



Webcast Alert: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. to Host Webcast of Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2005 Earnings Conference Call

HOUSTON, Jan 17, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) announces the following webcast:

What: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2005 Earnings Conference Call Webcast

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 @ 10:30 a.m. Central time or 11:30 a.m. Eastern time

Where: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/investors/events>
Click the link, "CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2005 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/investors/events> or <http://www.prnewswire.com> 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 approximately \$16 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 <http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com>.

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