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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-K
(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

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: 1-12579

OGE ENERGY CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oklahoma

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

321 North Harvey

P.O. Box 321

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 405-553-3000

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock

New York Stock Exchange

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

R Yes £ No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.

£ Yes R No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). R Yes £ No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form

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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

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reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer R

Accelerated filer £

Non-accelerated filer £ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company £

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes R No

At June 30, 2011, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of shares of common stock held by non-affiliates was \$4,904,111,913 based on the number of shares held by non-affiliates (97,458,504) and the reported closing market price of the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date of \$50.32.

At January 31, 2012, there were 98,073,157 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The Proxy Statement for the Company's 2012 annual meeting of shareowners is incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following is a glossary of frequently used abbreviations that are found throughout this Form 10-K.

Abbreviation	Definition
401(k) Plan	Qualified defined contribution retirement plan
APSC	Arkansas Public Service Commission
ArcLight group	Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC, Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, collectively
Atoka	Atoka Midstream LLC joint venture
BART	Best Available Retrofit Technology
Code	Internal Revenue Code of 1986
Company	OGE Energy, collectively with its subsidiaries
Cordillera	Cordillera Energy Partners III, LLC
Crossroads	OG&E's Crossroads wind farm in Dewey County, Oklahoma
Dodd-Frank Act	Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
Dry Scrubbers	Dry flue gas desulfurization units with Spray Dryer Absorber
Enogex	OGE Holdings, collectively with its subsidiaries
Enogex LLC	Enogex LLC, collectively with its subsidiaries
Enogex Holdings	Enogex Holdings LLC, the parent company of Enogex LLC and a majority-owned subsidiary of OGE Holdings
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Clean Water Act	Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GAAP	Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States
MEP	Midcontinent Express Pipeline, LLC
MMBtu	Million British thermal unit
MMcf/d	Million cubic feet per day
MW	Megawatt
MWH	Megawatt-hour
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NGLs	Natural gas liquids
NOX	Nitrogen oxide
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange
OCC	Oklahoma Corporation Commission
ODEQ	Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
OER	OGE Energy Resources LLC, wholly-owned subsidiary of Enogex LLC
Off-system sales	Sales to other utilities and power marketers
OG&E	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company
OGE Holdings	OGE Enogex Holdings, LLC, wholly-owned subsidiary of OGE Energy and parent company of Enogex Holdings
OSHA	Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970
Oxbow	Oxbow Midstream, LLC
Pension Plan	Qualified defined benefit retirement plan
PHMSA	U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
PRM	Price risk management
Products	Enogex Products LLC, wholly-owned subsidiary of Enogex LLC
PSO	Public Service Company of Oklahoma
QF	Qualified cogeneration facilities
QF contracts	Contracts with QFs and small power production producers

SIP	State implementation plan
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide
SPP	Southwest Power Pool
System sales	Sales to OG&E's customers
TBtu/d	Trillion British thermal units per day
Windspeed	OG&E's transmission line from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Woodward, Oklahoma

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Except for the historical statements contained herein, the matters discussed in this Form 10-K, including those matters discussed in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," are forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "objective", "plan", "possible", "potential", "project" and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements. In addition to the specific risk factors discussed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" herein, factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- general economic conditions, including the availability of credit, access to existing lines of credit, access to the commercial paper markets, actions of rating agencies and their impact on capital expenditures;
- the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to access the capital markets and obtain financing on favorable terms;
- prices and availability of electricity, coal, natural gas and NGLs, each on a stand-alone basis and in relation to each other as well as the processing contract mix between percent-of-liquids, percent-of-proceeds, keep-whole and fixed-fee;
- business conditions in the energy and natural gas midstream industries;
- competitive factors including the extent and timing of the entry of additional competition in the markets served by the Company;
- unusual weather;
- availability and prices of raw materials for current and future construction projects;
- Federal or state legislation and regulatory decisions and initiatives that affect cost and investment recovery, have an impact on rate structures or affect the speed and degree to which competition enters the Company's markets;
- environmental laws and regulations that may impact the Company's operations;
- changes in accounting standards, rules or guidelines;
 - the discontinuance of accounting principles for certain types of rate-regulated activities;
- whether OG&E can successfully implement its Smart Grid program to install meters for its customers and integrate the Smart Grid meters with its customer billing and other computer information systems;
- the cost of protecting assets against, or damage due to, terrorism or cyber attacks;
- advances in technology;
- creditworthiness of suppliers, customers and other contractual parties;
- the higher degree of risk associated with the Company's nonregulated business compared with the Company's regulated utility business; and
- other risk factors listed in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission including those listed in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and in Exhibit 99.01 to this Form 10-K.

