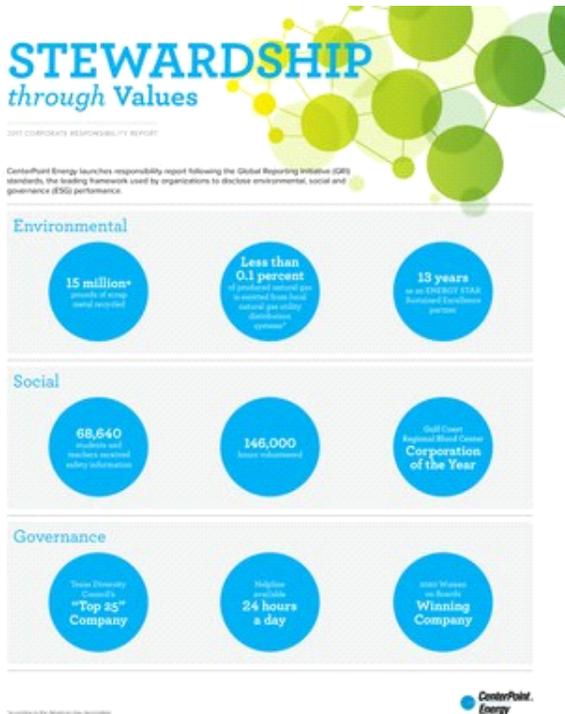




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CenterPoint Energy launches 2017 Corporate Responsibility Report using GRI standards

HOUSTON, March 26, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today announced the release of its 2017 Corporate Responsibility Report, [Stewardship through Values](#). The report follows the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards, the leading framework used by organizations to disclose environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.



"We recognize that ESG-related areas are integral to our performance," said Scott Prochazka, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "To that end, we have expanded our reporting to align with the GRI framework. The theme of this year's report, *Stewardship through Values*, highlights our approach on environmental stewardship, enriching our communities and providing a safe, inclusive workplace."

[Highlights](#) include:

Environmental: Environmental stewardship is a critical component of the company's overall corporate responsibility approach. CenterPoint Energy has a long history of conducting its businesses in a safe, environmentally responsible manner and is committed to compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

Social: CenterPoint Energy actively works to engage with stakeholders to build trust, strengthen relationships and make a positive impact in its service territory. The company's stakeholders include individuals and groups who impact - or are impacted by - CenterPoint Energy and its business operations, such as customers, communities, employees, investors, suppliers and regulators.

Governance: Ethical conduct and good corporate governance are priorities for CenterPoint Energy's employees, leadership and board of directors. Good corporate governance, as well as a strong ethics and compliance program, are in the best interests of company stakeholders and critical to long-term success. To that end, CenterPoint Energy has implemented corporate governance and business conduct policies and procedures that reinforce our values of safety, integrity, accountability, initiative and respect.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution and energy services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. The company also owns 54.1 percent of the common units representing limited partner interests in Enable Midstream Partners, a publicly traded master limited partnership it jointly controls with OGE Energy Corp., which owns, operates and develops natural gas and crude oil infrastructure assets. With nearly 8,000 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 150 years. For more information, please visit www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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