

## CenterPoint Energy, Inc. to Host Webcast of Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2011 Earnings Conference Call on February 29, 2012

HOUSTON, Jan. 11, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE:CNP) announces the following webcast:

Date: February 29, 2012

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution, competitive natural gas sales and services, interstate pipelines, and field services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Assets total nearly \$21 billion. With over 8,800 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 135 years. For more information, visit the company's website at <a href="CenterPointEnergy.com">CenterPointEnergy.com</a>.

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