The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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PART I

Item 1. Business.

THE COMPANY

Introduction

The Company is an energy and energy services provider offering physical delivery and related services for both electricity and natural gas primarily in the south central United States. The Company conducts these activities through four business segments: (i) electric utility, (ii) natural gas transportation and storage, (iii) natural gas gathering and processing and (iv) natural gas marketing. For financial information regarding these segments, see Note 15 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company was incorporated in August 1995 in the state of Oklahoma and its principal executive offices are located at 321 North Harvey, P.O. Box 321, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321; telephone 405-553-3000.

The electric utility segment generates, transmits, distributes and sells electric energy in Oklahoma and western Arkansas. Its operations are conducted through OG&E and are subject to regulation by the OCC, the APSC and the FERC. OG&E was incorporated in 1902 under the laws of the Oklahoma Territory. OG&E is the largest electric utility in Oklahoma and its franchised service territory includes the Fort Smith, Arkansas area. OG&E sold its retail natural gas business in 1928 and is no longer engaged in the natural gas distribution business.

Enogex is a provider of integrated natural gas midstream services. Enogex is engaged in the business of gathering, processing, transporting, storing and marketing natural gas. Most of Enogex's natural gas gathering, processing, transportation and storage assets are strategically located in the Arkoma and Anadarko basins of Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. Enogex's operations are organized into three business segments: (i) natural gas transportation and storage, (ii) natural gas gathering and processing and (iii) natural gas marketing. Enogex LLC is a Delaware single-member limited liability company. At December 31, 2011, the Company indirectly owns an 81.3 percent membership interest in Enogex Holdings, which in turn owns all of the membership interests in Enogex LLC.

Company Strategy

The Company's mission is to fulfill its critical role in the nation's electric utility and natural gas midstream pipeline infrastructure and meet individual customers' needs for energy and related services in a safe, reliable and efficient manner. The Company's corporate strategy is to continue to maintain its existing business mix and diversified asset position of its regulated electric utility business and unregulated natural gas midstream business while providing competitive energy products and services to customers primarily in the south central United States as well as seeking growth opportunities in both businesses. Additionally, the Company wants to achieve a premium valuation of its businesses relative to its peers, grow earnings per share with a stable earnings pattern, create a high performance culture and achieve desired outcomes with target stakeholders.

OG&E is focused on increased investment to preserve system reliability and meet load growth by adding and maintaining infrastructure equipment and replacing aging transmission and distribution systems. OG&E is focused on maintaining strong regulatory and legislative relationships for the long-term benefit of its customers. In an effort to encourage more efficient use of electricity, OG&E is also providing energy management solutions to its customers through the Smart Grid program that utilizes newer technology to improve operational and environmental performance and promote demand-side management programs. If these initiatives are successful, OG&E believes it may be able to defer the construction or acquisition of any incremental fossil fuel generation capacity until 2020. As the Smart Grid platform matures, OG&E anticipates providing new products and services to its customers. In addition,

OG&E is also pursuing additional transmission-related opportunities within the SPP. OG&E is customer focused and strives to provide excellent customer service.

Enogex's business plan entails growing its businesses and providing attractive financial returns through efficient operations and effective commercial management of its assets, capturing growth opportunities through expansion projects, increased utilization of existing assets and through acquisitions in and around its footprint. In addition, Enogex is seeking to geographically diversify its gathering, processing and transportation businesses principally by expanding into other areas that are complementary with the Company's capabilities. Enogex expects to accomplish this diversification by undertaking organic growth projects and through acquisitions.

The Company's financial objectives include a long-term annual earnings growth rate of five to seven percent on a weather-normalized basis, maintaining a strong credit rating as well as increasing the dividend to meet the Company's dividend payout objectives. The Company's target payout ratio is to pay out dividends no more than 60 percent of its normalized earnings on an

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annual basis. The target payout ratio has been determined after consideration of numerous factors, including the largely retail composition of the Company's shareholder base, the Company's financial position, the Company's growth targets, the composition of the Company's assets and investment opportunities. The Company believes it can accomplish these financial objectives by, among other things, pursuing multiple avenues to build its business, maintaining a diversified asset position, continuing to develop a wide range of skills to succeed with changes in its industries, providing products and services to customers efficiently, managing risks effectively and maintaining strong regulatory and legislative relationships.

