

VERTEX ENERGY, INC. ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2019 RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL DATE

HOUSTON – **May 1, 2019** – **Vertex Energy, Inc.** (NASDAQ: VTNR, "Vertex" or the "Company"), a leading specialty refiner and marketer of high-purity petroleum-based products, today announced that it will release first quarter 2019 financial results before the market opens on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. A conference call will be held that same day at 9:00 A.M. ET to review the Company's financial results, discuss recent events and conduct a question-and-answer session.

A webcast of the conference call and accompanying presentation materials will be available in the Investor Relations section of Vertex's website at www.vertexenergy.com. To listen to a live broadcast, go to the site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to register, download, and install any necessary audio software.

To participate in the live teleconference:

Domestic Live: 877-869-3847

To listen to a replay of the teleconference, which will be available through August 31, 2019:

Domestic Replay: 877-660-6853 Conference ID: 13690378

About Vertex Energy Inc.

Houston-based Vertex Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: VTNR) is a specialty refiner of alternative feedstocks and marketer of high-purity petroleum products. Vertex is one of the largest processors of used motor oil in the U.S., with operations located in Houston and Port Arthur (TX), Marrero (LA), and Columbus (OH). Vertex also has a facility, Myrtle Grove, located on a 41-acre industrial complex along the Gulf Coast in Belle Chasse, LA, with existing hydro-processing and plant infrastructure assets, that include nine million gallons of storage. The Company has built a reputation as a key supplier of Group II+ and Group III base oils to the lubricant manufacturing industry throughout North America. For more information visit www.vertexenergy.com

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