Vertex Energy to Release Third Quarter 2012 Financial Results on November 14, 2012

Conference Call to Be Held at 10:00 a.m. EST

Houston, TX November 8, 2012 Vertex Energy, Inc. (OTC BB: VTNR), an environmental services company that recycles industrial waste streams and off-specification commercial chemical products, today announced that it will release its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012 on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012. The Company will also host a conference call that day at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Those who wish to participate in the conference call may telephone 877-407-4019 from the U.S.; international callers may telephone 201-689-8337, approximately 15 minutes before the call. A webcast will also be available at: www.vertexenergy.com.

A digital replay will be available by telephone approximately two hours after the call's completion until December 7, 2012, and may be accessed by dialing 877-660-6853 from the U.S. or 201-612-7415 for international callers.

ABOUT VERTEX ENERGY, INC.

Vertex Energy, Inc. (OTC BB:VTNR), is a leading environmental services company that recycles industrial waste streams and off-specification commercial chemical products. Our primary focus is recycling used motor oil and other petroleum by-product streams. We are engaged in operations across the entire petroleum recycling value chain including collection, aggregation, transportation, storage, refinement, and sales of aggregated feedstock and re-refined products to end users. We operate a refining facility that uses our proprietary Thermal Chemical Extraction Process ("TCEP") and we also utilize third-party processing facilities. Based in Houston, Vertex also has offices in Georgia and California. More information on the Company can be found at www.vertexenergy.com.

This press release may contain forward-looking statements, including information about management's view of Vertex's future expectations, plans and prospects, within the safe harbor provisions under The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). In particular, when used in the preceding discussion, the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "plans," "anticipates," or "may," and similar conditional expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Act, and are subject to the safe harbor created by the Act. Any statements made in this news release other than those of historical fact, about an action, event or development, are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the results of Vertex, its divisions and concepts to be materially different than those expressed or implied in such statements. These risk factors and others are included from time to time in documents Vertex files with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including but not limited to, its Form 10-Ks, Form 10-Qs and Form 8-Ks. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could have material adverse

effects on Vertex's future results. The forward-looking statements included in this press release are made only as of the date hereof. Vertex cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Finally, Vertex undertakes no obligation to update these statements after the date of this release, except as required by law, and also takes no obligation to update or correct information prepared by third parties that are not paid for by Vertex.

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