ELECTRIC OPERATIONS - OG&E

General

The electric utility segment generates, transmits, distributes and sells electric energy in Oklahoma and western Arkansas. Its operations are conducted through OG&E. OG&E furnishes retail electric service in 268 communities and their contiguous rural and suburban areas. At December 31, 2011, two other communities and two rural electric cooperatives in Oklahoma and western Arkansas purchased electricity from OG&E for resale. The service area covers 30,000 square miles in Oklahoma and western Arkansas, including Oklahoma City, the largest city in Oklahoma, and Fort Smith, Arkansas, the second largest city in that state. Of the 268 communities that OG&E serves, 242 are located in Oklahoma and 26 in Arkansas. OG&E derived 90 percent of its total electric operating revenues in 2011 from sales in Oklahoma and the remainder from sales in Arkansas.

OG&E's system control area peak demand in 2011 was 7,057 MWs on August 3, 2011. OG&E's load responsibility peak demand was 6,513 MWs on August 3, 2011. As reflected in the table below and in the operating statistics that follow, there were 28.5 million MWH system sales in 2011, 27.6 million MWH system sales in 2010 and 25.9 million MWH system sales in 2009. Variations in system sales for the three years are reflected in the following table:

Year ended December 31	2011	2011 vs. 2010 Increase	2010	2010 vs. 2009 Increase	2009
System sales - millions of MWHs	28.5	3.3%	27.6	6.6%	25.9

OG&E is subject to competition in various degrees from government-owned electric systems, municipally-owned electric systems, rural electric cooperatives and, in certain respects, from other private utilities, power marketers and cogenerators. Oklahoma law forbids the granting of an exclusive franchise to a utility for providing electricity. Besides competition from other suppliers or marketers of electricity, OG&E competes with suppliers of other forms of energy. The degree of competition between suppliers may vary depending on relative costs and supplies of other forms of energy.

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CERTAIN OPERATING STATISTICS

Year ended December 31	2011	2010	2009
ELECTRIC ENERGY (Millions of MWH)			
Generation (exclusive of station use)	26.7	25.6	25.0
Purchased	4.9	4.7	3.9
Total generated and purchased	31.6	30.3	28.9
OG&E use, free service and losses	(2.1)(2.2)(2.0
Electric energy sold	29.5	28.1	26.9
ELECTRIC ENERGY SOLD (Millions of MWH)			
Residential	9.9	9.6	8.7
Commercial	6.9	6.7	6.4
Industrial	3.9	3.8	3.6
Oilfield	3.2	3.1	2.9
Public authorities and street light	3.2	3.0	3.0
Sales for resale	1.4	1.4	1.3
System sales	28.5	27.6	25.9
Off-system sales	1.0	0.5	1.0
Total sales	29.5	28.1	26.9
ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES (In millions)			
Residential	\$943.5	\$894.8	\$717.9
Commercial	531.3	521.0	439.8
Industrial	216.0	212.5	172.1
Oilfield	165.1	162.8	132.6
Public authorities and street light	207.4	200.8	167.7
Sales for resale	65.3	65.8	53.6
Provision for rate refund	—	—	(0.6
System sales revenues	2,128.6	2,057.7	1,683.1
Off-system sales revenues	36.2	21.7	31.8
Other	46.7	30.5	36.3
Total operating revenues	\$2,211.5	\$2,109.9	\$1,751.2
ACTUAL NUMBER OF ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS (At end of period)			
Residential	675,806	670,309	665,344
Commercial	87,480	86,496	85,537
Industrial	2,991	3,020	3,056
Oilfield	6,451	6,418	6,437
Public authorities and street light	16,374	16,264	16,124
Sales for resale	44	51	52
Total	789,146	782,558	776,550
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER SALES			
Average annual revenue	\$1,401.84	\$1,339.81	\$1,083.50
Average annual use (kilowatt-hour)	14,738	14,304	13,197
Average price per kilowatt-hour (cents)	\$9.51	\$9.37	\$8.21

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Regulation and Rates

OG&E's retail electric tariffs are regulated by the OCC in Oklahoma and by the APSC in Arkansas. The issuance of certain securities by OG&E is also regulated by the OCC and the APSC. OG&E's wholesale electric tariffs, transmission activities, short-term borrowing authorization and accounting practices are subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy has jurisdiction over some of OG&E's facilities and operations. In 2011, 89 percent of OG&E's electric revenue was subject to the jurisdiction of the OCC, eight percent to the APSC and three percent to the FERC.

The OCC issued an order in 1996 authorizing OG&E to reorganize into a subsidiary of OGE Energy. The order required that, among other things, (i) OGE Energy permit the OCC access to the books and records of OGE Energy and its affiliates relating to transactions with OG&E, (ii) OGE Energy employ accounting and other procedures and controls to protect against subsidization of non-utility activities by OG&E's customers and (iii) OGE Energy refrain from pledging OG&E assets or income for affiliate transactions. In addition, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 enacted the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, which in turn granted to the FERC access to the books and records of OGE Energy and its affiliates as the FERC deems relevant to costs incurred by OG&E or necessary or appropriate for the protection of utility customers with respect to the FERC jurisdictional rates.

