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**VERTEX ENERGY, INC. TO RELEASE SECOND QUARTER 2016 FINANCIAL RESULTS  
ON AUGUST 11, 2016**

HOUSTON, TX, July 28, 2016 Vertex Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: [VTNR](#)), an environmental services company that recycles industrial waste streams and off-specification commercial chemical products, announced today that it will release its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2016 on Thursday, August 11, 2016. Management of Vertex Energy will host a conference call on the same day at 9:00 a.m. EDT.

Those who wish to participate in the conference call may telephone 877-869-3847 from the U.S. and International callers may telephone 201-689-8261, approximately 15 minutes before the call. A webcast will also be available under the Investor Relations section at: [www.vertexenergy.com](http://www.vertexenergy.com).

A digital replay will be available by telephone approximately two hours after the completion of the call until November 30, 2016, and may be accessed by dialing 877-660-6853 from the U.S. or 201-612-7415 for international callers, and using the Conference ID #13642202.

**ABOUT VERTEX ENERGY, INC.**

Vertex Energy, Inc. ([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 by-product streams. Vertex 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 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 manages takes place at its facility, which uses a proprietary Thermal Chemical Extraction Process (“TCEP”) technology. Based in Houston, Texas, Vertex also has offices in California, Chicago, Georgia, and Ohio. More information on Vertex Energy can be found at [www.vertexenergy.com](http://www.vertexenergy.com).

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