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CNL FINANCIAL GROUP HIRES VICE PRESIDENT FOR CNL SECURITIES

-- Grant Markgraf will serve as vice president of national accounts --

(ORLANDO, Fla.) Aug. 31, 2015 — CNL Financial Group has hired Grant Markgraf as vice president of national accounts for CNL Securities Corporation. In this position, Markgraf will be responsible for business development in the Midwest.

"We are excited to welcome Grant to our team," said Brian Lee, national sales manager of CNL Securities. "He brings with him valuable experience in finance and business development that will significantly contribute to our company as we grow our investment platform."

Markgraf was previously the regional vice president for RevenueShares, where he focused on advancing the firm's Chicago market presence and helping advisors grow their practices. Markgraf also worked as a trust specialist and regional vice president for First Trust Portfolios L.P. for five years. He has a bachelor's degree in communications from St. Norbert College and is licensed in FINRA Series 7, 63 and 66. Throughout Markgraf's career he has serviced independent broker dealer, wire and registered investment advisor channels.

"It is an honor to be joining CNL, a company with such a rich history and outstanding reputation in the industry. I am excited to be joining this team, and I look forward to focusing solely on the independent broker dealer channel for CNL as it has grown tremendously over the past decade," Markgraf said.

About CNL Financial Group

CNL Financial Group (CNL) is a leading private investment management firm providing global real estate and alternative investments. Since inception in 1973, CNL and/or its affiliates have formed or acquired companies with more than \$33 billion in assets. CNL is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. For more information, visit CNL.com.