CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WALKER R A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

1111 LOUISIANA

HOUSTON, TX 77002

Common

Stock

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

X_ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

(City) (State)

04/24/2014

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

 $23,000^{(3)}$

5. Amount of

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) V Amount (D) Price

Code 5,000 (2) A

(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title o	of 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivativ	ve Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative		•		Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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					of (D)						(Instr
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Num of	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WALKER R A							
1111 LOUISIANA	X						
HOUSTON, TX 77002							

Signatures

Richard B. Dauphin Attorney in Fact

04/28/2014

**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).
- Time-based restricted stock units granted under the Stock Plan for Outside Directors, as amended, to outside directors then in office as of (1) May 1, 2014. Shares will vest on the first anniversary of the Annual Award Date if the reporting person is a director of the Company
- (1) May 1, 2014. Shares will vest on the first anniversary of the Annual Award Date if the reporting person is a director of the Company through such date; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.
- (2) Price is not applicable.
- (3) Includes 5,000 shares of time-based restricted stock units awarded in 2013 that will vest on May 1, 2014 if the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such date; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.

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