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Important issues for Entergy's customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

Entergy's Environmental Policy

Entergy is one of the largest producers of electric power in the United States and is also recognized as one of the nation's cleanest generators. Entergy has taken a leadership role in environmental initiatives maintaining a firm stance that the company should be proactive in its efforts to protect, preserve, and enhance the environment. Entergy demonstrates its role through investments in gas-fired and nuclear generation, as well as its commitment to purchase state-of-the-art combined-cycle gas turbines for ongoing and future development projects.

Entergy's strategies, decisions and actions are guided by the Environmental Vision Statement, adopted by the Board of Directors in 2002. In conducting Entergy's worldwide businesses, the vision statement pledges the company will commit to the following:

- Comply with all environmental laws and regulations everywhere Entergy serves, verified through regular environmental reviews.
- Conduct worldwide operations in a manner that places a high priority on health, safety and the environment.
- Instill the attitude and commitment in all employees that environmental protection is "my business."
- Advocate socially responsible environmental laws and regulations based on sound science and best practice.
- Support research and development in order to devise innovative, cost-effective solutions to environmental issues.

- Prevent pollution, minimize the creation of waste and recycle materials when practical.
- Utilize appropriate and practical indicators to monitor environmental performance.
- Encourage efficient production, delivery and use of electricity.
- Strive to operate in accordance with accepted international environmental management standards.
- Communicate Entergy's commitment to the policy and supply the resources and training necessary to carry it out.

Entergy's Commitment to the Environment

- In 2001, Entergy partnered with Environmental Defense and became the first domestic utility to voluntarily enact a five-year plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 2000 levels. Entergy beat the original target by 23 percent while increasing sales 21 percent during the same period.
- Entergy established a \$25 million Environmental Initiatives Fund with 80 percent dedicated to changes in Entergy-owned assets and 20 percent for the purchase of CO2 offsets (e.g., agricultural projects, geologic sequestration or enhanced oil recovery). Through the EIF, Entergy made capital improvements on its existing fossil fleet, including coal plants, to improve efficiency.
- In 2006, Entergy made its second commitment to limit GHG emissions to 20 percent below year 2000 levels through 2010. Entergy's service area is a prime example of the physical impacts of climate change and such measures are necessary for long-term success. With predictions of rising sea-levels and increased hurricane ferocity, Louisiana is in the crosshairs of global climate change's consequences.
- Entergy is the only US utility to be named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for 6 consecutive years, and the only US utility to be named to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index - World in 2006 and 2007.
- In 2007, Entergy was named to the Climate Leadership Index as "Best in Class" for its approach to climate change disclosure,

marking the fourth consecutive year Entergy has been recognized by the Carbon Disclosure Project.

- Compared to the rest of the industry, Entergy is the second cleanest utility generator among the top 10 generators. Nuclear generation accounts for 50 percent, while 30 percent comes from natural gas.
- Entergy is an active proponent of mandatory GHG emission caps, supporting a fuel neutral, market-based cap and trade approach that provides credit for early action. A mandatory approach is necessary to help provide regulatory certainty for decision makers as the industry plans for significant growth in demand and capital stock turnover of the fleet.
- While Entergy believes renewables are part of the solution to climate change, mandatory renewable portfolio standards are not the best approach due to limited renewable resources in the service area. However, Entergy has active participation in wind energy and co-owns two 80 megawatt wind facilities in Texas and Iowa.
- Entergy believes every technology across the generation spectrum, from new nuclear to renewables, is needed to reduce GHG emissions. Most importantly, innovation and advancements not yet developed will play an integral role.
- Entergy will continue to invest in clean energy technologies like nuclear, solar, wind, hydro and other renewables; and also look for opportunities to utilize clean fuel sources like natural gas and low-sulfur coal.
- Entergy supports EPA regulation of GHG and CO₂ under the Clean Air Act, and filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court demonstrating its position.
- Entergy's second GHG commitment has over \$3 million in funding to actively participate in GHG offset markets. The funding will be used to help develop new markets, products and innovations to help address GHG emission reductions.
- Entergy made a significant investment in protecting Louisiana's coastline from future storms by donating \$150,000 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to support an ambitious marsh restoration project.

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