

RELIANT ENERGY INC
Form 10-Q
August 05, 2008

Table of Contents

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008

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 of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 497-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 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):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of July 25, 2008, the latest practicable date for determination, Reliant Energy, Inc. had 348,646,409 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of treasury stock.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Forward-Looking Information</u>	ii
------------------------------------	----

PART I
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u>	1
-------------------------------------	---

<u>Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited) Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007</u>	1
--	---

<u>Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited) June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007</u>	2
--	---

<u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited) Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007</u>	3
--	---

<u>Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Interim Financial Statements</u>	4
---	---

<u>ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS</u>	24
--	----

<u>Business Overview</u>	24
--------------------------	----

<u>Consolidated Results of Operations</u>	26
---	----

<u>Liquidity and Capital Resources</u>	41
--	----

<u>Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements</u>	42
---------------------------------------	----

<u>New Accounting Pronouncements, Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates</u>	44
---	----

<u>ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK</u>	45
---	----

<u>Market Risks and Risk Management</u>	45
---	----

<u>Non-Trading Market Risks</u>	45
---------------------------------	----

<u>Trading Market Risks</u>	46
-----------------------------	----

<u>ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES</u>	48
--	----

<u>Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures</u>	48
---	----

<u>Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting</u>	48
---	----

PART II.
OTHER INFORMATION

<u>ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS</u>	48
<u>ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	48
<u>ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS</u>	48
<u>ITEM 6. EXHIBITS</u>	49
<u>Exhibit 2.1</u>	
<u>Exhibit 2.2</u>	
<u>Exhibit 10.1</u>	
<u>Exhibit 10.2</u>	
<u>Exhibit 10.3</u>	
<u>Exhibit 31.1</u>	
<u>Exhibit 31.2</u>	
<u>Exhibit 32.1</u>	

Table of Contents

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;

Failure of our credit-enhanced retail structure; 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 the Risk Factors section of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission.

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.

Table of Contents

PART I.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	30,		2008	2007
	2008	2007	(thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)	
Revenues:				
Revenues (including \$5,627, \$(10,848) \$(6,957) and \$3,722 unrealized gains (losses)) (including \$145,592, \$0, \$253,001 and \$0 from affiliates)	\$ 3,423,535	\$ 2,649,915	\$ 6,238,959	\$ 5,012,516
Expenses:				
Cost of sales (including \$564,562, \$(315,497) \$1,135,445 and \$192,162 unrealized gains (losses)) (including \$121,134, \$0, \$200,130 and \$0 from affiliates)	2,408,849	2,475,716	4,160,521	3,919,207
Operation and maintenance	229,423	233,966	441,901	464,707
Selling, general and administrative	85,414	103,084	161,064	190,681
Western states litigation and similar settlements			34,000	22,000
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	(22,312)	(1,727)	(22,923)	(1,727)
Depreciation and amortization	88,775	110,603	177,369	202,572
Total operating expense	2,790,149	2,921,642	4,951,932	4,797,440
Operating Income (Loss)	633,386	(271,727)	1,287,027	215,076
Other Income (Expense):				
Income of equity investment, net	988	1,366	1,195	2,526
Debt extinguishments		(71,269)	(423)	(71,269)
Other, net	90	(574)	26	494
Interest expense	(63,230)	(121,975)	(126,331)	(209,045)
Interest income	10,747	8,232	20,251	18,696
Total other expense	(51,405)	(184,220)	(105,282)	(258,598)
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	581,981	(455,947)	1,181,745	(43,522)
Income tax expense (benefit)	223,122	(174,884)	451,909	(22,822)
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations	358,859	(281,063)	729,836	(20,700)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(171)	(1,889)	6,064	(3,541)

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

Net Income (Loss)	\$ 358,688	\$ (282,952)	\$ 735,900	\$ (24,241)
Basic Earnings (Loss) per Share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 1.04	\$ (0.82)	\$ 2.11	\$ (0.06)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)
Net income (loss)	\$ 1.03	\$ (0.83)	\$ 2.13	\$ (0.07)
Diluted Earnings (Loss) per Share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 1.01	\$ (0.82)	\$ 2.06	\$ (0.06)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)
Net income (loss)	\$ 1.01	\$ (0.83)	\$ 2.08	\$ (0.07)

See Notes to our Unaudited Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

Table of Contents

RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 797,223	\$ 754,962
Restricted cash	7,086	3,251
Accounts and notes receivable, principally customer, net of allowance of \$19,497 and \$36,724	1,504,054	1,082,746
Inventory	330,799	285,408
Derivative assets	3,896,022	663,049
Margin deposits	203,284	139,834
Investment in and receivables from Channelview, net	84,728	83,253
Prepayments and other current assets	129,332	218,873
Assets held for sale	452,857	
Current assets of discontinued operations		2,133
Total current assets	7,405,385	3,233,509
Property, plant and equipment, gross	6,507,625	6,852,170
Accumulated depreciation	(1,692,618)	(1,629,953)
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	4,815,007	5,222,217
Other Assets:		
Goodwill, net	351,634	379,644
Other intangibles, net	394,105	405,338
Derivative assets	1,406,213	376,535
Prepaid lease	262,489	270,133
Other	233,126	304,424
Total other assets	2,647,567	1,736,074
Total Assets	\$ 14,867,959	\$ 10,191,800
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	\$ 24,467	\$ 52,546
Accounts payable, principally trade	1,188,571	687,046
Derivative liabilities	3,066,290	885,346
Margin deposits	9,100	250
Other	607,588	426,839
Liabilities held for sale	53,206	

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

Current liabilities of discontinued operations	4,766	
Total current liabilities	4,953,988	2,052,027
Other Liabilities:		
Derivative liabilities	1,385,211	473,516
Other	399,584	278,641
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations	3,542	3,542
Total other liabilities	1,788,337	755,699
Long-term Debt	2,877,848	2,902,346
Commitments and Contingencies		
Temporary Equity Stock-based Compensation	5,603	4,694
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; 347,813,336 and 344,579,508 issued)	109	106
Additional paid-in capital	6,228,514	6,215,512
Accumulated deficit	(899,626)	(1,635,526)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(86,814)	(103,058)
Total stockholders equity	5,242,183	4,477,034
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 14,867,959	\$ 10,191,800

See Notes to our Unaudited Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

Table of Contents

RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
	(thousands of dollars)	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 735,900	\$ (24,241)
(Income) loss from discontinued operations	(6,064)	3,541
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	729,836	(20,700)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	177,369	202,572
Deferred income taxes	430,817	(30,116)
Net changes in energy derivatives	(1,105,625)	(166,400)
Amortization of deferred financing costs	4,376	45,443
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	(22,923)	(1,727)
Debt extinguishments	423	71,269
Western states litigation and similar settlements	34,000	
Other, net	(145)	6,364
Changes in other assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and notes receivable, net	(435,848)	(212,797)
Changes in notes with affiliate	(5,440)	
Inventory	(47,936)	(18,390)
Margin deposits, net	(54,600)	112,646
Net derivative assets and liabilities	(38,594)	(27,380)
Western states litigation and similar settlements payments		(35,000)
Accounts payable	487,656	206,017
Other current assets	(28,343)	(24,432)
Other assets	19,357	(2,980)
Taxes payable/receivable	22,749	(7,444)
Other current liabilities	15,575	(75,353)
Other liabilities	(1,174)	2,493
Net cash provided by continuing operations from operating activities	181,530	24,085
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations from operating activities	9,332	(2,540)
Net cash provided by operating activities	190,862	21,545
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(117,130)	(99,172)
Proceeds from sales of emission and exchange allowances	28,420	3,346
Purchases of emission allowances	(17,644)	(14,127)
Restricted cash	(3,835)	19,646
Other, net	1,435	2,130

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

Net cash used in investing activities	(108,754)	(88,177)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Payments of long-term debt	(45,193)	(1,465,891)
Proceeds from long-term debt		1,300,000
Increase in short-term borrowings and revolving credit facilities, net		6,554
Payments of financing costs		(29,634)
Payments of debt extinguishments	(423)	(71,269)
Proceeds from issuances of stock	5,769	28,957
Net cash used in financing activities	(39,847)	(231,283)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	42,261	(297,915)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	754,962	463,909
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 797,223	\$ 165,994
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash Payments:		
Interest paid (net of amounts capitalized) for continuing operations	\$ 127,795	\$ 205,505
Income taxes paid (net of income tax refunds) for continuing operations	2,687	14,738
See Notes to our Unaudited Consolidated Interim Financial Statements		

Table of Contents

RELIANT ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Background and Basis of Presentation

(a) 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 13. Our consolidated interim financial statements and notes (interim financial statements) are unaudited, omit certain disclosures and should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and notes in our Form 10-K.

(b) Basis of Presentation.

Estimates. 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.

Adjustments and Reclassifications. The interim financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments necessary, in management's opinion, to present fairly our financial position and results of operations for the reported periods. Amounts reported for interim periods, however, may not be indicative of a full year period due to seasonal fluctuations in demand for electricity and energy services, changes in commodity prices, changes in our retail revenue rates and changes in regulations, timing of maintenance and other expenditures, dispositions, changes in interest expense and other factors. We have changed the presentation of our December 31, 2007 consolidated balance sheet due to the adoption of FSP FIN 39-1, Amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39 (FIN 39-1). See below.

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.

The Channelview plant was sold on July 1, 2008. See note 14 for further discussion of Channelview.

Gross Receipts Taxes. We record gross receipts taxes for our retail energy segment on a gross basis in revenues and operations and maintenance in our consolidated statements of operations. During the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, our retail energy segment's revenues and operation and maintenance include gross receipts taxes of \$27 million and \$24 million, respectively, and during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, \$48 million and \$45 million, respectively.

New Accounting Pronouncement Adopted - Offsetting of Amounts. FIN 39-1 was applicable for us beginning January 1, 2008. This interpretation allows either (a) offsetting assets and liabilities for derivative instruments under a 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 discontinued netting our derivative assets and liabilities (with the same counterparty pursuant to a master netting arrangement) and present them on a gross basis. Cash collateral amounts remain presented on a gross basis. This change has significantly increased our derivative assets and liabilities retrospectively for all financial statements presented and is accounted for as a change in accounting principle.

Table of Contents

The effect to our December 31, 2007 consolidated balance sheet was as follows: (Note only line items impacted are shown.)

	December 31, 2007	
	As	
	Previously Reported in the Form 10-K	Upon Adoption of FIN 39-1 (in millions)
Current derivative assets	\$ 214	\$ 663
Total current assets	2,784	3,233
Noncurrent derivative assets	90	376
Total other assets	1,450	1,736
Total assets	9,457	10,192
Current derivative liabilities	437	885
Total current liabilities	1,602	2,050
Noncurrent derivative liabilities	187	474
Total other liabilities	470	757
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	9,457	10,192

New Accounting Pronouncement Not Yet Adopted - Disclosures about Derivatives and Hedging Activities. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 161) is an amendment of SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities and is intended to enhance the related qualitative and quantitative disclosures, including information about objectives, strategies, volume and credit-risk-related contingent features. SFAS No. 161 must be adopted by January 1, 2009.

