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CenterPoint Energy names three executive positions

- **Scott Doyle, SVP Natural Gas Distribution**
- **Joe Vortherms, SVP Energy Services**
- **Jason Ryan, VP Regulatory and Government Affairs**

HOUSTON, March 1, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- CenterPoint Energy (NYSE: CNP) announced the following executive organizational changes effective today:



Scott Doyle has been named senior vice president of Natural Gas Distribution, responsible for financial and operational results in the company's six state utility footprint. Doyle has been with the company for more than 20 years and has held numerous senior leadership roles in gas operations in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, as well as leadership roles in Electric Operations. Most recently, he was responsible for directing the company's gas and electric regulatory and legislative activities as well as Corporate Communications, Community Relations and Local Relations in Houston.

Joe Vortherms, who leads the company's growing unregulated natural gas sales and services business as vice president of Energy Services (CES), is named senior vice president of Energy Services. Vortherms has been with CenterPoint Energy for more than 28 years and led the recent acquisitions of two retail energy services companies, which increases CES's scale and geographic reach and expands its capabilities. Prior to his current position, Vortherms served as vice president of Gas Operations for Minnesota, where his responsibilities included gas utility operations and the company's Home Service Plus business.

Doyle and Vortherms will report to Scott Prochazka, president and CEO of CenterPoint Energy.

In addition to these changes, **Jason Ryan**, currently vice president of Regulatory Legal, is named vice president of Regulatory and Government Affairs. While retaining his Regulatory Legal function, he will be responsible for Regulatory, Government Relations and Local Relations across the company's footprint. Ryan, who has represented the company in regulatory and legislative matters for more than 15 years, will report to Dana O'Brien, senior vice president, general counsel

and corporate secretary.

"Our businesses are performing well, and these assignments align with our strategy and support our leadership succession planning process," said Prochazka. "Each of these leaders brings a strong set of experiences and capabilities that will continue to drive our company forward."

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 a 54.1 percent limited partner interest 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 140 years. For more information, visit the website at www.CenterPointEnergy.com

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