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## **Autore Oil & Propane Company to Merge with Energy Distribution Partners**

Autore Oil & Propane Company, a privately owned business since 1955 that provides propane, heating oil, gasoline, diesel and lubricants to customers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, has announced plans to merge with Chicago, Illinois-based Energy Distribution Partners ("EDP"). Autore Oil & Propane operates from its headquarters in Cedarville, Michigan.

Tom Knauff, Energy Distribution Partners CEO, stated, "Autore Oil & Propane has been dedicated to providing superior service to its customers for 61 years. We are delighted that Steve Autore has chosen to merge his company with EDP and we look forward to ensuring that his company's legacy will be preserved."

"The time was right for me to transition this business and I am confident I found the right partner in EDP," said Steve Autore, President of Autore Oil & Propane. "I know our combined team will continue to take good care of Autore employees and customers, meeting home and business needs for reliable propane, fuel oil, diesel and gasoline service in our community."

Autore Oil & Propane was founded in 1955 by Steve Autore's parents as a local oil, gas and diesel service provider. Propane was added in 1990. The company has approximately 30 employees and serves about 3,500 residential and commercial customers in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

Energy Distribution Partners is focused on growing its business in the propane and midstream industry. EDP's strategy is to acquire successful operations, retain the brand name, preserve local management and delegate to those in the local community. This is the eighth transaction for EDP in the past four years.

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## **About Energy Distribution Partners**

Energy Distribution Partners is a rapidly-growing company in America's fast-changing energy landscape – with deep experience in retail and commercial propane sales, operations and finance. The company provides safe, reliable propane service to residential and commercial customers in California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. EDP is actively seeking partners for growth. For more information, please visit [www.edplp.net](http://www.edplp.net).

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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