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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): November 4, 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

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.

On November 4, 2016, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint Energy) reported third quarter 2016 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy s third quarter 2016 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy s press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the Press Release), which Press Release is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

CenterPoint Energy is holding a conference call to discuss its third quarter 2016 earnings on November 4, 2016. Information about the call can be found in the Press Release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy s third quarter 2016 earnings, please refer to the supplemental materials which are being posted on CenterPoint Energy s website and are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 (the Supplemental Materials), which Supplemental Materials are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The information in the Press Release and the Supplemental Materials is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02 and 7.01, respectively. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release and the Supplemental Materials 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 therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

NUMBER

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

- 99.1 Press Release issued November 4, 2016 regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc. s third quarter 2016 earnings
- 99.2 Supplemental Materials regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc. s third quarter 2016 earnings

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: November 4, 2016

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

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