

## Webcast Alert: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Announces Its Second Quarter 2005 Earnings Conference Call Webcast

HOUSTON, July 5, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) announces the following webcast:

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What: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Second Quarter 2005 Earnings

Conference Call Webcast

When: Monday, August 8, 2005 @ 11:30 a.m. Eastern

Where: http://www.centerpointenergy.com/investors/events

Click the link, "CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Second Quarter 2005

Earnings Conference Call Webcast"

How: Live over the Internet -- Simply log on to the web at the

address above.

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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 and sales, and interstate pipeline and gathering operations. The company serves nearly five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Assets total over \$17 billion. With more than 9,000 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 130 years. For more information, visit the Web site at http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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