power Capital, LLC, and its subsidiaries, including Orion New York and Orion MidWest, to Reliant Energy. In connection with the sale of the New York plants, the related interests were released.

Other. Orion Power enters into contracts that include indemnification and guarantee provisions. In general, Orion Power enters into contracts with indemnities for matters such as breaches of representations and warranties and covenants contained in the contract and/or against certain specified liabilities. Examples of these contracts include asset sales agreements, service agreements and procurement agreements.

Orion Power is unable to estimate its maximum potential exposure under these agreements until an event triggering payment occurs. Orion Power does not expect to make any material payments under these agreements.

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Property, Plant and Equipment Commitments. As of December 31, 2007, Orion Power has contractual commitments to spend approximately \$203 million on plant and equipment relating primarily to SO₂ emissions reductions.

(10) Contingencies

Orion Power is involved in a number of legal, environmental and other matters before courts and governmental agencies, some of which may involve substantial amounts. Unless otherwise noted, Orion Power cannot predict the outcome of these matters.

New Source Review Matters. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and various states are investigating compliance of coal-fueled electric generating stations with the pre-construction permitting requirements of the Clean Air Act known as New Source Review. The EPA has agreed to share information relating to its investigations with state environmental agencies.

Ash Disposal Site Closures. Orion Power is responsible for environmental costs related to the future closures of two ash disposal sites owned by Orion MidWest. Orion Power recorded the estimated discounted costs associated with these environmental liabilities as part of its asset retirement obligations. See note 2(o).

(11) Estimated Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and payable and derivative assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts. Values of Orion Power's debt (see note 6) are:

| | December 31, | | 2006 | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | 2007 | | | |
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | Carrying Value | Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Fixed rate debt | \$ 428 | \$ 436 | \$ 439 | \$ 456 |
| Total debt | \$ 428 | \$ 436 | \$ 439 | \$ 456 |

(1) Orion Power based the fair values of its fixed rate debt on information from market participants.

(12) Sales of Assets and Emission Allowances

Emission Allowances. Orion Power sold emission allowances during 2007, 2006 and 2005 for gains of \$7 million, \$67 million and \$56 million, respectively.

(13) Discontinued Operations

(a) New York Plants.

General. In February 2006, Orion Power closed on the sale of its three remaining New York plants with an aggregate net generating capacity of approximately 2,100 MW for \$979 million. During the third quarter of 2005, Orion Power began to report the results of the New York plants as discontinued operations.

Use of Proceeds. Orion Power applied \$704 million of cash proceeds, which is net of estimated city, state and transfer taxes and transaction costs, to pay down the Orion New York and Orion MidWest notes (including outstanding interest) owed to Reliant Energy. After tendering for \$0.2 million of the 12% senior notes, the remaining net cash proceeds of \$248 million were distributed to/invested in Reliant Energy, including the issuance of a \$92 million note. See note 3.

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Assumptions Related to Debt, Deferred Financing Costs and Interest Expense on Discontinued Operations. Based on Orion Power's obligation to utilize the net proceeds from the sale to prepay debt, Orion Power classified the related debt amounts for the Orion New York and Orion MidWest related party notes and the Orion New York related party revolver (and the related interest expense) as discontinued operations. Orion Power classified the related deferred financing costs (and associated interest expense) on all of these debt amounts as discontinued operations. Orion Power allocated \$1 million of related third party interest expense during 2006 and 2005 to discontinued operations. Orion Power allocated \$7 million and \$53 million of related interest expense affiliates during 2006 and 2005, respectively, to discontinued operations. No interest was allocated to discontinued operations subsequent to the closing.

(b) Ceredo Plant.

In 2005, Orion Power sold its 505 MW Ceredo power plant for \$100 million. Orion Power used the net cash proceeds of \$100 million to pay down the Orion MidWest term notes owed to Reliant Energy. During the third quarter of 2005, Orion Power began to report results of Ceredo's operations as discontinued operations effective January 1, 2005.

(c) All Discontinued Operations.

The following summarizes certain financial information of the businesses reported as discontinued operations:

| | New York | Ceredo | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Plants | Plant | Total |
| 2006 | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 104 | \$ | \$ 104 |
| Income before income tax expense/benefit | 4 ⁽¹⁾ | | 4 |
| 2005 | | | |
| Revenues | \$ 1,014 | \$ | \$ 1,014 |
| Loss before income tax expense/benefit | (48) ⁽²⁾ | (32) ⁽³⁾ | (80) |

(1) Includes an additional pre-tax loss on disposal of \$16 million during 2006 primarily due to changes in derivative assets not terminated as of the date of sale. The cumulative pre-tax loss on disposal through December 31, 2006 is \$308 million.

(2) Includes \$292 million estimated loss on disposal.

(3) Includes \$32 million loss on disposal.

Subsequent to the sale of the New York plants in February 2006, Orion Power continues to have (a) insignificant settlements with the independent system operator and (b) property tax settlements. Orion Power recognized \$7 million of income before income taxes from discontinued operations during 2007. These amounts are classified as discontinued operations in the results of operations. In addition, Orion Power has some amounts on its consolidated

balance sheets classified as discontinued operations relating to these settlements and other insignificant items.

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