



By filling out the information below you can authorize us to send your payments by Direct Deposit. Your payments will be deposited into your bank account thus eliminating the need for preparing and mailing a check. **Please return this with your W-9.**

Remittance information is sent as an EDI addendum record to your bank. You can also receive a fax or e-mail notice that is sent one business day before the payment is deposited. Please supply the appropriate information at the end of this form.

Any reconciliation problems are still going to be handled by the same Accounts Payable Representative that you presently contact.

EFT AUTHORIZATION

_____ ("Seller") sells goods and/or services to CENTERPOINT ENERGY INCORPORATED and/or one or more of its wholly owned subsidiaries (herein collectively called "Buyer"). Seller hereby (1) authorizes Buyer to make payments for goods and services by electronic funds transfers ("EFT") through the automated clearing house system, (2) certifies that it has selected the following depository institution, and (3) directs that all such electronic funds transfers be made as provided below:

Federal Tax Identification Number: _____

Depository Institution: _____

Address: _____

Bank Contact: _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Bank Routing No. (ABA): _____ Account Number _____

Account Name: _____

Lock Box No.: _____

NACHA Payment Format: ACH: CTX

EDI: Transaction Set 820

No debit transactions are authorized hereunder. Buyer agrees to use its best efforts to keep in confidence and prevent disclosure of the information provided hereunder to any person who is not an authorized representative of Buyer.

Both parties agree to be bound by the Operating Rules of the National Automated Clearinghouse Association ("NACHA") as in effect from time to time. Each party agrees to pay for its own costs of transmission or receipt of funds transfers hereunder. A payment hereunder shall be (i) considered timely if the payment is completed on the payment due date determined by the applicable agreement for goods and services and (ii) deemed completed when Seller's depository institution receives, or has control of, the payment. Seller will give thirty (30) days' advance notice of any changes in its depository institution or other payment instructions. Either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern this Authorization.

Seller:

By _____

(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Mailing Address: _____

This Authorization covers the following CENTERPOINT Vendor Number(s):

Note: If you are interested in receiving the detail of your electronic payment by fax or e-mail, please indicate below.

_____ Fax Receiving Fax Number _____

_____ E-mail E-mail address _____