



## *Case Study: Regulatory Reporting*

### **CHALLENGE**

CenterPoint was required to prepare and submit various annual regulatory filings and statistical reports to agencies including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Mississippi State Tax Commission, and the Railroad Commission of Texas by April 30. CenterPoint did not have sufficient staff to complete the filings by the deadline.

CenterPoint Energy is the third largest publicly traded natural gas delivery company in the U.S. with nearly 3 million metered customers in six states and is one of the largest combined electricity and natural gas delivery companies with almost 5 million metered customers and assets of nearly \$19 billion and annual revenues are more than \$10 billion

### **APPROACH**

To meet the client's goal, MJLM selected a team of four experienced professionals with the necessary skills for the project including the ability to coordinate the collection of information throughout CenterPoint Energy, familiarity with FERC reporting, and proficiency in the extraction of SAP information and the use of Microsoft Excel. We reviewed the prior year's files and client instructions for guidance and developed a quality control process.

### **SOLUTION**

MJLM provided a comprehensive framework for CenterPoint to develop accurate and timely regulatory reports. The team prepared federal regulatory reports for CenterPoint Energy which included extracting financial data from SAP, reconciling general ledger accounts to supporting schedules prepared by various departments and ensuring that the general ledger accounts were coded accurately using the FERC account coding standards. MJLM prepared federal regulatory reports on behalf of CenterPoint Energy with the states of Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

- Prepared and electronically submitted the FERC Form 1 on behalf of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric.
- Reviewed financial reports and workpapers for discrepancies and utilized problem solving techniques to ensure that the reports accurately reflected the day to day business operations.
- Communicated discrepancies to CenterPoint Energy management with recommendations for corrective action.