

## Webcast Alert: CenterPoint Energy Reschedules Webcast of Second Quarter 2004 Earnings Conference Call

HOUSTON, Jul 15, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) has rescheduled the live webcast of its second quarter 2004 earnings conference call to Friday, August 6, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. Central time / 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.

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What: CenterPoint Energy Second Quarter 2004 Earnings Conference Call

Webcast

When: Friday, August 6, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. Central time /

11:30 a.m. Eastern time

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

Click the link, "CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Second Quarter 2004

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, interstate pipeline and gathering operations, and more than 14,000 megawatts of power generation in Texas, of which approximately 2,500 megawatts are currently in mothball status. The company serves nearly five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Assets total over \$21 billion. With more than 11,000 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 .

The webcast will be archived at http://www.centerpointenergy.com , or http://www.prnewswire.com for at least one year.

(Minimum Requirements to listen to broadcast: The Windows Media Player software, downloadable free from http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/EN/default.asp and at least a 28.8Kbps connection to the Internet.)

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