(2) Stock-based Compensation

Our compensation expense for our stock-based incentive plans was:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Stock-based incentive plans compensation expense (pre-tax)	\$ 4	\$ 13	\$ 8	\$ 20

During February 2008, 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 committee granted 461,824 time-based stock options (exercise price of \$23.38 per share, which vest in three equal installments during February 2009, 2010 and 2011), 215,527 time-based restricted stock units (which vest during February 2011) and 371,586 market-based cash units (each payable into a cash amount equal to the market value of one share of our common stock if our common stock closes at \$32 or higher for 20 consecutive trading days before February 19, 2011). In addition, during February 2008, the committee granted 95,574 time-based restricted stock units and 95,574 time-based cash units to other employees under the Reliant Energy, Inc. 2002 Stock Plan. These awards will vest during February 2011.

No tax benefits related to stock-based compensation were realized during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 due to our net operating loss carryforwards.

Table of Contents**(3) Fair Value Measurements**

Summary. Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157) on a prospective basis for our derivative assets and liabilities. In connection with the adoption, no cumulative effect of an accounting change was recognized. For non-financial assets and liabilities, the adoption of SFAS No. 157 has been deferred until January 1, 2009.

Fair Value Hierarchy and Valuation Techniques. We apply recurring fair value measurements to our derivative assets and liabilities. In determining fair value, we generally use the market approach and incorporate assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk and/or the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation techniques. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated, or generally unobservable internally-developed inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used in our valuation techniques, our derivative assets and liabilities are classified as follows:

Level 1: Level 1 represents unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are accessible at the measurement date. This category includes our energy derivative instruments that are exchange-traded or that are cleared and settled through the exchange.

Level 2: Level 2 represents quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted market prices in markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data. This category includes emission allowances futures that are exchange-traded and over-the-counter (OTC) derivative instruments such as generic swaps and forwards.

Level 3: This category includes our energy derivative instruments whose fair value is estimated based on internally developed models and methodologies utilizing significant inputs that are generally less readily observable from objective sources (such as market heat rates, implied volatilities and correlations). Our OTC, complex or structured derivative instruments that are transacted in less liquid markets with limited pricing information are included in Level 3. Examples are structured power supply contracts, coal contracts, longer term natural gas contracts and options. We value some of our OTC, complex or structured derivative instruments using valuation models, which utilize inputs that may not be corroborated by market data. When such inputs are significant to the fair value measurement, the derivative assets or liabilities are classified as Level 3 when we do not have corroborating market evidence to support significant valuation model inputs and cannot verify the model to market transactions. We believe the transaction price is the best estimate of fair value at inception under the exit price methodology. Accordingly, when a pricing model is used to value such an instrument, the resulting value is adjusted so the model value at inception equals the transaction price. Valuation models are typically impacted by Level 1 or Level 2 inputs that can be observed in the market, as well as unobservable Level 3 inputs. Subsequent to initial recognition, we update Level 1 and Level 2 inputs to reflect observable market changes. Level 3 inputs are updated when corroborated by available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used.

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments. Fair value measurements of our derivative assets and liabilities are as follows:

	June 30, 2008				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Reclassifications⁽¹⁾	Fair Value
	(in millions)				
Total derivative assets	\$ 962	\$ 3,519	\$ 861	\$ (40)	\$ 5,302
Total derivative liabilities	1,095	3,017	379	(40)	4,451

(1) Reclassifications are required to reconcile to FIN 39-1 consolidated

balance sheet
presentation.

Table of Contents

The following is a reconciliation of changes in fair value of net derivative assets and liabilities classified as Level 3:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 Net Derivatives (in millions)	Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 Net Derivatives (in millions)
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 326	\$ 121
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):		
Included in earnings	278 ⁽¹⁾	398 ⁽¹⁾
Purchases, issuances and settlements (net)	(124)	(36)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3 (net)	2 ⁽²⁾	(1) ⁽³⁾
Balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 482	\$ 482
Changes in unrealized gains/losses relating to derivative assets and liabilities still held at June 30, 2008	224 ⁽⁴⁾	261 ⁽⁵⁾

(1) Recorded in revenues and cost of sales.

(2) Represents fair value as of March 31, 2008.

(3) Represents fair value as of December 31, 2007.

(4) Includes \$(2) million recorded in revenues and \$226 million recorded in cost of sales.

(5) Includes \$(1) million recorded in revenues and \$262 million recorded in cost of sales.

See notes 2(d) and 5 to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K for additional information about our derivatives.

(4) Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The components of total comprehensive income (loss) are:

	Three Months Ended June		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	30, 2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Net income (loss)	\$ 359	\$ (283)	\$ 736	\$ (24)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Deferred income from cash flow hedges				3
Reclassification of net deferred loss from cash flow hedges realized in net income/loss	6	20	16	45
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 365	\$ (263)	\$ 752	\$ 24

(5) Goodwill

2008 Annual Goodwill Impairment Tests. We are in the process of performing our annual goodwill impairment tests for our wholesale energy and retail energy reporting units effective April 1, 2008.

Estimation of Our Wholesale Energy Reporting Unit's Fair Value. We anticipate using substantially the same subjective factors and significant assumptions to estimate fair value in our 2008 test as we used in our April 2007 test. See note 4(a) to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K.

Table of Contents**(6) Derivative Instruments**

For discussion of our derivative activities, see notes 2(d) and 5 to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K. The income (loss) of our energy and interest rate derivative instruments is:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Energy derivatives:				
Hedge ineffectiveness gains (losses)	\$ 1 ⁽¹⁾	\$ (1) ⁽¹⁾	\$ (1) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2 ⁽¹⁾
Other net unrealized gains (losses)	569	(325)	1,128	194
Interest rate derivatives:				
Other net unrealized losses		(2)		(5)
Total ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$ 570	\$ (328)	\$ 1,128	\$ 191

(1) 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) During the three and six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007,

\$0 was recognized in our results of operations as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges because it was probable that the forecasted transaction would not occur.

Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss:

	At the End of the Period	June 30, 2008 Expected to be Reclassified into Results of Operations in Next 12 Months (in millions)
De-designated cash flow hedges	\$ 64	\$ 23

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 is:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost of sales	(13)		(17)	
Total	\$ (13)	\$	\$ (17)	\$

Table of Contents**(7) Debt**

Our outstanding debt:

	Weighted Average Stated Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾	June 30, 2008		December 31, 2007		
		Long-term	Current	Long-term	Current	
Facilities, Bonds and Notes:						
Reliant Energy:						
Senior secured revolver due 2012	4.53%	\$	\$	6.45%	\$	\$
Senior secured notes due 2014 ⁽²⁾	6.75	667		6.75	671	41
Senior unsecured notes due 2013	9.50		13 ⁽³⁾	9.50	13	
Senior unsecured notes due 2014	7.625	575		7.625	575	
Senior unsecured notes due 2017	7.875	725		7.875	725	
Convertible senior subordinated notes due 2010 (unsecured) ⁽⁴⁾	5.00			5.00	2	
Subsidiary Obligations:						
Orion Power Holdings, Inc. 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	
Reliant Energy Power Supply, LLC working capital facility due 2012	2.93			5.30		
Total facilities, bonds and notes		2,867	13		2,886	41
Other:						
Adjustment to fair value of debt ⁽⁶⁾		11	11		17	11
Total other debt		11	11		17	11
Total debt		\$ 2,878	\$ 24		\$ 2,903	\$ 52

(1) The weighted average stated interest rates are as of June 30, 2008 or December 31, 2007.

(2)

We repurchased \$45 million during the six months ended June 30, 2008 and incurred an insignificant amount of debt extinguishment expenses.

- (3) In July 2008, we called the remaining \$13 million.
- (4) In April 2008, nearly all of these outstanding notes were converted to common stock.
- (5) PEDFA is the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority.
- (6) Debt acquired in the acquisition of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries was adjusted to fair value as of the acquisition date. Included in interest expense is amortization for valuation adjustments for debt of \$3 million and \$4 million during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007,

respectively,
 and \$6 million
 and \$7 million
 during the six
 months ended
 June 30, 2008
 and 2007,
 respectively.

Amounts borrowed and available for borrowing under our revolving credit agreements as of June 30, 2008:

	Total Committed Credit	Drawn Amount	Letters of Credit	Unused Amount
		(in millions)		
Reliant Energy senior secured revolver due 2012	\$ 500	\$	\$ 223	\$ 277
Reliant Energy letter of credit facility due 2014	250		250	
Retail working capital facility due 2012	300			300
	\$ 1,050	\$	\$ 473	\$ 577

Table of Contents**(8) Earnings Per Share**

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

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Income (loss) from continuing operations (basic)	\$ 359	\$ (281)	\$ 730	\$ (21)
Plus: Interest expense on 5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes, net of tax	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Income (loss) from continuing operations (diluted)	\$ 359	\$ (281)	\$ 730	\$ (21)

(1) In December 2006 and April 2008, nearly all of these outstanding notes were converted 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.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(shares in thousands)			
Diluted Weighted Average Shares Calculation:				
Weighted average shares outstanding (basic)	346,616	342,074	346,017	340,717
Plus: Incremental shares from assumed conversions:				
Stock options	4,317	(1)	4,285	(1)

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

Restricted stock	575	(1)	559	(1)
Employee stock purchase plan	47	(1)	23	(1)
5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes	18	(1)	115	(1)
Warrants	2,481	(1)	3,079	(1)
Weighted average shares outstanding assuming conversion (diluted)	354,054	342,074	354,078	340,717

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

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

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(shares in thousands, dollars in millions)			
Shares excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share	N/A	11,196 ⁽¹⁾	N/A	10,653 ⁽¹⁾
Shares excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share because the exercise price exceeded the average market price	1,833 ⁽²⁾	2,112 ⁽²⁾	1,849 ⁽²⁾	2,138 ⁽²⁾
Interest expense that would be added to income if 5.00% convertible senior subordinated notes were dilutive	N/A	\$ (3)	N/A	\$ (3)

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

(2) Includes stock options.

(3) In December 2006,

we converted
99.2% of our
convertible
senior
subordinated
notes to common
stock.

Table of Contents**(9) Income Taxes****(a) Tax Rate Reconciliation.**

A reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is:

	Three Months Ended June		Six Months Ended June	
	2008	30, 2007	2008	30, 2007
Federal statutory rate	35%	35%	35%	35%
Additions (reductions) resulting from:				
Federal tax uncertainties		1		14
Federal valuation allowance				(7)
State income taxes, net of federal income taxes	3	2	3	8
Other, net				2
Effective rate	38%	38%	38%	52%

(b) 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 December 31, 2007	\$ 14	\$ 67	\$ 22
Changes in valuation allowances		5	(1)
As of March 31, 2008	14	72	21
Changes in valuation allowances		2	
As of June 30, 2008	\$ 14	\$ 74	\$ 21

(c) Adoption of FIN 48 and Tax Uncertainties.

Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. 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.

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 in the next 12 months; however, we cannot estimate the range of changes that might occur:

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

\$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) to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K); and

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

Table of Contents

(10) 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 June 30, 2008 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 June 30, 2008 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.

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.

(11) 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 Natural Gas Litigation.

The following proceedings relate to alleged conduct in the 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.

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.

Table of Contents

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 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).

Recent developments in these cases include:

In May 2008, we signed a memorandum of understanding to settle the 16 cases comprising the California-based gas index litigation, including the case filed by LADWP. The settlement is subject to definitive documentation that has not been completed. The charges anticipated to be incurred in connection with the settlement were expensed during the first quarter of 2008.

In September 2007, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued decisions in a number of the other 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 plaintiffs' 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.

(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 Landfill Closures. We are responsible for environmental costs related to the future closures of seven ash disposal landfills. We recorded the estimated discounted costs associated with these environmental liabilities as part of our asset retirement obligations. See note 2(o) to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K.

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 as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007.

Table of Contents

Conemaugh Actions. In April 2007, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (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.

Global Warming. In February 2008, the Native Village of Kivalina and the City of Kivalina filed a suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against us and 23 other electric generating and oil and gas companies. The lawsuit seeks damages of up to \$400 million for the cost of relocating the village allegedly because of global warming caused by the greenhouse gas emissions of the defendants.

(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.

CenterPoint Indemnity. We have agreed to indemnify CenterPoint against certain losses relating to the lawsuits described in note 11(a) under Pending Natural Gas Litigation.

Texas Franchise Audit. The state of Texas has issued assessment orders indicating an estimated tax liability of approximately \$53 million (including interest and penalties of \$16 million) relating primarily to the sourcing of receipts for 2000 through 2005. We are contesting the audit assessments related to this issue.

Sales Tax Contingencies. Some of our sales tax computations are subject to challenge under audit. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we have \$22 million and \$19 million, respectively, accrued in current and noncurrent liabilities relating to these contingencies.

Table of Contents**(12) 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.

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2008				
	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 1,079	\$ 2,825	\$ (480)	\$ 3,424
Cost of sales		937	1,951	(478)	2,410
Operation and maintenance		51	180	(2)	229
Selling, general and administrative		3	83	(1)	85
Western states litigation and similar settlements					
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net		(20)	(2)		(22)
Depreciation and amortization		33	55		88
Total		1,004	2,267	(481)	2,790
Operating income		75	558	1	634
Income of equity investment, net		1			1
Income of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries	353	35		(388)	
Interest expense	(40)	(9)	(14)		(63)
Interest income	4	3	3		10
Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net	46	(29)	(17)		
Total other income (expense)	363	1	(28)	(388)	(52)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	363	76	530	(387)	582
Income tax expense	4	19	197	3	223
Income continuing operations	359	57	333	(390)	359
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		1	(1)		
Net income	\$ 359	\$ 58	\$ 332	\$ (390)	\$ 359

Three Months Ended June 30, 2007

	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 860	\$ 2,377	\$ (587)	\$ 2,650
Cost of sales		736	2,324	(584)	2,476
Operation and maintenance		48	188	(3)	233
Selling, general and administrative		7	98		105
(Gains) losses on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net		5	(7)		(2)
Depreciation and amortization		38	72		110
Total		834	2,675	(587)	2,922
Operating income (loss)		26	(298)		(272)
Income of equity investment, net		2			2
Income of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries	(221)	(42)		263	
Debt extinguishments	(71)				(71)
Other, net	(1)				(1)
Interest expense	(93)	(9)	(20)		(122)
Interest income	2	2	4		8
Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net	93	(69)	(24)		
Total other expense	(291)	(116)	(40)	263	(184)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(291)	(90)	(338)	263	(456)
Income tax benefit	(8)	(47)	(120)		(175)
Loss from continuing operations	(283)	(43)	(218)	263	(281)
Loss from discontinued operations			(2)		(2)
Net loss	\$ (283)	\$ (43)	\$ (220)	\$ 263	\$ (283)

Table of Contents*Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations.***Six Months Ended June 30, 2008**

	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 1,989	\$ 5,177	\$ (927)	\$ 6,239
Cost of sales		1,770	3,313	(922)	4,161
Operation and maintenance		112	332	(2)	442
Selling, general and administrative		9	154	(2)	161
Western states litigation and similar settlements	34				34
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net		(21)	(2)		(23)
Depreciation and amortization		68	109		177
Total	34	1,938	3,906	(926)	4,952
Operating income (loss)	(34)	51	1,271	(1)	1,287
Income of equity investment, net		1			1
Income of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries	739	78		(817)	
Interest expense	(82)	(17)	(27)		(126)
Interest income	10	4	6		20
Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net	101	(67)	(34)		
Total other income (expense)	768	(1)	(55)	(817)	(105)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	734	50	1,216	(818)	1,182
Income tax expense (benefit)	(2)	(4)	455	3	452
Income from continuing operations	736	54	761	(821)	730
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		8	(2)		6
Net income	\$ 736	\$ 62	\$ 759	\$ (821)	\$ 736

Six Months Ended June 30, 2007

	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
--	-------------------	-----------------------	----------------------------------	---------------------

	Reliant Energy		(in millions)					
Revenues	\$	\$	1,682	\$	4,448	\$ (1,118)	\$	5,012
Cost of sales			1,605		3,426	(1,112)		3,919
Operation and maintenance			107		363	(6)		464
Selling, general and administrative			11		181			192
Western states litigation and similar settlements			22					22
(Gains) losses on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net			8		(10)			(2)
Depreciation and amortization			86		116			202
Total			1,839		4,076	(1,118)		4,797
Operating income (loss)			(157)		372			215
Income of equity investment, net			3					3
Income of equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries	(5)	(42)				47		
Debt extinguishments	(71)							(71)
Interest expense	(149)	(17)		(43)				(209)
Interest income	6	5		7				18
Interest income (expense) affiliated companies, net	184	(142)		(42)				
Total other expense	(35)	(193)		(78)		47		(259)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(35)	(350)		294		47		(44)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(11)	(121)		109				(23)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(24)	(229)		185		47		(21)
Loss from discontinued operations				(3)				(3)
Net income (loss)	\$ (24)	\$ (229)	\$	182	\$	47	\$	(24)

(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.

Table of Contents*Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets.*

	June 30, 2008				
	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 520	\$	\$ 278	\$	\$ 798
Restricted cash		2	5		7
Accounts and notes receivable, principally customer, net	9	407	1,098	(10)	1,504
Accounts and notes receivable affiliated companies	1,890	323	292	(2,505)	
Inventory		164	167		331
Derivative assets		295	3,601		3,896
Investment in and receivables from Channelview, net	1	84			85
Other current assets	19	222	111	(20)	332
Assets held for sale		453			453
Total current assets	2,439	1,950	5,552	(2,535)	7,406
Property, Plant and Equipment, net		2,415	2,400		4,815
Other Assets:					
Goodwill and other intangibles, net		144	483	119	746
Notes receivable affiliated companies	2,528	621	68	(3,217)	
Equity investments of consolidated subsidiaries	2,893	374		(3,267)	
Derivative assets			1,414	(8)	1,406
Other long-term assets	51	894	317	(766)	496
Total other assets	5,472	2,033	2,282	(7,139)	2,648
Total Assets	\$ 7,911	\$ 6,398	\$ 10,234	\$ (9,674)	\$ 14,869
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current Liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	\$ 13	\$	\$ 11	\$	\$ 24
Accounts payable, principally trade		116	1,076	(3)	1,189
Accounts and notes payable affiliated companies		2,062	443	(2,505)	

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

Derivative liabilities		221	2,845		3,066
Other current liabilities	43	234	413	(73)	617
Liabilities held for sale		53			53
Current liabilities of discontinued operations			5		5
Total current liabilities	56	2,686	4,793	(2,581)	4,954
Other Liabilities:					
Notes payable affiliated companies		2,459	758	(3,217)	
Derivative liabilities			1,385		1,385
Other long-term liabilities	641	128	348	(717)	400
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations			4		4
Total other liabilities	641	2,587	2,495	(3,934)	1,789
Long-term Debt	1,966	501	411		2,878
Commitments and Contingencies					
Temporary Equity					
Stock-based Compensation	6				6
Total Stockholders Equity	5,242	624	2,535	(3,159)	5,242
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 7,911	\$ 6,398	\$ 10,234	\$ (9,674)	\$ 14,869

Table of Contents

	December 31, 2007				
	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
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		123	540		663
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	1,135	2,301	(2,733)	3,233
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		44	332		376
Other long-term assets	55	860	356	(696)	575
Total other assets	4,632	2,048	1,238	(6,182)	1,736
Total Assets	\$ 7,162	\$ 6,053	\$ 5,892	\$ (8,915)	\$ 10,192
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current Liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	\$ 41	\$	\$ 11	\$	\$ 52
Accounts payable, principally trade		68	624	(5)	687
	103	2,223	379	(2,705)	

Accounts and notes payable affiliated companies					
Derivative liabilities		112	773		885
Other current liabilities	11	182	256	(23)	426
Total current liabilities	155	2,585	2,043	(2,733)	2,050
Other Liabilities:					
Notes payable affiliated companies		2,213	876	(3,089)	
Derivative liabilities		57	417		474
Other long-term liabilities	539	152	284	(696)	279
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations			4		4
Total other liabilities	539	2,422	1,581	(3,785)	757
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 Equity	\$ 7,162	\$ 6,053	\$ 5,892	\$ (8,915)	\$ 10,192

(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.

