



Webcast Alert: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. to Host Webcast of Third Quarter 2008 Earnings Conference Call on November 5, 2008

HOUSTON, Oct 08, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) announces the following webcast:

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What: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Third Quarter 2008 Earnings Conference Call Webcast

When: Wednesday, November 5, 2008 @ 10:30 a.m. Central time or 11:30 a.m. Eastern time

Where: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com> - Click "Investors" Click the link, "CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Third Quarter 2008 Earnings Conference Call Webcast"

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

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Replay: If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, it will be archived at <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/> or <http://www.prnewswire.com> for at least one year.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP), headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution, competitive natural gas sales and services, and interstate pipelines and field services operations. The company serves more than five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Assets total approximately \$18 billion. With about 8,600 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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