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ENRON CORP. ANNOUNCES PLANS TO ISSUE CONVERTIBLE DEBT

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HOUSTON -- Enron Corp. (NYSE: ENE) announced today that it plans to raise gross proceeds of approximately \$1.5 billion through an offering of 20-year, zero coupon convertible senior debt securities. The securities will be convertible into Enron common stock at a premium, to be determined. Enron, at its sole discretion, will have the option to settle the proposed instruments in cash or stock.

Most of the proceeds are expected to be used to refinance existing debt. Some of the proceeds may be used to repurchase common stock in conjunction with this offering.

The notes being issued and the shares of common stock into which they would be convertible have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

Enron is one of the world's leading electricity, natural gas and communications companies. The company, with revenues of \$101 billion in 2000, markets electricity and natural gas, delivers physical commodities and financial and risk management services to customers around the world, and has developed an intelligent network platform to facilitate online business. *Fortune* magazine has named Enron "America's Most Innovative Company" for five consecutive years, the top company for "Quality of Management" and the second best company for "Employee Talent." Enron's Internet address is www.enron.com. The stock is traded under the ticker symbol "ENE."

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Although Enron believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its goals will be achieved. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements herein include success in marketing natural gas and power to wholesale customers; the ability to penetrate new retail natural gas and electricity markets, including the energy outsource market, in the United States and Europe; development of Enron's broadband network and customer demand for intermediation and content services; and conditions of the capital markets and equity markets during the periods covered by the forward looking statements.

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