SUBJECT: CenterPoint Energy Customers Eligible for Free Shade Trees - Reminder

NOTICE DATE: October 27, 2017

NOTICE TYPE: Informational (Reminder)

INTENDED AUDIENCE: All Market Participants

LONG DESCRIPTION: CenterPoint Energy, Arbor Day Foundation and Trees For Houston are once again joining forces to provide the <u>Energy-Saving Trees program</u>, helping Houston-area residents reduce energy consumption and potentially save money on their electric bills. Studies have shown that the right trees planted in the right place (not planted under power lines) can reduce electricity use up to 30 percent by providing summer shade and slowing cold winter winds. As part of the program, CenterPoint Energy will offer two free trees per registrant, reserved through an online process.

From now through Nov. 9, the program offers 2,500 trees to individuals in CenterPoint Energy's electric service territory who agree to plant them in energy-saving locations. The offer is good while supplies last. Ten tree types are available to choose from: American Elm, Bald Cypress, Chinquapin Oak, Chinese Fringe Tree, Live Oak, Monterrey Oak, Pecan, Red Maple, River Birch, Sycamore.

To register, visit <u>ArborDay.org/EnergySavingTrees/CenterPointEnergy</u>, map your house, choose your trees and reserve. After the trees are reserved online, they can be picked up on Nov. 11, between 8 a.m. and noon at MacGregor Park, 5225 Calhoun Rd., Houston, TX 77021. Basic tree planting educational materials and a map of the designated planting site(s) will accompany the tree order.

CONTACT: Please feel free to distribute this information to your customers in the CenterPoint Energy service territory.

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