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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. announces closing of \$500 million senior notes offering

Underwriters include diversity and inclusion firm

HOUSTON, Aug. 10, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today announced the closing of its offering of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of its 2.50 percent senior notes due Sept. 1, 2022. Net proceeds will be for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of a portion of its outstanding commercial paper.



Barclays, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley and MUFG served as joint bookrunners with TD Securities as senior co-manager. Additionally, Evercore ISI and Ramirez & Co., a diversity and inclusion (D&I) firm, served as co-managers.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of any offer to buy, any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offering would be unlawful.

This news release includes forward-looking statements. Actual events and results may differ materially from those projected. The statements in this news release regarding the use of proceeds from the offering and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect actual results include, but are not limited to, future financial performance and results of operations, the timing and impact of future regulatory and legislative decisions, weather variations, changes in business plans, financial market conditions and other factors discussed in CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2016, CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2017, and June 30, 2017, and CenterPoint Energy's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A written prospectus may be obtained by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Website at <https://www.sec.gov/>.

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 54.1 percent of the common and subordinated units representing limited partner interests 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 7,700 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 150 years. For more information, please visit www.CenterPointEnergy.com.

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