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CenterPoint Energy names three executive positions

- **Kristie Colvin, SVP and chief accounting officer**
- **Gary Hayes, SVP and chief information officer**
- **Gregory Knight, SVP and chief customer officer**

HOUSTON, Oct. 29, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- CenterPoint Energy (NYSE: CNP) today announced the promotions of three company executives:



Kristie Colvin has been named senior vice president and chief accounting officer. She joined the company in 1989 and has served in a variety of financial roles with increasing responsibility. Colvin has experience in SEC reporting, consolidations, accounting research, property accounting, tax accounting, budgeting and financial planning and analysis. In her new role, she will be responsible for the company's accounting function, internal and external financial reporting as well as internal control systems and processes.

Gary Hayes has been named senior vice president and chief information officer of the newly formed Technology Operations organization. Hayes joined CenterPoint Energy in 2010 and has more than 30 years of utility industry experience. With the convergence of operational and informational technologies, he is responsible for delivering and optimizing technology applications across the enterprise. This requires technology solutions for assets and operations in six states including data and analytics generated by the more than 5 million electric and natural gas customers in the company's service territory.

Gregory Knight has been named senior vice president and chief customer officer of a newly created customer-focused organization responsible for developing and executing the company's customer interaction strategy to maximize customer acquisition and retention as well as further enhance the customer service experience. To ensure consistency, all customer-facing communication channels, including advertising, branding, marketing, sales and customer service functions will report to him. Since joining the company in 2009, Knight has been spearheading the company's technology-driven customer relationship management strategy for its electric and natural gas customers. He has more than 20 years of experience in utilities and service industries.

"These promotions reflect our commitment to ensuring we have the right senior leadership and organizational structure in place to achieve our vision - lead the nation in delivering energy, service and value," said Scott Prochazka, president and CEO of CenterPoint Energy. "These leaders' broad experience and professional expertise make them great additions to our senior leadership team."

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution and energy 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 55.4 percent limited partner interest in Enable Midstream Partners, a publicly traded master limited partnership it jointly controls with OGE Energy Corp., which owns, operates and develops natural gas and crude oil infrastructure assets. With more than 8,500 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 140 years. For more information, visit the website at www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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