Table of Contents*Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows.***Six Months Ended June 30, 2008**

	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:					
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from operating activities	\$ 39	\$ (140)	\$ 283	\$	\$ 182
Net cash provided by discontinued operations from operating activities		7	2		9
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	39	(133)	285		191
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Capital expenditures		(13)	(104)		(117)
Investments in, advances to and from and distributions from subsidiaries, net ⁽²⁾	30	8	(83)	45	
Proceeds from sales (purchases) of emission and exchange allowances		59	(48)		11
Restricted cash			(4)		(4)
Other, net		1			1
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	30	55	(239)	45	(109)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Payments of long-term debt	(45)				(45)
Changes in notes with affiliated companies, net ⁽³⁾		77	(32)	(45)	
Proceeds from issuances of stock	6				6
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(39)	77	(32)	(45)	(39)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	30	(1)	14		43
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	490	1	264		755
	\$ 520	\$	\$ 278	\$	\$ 798

**Cash and Cash Equivalents
at End of Period**

Table of Contents**Six Months Ended June 30, 2007**

	Reliant Energy	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors (in millions)	Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Consolidated
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:					
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations from operating activities	\$ 60	\$ (237)	\$ 201	\$	\$ 24
Net cash used in discontinued operations from operating activities			(3)		(3)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	60	(237)	198		21
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Capital expenditures		(12)	(87)		(99)
Investments in, advances to and from and distributions from subsidiaries, net ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(40)		(259)	299	
Net purchases of emission and exchange allowances		(3)	(8)		(11)
Restricted cash		(1)	21		20
Other, net		3	(1)		2
Net cash used in investing activities	(40)	(13)	(334)	299	(88)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Payments of long-term debt	(1,458)		(7)		(1,465)
Proceeds from long-term debt	1,300				1,300
Increase in short-term borrowings and revolving credit facilities, net			7		7
Changes in notes with affiliated companies, net ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾		228	71	(299)	
Payments of financing costs	(30)				(30)
Payments of debt extinguishments	(71)				(71)
Proceeds from issuances of stock	29				29
Other, net	(1)				(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(231)	228	71	(299)	(231)

Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(211)	(22)	(65)	(298)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	286	24	154	464
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 75	\$ 2	\$ 89	\$ 166

- (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) Reliant Energy converted intercompany notes payable of a guarantor subsidiary of \$753 million to equity during 2007.
- (4) Net changes in notes with affiliated companies are classified as financing activities for subsidiaries of Reliant Energy and as investing

activities for Reliant
Energy.

Table of Contents**(13) Reportable Segments**

Financial data for our segments are as follows:

	Retail Energy	Wholesale Energy	Other Operations (in millions)	Eliminations	Consolidated
Three months ended June 30, 2008:					
Revenues from external customers	\$ 2,410	\$ 1,014 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3	\$ (86)	\$ 3,424
Intersegment revenues		83	3	(86)	
Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	462	279 ⁽⁴⁾	2	(2)	741
Three months ended June 30, 2007:					
Revenues from external customers	\$ 1,994	\$ 656	\$ 4	\$ (145)	\$ 2,650
Intersegment revenues		141	4	(145)	
Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	(234)	122 ⁽⁶⁾	4	(2)	(110)
Six months ended June 30, 2008 (except as denoted):					
Revenues from external customers	\$ 4,345	\$ 1,893 ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 1	\$ (137)	\$ 6,239
Intersegment revenues		131	6	(137)	
Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽²⁾⁽⁸⁾	1,056	496 ⁽⁹⁾	3	(3)	1,552
Total assets as of June 30, 2008	6,372	8,340	957	(800)	14,869
Six months ended June 30, 2007 (except as denoted):					
Revenues from external customers	\$ 3,695	\$ 1,317 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7	\$ (235)	\$ 5,012
Intersegment revenues		228	7	(235)	
Contribution margin, including historical and	450	80 ⁽¹¹⁾	6	(4)	532

operational wholesale hedges
and unrealized gains/losses on
energy derivatives ⁽²⁾(10)

Total assets as of December 31, 2007	2,285	7,720	1,081 ⁽¹²⁾	(894)	10,192
---	-------	-------	-----------------------	-------	--------

- (1) Includes \$146 million from affiliates.
- (2) Revenues less
(a) cost of sales,
(b) operation and maintenance,
(c) selling and marketing and
(d) bad debt expense.
- (3) Includes \$502 million, \$68 million and \$570 million in retail energy, wholesale energy and consolidated, respectively, results relating to unrealized gains on energy derivatives, which is a non-cash item.
- (4) Includes \$69 million relating to historical and operational wholesale hedges.
- (5) Includes \$(360) million, \$34 million and \$(326) million in retail energy, wholesale

energy and consolidated, respectively, results relating to unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives, which is a non-cash item.

(6) Includes \$(30) million relating to historical and operational wholesale hedges.

(7) Includes \$253 million from affiliates.

(8) Includes \$1.0 billion, \$98 million and \$1.1 billion in retail energy, wholesale energy and consolidated, respectively, results relating to unrealized gains on energy derivatives, which is a non-cash item.

(9) Includes \$114 million relating to historical and operational wholesale hedges.

(10) Includes \$256 million, \$(60) million and \$196 million in

retail energy,
wholesale
energy and
consolidated,
respectively,
results relating
to unrealized
gains (losses) on
energy
derivatives,
which is a
non-cash item.

(11) Includes \$(63)
million relating
to historical and
operational
wholesale
hedges.

(12) Other operations
include
discontinued
operations of
\$2 million.

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended June		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	30, 2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	\$ 741	\$ (110)	\$ 1,552	\$ 532
Other general and administrative	41	54	77	95
Western states litigation and similar settlements			34	22
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	(22) ⁽¹⁾	(2)	(23) ⁽¹⁾	(2)
Depreciation	68	86	136	173
Amortization	20	24	41	29
Operating income (loss)	634	(272)	1,287	215
Income of equity investment, net	1	2	1	3
Debt extinguishments		(71)		(71)
Other, net		(1)		
Interest expense	(63)	(122)	(126)	(209)
Interest income	10	8	20	18
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	582	(456)	1,182	(44)
Income tax expense (benefit)	223	(175)	452	(23)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	359	(281)	730	(21)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		(2)	6	(3)
Net income (loss)	\$ 359	\$ (283)	\$ 736	\$ (24)

(1) Includes gains of \$26 million related to sales of carbon dioxide exchange allowances.

(14) Sale of Channelview's Plant and the 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. Channelview LP filed for bankruptcy protection to prevent the lenders from exercising their remedies, including foreclosing on the project. 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.

In June 2008, the bankruptcy court approved the sale of Channelview's plant and assignment of related contracts for \$500 million. During the second quarter of 2008, we recognized a \$5 million charge relating to an impairment of our

net investment in and receivables from Channelview and incurrence of sale-related costs (classified in gains (losses) on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net). This charge is subject to change. As of June 30, 2008, our net investment in and receivables from Channelview was \$85 million, classified as a current asset. The sale was completed on July 1, 2008, at which time Channelview LP paid off its secured lenders and distributed \$15 million to us. Channelview expects to distribute additional funds to us relating primarily to previous sales of fuel, funds from operations and funds escrowed for potential indemnification claims (of approximately \$50 million in the aggregate) over the next year.

Table of Contents

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. We will continue to account for Channelview as a cost method investment until the emergence from bankruptcy, which is expected to occur later in 2008. The following table contains certain combined financial information of Channelview:

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007 (in millions)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 354	\$ 356
Secured debt obligations, including accrued interest	340	340
Payables to Reliant Energy and its subsidiaries, net	90	96

(15) Sale of Bighorn Plant

In April 2008, we entered into an agreement to sell our Bighorn natural gas-fired combined-cycle electric generation facility located in Clark County, Nevada with a nominal capacity of 598 megawatts and assign some related contracts. The Bighorn plant is a part of our wholesale energy segment. The \$500 million purchase price is subject to certain adjustments, which are not expected to be material. The sale is subject to customary closing conditions, including the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has authorized the sale. We expect to close in the fourth quarter of 2008 and expect to recognize a pre-tax gain on the sale of approximately \$45 million. As of June 30, 2008, we have the following assets and liabilities classified as held for sale:

	June 30, 2008 (in millions)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 404
Goodwill	21
Prepaid and other assets	28
Total held for sale assets for Bighorn	\$ 453
Deferred tax liabilities	\$ 51
Other	2
Total held for sale liabilities for Bighorn	\$ 53

(16) Discontinued Operations

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 and sales and use tax settlements. In addition, we periodically record amounts for contingent consideration for the 2003 sale of our European energy operations. These amounts are classified as discontinued operations in our results of operations and consolidated balance sheets, as applicable.

Table of Contents

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Form 10-K. This 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. These non-GAAP financial measures, which are discussed further in Consolidated Results of Operations, reflect an additional way of viewing aspects of our operations that, when viewed with our GAAP results, may provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business segments. Investors should review our consolidated financial statements and publicly filed reports in their entirety and not rely on any single financial measure.

Business Overview

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

Retail energy provides electricity and energy services to approximately 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 other markets.

Wholesale energy provides electricity and energy services in the competitive wholesale energy markets in the United States through our ownership and operation or contracting for power generation capacity. We have approximately 15,000 megawatts of power generation capacity.

Key Earnings Drivers.

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) compared to our wholesale energy segment. We earn a margin by selling electricity to end-use customers and acquiring supply for the estimated demand. 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 (operating costs). These earnings drivers are impacted by various factors including:

Volume of electricity sales

Local weather patterns

Number and type of customers

Energy efficiency behaviors

Expansion into new markets

Unit margins

Competitive tactics of other retailers in the market

Cost of supply compared to revenue rate charged

Incremental value-added services

Operating costs

Operating efficiencies

Cost to acquire and retain customers

Ability to collect

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 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 (commercial capacity factor). The key earnings drivers in the wholesale energy segment are the amount of time our power plants are economical to operate (economic generation) and commercial capacity factor, which both determine the amount of electricity we generate, the margin we earn for each unit of electricity sold, the availability of our generating assets to meet demand (other margin) and operating costs. These earnings drivers are impacted by various factors including:

Table of Contents

Economic generation

Supply and demand fundamentals

Spark spreads

Generation asset fuel type and efficiency

Commercial capacity factor

Operations excellence

Maintenance practices

Unit margin

Supply and demand fundamentals

Commodity prices

Generation asset fuel type and efficiency

Other margin

Capacity prices

Power purchase agreements sold to others

Ancillary services

Operating costs

Operating efficiencies

Maintenance practices

Generation asset fuel type

Recent Events

Bighorn Plant. In April 2008, we entered into an agreement to sell our Bighorn natural gas-fired combined-cycle electric generation facility located in Clark County, Nevada with a nominal capacity of 598 megawatts for \$500 million and assign some related contracts. See note 15 to our interim financial statements for further discussion.

Retail Energy Segment. The Houston area experienced thirty-year record heat in late May and early June 2008. As a result, load demand in Houston and south Texas was greater than we expected. Additionally, transmission constraints limited the ability to move power into the Houston and south Texas zones, which caused some of our power supply to be unavailable to meet expected demand. In response, we purchased power in Houston and south Texas to meet our increased load at market prices, which resulted in negative retail contribution margin in our retail energy segment for the second quarter of 2008. We have secured retail supply for the remainder of 2008 and beyond from sources in Houston and south Texas for our expected load, which will result in lower third quarter retail contribution margin in 2008 compared to 2007. Given the significant volatility in supply prices, we have and will continue to refine our pricing and supply strategies. See Consolidated Results of Operations below for further explanation and Risk Factors in Item 1A of our Form 10-K.

Channelview. In July 2008, Channelview completed the sale of its plant for \$500 million. See note 14 to our interim financial statements for further discussion.

