MCCLANAHAN DAVID M

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 01/21/2010 President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 32,300 Common 01/21/2010 Α A <u>(2)</u> 523,592 D (1) Stock By Common Ι Savings 36,014 Stock Plan (3) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | Amou Under Securi | ınt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| reporting Owner Funite / Futuress | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| MCCLANAHAN DAVID M 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002 | X | | President and CEO | | | | | |

Signatures

David M.

McClanahan 01/25/2010

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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).
- (1) Gross number of shares of time-based stock (with performance goal) awarded for 2007-2009 cycle under Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Price is not applicable.
- (3) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 01/01/2010.

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