



Entergy Provides Storm Restoration Update

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New Orleans, La. – Entergy Corporation (NYSE: ETR) announced today its preliminary estimates of storm restoration costs associated with Hurricane Katrina as well as initial details on the number of customers that are not able to receive electric service. In addition, the company provided an update on its liquidity position, noting that it will pursue a range of options to recover storm-related costs and other potential incremental losses.

Preliminary Restoration Cost Estimates

Limited access to heavily flooded areas continues to hamper Entergy's ability to fully assess the extent of damage to certain portions of its infrastructure. As a result, Entergy noted that the initial restoration estimates are subject to change. Total restoration costs for the repair and/or replacement of Entergy's electric and gas facilities damaged by Hurricane Katrina and business continuity costs are estimated to be in the range of \$750 million to \$1.1 billion. Restoration and business continuity cost estimates for the various utility jurisdictions affected by the storm are as follows:

Company	Estimated Costs (U.S. \$ in millions)
Entergy Gulf States - LA	25-45
Entergy Louisiana	275-400
Entergy Mississippi	75-100
Entergy New Orleans	325-475
Other	50-80
Total	750-1,100

The above cost estimates do not include other potential incremental losses that cannot be estimated at this time.

Restoration Progress and Timing

As of 9:00 p.m. CDT yesterday, Entergy had restored power to approximately 874,000 of the 1.1 million customers who lost power at the peak of the storm. Entergy expects to restore power to all those customers who can take service in the non-flooded areas of New Orleans and surrounding parishes within 2 weeks. Some customers in the most devastated areas of greater New Orleans and surrounding parishes, estimated to be in the range of 150,000 to 170,000, are unable to accept electric and gas service, and therefore cannot be restored at the current time. Restoration for many of these customers will follow major repairs or reconstruction of customer facilities, and will be contingent on validation by local authorities of habitability and electrical safety of customers' structures. In areas where demolition is required before reconstruction can occur, Entergy will coordinate with parish officials to make every effort to have electric and gas facilities ready to serve customers as their communities are rebuilt.

Estimated Revenue Impact

Revenues are expected to be lower at both Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (ELI) and Entergy New Orleans, Inc. (ENOI) as a result of the 150,000 to 170,000 customers that are unable to accept electric and gas service for a period of time that cannot yet be estimated. Included in this customer estimate are 115,000 to 130,000 customers located in ENOI's service territory, with the remainder in ELI's service territory. The majority of these customers are residential, and the balance is primarily commercial.

Average annual non-fuel revenues associated with these customers are estimated to range from \$50 million to \$60 million for ELI and \$160 million to \$190 million for ENOI. However, Entergy noted that it cannot estimate the actual revenue impact of

customers who are currently unable to accept electric and gas service. This is due to a range of uncertainties, in particular the timing of when individual customers will return to service. The company noted that the lower revenues from the most severely impacted areas could be partially offset by potential sales growth in other Entergy service areas. This growth could come from evacuees moving into neighboring cities in Entergy's service territory such as Baton Rouge, LA and Jackson, MS or from temporary facilities constructed by federal and local agencies.

Recovery Initiatives

Entergy plans to pursue a broad range of initiatives to recover storm restoration costs and incremental losses. Initiatives include obtaining reimbursement of certain costs covered by insurance, obtaining assistance through federal legislation targeting Hurricane Katrina relief, and pursuing recovery through existing or new rate mechanisms regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and local regulatory bodies.

Federal legislation expected to be introduced shortly will consider a wide array of potential relief mechanisms for electric and gas utilities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. For example, Entergy understands that Congress will consider amendments to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, provide additional appropriations for restoration and repair costs through Community Development Block Grants, and other potential alternatives that the Congress enacted following the September 11, 2001 tragedy. Entergy appreciates the Congress considering on an expedited basis legislation, that if approved, would permit the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and states to obtain federal aid to provide direct assistance to privately owned utilities in the storm-stricken areas. Entergy noted that it is unable to predict the degree of success it may have in these initiatives, the amount of restoration costs and incremental losses it may recover or the timing of such recovery.

Liquidity Impact

Entergy Corporation continues to believe it has sufficient liquidity to meet its current obligations and to fund its restoration efforts. However, the impact of lower revenues and storm restoration costs, concentrated at ENOI, are expected to create liquidity constraints at that company. Various alternatives are being considered by Entergy for maintaining acceptable liquidity at ENOI. These alternatives include open account advances to ENOI and assigning ENOI contracts for purchased power to other Entergy companies to reduce cash requirements at ENOI and provide attractively priced power to other Entergy system customers. In addition, Entergy is evaluating the options of additional debt issuances, the expansion of short-term borrowing capacity and/or infusing equity into ENOI.

