

Webcast Alert: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Announces Its Third Quarter 2004 Earnings Conference Call Webcast

HOUSTON, Oct 14, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) announces the following Webcast:

What: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Third Quarter 2004 Earnings Conference Call Webcast When: November 9, 2004 @ 11:30 AM Eastern Where: http://www.vcall.com/EventPage.asp?ID=89539 How: Live over the Internet -- Simply log on to the web at the address above. Contact: Debby Stratton, (713)207-6500 or debby.stratton@CenterPointEnergy.com

If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, the call will be available for replay at http://www.vcall.com/ClientPage.asp?ID=89539 or http://www.vcall.com/

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution and sales, interstate pipeline and gathering operations, and more than 14,000 megawatts of power generation in Texas, of which approximately 2,500 megawatts are currently in mothball status. The company serves nearly five million metered customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. Assets total over \$21 billion. With more than 11,000 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 130 years. For more information, visit the Web site at www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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