



CenterPoint Energy to Present at AGA Financial Forum

Live Via Webcast on Monday, May 2, 2005 Approx. 11:10 a.m. Central Time or 12:10 p.m. Eastern Time

HOUSTON, April 21, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s (NYSE: CNP) president and chief executive officer, David M. McClanahan, will present at the American Gas Association Financial Forum in New Orleans on Monday, May 2, 2005.

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The live webcast of the presentation will begin at approximately 11:10 a.m. Central time or 12:10 p.m. Eastern 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 about \$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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