Completed Regulatory Matters

OG&E Wholesale Agreement

On May 28, 2009, OG&E sent a termination notice to the Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative that OG&E would terminate its wholesale power agreement to all points of delivery where OG&E sells or has sold power to the Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative, effective November 30, 2011. In December 2010, OG&E and the Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative entered into a new wholesale power agreement whereby OG&E will supply wholesale power to the Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative through June 2015. On January 3, 2011, OG&E submitted this agreement to the FERC for approval. The FERC approved the new wholesale power agreement on March 2, 2011 and the new contract was effective May 1, 2011.

OG&E Crossroads Wind Farm

On July 29, 2010, OG&E received an order from the OCC authorizing OG&E to recover from Oklahoma customers the cost to construct Crossroads, with the rider being implemented as the individual turbines are placed in service. The Crossroads wind farm was fully in service in January 2012. As part of this project, on June 16, 2011, OG&E entered into an interconnection agreement with the SPP for Crossroads which allowed Crossroads to interconnect at 227.5 MWs.

OG&E 2010 Arkansas Rate Case Filing

On September 28, 2010, OG&E filed a rate case with the APSC requesting an annual rate increase of \$17.7 million, to recover the cost of significant electric system expansions and upgrades, including high-voltage transmission lines, that have been completed since the last rate filing in August 2008, as well as increased operating costs. OG&E also sought recovery, through a rider, of the Arkansas jurisdictional portion of (i) costs associated with transmission upgrades and facilities that have been approved by the SPP in its regional planning processes and constructed by other non-OG&E transmission owners throughout the SPP that have been allocated to OG&E through the FERC-approved transmission rates and (ii) SPP administrative fees. On June 17, 2011, the APSC approved a settlement agreement among all parties to the case and OG&E implemented new electric rates effective June 20, 2011. Key items of the APSC order include: (i) the recovery of and a return on significant electric system expansions and upgrades, including high-voltage

transmission lines, as well as increased operating costs, totaling \$8.8 million annually; (ii) authorization for OG&E to recover the actual cost of third-party transmission charges and SPP administrative fees through a rider mechanism which will remain in effect until new rates are implemented after OG&E's next general rate case (the Arkansas jurisdictional portion of the combined costs was \$1.0 million in 2011); and (iii) the deferral of certain expenses associated with a customer education program in an amount not to exceed \$0.3 million per year for a maximum of two years.

OG&E SPP Cost Tracker

On October 7, 2010, OG&E filed an application with the OCC seeking recovery of the Oklahoma jurisdictional portion of (i) costs associated with transmission upgrades and facilities that have been approved by the SPP in its regional planning processes and constructed by other non-OG&E transmission owners throughout the SPP that have been allocated to OG&E through the FERC-approved transmission rates and (ii) SPP administrative fees. OG&E requested authorization to implement a cost tracker in order to recover from its retail customers the third-party project costs discussed above and to collect its administrative SPP cost assessment levied under Schedule 1A of the SPP open access transmission tariff, which is currently recovered in base rates. OG&E also requested authorization to establish a regulatory asset effective January 1, 2011 in order to give OG&E the opportunity to

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recover such costs that will be paid but not recovered until the cost tracker is made effective. On February 8, 2011, all parties signed a settlement agreement in this matter which would allow OG&E to recover the costs discussed in (i) above through a recovery rider effective January 1, 2011. OG&E recovered \$5.1 million of incremental revenues in 2011 through the rider. Rather than including the costs of the SPP administrative fee assessment in the recovery rider, the stipulating parties agreed to allow OG&E to include the projected 2012 level of the SPP administrative fee assessment in its next Oklahoma rate case which was filed in August 2011. Pursuant to the settlement agreement in OG&E's 2011 Oklahoma general rate case filing, OG&E proposed that recovery in base rates for the costs of transmission projects it constructs and owns and that are authorized by the SPP in its regional planning processes should be limited to the Oklahoma retail jurisdictional share of the costs for such projects allocated to OG&E by the SPP. On March 28, 2011, the OCC issued an order in this matter approving the settlement agreement.

