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CenterPoint Energy announces departure of Midstream business leader

HOUSTON, June 27, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>CenterPoint Energy, Inc.</u> (NYSE: CNP) today announces that C. Gregory Harper, senior vice president and group president of CenterPoint Energy's midstream business, has withdrawn his name from consideration for the chief executive officer role of the new midstream partnership and will depart the company effective June 30, 2013.

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"Under Greg's leadership, our midstream business has experienced significant success," said David M. McClanahan, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "I want to personally thank him for his contributions and wish him well in his future endeavors."

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution and competitive natural gas sales and services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. The company also owns a 58.3 percent limited partner interest in a midstream partnership it jointly controls with OGE Energy Corp. with operations in major natural gas and liquids-rich producing areas of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. With more than 8,700 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 135 years. For more information, visit the website at www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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