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Attention Business Editors:
True Energy Announces Upward Reserves Revisions

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CALGARY, Oct. 21 /CNW/ - True Energy Inc. ("True", "the Company") announces a material upward revision in its oil and natural gas reserves following a recent independent reserves evaluation by Gilbert Laustsen Jung Associates (GLJ).

In September, True commissioned GLJ to evaluate certain of the Company's producing assets in its west-central Saskatchewan core area, including Coleville/Driver, Coleville South, Eyre, Kerrobert and Smiley.

"The reserves report of December 31, 2001 prepared by GLJ included data from a number of wells which had been tied in during 2001 and therefore had limited production histories at the time of the initial report," said Paul Baay, President and Chief Executive Officer of True Energy Inc. "Because these wells and properties have since performed significantly better than forecast in the year-end reports, the Company felt a reserve report update was in order to more accurately reflect our reserves position."

Using a natural gas conversion factor of 6:1, proved producing reserves increased from 763,000 BOE to 1,687,000 BOE for the five properties evaluated. This represents a 36 per cent improvement in the Company's overall proved producing reserves compared to the January reserve report and a \$7.7 million increase in net present value discounted at 15 per cent. The most significant change resulted from better production than forecast in the December 31st, 2001 report from the Company's natural gas wells at Colville/Driver and from a single development well drilled at Smiley. Oil reserves were positively impacted at Kerrobert and Coleville South while poor well performance resulted in a decrease in reserves at Eyre.

The September reserves evaluation does not include the Company's properties in its west-central Alberta core area acquired in June or all of its Saskatchewan properties, nor does it take into consideration 16 successful wells drilled recently at Coleville South and a new pool discovery at Druid.

In Saskatchewan, True plans to drill 10 additional light oil wells at Kerrobert and one gas well at Dodsland, while in Alberta the Company has commenced a deep test at Ferrier that will take approximately 30 days.

True will be presenting at the FirstEnergy Capital Corp., EnergyGrowth Conference today October 21st, 2002 at 12:50 pm et, to participate in the live web cast presentation please visit:

http://www.zginc.ca/firstenergy/energygrowth/energygrowth_webcast.html or

<http://www.tor.activate.net/firstenergy/Oct21-02/true/index.htm>

The presentation will be available in an archived version at these links for a period of at least 30 days following the live presentation.

True Energy Inc. is a Calgary-based oil and natural gas exploration and production company with producing assets in two core areas in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Company's shares trade on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "TUI".

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