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CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC Form 3 September 10, 2014 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 <u>*</u> Colvin Kristie			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/04/2014	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
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(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77002			(Check all applical			e) 6. Individual or Joint/Group		
				Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP and CAO			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivati	ve Securit	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	ırity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*	
Common St	ock		23,905 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
Common Stock			40 (2)		Ι	Savi	Savings Plan	
Reminder: Rep owned directly	-		ach class of securities benefici	ially SE	EC 1473 (7-02	2)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Colvin Kristie 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â	Â	SVP and CAO	Â		
Signatures						
Richard B. Dauphin Attorney-in-Fact	09/10/2014					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 1,200 shares of time based restricted stock units payable in February 2017 if Ms. Colvin is an employee of Issuer through such date and on a prorata basis in the event of her earlier disability or death.

(2) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 08/31/2014.

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