CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC Form 8-K September 28, 2016

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): September 28, 2016

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction 1-31447 (Commission File Number) 74-0694415 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

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Houston, Texas77002(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The attached Exhibit 99.1 is a slide presentation that will be used at the Wolfe Research Power and Gas Leaders Conference on September 28, 2016 that discusses macroeconomic trends and earnings drivers for CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint Energy). The slide presentation is being posted on and the presentation will be available live at 3:30 p.m. ET, via webcast, through CenterPoint Energy s website. An audio replay will be available on CenterPoint Energy s website.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 is furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 7.01. Accordingly, the information in Exhibit 99.1 will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified as being incorporated by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

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99.1 Slides to be presented at the Wolfe Research Power and Gas Leaders Conference on September 28, 2016

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: September 28, 2016

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin Kristie L. Colvin Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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