OG&E Fuel Adjustment Clause Review for Calendar Year 2009

On October 29, 2010, the OCC Staff filed an application for a public hearing to review and monitor OG&E's application of the 2009 fuel adjustment clause. On December 28, 2010, OG&E responded by filing the necessary information and documents to satisfy the OCC's minimum filing requirement rules. An intervenor representing a group of OG&E's industrial customers filed testimony on March 11, 2011 seeking a \$15.5 million refund related to (i) a purported failure by OG&E to maximize the use of its coal-fired power plants and (ii) an inappropriate extension of the existing gas transportation and storage contract between OG&E and Enogex. OG&E filed rebuttal testimony on April 4, 2011 in opposition to the claims of the intervenor. On August 11, 2011, all parties to this case signed a settlement agreement in this matter, stating that (i) OG&E was prudent in its operations during 2009; (ii) a third party expert should be hired to evaluate OG&E's future gas transportation and storage needs and that OG&E should file a plan for meeting its future gas transportation and storage needs by mid-2012; and (iii) with respect to the existing gas transportation and storage contract with Enogex, OG&E will return \$8.4 million to its customers in settlement for all periods under the contract through April 30, 2013. In August 2011, OG&E credited \$4.9 million to its customers and will credit the remaining amount on a monthly basis through April 30, 2013. The OCC issued an order approving the settlement agreement on August 29, 2011.

OG&E Smart Grid Project

On December 17, 2010, OG&E filed an application with the APSC requesting pre-approval for system-wide deployment of smart grid technology and a recovery rider, including a credit for the Smart Grid grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. On June 22, 2011, OG&E reached a settlement agreement with all the parties in this matter. OG&E and the other parties in this matter agreed to ask the APSC to approve the settlement agreement including the following: (i) pre-approval of system-wide deployment of smart grid technology in Arkansas and authorization for OG&E to begin recovering the prudently incurred costs of the Arkansas system-wide deployment of smart grid technology through a rider mechanism that will become effective in accordance with the order approving the settlement agreement; (ii) cost recovery through the rider would commence when all of the smart meters to be deployed in Arkansas are in service; (iii) OG&E guarantees that customers will receive certain operations and maintenance cost reductions resulting from the smart grid deployment as a credit to the recovery rider; and (iv) the stranded costs associated with OG&E's existing meters which are being replaced by smart meters will be accumulated in a regulatory asset and recovered in base rates beginning after an order is issued in OG&E's next general rate case. OG&E currently expects to spend \$14 million, net of funds from the U.S. Department of Energy grant, in capital expenditures to implement smart grid in Arkansas pursuant to the settlement agreement. On August 3, 2011, the APSC issued an order in this matter approving the settlement agreement.

OG&E FERC Transmission Rate Incentive Filing

On February 18, 2011, OG&E submitted to the FERC a request seeking limited transmission rate incentives for five transmission projects. OG&E requested recovery of 100 percent of all prudently incurred construction work in progress in rate base for five 345 kilovolt Extra High Voltage transmission projects to be constructed and owned by OG&E within the SPP's region. OG&E also requested to recover 100 percent of all prudently incurred development and construction costs if the transmission projects are abandoned or cancelled, in whole or in part, for reasons beyond OG&E's control. On April 19, 2011, the FERC granted these incentives for the Sooner-Rose Hill, Sunnyside-Hugo and Balanced Portfolio 3E transmission projects discussed below.

OG&E Pension Tracker Modification Filing

On February 22, 2011, OG&E filed an application with the OCC requesting that OG&E's pension tracker be modified to include the difference between the level of retiree medical costs authorized in OG&E's last rate case and the current level of these expenses as a regulatory liability, effective January 1, 2011. On June 23, 2011, a settlement agreement was filed by parties in the case stating that the pension tracker should be modified as proposed by OG&E and that the level of retiree medical costs included in base rates will be reviewed and determined in OG&E's next rate case. On September 27, 2011, the OCC issued an

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order in this matter approving the settlement agreement.

OG&E Demand and Energy Efficiency Program Filing

To build on the success of its earlier programs and further promote energy efficiency and conservation for each class of OG&E customers, on March 15, 2011, OG&E filed an application with the APSC seeking approval of several programs, ranging from residential weatherization to commercial lighting. In seeking approval of these programs, OG&E also sought recovery of the program and related costs through a rider that would be added to customers' electric bills. On June 30, 2011, the APSC issued an order approving OG&E's energy efficiency plan for 2011 and approving OG&E's energy efficiency cost recovery rider for 2011. In Arkansas, OG&E's program is expected to cost \$7.0 million over a three-year period and is expected to increase the average residential electric bill by \$1.47 per month.

