



CenterPoint Energy to Present At 43rd Annual EEI Financial Conference

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HOUSTON, Nov. 6, 2008 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s (NYSE:CNP) president and chief executive officer, David M. McClanahan, will present at the 43rd Annual EEI Financial Conference, in Phoenix, AZ on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

The live webcast of the presentation will begin at approximately 7:30 a.m. Mountain time or 9:30 a.m. Eastern time. You are invited to access the presentation on the Internet at www.CenterPointEnergy.com, in the Investors section. A replay of the presentation will be available shortly after the live webcast and will be archived for 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 over \$19 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 www.centerpointenergy.com.

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