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**VERTEX ENERGY, INC. TO RELEASE THIRD QUARTER 2016 FINANCIAL RESULTS
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

Conference Call to be Held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 9.00 A.M. EDT

HOUSTON, TX – October 20, 2016 – Vertex Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: VTNR), a refiner and marketer of high-quality specialty hydrocarbon products, announced today that it will release its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2016 on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Management will host a conference call on the same day at 9 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

A digital replay will be available by telephone approximately two hours after the completion of the call until January 31, 2017, and may be accessed by dialing 877-660-6853 from the U.S. or 201-612-7415 for international callers using conference ID #13648042.

ABOUT VERTEX ENERGY, INC.

Vertex Energy, Inc. (VTNR) is a refiner and marketer of high-quality specialty hydrocarbon products. With headquarters in Houston, Texas, Vertex processing facilities are located in Houston (TX), Marrero (LA) and Columbus (OH). For more information on Vertex Energy please contact Porter, LeVay & Rose, investor relations representative Marlon Nurse, at 212-564-4700 or visit our website at www.vertexenergy.com.

Forward Looking Statements

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