FERC Order No. 1000, Final Rule on Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation

On July 21, 2011, the FERC issued Order No. 1000, which revised the FERC's existing regulations governing the process for planning enhancements and expansions of the electric transmission grid in a particular region, along with the corresponding process for allocating the costs of such expansions. Order No. 1000 applies only to "new transmission facilities," which are described as those subject to evaluation or reevaluation (under the applicable local or regional transmission planning process) subsequent to the effective date of the regulatory compliance filings required by the rule, which are expected to be filed during the third quarter of 2012. Order No. 1000 leaves to individual regions to determine whether a previously-approved project is subject to reevaluation and is therefore governed by the new rule.

Order No. 1000 requires, among other things, public utility transmission providers, such as the SPP, to participate in a process that produces a regional transmission plan satisfying certain standards, and requires that each such regional process consider transmission needs driven by public policy requirements (such as state or Federal policies favoring increased use of renewable energy resources). Order No. 1000 also directs public utility transmission providers to coordinate with neighboring transmission planning regions. In addition, Order No. 1000 establishes specific regional cost allocation principles and directs public utility transmission providers to participate in regional and interregional transmission planning processes that satisfy these principles.

On the issue of determining how entities are to be selected to develop and construct the specific transmission projects, Order No. 1000 directs public utility transmission providers to remove from the FERC-jurisdictional tariffs and agreements provisions that establish any federal "right of first refusal" for the incumbent transmission owner (such as OG&E) regarding transmission facilities selected in a regional transmission planning process, subject to certain limitations. However, Order No. 1000 is not intended to affect the right of an incumbent transmission owner (such as OG&E) to build, own and recover costs for upgrades to its own transmission facilities, and Order No. 1000 does not alter an incumbent transmission owner's use and control of existing rights of way. Order No. 1000 also clarifies that incumbent transmission owners may rely on regional transmission facilities to meet their reliability needs or service obligations. The SPP currently has a "right of first refusal" for incumbent transmission owners and this provision has played a role in OG&E being selected by the SPP to build various transmission projects in Oklahoma.

OGE Energy is continuing to evaluate Order No. 1000 and cannot at this time determine its precise impact on OG&E. Nevertheless, at the present time, OGE Energy has no reason to believe that the implementation of Order No. 1000 will impact OG&E's transmission projects currently under development and construction for which OG&E has received a notice to proceed from the SPP.

Pending Regulatory Matters

OG&E 2011 Oklahoma Rate Case Filing

As part of the Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement reached in OG&E's 2009 Oklahoma rate case filing, the parties agreed that OG&E would file a rate case on or before June 30, 2011. On May 27, 2011, OG&E requested an extension until the end of July 2011 for filing the Oklahoma rate case. On July 28, 2011, OG&E filed its application with the OCC requesting an annual rate increase of \$73.3 million, or a 4.3 percent increase in its rates. OG&E is requesting a return on equity of 11.00 percent based on a common equity percentage of 53 percent. Each 0.10 percent change in the requested return on equity affects the requested rate increase by \$3.0 million. In its application, OG&E seeks to recover increases in its operating costs and to begin earning on approximately \$500 million of new capital investments made on behalf of its Oklahoma customers during the previous two and one-half years. On November 9, 2011, the OCC Staff recommended a \$6.2 million annual rate decrease based on a return on equity of 9.81 percent and a common equity percentage of 53 percent. The staff of the Oklahoma Attorney General recommended a return on equity of 9.818 percent and a common equity percentage of 49.5 percent. The staff of the Oklahoma Attorney General

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did not recommend a specific revenue requirement, but OG&E believes that adoption of the staff of the Oklahoma Attorney General's recommendations would result in a rate decrease. The Oklahoma Industrial Electric Consumers recommended a \$56 million annual rate decrease based on a return on equity of 9.5 percent and a common equity percentage of 48 percent. OG&E filed rebuttal testimony on November 29, 2011 on the revenue requirement testimony filed by the parties on November 9, 2011. On November 16, 2011, the parties filed cost-of-service and rate design testimony and OG&E filed rebuttal testimony in those areas on December 2, 2011. The hearing in this matter began on December 13, 2011. OG&E expects to receive an order from the OCC in the first quarter of 2012.

OG&E Fuel Adjustment Clause Review for Calendar Year 2010

On August 19, 2011, the OCC Staff filed an application for a public hearing to review and monitor OG&E's application of the 2010 fuel adjustment clause. On October 18, 2011, OG&E responded by filing the necessary information and documents to satisfy the OCC's minimum filing requirement rules. A procedural schedule has not yet been established in this matter.

