

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form FWP

May 01, 2008

**PRICING TERM SHEET**

Issuer: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

Security: 6.50% Senior Notes due 2018

Legal Format: SEC Registered

Size: \$300,000,000

Trade Date: May 1, 2008

Expected Settlement Date: May 6, 2008

Maturity Date: May 1, 2018

Coupon: 6.50%

Interest Payment Dates: May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2008

Price to Public: 99.487%

Benchmark Treasury: 3.50% due February 15, 2018

Benchmark Treasury Yield: 3.751%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury: + 282 basis points

Yield: 6.571%

Make-whole call: At any time at a discount rate of Treasury plus 45 basis points

CUSIP: 15189TAQ0

Anticipated Ratings: Moody s Ba1  
S&P BBB-  
Fitch BBB-

Joint Book-Running Managers: Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc.  
Lehman Brothers Inc.  
Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC

Co-Managers: Barclays Capital Inc.  
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.  
Lazard Capital Markets LLC  
RBC Capital Markets Corporation

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SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.  
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

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