

STANDISH THOMAS R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STANDISH THOMAS R

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)
11/11/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP and Group Pres

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2010 | | M | 54,106 A \$ 6.4378 | 172,756 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2010 | | S | 54,106 D \$ 16.5196 | 118,650 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 23,067 | I | By Savings Plan ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,867 | I | By Estate ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,450 | I | By Spouse ⁽²⁾ |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.4378 | 11/11/2010 | | M | V (A) (D) 54,106 | (3) 03/04/2012 | Common Stock | 54,106 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STANDISH THOMAS R 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002 | | | Sr. VP and Group Pres | |

Signatures

Thomas R. Standish
Date: 11/11/2010

**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).
- (1) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 11/01/2010.
- (2) The filing of this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of such equity securities.
- (3) Stock options totaling 54,106 vested in three equal installments on March 5, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- (4) Price is not applicable.

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