



## Vertex Energy, L.P.

## VERTEX ENERGY, INC. ANNOUNCES PRICING OF PUBLIC OFFERING OF COMMON STOCK

Houston, TX – November 21, 2013 Vertex Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ:VTNR), an environmental services company that recycles industrial waste streams and off-specification commercial chemical products, announced today the pricing of its previously announced underwritten public offering. Vertex Energy is offering 2,950,261 shares of its common stock at \$2.80 per share to the public. In connection with the offering, Vertex Energy has also granted the underwriter a 30-day option to purchase up to 442,539 additional shares of common stock from Vertex Energy to cover any over-allotments. Vertex Energy intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including potential acquisitions. The offering is expected to settle and close on November 26, 2013, subject to customary closing conditions.

Craig-Hallum Capital Group LLC is acting as sole book-running manager for the offering.

Vertex Energy intends to offer and sell these securities pursuant to its existing shelf registration statement (File No. 333-189107) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 5, 2013, as amended. A prospectus supplement describing the terms of the offering will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and will form a part of the effective registration statement. Copies of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained, when available, by contacting the below book-running manager at the following address:

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## **About Vertex Energy, Inc.**

Vertex Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ:VTNR) is a leading environmental services company that recycles industrial waste streams and off-specification commercial chemical products. Its primary focus is recycling used motor oil and other petroleum byproduct streams. Vertex Energy purchases these streams from an established network of local and regional collectors and generators. Vertex Energy also manages the transport, storage and delivery of the aggregated feedstock and product streams to end users, and manages the re-refining of a portion of its aggregated petroleum streams in order to sell them as higher-value end products. Vertex Energy sells its aggregated petroleum streams as feedstock to other re-refineries and fuel blenders or as replacement fuel for use in industrial burners. The re-refining of used motor oil that Vertex Energy manages takes place at its facility, which uses a proprietary Thermal Chemical Extraction Process ("TCEP") technology. Based in Houston, Texas, Vertex Energy also has offices in Georgia and California. More information on Vertex Energy can be found at <a href="https://www.vertexenergy.com">www.vertexenergy.com</a>.

## **Forward-Looking Information**

This release contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding Vertex Energy's expectations regarding the completion of the public offering. These statements are based on management's current expectations and accordingly are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results and the timing of events may vary materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements due to various important factors, including, without limitation, risks and uncertainties related to Vertex Energy's business and the satisfaction of the conditions of the closing of the public offering. More detailed information about those factors is set forth in Vertex Energy's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Vertex Energy's annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and current reports on Form 8-K. Vertex Energy is under no obligation (and expressly disclaims any such obligation) to update or alter its forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.