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SPEAKER PROFILES

FLOYD J. LEBLANC

VICE PRESIDENT, CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Floyd LeBlanc is Vice President of Corporate Communications for CenterPoint Energy, an energy delivery company with operations that include the transmission and distribution of electricity in Houston, natural gas distribution across six states from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes and interstate pipeline and gathering operations. With more than 8,800 employees, the company serves more than five million customers. LeBlanc is responsible for the company's public relations efforts, including internal and external communications, media relations, crisis communications, advertising and branding. He began his career with the company in 1982. LeBlanc is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

BILL H. CREWS

MANAGER, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY

William Crews, a veteran security professional, joined the Port of Houston Authority in April 2008 as the Port Security & Emergency Operations Manager. Crews is responsible for directing and monitoring PHA's security operations and programs, including meeting Coast Guard and other regulatory requirements as well as maintaining oversight of the Police Department. A Certified Protection Professional (CPP), Crews was a sworn federal law enforcement agent and formerly affiliated with NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center. Crews served as a security executive for the Office of U.S. Trade Representative (part of the Executive Office of the President), U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Information Agency, the DEA and Naval Surface Warfare Center.

THE HONORABLE GENE GREEN

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

U.S. Congressman Gene Green was first elected to Congress from the 29th Congressional District of Texas in 1992 after twenty years in the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate. In 1996, Green was appointed to the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee, and currently serves on four of its subcommittees - Health; Energy and Environment; Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection; and Oversight and Investigations. Green is also a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Since being elected to the House of Representatives, Green has been a champion of energy, labor, education and health issues. A native Houstonian, Green received a degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston in 1971. He attended Bates College of Law at the University of Houston and was admitted as a member of the State Bar of Texas in 1977.

TOM STANDISH

GROUP PRESIDENT, REGULATED OPERATIONS, CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Tom Standish is responsible for CenterPoint Energy's regulated electric transmission and distribution system and regulated natural gas operations. Standish also serves as a member of the CenterPoint Energy Executive Committee. Standish began his career with the company in 1984 and served in various management positions in marketing, rates and research, regulatory relations, and engineering. He formerly served as senior vice president of the company's electric delivery system before he assumed the position of President of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric in 1999. In 2008, Standish served as a member of the Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) and served on the EAC's Smart Grid Subcommittee and the Energy Storage Subcommittee. He is a member of IEEE and a past member of the Board of Directors for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), the Texas Energy Coordination Council, the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Transmission Access & Power Supply Task Force, the Association of Electric Companies of Texas' (AECT) Policy Committee, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce's Regulatory Affairs Committee, and the Governor's STEPP Committee on Utilities. He has also served on the EEI Rate Research Committee and as vice chairman of the ERCOT Engineering Subcommittee. He holds two patents dealing with electronic controls.

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