Environmental Matters. In July 2008, the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the EPA's Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and remanded it to the EPA. The decision raises questions as to whether the EPA can design new cap-and-trade programs for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) that are consistent with the Clean Air Act provisions that address upwind contributions to downward states' noncompliance with national ambient air quality standards for ozone and fine particulate matter. The decision sets aside CAIR's proposed annual allowance-based NO_x

program and the increased surrender rate for SO₂ allowances. The existing ozone season NO_x program and the SO₂ allowance requirements under the Clean Air Act's acid rain program will continue. We do not know if the EPA will appeal the decision. We cannot reasonably estimate changes, if any, to our capital expenditures or operating costs for this ruling or any additional regulations that may be enacted.

In June 2008, we revised our estimated capital expenditures for compliance with the first phase of Pennsylvania's mercury control program to approximately \$50 million. This amount is adjusted from our preliminary estimate for the first phase of the program of \$88 million to \$103 million as a result of refined site-specific engineering and technology evaluations.

Table of Contents**Consolidated Results of Operations****Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2007**

We reported \$359 million consolidated net income, or \$1.01 income per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$283 million consolidated net loss, or \$0.83 loss per share, for the same period in 2007.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Retail energy contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	\$ 462	\$ (234)	\$ 696
Wholesale energy contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	279	122	157
Other contribution margin		2	(2)
Other general and administrative	(41)	(54)	13
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	22	2	20
Depreciation and amortization	(88)	(110)	22
Income of equity investment, net	1	2	(1)
Debt extinguishments		(71)	71
Other, net		(1)	1
Interest expense	(63)	(122)	59
Interest income	10	8	2
Income tax (expense) benefit	(223)	175	(398)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	359	(281)	640
Loss from discontinued operations		(2)	2
Net income (loss)	\$ 359	\$ (283)	\$ 642

Retail Energy Segment.

In analyzing the results of our retail energy segment and in communications with investors, analysts, rating agencies, banks and other parties, we use the non-GAAP financial measures retail gross margin and retail contribution margin, which excludes 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.

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.

Our retail energy segment's contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$462 million during the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to \$(234) million in the same period of 2007. The \$696 million increase was primarily due to the net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of \$862 million. Retail contribution margin decreased \$166 million primarily due to \$170 million decrease in retail gross margin, partially offset by \$15 million decrease in bad debt expense. See Retail Energy Margins below for explanations.

Table of Contents*Retail Energy Operational Data.*

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
	(gigawatt hours)	
Electricity Sales to End-Use Retail Customers:		
Mass:		
Residential:		
Houston	3,523	3,542
Non-Houston	2,000	1,923
Small Business:		
Houston	738	756
Non-Houston	382	365
Total Mass	6,643	6,586
Commercial and Industrial:		
ERCOT ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	9,752	9,052
Non-ERCOT	1,506	1,106
Total Commercial and Industrial	11,258	10,158
Market usage adjustments	5	28
Total	17,906	16,772

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

(2) ERCOT is the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
	(in thousands, metered locations)	
Weighted Average Retail Customer Count:		
Mass:		
Residential:		
Houston	988	1,066

Non-Houston	541	565
Small Business:		
Houston	109	117
Non-Houston	39	35
Total Mass	1,677	1,783
Commercial and Industrial ⁽¹⁾	93	89
Total	1,770	1,872

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

	June 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(in thousands, metered locations)	
Retail Customers:		
Mass:		
Residential:		
Houston	999	1,016
Non-Houston	549	555
Small Business:		
Houston	110	109
Non-Houston	39	38
Total Mass	1,697	1,718
Commercial and Industrial ⁽¹⁾	93	93
Total	1,790	1,811

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

Table of Contents*Retail Energy Revenues.*

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Retail energy revenues from end-use retail customers:			
Mass:			
Residential:			
Houston	\$ 529	\$ 542	\$ (13) ⁽¹⁾
Non-Houston	275	271	4
Small Business:			
Houston	115	122	(7)
Non-Houston	54	51	3
Total Mass	973	986	(13)
Commercial and Industrial:			
ERCOT	1,036	822	214 ⁽²⁾
Non-ERCOT	140	80	60 ⁽³⁾
Total Commercial and Industrial	1,176	902	274
Total	2,149	1,888	261
Retail energy revenues from resales of purchased power and other hedging activities	261	112	149 ⁽⁴⁾
Market usage adjustments ⁽⁵⁾		(6)	6
Total retail energy revenues	\$ 2,410	\$ 1,994	\$ 416

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

(2)

Increase primarily due to (a) higher unit sales prices due to (i) variable rate contracts, which are tied to the market price of natural gas and (ii) fixed price contracts renewed at higher market rates due to higher prices of electricity when contracts were executed and (b) higher volumes due to (i) increased number of customers and (ii) a change in customer usage and mix.

(3) Increase primarily due to (a) higher unit sales prices due to higher prices of electricity when contracts were executed and (b) higher volumes due to increased number of customers, partially offset by a change in customer usage and mix.

(4) Increase primarily due to our supply management activities in various markets

in Texas.

- (5) 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).

Retail Energy Cost of Sales.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Costs of sales	\$ 2,260	\$ 1,606	\$ 654
Retail energy intersegments costs	83	141	(58)
Subtotal	2,343	1,747	596 ⁽¹⁾
Market usage adjustments		10	(10)
Unrealized (gains) losses on energy derivatives	(502)	360	(862) ⁽²⁾
Total retail energy cost of sales	\$ 1,841	\$ 2,117	\$ (276)

- (1) Increase primarily due to
 - (a) higher unit prices of purchased power at the time of procurement due in part to weather and
 - (b) higher volumes due to
 - (i) warmer weather and
 - (ii) increased number of commercial and industrial customers. This increase was partially offset by lower volumes due to
 - (a) fewer number of mass customers and
 - (b) a change in customer usage and mix.
- (2) See footnote 4 under Retail Energy Margins.

Table of Contents*Retail Energy Margins.*

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Mass gross margin	\$ 66	\$ 201	\$ (135) ⁽¹⁾
Commercial and industrial gross margin	1	52	(51) ⁽²⁾
Market usage adjustments		(16)	16
Retail gross margin	67	237	(170)
Operation and maintenance	(63)	(60)	(3)
Selling and marketing expense	(38)	(30)	(8)
Bad debt expense	(6)	(21)	15 ⁽³⁾
Retail contribution margin	(40)	126	(166)
Unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives	502	(360)	862 ⁽⁴⁾
Total retail energy contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 462	\$ (234)	\$ 696

- (1) Decrease primarily due to lower unit margins driven by (a) higher unit prices of purchased power at the time of procurement, (b) higher market rates on incremental volumes purchased for higher customer load due to weather, (c) increased cost of intra-month congestion and (d) lower unit sales prices.

- (2) Decrease primarily due to lower unit margins driven by (a) higher unit prices of purchased power at the time of procurement, (b) increased cost of intra-month congestion and (c) higher load related charges. This decrease was partially offset by (a) higher unit sales prices driven by (i) variable rate contracts, which are tied to the market price of natural gas and (ii) fixed price contracts renewed at higher market rates due to higher prices of electricity when the contracts were executed and (b) higher volumes due to increased number of customers.
- (3) Decrease primarily due to improved collections.
- (4) Increase primarily due to \$1.1 billion gain from changes in

prices on our derivatives marked to market, partially offset by \$190 million loss on energy derivatives settled during the period.

- (5) Retail energy segment profit and loss measure.

Wholesale Energy Segment.

In analyzing the results of our wholesale energy segment and in communications with investors, analysts, rating agencies, banks and other parties, 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.

Historical and Operational Wholesale Hedges. We exclude the recurring effect of certain historical 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.

Table of Contents

Our wholesale energy segment's contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$279 million during the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$122 million in the same period of 2007. The \$157 million increase was primarily due to (a) \$99 million increase in historical and operational wholesale hedges and (b) net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of \$34 million. Open wholesale contribution margin increased \$24 million primarily due to \$15 million increase in open wholesale gross margin and \$9 million decrease in operation and maintenance expenses. See Wholesale Energy Margins below for explanations.

Wholesale Energy Operational and Financial Data.

	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2008		2007	
	GWh	% Economic⁽¹⁾	GWh	% Economic⁽¹⁾
Economic Generation⁽²⁾⁽³⁾:				
PJM Coal	5,316.6	73%	6,028.7	83%
MISO Coal	1,359.3	49%	2,063.3	75%
PJM/MISO Gas	352.0	5%	339.4	5%
West	308.6	4%	898.9	13%
Other	7.0	1%	1,413.3	69%
Total	7,343.5	29%	10,743.6	41%
Commercial Capacity Factor⁽⁴⁾:				
PJM Coal		83.7%		75.9%
MISO Coal		90.8%		51.3%
PJM/MISO Gas		91.6%		91.1%
West		94.1%		95.1%
Other		81.4%		91.9%
Total		85.9%		75.4%
Generation⁽³⁾:				
PJM Coal	4,452.3		4,575.2	
MISO Coal	1,233.9		1,058.7	
PJM/MISO Gas	322.6		309.2	
West	290.4		855.2	
Other	5.7		1,298.7	
Total	6,304.9		8,097.0	
Open Energy Unit Margin (\$/MWh)⁽⁵⁾:				
PJM Coal	\$ 36.16		\$ 32.57	
MISO Coal	23.50		30.23	
PJM/MISO Gas	46.50		29.11	
West	NM ⁽⁶⁾			
Other			5.39	

Total weighted average	\$ 32.04	\$ 24.33
------------------------	----------	----------

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

(2) 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.

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

(4) Generation divided by economic generation.

(5) Represents open energy gross margin divided by generation.

(6)

NM is not
meaningful.

Table of Contents*Wholesale Energy Revenues.*

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Wholesale energy third-party revenues	\$ 862	\$ 667	\$ 195 ⁽¹⁾
Wholesale energy intersegment revenues	83	141	(58) ⁽²⁾
Subtotal	945	808	137
Revenues affiliates	146 ⁽³⁾		146
Unrealized gains (losses)	6	(11)	17 ⁽⁴⁾
Total wholesale energy revenues	\$ 1,097	\$ 797	\$ 300

- (1) Increase primarily due to
- (a) higher power and natural gas sales prices,
 - (b) higher RPM capacity payments and
 - (c) higher power sales volumes.
- RPM is the model utilized by the PJM Interconnection, LLC to meet load serving entities forecasted capacity obligations via a forward-looking commitment of capacity resources. This increase was partially offset by (a) lower natural gas sales volumes and (b) lower steam

sales due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.

(2) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower power sales volumes and (b) lower natural gas sales volumes related to a contract that ended in October 2007. This decrease was partially offset by higher power sales prices.

(3) We deconsolidated Channelview on August 20, 2007. These revenues represent sales of fuel to Channelview.

