LINN Energy Announces 5 Percent Increase in Cash Distribution

HOUSTON, April 24, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- LINN Energy, LLC (Nasdaq:LINE) announced today a cash distribution for the first fiscal quarter of 2012 of $0.725 per unit, or $2.90 per unit on an annualized basis, for all of its outstanding units. This distribution represents an increase of approximately 5 percent over the fourth-quarter 2011 distribution of $0.69 per unit. The distribution will be payable May 15, 2012, to unitholders of record at the close of business May 8, 2012.

"This marks the third consecutive year we have increased the distribution by 5 percent," said Mark E. Ellis, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of LINN Energy. "The $1.8 billion in transactions announced in the first quarter, coupled with organic growth, positioned us for this distribution increase, and we anticipate capitalizing on the robust acquisition market expected for the remainder of the year."

ABOUT LINN ENERGY

LINN Energy's mission is to acquire, develop and maximize cash flow from a growing portfolio of long-life oil and natural gas assets. LINN Energy is a top-15 U.S. independent oil and natural gas development company, with approximately 4.3 Tcfe of proved reserves (pro forma for announced 2012 acquisitions) in producing U.S. basins as of Dec. 31, 2011. More information about LINN Energy is available at www.linnenergy.com.

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