

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
January 04, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 31, 2011

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31447
(Commission
File Number)

74-0694415
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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1111 Louisiana

Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

77002
(Zip Code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 3.03. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

On December 31, 2011, the Rights Agreement between CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company) and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Rights Agent, dated as of January 1, 2002 (the Rights Agreement), and the rights issued thereunder, expired by their terms. As a result, the shares of the Company s common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, are no longer accompanied by a right to purchase, under certain circumstances, Series A Preferred Stock, without par value, of the Company. No shares of Series A Preferred Stock were outstanding or had been issued.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Date: January 4, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen
Christopher J. Arntzen

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and

Assistant Corporate Secretary