(4) See footnote 9 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

Wholesale Energy Cost of Sales.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Wholesale energy third-party costs	\$ 593	\$ 545	\$ 48 ⁽¹⁾
Cost of sales affiliates	121 ⁽²⁾		121
Unrealized gains	(62)	(45)	(17) ⁽³⁾
Total wholesale energy cost of sales	\$ 652	\$ 500	\$ 152

(1)

Increase primarily due to (a) higher prices paid for natural gas and (b) higher coal prices. This increase was partially offset by lower purchased natural gas volumes.

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

(3) See footnote 9 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

Table of Contents*Wholesale Energy Margins.*

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Open energy gross margin ⁽¹⁾ :			
PJM Coal	\$ 161	\$ 149	\$ 12 ⁽²⁾
MISO Coal	29	32	(3)
PJM/MISO Gas	15	9	6
West	(3)		(3)
Other		7	(7)
Total	202	197	5
Other margin ⁽³⁾ :			
PJM Coal	26	15	11 ⁽⁴⁾
MISO Coal	3	3	
PJM/MISO Gas	33	25	8 ⁽⁵⁾
West	34	36	(2)
Other	10	17	(7) ⁽⁶⁾
Total	106	96	10
Open wholesale gross margin	308	293	15
Operation and maintenance	(166)	(175)	9 ⁽⁷⁾
Open wholesale contribution margin	142	118	24
Historical and operational wholesale hedges	69	(30)	99 ⁽⁸⁾
Unrealized gains on energy derivatives	68	34	34 ⁽⁹⁾
Total wholesale energy contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 279	\$ 122	\$ 157

(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 commercial capacity factor related to fewer planned outages in 2008. This increase was partially offset by lower economic generation.
- (3) Other margin represents power purchase agreements, capacity payments, ancillary services revenues and selective commercial hedge strategies.
- (4) Increase primarily due to higher RPM capacity payments.

- (5) Increase primarily due to higher RPM capacity payments, partially offset by lower revenue from power purchase agreements.
- (6) Decrease primarily due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.
- (7) Decrease primarily due to (a) the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007 and (b) \$3 million decrease in planned outages and maintenance spending. This decrease was partially offset by \$6 million increase in services and support.
- (8) Increase primarily due to (a) \$82 million in higher margins on operational hedges and (b) \$38 million decrease in losses on closed power hedges. This increase

was partially offset by \$19 million decrease on hedges of gas transportation.

- (9) Increase primarily due to \$90 million gain from changes in prices on our derivatives marked to market, partially offset by \$58 million loss on energy derivatives settled during the period.

- (10) Wholesale energy segment profit and loss measure.

Table of Contents*Other General and Administrative.*

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 24	\$ 31	\$ (7)
Professional fees, contract services and information systems maintenance	9	12	(3)
Rent and utilities	5	5	
Legal costs	1	2	(1)
Other, net	2	4	(2)
Other general and administrative	\$ 41	\$ 54	\$ (13)

Gains on Sales of Assets and Emission and Exchange Allowances, Net.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Emission and exchange allowances	\$ 27 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2	\$ 25
Investment in and receivables from Channelview	(5) ⁽²⁾		(5)
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	\$ 22	\$ 2	\$ 20

(1) Includes gains of \$26 million related to sales of carbon dioxide exchange allowances.

(2) In the second quarter of 2008, we executed an agreement to sell the Channelview plant and assign related contracts. This amount represents our

estimated loss on the sale. See note 14 to our interim financial statements.

Depreciation and Amortization.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Depreciation on plants	\$ 59	\$ 76	\$ (17) ⁽¹⁾
Depreciation on information systems	8	8	
Other, net depreciation	1	2	(1)
Depreciation	68	86	(18)
Amortization of emission allowances	19	23	(4)
Other, net amortization	1	1	
Amortization	20	24	(4)
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 88	\$ 110	\$ (22)

(1) Decrease primarily due to (a) early retirements of plant components when replacement components are installed for upgrades (from \$13 million in 2007 to \$4 million in 2008), (b) the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007 and (c) the classification of Bighorn assets as held for sale in April 2008, which requires depreciation to

cease.

Table of Contents

Income of Equity Investment, Net. This represents income, which did not change significantly, from our equity method investment in Sabine Cogen, LP.

Other, Net. Other, net did not change significantly.

Interest Expense.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Fixed-rate debt	\$ 58	\$ 59	\$ (1)
Fees for MWh's delivered under credit-enhanced retail structure	7	7	
Deferred financing costs	1	42	(41) ⁽¹⁾
Variable-rate debt		6	(6)
Channelview		7	(7) ⁽²⁾
Amortization of fair value adjustment of acquired debt	(3)	(4)	1
Capitalized interest	(4)	(2)	(2)
Other, net	4	7	(3)
Interest expense	\$ 63	\$ 122	\$ (59)

(1) Decrease primarily due to \$39 million write-off due to early extinguishments of debt in the second quarter of 2007.

(2) Decrease due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.

Interest Income.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Interest on temporary cash investments	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 1
Net margin deposits	3	2	1
Interest income	\$ 10	\$ 8	\$ 2

Income Tax Expense. See note 9 to our interim financial statements.

Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations. See note 16 to our interim financial statements.

Table of Contents**Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2007**

We reported \$736 million consolidated net income, or \$2.08 income per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$24 million consolidated net loss, or \$0.07 loss per share, for the same period in 2007.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Retail energy contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	\$ 1,056	\$ 450	\$ 606
Wholesale energy contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	496	80	416
Other contribution margin		2	(2)
Other general and administrative	(77)	(95)	18
Western states litigation and similar settlements	(34)	(22)	(12)
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	23	2	21
Depreciation and amortization	(177)	(202)	25
Income of equity investment, net	1	3	(2)
Debt extinguishments		(71)	71
Interest expense	(126)	(209)	83
Interest income	20	18	2
Income tax (expense) benefit	(452)	23	(475)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	730	(21)	751
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	6	(3)	9
Net income (loss)	\$ 736	\$ (24)	\$ 760

Retail Energy Segment.

Our retail energy segment's contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$1,056 million during the six months ended June 30, 2008, compared to \$450 million in the same period of 2007. The \$606 million increase was primarily due to the net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of \$774 million. Retail contribution margin decreased \$168 million primarily due to \$181 million decrease in retail gross margin, partially offset by \$25 million decrease in bad debt expense. See [Retail Energy Margins](#) below for explanations.

Retail Energy Operational Data.

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
	(gigawatt hours)	
Electricity Sales to End-Use Retail Customers:		
Mass:		
Residential:		
Houston	5,832	6,187
Non-Houston	3,772	3,849
Small Business:		
Houston	1,321	1,471

Non-Houston	676	668
Total Mass	11,601	12,175
Commercial and Industrial:		
ERCOT ⁽¹⁾	18,525	17,062
Non-ERCOT	2,833	2,085
Total Commercial and Industrial	21,358	19,147
Market usage adjustments	(62)	(73)
Total	32,897	31,249

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

Table of Contents

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
	(in thousands, metered locations)	
Weighted Average Retail Customer Count:		
Mass:		
Residential:		
Houston	996	1,074
Non-Houston	545	560
Small Business:		
Houston	109	119
Non-Houston	38	34
Total Mass	1,688	1,787
Commercial and Industrial ⁽¹⁾	92	87
Total	1,780	1,874

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

Retail Energy Revenues.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Retail energy revenues from end-use retail customers:			
Mass:			
Residential:			
Houston	\$ 866	\$ 947	\$ (81) ⁽¹⁾
Non-Houston	514	535	(21) ⁽¹⁾
Small Business:			
Houston	208	242	(34) ⁽²⁾
Non-Houston	98	95	3
Total Mass	1,686	1,819	(133)
Commercial and Industrial:			
ERCOT	1,864	1,542	322 ⁽³⁾
Non-ERCOT	257	150	107 ⁽⁴⁾
Total Commercial and Industrial	2,121	1,692	429
Total	3,807	3,511	296

Retail energy revenues from resales of purchased power and other hedging activities	543	189	354 ⁽⁵⁾
Market usage adjustments	(5)	(5)	
Total retail energy revenues	\$ 4,345	\$ 3,695	\$ 650

(1) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower volumes driven by (i) fewer number of customers and (ii) a decrease in average customer usage, partially offset by higher volumes due to warmer weather and (b) lower unit sales prices.

(2) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower volumes due to fewer number of customers and (b) lower unit sales prices.

(3) Increase primarily due to (a) higher unit sales prices due to (i) variable rate contracts, which are tied to the market price of natural gas and (ii) fixed price contracts renewed at higher market rates due to higher prices of electricity when

the contracts were executed and (b) higher volumes primarily driven by increased number of customers.

- (4) Increase primarily due to (a) higher volumes due to increased number of customers, partially offset by a change in customer usage and mix and (b) higher unit sales prices due to higher prices of electricity when contracts were executed.
- (5) Increase primarily due to our supply management activities in various markets in Texas.

Table of Contents*Retail Energy Cost of Sales.*

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Costs of sales	\$ 3,984	\$ 3,048	\$ 936
Retail energy intersegments costs	131	228	(97)
Subtotal	4,115	3,276	839 ⁽¹⁾
Market usage adjustments	(2)	6	(8)
Unrealized gains on energy derivatives	(1,030)	(256)	(774) ⁽²⁾
Total retail energy cost of sales	\$ 3,083	\$ 3,026	\$ 57

(1) Increase primarily due to (a) higher unit prices of purchased power at the time of procurement due in part to weather and (b) higher volumes due to (i) warmer weather and (ii) increased number of commercial and industrial customers, partially offset by (x) fewer number of mass customers and (y) a change in customer usage and mix.

(2) See footnote 5 under Retail Energy Margins.

Retail Energy Margins.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Mass gross margin	\$ 187	\$ 356	\$ (169) ⁽¹⁾
Commercial and industrial gross margin	48	68	(20) ⁽²⁾
Market usage adjustments	(3)	(11)	8
Retail gross margin	232	413	(181)
Operation and maintenance	(123)	(121)	(2)
Selling and marketing expense	(70)	(60)	(10) ⁽³⁾
Bad debt expense	(13)	(38)	25 ⁽⁴⁾
Retail contribution margin	26	194	(168)
Unrealized gains on energy derivatives	1,030	256	774 ⁽⁵⁾
Total retail energy contribution margin, including unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	\$ 1,056	\$ 450	\$ 606

(1) Decrease primarily due to (a) lower unit margins driven by (i) higher unit prices of purchased power at the time of procurement, (ii) higher market rates on incremental volumes purchased for higher customer load due to weather, (iii) increased cost of intra-month congestion and (iv) lower unit sales prices and (b) lower volumes primarily due to

fewer
customers.