OG&E Contract and Wind Energy Purchase Agreement Filing

On December 1, 2011, OG&E filed an application with the OCC requesting approval of a 20-year agreement that is intended to provide wind power to help meet the current and future power generation needs of Oklahoma State University. The project calls for OG&E to contract with NextEra Energy to build a 60 MW wind farm near Blackwell, Oklahoma, to support the Oklahoma State University project in which NextEra will build, own and operate the wind farm and OG&E will purchase the electric output. A procedural schedule has not yet been established in this matter. OG&E expects to receive a decision from the OCC in the first quarter of 2012.

SPP Transmission/Substation Projects

The SPP is a regional transmission organization under the jurisdiction of the FERC that was created to ensure reliable supplies of power, adequate transmission infrastructure and competitive wholesale prices of electricity. The SPP does not build transmission though the SPP's tariff contains rules that govern the transmission construction process. Transmission owners complete the construction and then own, operate and maintain transmission assets within the SPP region. When the SPP Board of Directors approves a project, the transmission provider in the area where the project is needed currently has the first obligation to build; however, the process for deciding which entity constructs and owns a project may change as a result of FERC Order. No. 1000 discussed above.

There are several studies currently under review at the SPP including a 20-year plan to address issues of regional and interregional importance. The 20-year plan suggests overlaying the SPP footprint with a 345 kilovolt transmission system and integrating it with neighboring regional entities. In 2009, the SPP Board of Directors approved a new report that recommended restructuring the SPP's regional planning processes to focus on the construction of a robust transmission system, large enough in both scale and geography, to provide flexibility to meet the SPP's future needs. OG&E expects to actively participate in the ongoing study, development and transmission growth that may result from the SPP's plans.

In 2007, the SPP notified OG&E to construct 44 miles of a new 345 kilovolt transmission line which will originate at OG&E's existing Sooner 345 kilovolt substation and proceed generally in a northerly direction to the Oklahoma/Kansas Stateline (referred to as the Sooner-Rose Hill project). At the Oklahoma/Kansas Stateline, the line will connect to the companion line being constructed in Kansas by Westar Energy. Construction of the line began in early 2011 and the line is estimated to be in service by mid-2012 at an estimated cost of \$45 million for OG&E.

In January 2009, OG&E received notification from the SPP to begin construction on 50 miles of a new 345 kilovolt transmission line and substation upgrades at OG&E's Sunnyside substation, among other projects. In April 2009, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative assigned to OG&E the construction of 50 miles of line designated by the SPP to be built by Western Farmers Electric Cooperative. The new line will extend from OG&E's Sunnyside substation

near Ardmore, Oklahoma, 123.5 miles to the Hugo substation owned by Western Farmers Electric Cooperative near Hugo, Oklahoma. The project cost is estimated at \$155 million for OG&E. OG&E began preliminary line routing and acquisition of rights-of-way in June 2009. Construction began in January 2011. When construction is completed, which is expected in mid-2012, the SPP will allocate a portion of the annual revenue requirement to OG&E customers according to the regional cost allocation mechanism as provided in the SPP tariff for application to such improvements.

On April 28, 2009, the SPP approved the Balanced Portfolio 3E projects. Balanced Portfolio 3E includes four projects to be built by OG&E and includes: (i) construction of 135 miles of transmission line from OG&E's Seminole substation in a northeastern direction to OG&E's Muskogee substation at an estimated cost of \$160 million for OG&E, which is expected to be

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in service by late 2013, (ii) construction of 96 miles of transmission line from OG&E's Woodward District Extra High Voltage substation in a southwestern direction to the Oklahoma/Texas Stateline to a companion transmission line to be built by Southwestern Public Service to its Tuco substation at an estimated cost of \$145 million for OG&E, which is expected to be in service by mid-2014, (iii) construction of 39 miles of transmission line from OG&E's Sooner substation in an eastern direction to the Grand River Dam Authority Cleveland substation at an estimated cost of \$60 million for OG&E, which is expected to be in service by late 2012 and (iv) construction of a new substation near Anadarko which consisted of a 345/138 kilovolt transformer and substation breakers and was built in OG&E's portion of the Cimarron-Lawton East Side 345 kilovolt line at an estimated cost of \$15 million for OG&E, which was placed in service in December 2011. On June 19, 2009, OG&E received a notice to construct the Balanced Portfolio 3E projects from the SPP. On July 23, 2009, OG&E responded to the SPP that OG&E will construct the Balanced Portfolio 3E projects discussed above beginning in early 2011.

