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CenterPoint Energy increases quarterly dividend 4 percent to 27.75 cents per share

HOUSTON, Dec. 13, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.2775 per share of common stock, payable on March 8, 2018, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 15, 2018. This represents approximately a 4 percent increase from the previous quarterly dividend of \$0.2675, and if annualized, would equate to \$1.11 per share.



"I am pleased that for the thirteenth consecutive year, CenterPoint Energy is raising its dividend," said Scott M. Prochazka, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "This increase demonstrates a strong commitment to our shareholders and the confidence the board of directors has in our ability to deliver sustainable earnings and cash flow."

CenterPoint Energy will begin utilizing a standardized payment schedule for future dividends with dividends payable on the second Thursday of March, June, September and December to shareholders of record at the close of business on the third Thursday of February, May, August and November.

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 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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