- (2) Decrease primarily due to lower unit margins driven by (a) higher unit prices of purchased power at the time of procurement, (b) increased cost of intra-month congestion and (c) higher load related charges. This decrease was partially offset by (a) higher unit sales prices driven by (i) variable rate contracts, which are tied to the market price of natural gas and (ii) fixed price contracts renewed at higher market rates due to higher prices of electricity when the contracts were executed and (b) higher volumes due to increased number of customers.
- (3) Increase primarily due to increase in salaries, contract services and professional

fees partially
attributable to
Smart Energy.

(4) Decrease
primarily due to
improved
collections.

(5) Increase
primarily due to
\$1.1 billion gain
from changes in
prices on our
derivatives
marked to
market, partially
offset by (a)
\$223 million
loss on energy
derivatives
settled during
the period and
(b) \$157 million
loss related to
liquidity and
credit reserves.

Wholesale Energy Segment.

Our wholesale energy segment's contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives was \$496 million during the six months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$80 million in the same period of 2007. The \$416 million increase was primarily due to (a) \$177 million increase in historical and operational wholesale hedges and (b) net change in unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives of \$158 million. Open wholesale contribution margin increased \$81 million primarily due to \$56 million increase in open wholesale gross margin and \$27 million decrease in operation and maintenance expenses. See Wholesale Energy Margins below for explanations.

Table of Contents*Wholesale Energy Operational and Financial Data.*

	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2008		2007	
	GWh	% Economic	GWh	% Economic
Economic Generation:				
PJM Coal	11,280.8	77%	12,127.1	84%
MISO Coal	3,407.7	62%	4,244.7	78%
PJM/MISO Gas	412.7	3%	414.2	3%
West	547.0	4%	907.3	7%
Other	7.0	1%	2,750.2	67%
Total	15,655.2	31%	20,443.5	39%
 Commercial Capacity Factor:				
PJM Coal	84.3%		77.6%	
MISO Coal	81.5%		56.4%	
PJM/MISO Gas	92.0%		86.3%	
West	86.3%		95.2%	
Other	81.4%		91.4%	
Total	84.0%		76.0%	
 Generation:				
PJM Coal	9,515.1		9,407.4	
MISO Coal	2,776.1		2,395.0	
PJM/MISO Gas	379.5		357.5	
West	472.2		863.7	
Other	5.7		2,512.8	
Total	13,148.6		15,536.4	
 Open Energy Unit Margin (\$/MWh):				
PJM Coal	\$ 34.89		\$ 31.68	
MISO Coal	27.02		28.81	
PJM/MISO Gas	52.70		27.97	
West	NM ⁽¹⁾		NM ⁽¹⁾	
Other			5.57	
Total weighted average	\$ 31.87		\$ 24.91	

(1)

NM is not
meaningful.
Wholesale Energy Revenues.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
		(in millions)	
Wholesale energy third-party revenues	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,313	\$ 334 ⁽¹⁾
Wholesale energy intersegment revenues	131	228	(97) ⁽²⁾
Subtotal	1,778	1,541	237
Revenues affiliates	253 ⁽³⁾		253
Unrealized gains (losses)	(7)	4	(11) ⁽⁴⁾
Total wholesale energy revenues	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,545	\$ 479

(1) Increase primarily due to
(a) higher power and natural gas sales prices,
(b) higher power sales volumes and
(c) higher RPM capacity payments. This increase was partially offset by (a) lower natural gas sales volumes and (b) lower steam sales due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.

(2) Decrease primarily due to
(a) lower power sales volumes and
(b) lower natural gas sales volumes related

to a contract that ended in October 2007. This decrease was partially offset by higher power sales prices.

- (3) We deconsolidated Channelview on August 20, 2007. These revenues represent sales of fuel to Channelview.
- (4) See footnote 8 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

Table of Contents*Wholesale Energy Cost of Sales.*

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
		(in millions)	
Wholesale energy third-party costs	\$ 1,114	\$ 1,057	\$ 57 ⁽¹⁾
Cost of sales affiliates	200 ⁽²⁾		200
Unrealized (gains) losses	(105)	64	(169) ⁽³⁾
Total wholesale energy cost of sales	\$ 1,209	\$ 1,121	\$ 88

(1) Increase primarily due to (a) higher prices paid for natural gas and (b) higher coal prices. This increase was partially offset by lower purchased natural gas volumes.

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

(3) See footnote 8 under Wholesale Energy Margins.

Wholesale Energy Margins.

Six Months Ended June 30,		
2008	2007	Change

	(in millions)		
Open energy gross margin:			
PJM Coal	\$ 332	\$ 298	\$ 34 ⁽¹⁾
MISO Coal	75	69	6
PJM/MISO Gas	20	10	10 ⁽²⁾
West	(8)	(4)	(4)
Other		14	(14) ⁽³⁾
Total	419	387	32
Other margin:			
PJM Coal	44	22	22 ⁽⁴⁾
MISO Coal	5	5	
PJM/MISO Gas	60	36	24 ⁽⁴⁾
West	56	59	(3)
Other	19	38	(19) ⁽⁵⁾
Total	184	160	24
Open wholesale gross margin	603	547	56
Operation and maintenance	(318)	(345)	27 ⁽⁶⁾
Bad debt expense	(1)	1	(2)
Open wholesale contribution margin	284	203	81
Historical and operational wholesale hedges	114	(63)	177 ⁽⁷⁾
Unrealized gains (losses) on energy derivatives	98	(60)	158 ⁽⁸⁾
Total wholesale energy contribution margin, including historical and operational wholesale hedges and unrealized gains/losses on energy derivatives	\$ 496	\$ 80	\$ 416

(1) Increase primarily due to (a) higher open energy unit margins (higher power prices partially offset by higher fuel costs) and (b) higher commercial capacity factor primarily due to lower planned outages in 2008.

This increase was partially offset by lower economic generation.

- (2) Increase primarily due to higher open energy unit margins (higher power prices partially offset by higher fuel costs).
- (3) Decrease primarily due to lower economic generation related to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.
- (4) Increase primarily due to higher RPM capacity payments.
- (5) Decrease primarily due to (a) the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007 and (b) lower revenue from power purchase agreements.
- (6) Decrease primarily due to (a) the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007 and (b)

\$14 million decrease in planned outages and maintenance spending. This decrease was partially offset by \$7 million increase in services and support.

- (7) Increase primarily due to (a) \$121 million in higher margins on operational hedges and (b) \$77 million decrease in losses on closed power hedges. This increase was partially offset by \$20 million decrease on hedges of gas transportation.
- (8) Increase primarily due to \$200 million gain from changes in prices on our derivatives marked to market, partially offset by \$40 million loss on energy derivatives settled during the period.

Table of Contents*Other General and Administrative.*

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Salaries and benefits	\$ 42	\$ 50	\$ (8)
Professional fees, contract services and information systems maintenance	16	19	(3)
Rent and utilities	11	11	
Legal costs	3	9	(6)
Other, net	5	6	(1)
Other general and administrative	\$ 77	\$ 95	\$ (18)

Western States Litigation and Similar Settlements. See note 14(a) to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K and note 11 to our interim financial statements.

Gains on Sales of Assets and Emission and Exchange Allowances, Net.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Emission and exchange allowances	\$ 27 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2	\$ 25
Investment in and receivables from Channelview	(5) ⁽²⁾		(5)
Other, net	1		1
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	\$ 23	\$ 2	\$ 21

(1) Includes gains of \$26 million related to sales of carbon dioxide exchange allowances.

(2) In the second quarter of 2008, we executed an agreement to sell the Channelview plant and assign related

contracts. This amount represents our estimated loss on the sale. See note 14 to our interim financial statements.

Depreciation and Amortization.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Depreciation on plants	\$ 117	\$ 152	\$ (35) ⁽¹⁾
Depreciation on information systems	16	18	(2)
Other, net depreciation	3	3	
Depreciation	136	173	(37)
Amortization of emission allowances	39	27	12 ⁽²⁾
Other, net amortization	2	2	
Amortization	41	29	12
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 177	\$ 202	\$ (25)

(1) Decrease primarily due to (a) early retirements of plant components when replacement components are installed for upgrades (from \$28 million in 2007 to \$4 million in 2008) and (b) the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.

(2)

Increase
primarily due to
higher average
of cost of SO₂
allowances
purchased and
used.

Table of Contents

Income of Equity Investment, Net. This represents income, which did not change significantly, from our equity method investment in Sabine Cogen, LP.

Other, Net. Other, net did not change significantly.

Interest Expense.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Fixed-rate debt	\$ 115	\$ 118	\$ (3)
Fees for MWh s delivered under credit-enhanced retail structure	13	12	1
Deferred financing costs	4	45	(41) ⁽¹⁾
Variable-rate debt		14	(14) ⁽²⁾
Channelview		13	(13) ⁽³⁾
Amortization of fair value adjustment of acquired debt	(6)	(7)	1
Capitalized interest	(7)	(2)	(5)
Other, net	7	16	(9)
Interest expense	\$ 126	\$ 209	\$ (83)

(1) Decrease primarily due to \$39 million write-off due to early extinguishments of debt in the second quarter of 2007.

(2) Decrease primarily due to decrease in balances.

(3) Decrease due to the deconsolidation of Channelview on August 20, 2007.

Interest Income.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		

Interest on temporary cash investments	\$	16	\$	13	\$	3
Net margin deposits		4		5		(1)
Interest income	\$	20	\$	18	\$	2

Income Tax Expense. See note 9 to our interim financial statements.

Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations. See note 16 to our interim financial statements.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

During the six months ended June 30, 2008, we generated \$182 million in operating cash flows from continuing operations, including the changes in margin deposits of \$55 million (cash outflow).

As of July 31, 2008, we had total available liquidity of \$1.5 billion, comprised of unused borrowing capacity, letters of credit capacity and cash and cash equivalents. Of this amount, \$300 million is available only 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 in our Form 10-K.

The \$300 million working capital facility includes a minimum adjusted EBITDA covenant for our retail business that may lead us to seek an amendment or we could decide to terminate the facility. We do not believe these events would be material to our liquidity or financial condition.

We expect to close on the sale of our Bighorn plant during the fourth quarter of 2008 with proceeds of approximately \$500 million. See note 15 to our interim financial statements for further discussion.

See Risk Factors in Item 1A and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources in Item 7 of our Form 10-K and note 6 to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K.

Table of Contents**Credit Risk**

By extending credit to our counterparties, we are exposed to credit risk. As of June 30, 2008, 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	Exposure Net of Collateral (dollars in millions)	Number of Counterparties >10%	Net Exposure of Counterparties >10%
Investment grade	\$ 1,106	\$ 22	\$ 1,084	1	\$ 884
Non-investment grade	404	1	403	1	201
No external ratings:					
Internally rated Investment grade	70		70		
Internally rated Non-investment grade	49	4	45		
Total	\$ 1,629	\$ 27	\$ 1,602	2	\$ 1,085

(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.

