

ROZZELL SCOTT E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROZZELL SCOTT E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1111 LOUISIANA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen.Counsel, Corp. Sec

HOUSTON, TX 77002
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/09/2011		M	56,539 A	\$ 6.4378 241,598	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	56,539 D	\$ 18.8185 185,059 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2011		M	37,100 A	\$ 10.92 222,159	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2011		S	37,100 D	\$ 18.8041 185,059 <u>(2)</u>	D	
					41,358	I	

Common
Stock

By
Savings
Plan ⁽³⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.4378	05/09/2011		M	56,539	⁽⁴⁾ 03/04/2012	Common Stock 56,539
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.92	05/09/2011		M	37,100	⁽⁶⁾ 03/02/2014	Common Stock 37,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
ROZZELL SCOTT E 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Director 10% Owner Officer EVP, Gen.Counsel, Corp. Sec

Signatures

Scott E. Rozzell 05/11/2011

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.80 to \$18.845, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to CenterPoint Energy, Inc., any security holder of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1) and (2) to this Form 4.
- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.79 to \$18.805, inclusive.
 - (2) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 05/01/2011.
 - (3) Options remaining from a 2002 grant which vested in three equal installments on March 5, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
 - (4) Price is not applicable.
 - (5) Options vested in three equal installments on March 3, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

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