Further, ENOI will consider seeking a petition for protection under federal bankruptcy law. Entergy believes this option should be considered to determine whether or not it is the most appropriate course of action to protect any future investment in ENOI and to preserve legal rights while achieving business continuity at ENOI. Some of these options being considered may affect Entergy's debt arrangements and the financing and power purchase agreements relating to System Energy Resources, Inc. Entergy cannot currently predict which options it may pursue to maintain acceptable liquidity at ENOI given the uncertainties associated with restoration cost estimates, amounts of cost recovery and the timing of such recovery through various initiatives noted above. Additional statistics on Entergy subsidiaries impacted by the storm and details on restoration progress achieved to date are included in appendix A to this release.

Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, and it is the second-largest nuclear generator in the United States. Entergy delivers electricity to 2.7 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Entergy has annual revenues of over \$10 billion and approximately 14,000 employees.

Appendix A provides Hurricane Katrina Outage Restoration Statistics.

**Table 1: Outage Restoration Status – Retail Customer Outages
Current Status vs Storm Peak**

Number of Retail Customer Outages (in thousands)	<u>Electric</u>		Total as of Storm Peak	<u>Gas</u>	
	Total as of 9/19/2005	Extended Restoration		Total as of 9/19/2005	Extended Restoration
Entergy Gulf States – LA	-	-	107	-	-
Entergy Louisiana	45	35 - 40	507	NA	NA
Entergy Mississippi	-	-	302	NA	NA
Entergy New Orleans	173	115 - 130	172	95	96
Total Customer Outages	218	150 - 170	1,088	95	96

**Table 2: Outage Restoration Status – Transmission Line & Substation Outages
Current Status vs Storm Peak**

Transmission Lines (count; #)	Total as of 9/19/2005	Total as of Storm Peak	Substations (count; #)	Total as of 9/19/2005	Total as of Storm Peak
Entergy Gulf States – LA	1	32	Entergy Gulf States – LA	-	36
Entergy Louisiana	-	90	Entergy Louisiana	11	86
Entergy Mississippi	16	41	Entergy Mississippi	-	117
Entergy New Orleans	12	19	Entergy New Orleans	12	24
Total Transmission Line Outages	29	182	Total Substation Outages	23	263

**Table 3: Outage Restoration Status – Fossil Fleet Impacted by Hurricane Katrina
Current Status vs Storm Peak**

Plant	Unit	Owned Capability (a)	Fuel Type	Purpose	As of 9/19/2005	As of Storm Peak
Entergy Louisiana						
Buras	8	12	Gas/Oil	Peaking	Extensive Flooding (EF)	Outage
Little Gypsy	1	238	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	Returned to Svc (RTS)	Outage
Little Gypsy	2	415	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Little Gypsy	3	545	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Ninemile Point	1	50	Gas/Oil	Peaking	RTS	Outage
Ninemile Point	2	60	Gas/Oil	Peaking	RTS	Outage
Ninemile Point	3	125	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Ninemile Point	4	730	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Ninemile Point	5	740	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Waterford	1	411	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Waterford	2	411	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	RTS	Outage
Entergy New Orleans						
A. B. Paterson	3	50	Gas/Oil	Peaking	EF	Outage
A. B. Paterson	4	-	Gas/Oil	Peaking	EF	Outage
A. B. Paterson	5	11	Oil	Peaking	EF	Outage
Michoud	1	65	Gas/Oil	Peaking	EF	Outage
Michoud	2	244	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	EF	Outage
Michoud	3	545	Gas/Oil	Intermediate	EF	Outage

(a) Owned Capability is the dependable load carrying capability as demonstrated under actual operating conditions based on the primary fuel (assuming no curtailments) that each unit was designed to utilize.

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Entergy's ability to purchase and sell assets at attractive prices and on other attractive terms, changes in utility regulation and in regulation of the nuclear industry, the success of Entergy's strategies to reduce tax payments, the effects of litigation and weather, and uncertainties associated with efforts to remediate the effects of Hurricane Katrina and recovery of costs associated with restoration including Entergy's ability to obtain financial assistance from governmental authorities in connection with this storm.

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