As of June 30, 2008, one investment grade counterparty represented 54% (\$884 million) of our credit exposure and one non-investment grade counterparty represented 12% (\$201 million) of our credit exposure. As of December 31, 2007, two non-investment grade counterparties represented 47% (\$206 million) of our credit exposure. As of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we held no collateral from these counterparties. There were no other counterparties representing greater than 10% of our credit exposure.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of June 30, 2008, we have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Table of Contents**Historical Cash Flows***Cash Flows Operating Activities*

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Operating income	\$ 1,287	\$ 215	\$ 1,072
Depreciation and amortization	177	202	(25)
Gains on sales of assets and emission and exchange allowances, net	(23)	(2)	(21)
Net changes in energy derivatives	(1,106) ⁽¹⁾	(166) ⁽²⁾	(940)
Western states litigation and similar settlements	34		34
Western states litigation and similar settlements payments		(35)	35
Margin deposits, net	(55)	113	(168)
Change in accounts and notes receivable and accounts payable, net	52	(7)	59
Net option premiums purchased	(29)	(18)	(11)
Settlements of exchange transactions prior to contractual period ⁽³⁾	(5)	(9)	4
Interest payments	(128)	(206)	78
Income tax payments, net of refunds	(3)	(15)	12
Other, net	(19)	(48)	29
Net cash provided by continuing operations from operating activities	182	24	158
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations from operating activities	9	(3)	12
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 191	\$ 21	\$ 170

(1) Includes unrealized gains on energy derivatives of \$1.1 billion.

(2) Includes unrealized gains on energy derivatives of \$196 million.

(3) Represents exchange transactions financially

settled within
three business
days prior to the
contractual
delivery month.

Cash Flows Investing Activities

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Capital expenditures	\$ (117)	\$ (99)	\$ (18)
Proceeds from sales of emission and exchange allowances	29 ⁽¹⁾	3	26
Purchases of emission allowances	(18) ⁽²⁾	(14) ⁽²⁾	(4)
Restricted cash	(4)	20	(24)
Other, net	1	2	(1)
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (109)	\$ (88)	\$ (21)

(1) Includes
\$26 million
from sales of
carbon dioxide
exchange
allowances.

(2) Includes
\$14 million for
purchases of
SO₂ allowances.

Table of Contents*Cash Flows Financing Activities*

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2008	2007	Change
	(in millions)		
Proceeds from issuance of senior unsecured notes	\$	\$ 1,300	\$ (1,300)
Payments of senior secured notes	(45)	(1,058)	1,013
Payments of senior secured term loans		(400)	400
Proceeds from issuance of stock	6	29	(23)
Payments of financing costs		(30)	30
Payments of debt extinguishments		(71)	71
Other, net		(1)	1
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (39)	\$ (231)	\$ 192

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

See notes 1 and 3 to our interim financial statements.

Significant Accounting Policies

See note 2 to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K.

Critical Accounting Estimates

See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Accounting Estimates New Accounting Pronouncements, Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates Critical Accounting Estimates in Item 7 in our Form 10-K and note 2 to our consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K.

On January 1, 2008, we adopted SFAS No. 157, which discusses fair value measurements. See note 3 to our interim financial statements.

Table of Contents**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK****Market Risks and Risk Management**

Our primary market risk exposure relates to fluctuations in commodity prices. See **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk** in Item 7A of our Form 10-K.

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

As of June 30, 2008, the fair values of the contracts related to our net non-trading derivative assets and liabilities are:

Source of Fair Value	Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2009	Remainder of 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 and thereafter	Total fair value
	(in millions)						
Prices actively quoted (Level 1)	\$ (30)	\$ (5)	\$ (10)	\$ (10)	\$	\$	\$ (55)
Prices provided by other external sources (Level 2)	380	95	(12)	(29)	(8)		426
Prices based on models and other valuation methods (Level 3)	471	42	(13)	(18)			482
Total mark-to-market non-trading derivatives	\$ 821	\$ 132	\$ (35)	\$ (57)	\$ (8)	\$	\$ 853

During the second quarter of 2008, we made changes to the methodology used for grouping derivative instruments relative to the source of their fair value. Using the fair value hierarchy parameters from SFAS No. 157 (see note 3 to our interim financial statements) we have made the following reclassifications between categories:

Instruments whose fair value is based on adjusted quoted market prices in active markets, previously included under the category of *prices actively quoted*, are now included under *prices provided by other external sources*;

Instruments that are transacted in less liquid markets, such as contracts for power and coal, previously included under the category of *prices provided by other external sources*, are now included under *prices based on models and other valuation methods*; and

Valuation adjustments for liquidity and credit previously included under the category *prices based on models and other valuation methods* are now included in the category associated with the derivative instrument.

Under the new methodology, the fair values of the contracts related to our net non-trading derivative assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2008 would have been:

Source of Fair Value	Twelve Months Ending March 31, 2009	Remainder of 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 and thereafter	Total fair value
	(in millions)						

Edgar Filing: RELIANT ENERGY INC - Form 10-Q

Prices actively quoted	\$ (27)	\$ (2)	\$ (4)	\$ (4)	\$	\$	\$ (37)
Prices provided by other external sources	11	18	(26)	(31)	(10)		(38)
Prices based on models and other valuation methods	349	(4)	(10)	(8)			327
Total mark-to-market non-trading derivatives	\$ 333	\$ 12	\$ (40)	\$ (43)	\$ (10)	\$	\$ 252

Table of Contents

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

As of	Market Prices	Fair Value of Cash Flow Hedges	Earnings Impact of Other Derivatives (in millions)	Total Potential Loss in Fair Value
June 30, 2008	10% decrease	\$	\$ (513)	\$ (513)
December 31, 2007	10% decrease		(353)	(353)

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 June 30, 2008.

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 interest expense would have increased/decreased for the twelve months ended June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 by \$1 million and \$4 million, respectively, and our interest income, net of interest expense would have increased/decreased by \$6 million and \$2 million, respectively.

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 periods. If interest rates decreased by one percentage point from their June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 levels, the fair market values of our fixed-rate debt would have increased by \$191 million and \$201 million, respectively.

Trading Market Risks

As of June 30, 2008, 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	Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2009		2010 - 2012				2013 and thereafter	Total fair value
	June 30, 2009	Remainder of 2009	2010	2011	2012	(in millions)		
Prices actively quoted (Level 1)	\$ (67)	\$ (7)	\$ (4)	\$	\$	\$	\$ (78)	
Prices provided by other external sources (Level 2)	76						76	
Prices based on models and other valuation methods (Level 3)								
Total	\$ 9	\$ (7)	\$ (4)	\$	\$	\$	\$ (2)	

Table of Contents

During the second quarter of 2008, we made changes to the methodology used for grouping derivative instruments relative to the source of their fair value; however, these changes did not have a material impact in the presentation of information for our legacy trading positions.

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

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	(in millions)			
Realized	\$ 2	\$ (7)	\$ 9	\$ 3
Unrealized	(15)	7	(26)	(3)
Total	\$ (13)	\$	\$ (17)	\$

An analysis of these net derivative assets and liabilities is:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2008	2007
	(in millions)	
Fair value of contracts outstanding, beginning of period	\$ 19	\$ 9
Contracts realized or settled	(15) ⁽¹⁾	(5) ⁽²⁾
Changes in fair values attributable to market price and other market changes	(6)	3
Fair value of contracts outstanding, end of period	\$ (2)	\$ 7

(1) Amount includes realized gain of \$(10) million and deferred settlements of \$(5) million.

(2) Amount includes realized gain of \$(3) million and deferred settlements of \$(2) million.

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

2008⁽¹⁾	2007
(in millions)	

As of June 30	\$	11	\$	5
Three months ended June 30:				
Average		5		3
High		13		5
Low		1		2
Six months ended June 30:				
Average		3		3
High		13		5
Low				2

(1) The major parameters for calculating daily value-at-risk remain the same during 2008 as disclosed in Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk in Item 7A of our Form 10-K.

Table of Contents**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES****Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (1934 Act)) as of June 30, 2008, the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that, as of June 30, 2008, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the 1934 Act) during the period ended June 30, 2008, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II.**OTHER INFORMATION****ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

See note 11 to our interim financial statements in this Form 10-Q.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

In the second quarter of 2008, we issued 1,847,119 shares of unregistered common stock pursuant to cashless warrant exercises and 31,933 shares of unregistered common stock for \$162,539 in cash pursuant to warrant exercises, in each case under an exemption pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

We held our annual meeting of our stockholders on May 20, 2008. Our stockholders voted on the following proposals:

1. To elect nine directors to our Board to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders; and
2. To ratify the Audit Committee's selection of KPMG LLP as our independent auditors for fiscal year 2008.

The voting results were:

E. William Barnett was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
267,294,056	19,489,043	359,029

Donald J. Breeding was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
267,147,408	19,601,198	393,522

Kirbyjon H. Caldwell was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
265,251,227	21,497,541	393,361

Table of Contents

Mark M. Jacobs was elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
267,516,897	19,286,292	338,939

Steven L. Miller was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
267,336,168	19,381,978	423,983

Laree E. Perez was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
267,368,986	19,386,763	386,380

Evan J. Silverstein was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
267,369,719	19,359,716	412,693

Joel V. Staff was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
265,317,238	21,457,421	367,469

William L. Transier was re-elected to serve as a director:

For	Against	Abstain
260,109,186	26,159,926	873,016

The Audit Committee's selection of KPMG LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 was ratified:

For	Against	Abstain
284,489,337	2,311,230	341,562

We did not receive any broker non-votes on the proposals.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibits.

See Index of Exhibits.

Table of Contents

Pursuant to the requirements 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)

August 5, 2008

By: /s/ Thomas C. Livengood
Thomas C. Livengood
**Senior Vice President and Controller
(Duly Authorized Officer and
Chief Accounting Officer)**

Table of Contents**INDEX OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibits not incorporated by reference to a prior filing are designated by a cross (+); all exhibits not so designated are incorporated herein by reference to a prior filing as indicated. 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	Report or Registration Statement	SEC File or Registration Number	Exhibit Reference
+2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement by and among Reliant Energy Channelview LP, Reliant Energy Services Channelview LLC and GIM Channelview Cogeneration, LLC entered into June 9, 2008 and dated as of April 3, 2008			
+2.2	Amendment No. 1 to Asset Purchase Agreement for Bighorn power plant by and among Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC, Reliant Energy Asset Management, LLC and Nevada Power Company, dated as of May 12, 2008			
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	Registrant has omitted instruments with respect to long-term debt in an amount that does not exceed 10% of the registrant s total assets and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and hereby undertakes to furnish a copy of any such agreement to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request			
+10.1	Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2007 (Portions of this			

Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment)

- +10.2 Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement, dated as of April 22, 2008
- +10.3 Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated Credit Sleeve and Reimbursement Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2008 (Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment)
- +31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- +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 Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002