6. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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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. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> ORTEN			 Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/19/2015	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
1111 LOUISIANA							•		
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group		
HOUSTON	, TX 7	7002		Director 10% (X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below SVP and Chief HR Office		ow)	Eiling (Charle Annlinghle Ling)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	ırity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	-		
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2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of

Expiration Title

Securities Underlying

Amount or

Number of

Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Date

Exercisable Date

(Month/Day/Year)

Date

4.

Conversion

or Exercise

Derivative

Price of

Security

5.

Ownership

Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

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Shares (I)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
I O	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ORTENSTONE SUSAN B 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â	Â	SVP and Chief HR Officer	Â		
Signatures						
Vincent A. Mercaldi Attorney-in-Fact	02/23/2015		15			
**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).
- Time-based restricted stock units vesting in February 2017 if the Reporting Person remains an employee of Issuer through the vesting (1) date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of her earlier retirement, disability or death.

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