

CenterPoint Energy to Present at RBC Capital Markets' 2005 North American Energy Conference

Live via Webcast on Monday, June 6, 2005; Approx. 11:10 a.m. Eastern Time or 10:10 a.m. Central Time

HOUSTON, May 31, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s (NYSE: CNP) president and chief executive officer, David M. McClanahan, will present at RBC Capital Markets' 2005 North American Energy Conference in Boston on Monday, June 6, 2005.

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The live webcast of the presentation will begin at approximately 11:10 a.m. Eastern time or 10:10 a.m. Central time. You are invited to access the presentation on the Internet at http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com , in the Investors section. A replay of the presentation will be available approximately one hour after the live webcast and will be archived for at least one year.

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 approximately \$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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