On April 27, 2010, the SPP approved, contingent upon approval by the FERC of a regional cost allocation methodology filed with the FERC by the SPP, a set of transmission projects titled "Priority Projects." The Priority Projects consist of several transmission projects, two of which have been assigned to OG&E. The 345 kilovolt projects include: (i) construction of 99 miles of transmission line from OG&E's Woodward District Extra High Voltage substation to a companion transmission line to be built by Southwestern Public Service to its Hitchland substation in the Texas Panhandle at an estimated cost of \$185 million for OG&E, which is expected to be in service by mid-2014 and (ii) construction of 77 miles of transmission line from OG&E's Woodward District Extra High Voltage substation to a companion transmission line at the Kansas border to be built by either Mid-Kansas Electric Company or another company assigned by Mid-Kansas Electric Company at an estimated cost of \$150 million to OG&E, which is expected to be in service by late 2014. On June 17, 2010, the FERC approved the cost allocation filed by the SPP and notices to construct these Priority Projects were issued by the SPP on June 30, 2010. On September 27, 2010, OG&E responded to the SPP that OG&E will construct the Priority Projects discussed above beginning in June 2012. The scope of the Woodward District Extra High Voltage substation/Kansas border Priority Project was subsequently revised and the SPP Board of Directors approved this revision in October 2010. The SPP issued a revised notice to construct for this Priority Project on November 22, 2010. On February 4, 2011, OG&E responded to the SPP that OG&E will construct the revised Priority Project.

The capital expenditures related to the Sooner-Rose Hill, Sunnyside-Hugo, Balanced Portfolio 3E and Priority Projects are presented in the summary of capital expenditures for known and committed projects in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources - Future Capital Requirements and Financing Activities."

Regulatory Assets and Liabilities

OG&E, as a regulated utility, is subject to accounting principles for certain types of rate-regulated activities, which provide that certain actual or anticipated costs that would otherwise be charged to expense can be deferred as regulatory assets, based on the expected recovery from customers in future rates. Likewise, certain actual or anticipated credits that would otherwise reduce expense can be deferred as regulatory liabilities, based on the expected flowback to customers in future rates. Management's expected recovery of deferred costs and flowback of deferred credits generally results from specific decisions by regulators granting such ratemaking treatment.

OG&E records certain actual or anticipated costs and obligations as regulatory assets or liabilities if it is probable, based on regulatory orders or other available evidence, that the cost or obligation will be included in amounts allowable for recovery or refund in future rates.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, OG&E had regulatory assets of \$523.9 million and \$495.3 million, respectively, and regulatory liabilities of \$276.4 million and \$243.9 million, respectively. See Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a further discussion.

Management continuously monitors the future recoverability of regulatory assets. When in management's judgment future recovery becomes impaired, the amount of the regulatory asset is adjusted, as appropriate. If the Company were required to discontinue the application of accounting principles for certain types of rate-regulated activities for some or all of its operations, it could result in writing off the related regulatory assets, which could have significant financial effects.

Rate Structures

Oklahoma

OG&E's standard tariff rates include a cost-of-service component (including an authorized return on capital) plus a fuel adjustment clause mechanism that allows OG&E to pass through to customers variances (either positive or negative) in the actual cost of fuel as compared to the fuel component in OG&E's most recently approved rate case.

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OG&E offers several alternate customer programs and rate options. The guaranteed flat bill option for residential and small general service accounts allows qualifying customers the opportunity to purchase their electricity needs at a set price for an entire year. Budget-minded customers that desire a fixed monthly bill may benefit from the guaranteed flat bill option. A second tariff rate option provides a "renewable energy" resource to OG&E's Oklahoma retail customers. This renewable energy resource is a Renewable Energy Credit purchase program and is available as a voluntary option to all of OG&E's Oklahoma retail customers. OG&E's ownership and access to wind resources makes the renewable option a possible choice in meeting the renewable energy needs of our conservation-minded customers. Another program being offered to OG&E's commercial and industrial customers is a voluntary load curtailment program called Load Reduction. This program provides customers with the opportunity to curtail usage on a voluntary basis when OG&E's system conditions merit curtailment action. Customers that curtail their usage will receive payment for their curtailment response. This voluntary curtailment program seeks customers that can curtail on most curtailment event days, but may not be able to curtail every time that a curtailment event is required. OG&E also offers certain qualifying customers a "day-ahead price" rate option which allows participating customers to adjust their electricity consumption based on a price signal received from OG&E. The day-ahead price is based on OG&E's projected next day hourly operating costs.

OG&E also has two rate classes, Public Schools-Demand and Public Schools Non-Demand, that will provide OG&E with flexibility to provide targeted programs for load management to public schools and their unique usage patterns. OG&E also created service level fuel differentiation that allows customers to pay fuel costs that better reflect operational energy losses related to a specific service level. Lastly, OG&E implemented a military base rider that demonstrates Oklahoma's continued commitment to our military partners.