FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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	I. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WHITLOCK GARY L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]										tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director		10% Ov	vner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1111 LOUISIANA						Date //04/2		iest Tran	ısact	tion (Mo	onth/E	Day/Year)	-	below)	Officer (give title below) EVP & Chief Financial Officer							
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77002 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transa Code (I 8)	ction	4. Securi	ities Ad	cquired	(A) or	5. Amou Securiti Benefici Owned	nt of es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Ì	Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)		(Instr. 4)			
Common	Stock			03/04	4/201	l1				M		10,00	00	A	\$5.64	186	5,187		D			
Common	Stock															39	,103	I		By Savings Plan ⁽¹⁾		
		-	Table II -									sed of, onverti				Owned						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date, 1	Code (of Deri Sec Acq (A) Disp of (I	of I		Date Ex piration onth/Da	Date		of Se Unde Deriv	7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Employee Stock Option (right to	\$5.64	03/04/2011			M			10,000		(2)	0	3/03/2013	Comi		10,000	(3)	30,600	0	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- $1.\ Equivalent\ Shares\ held\ in\ CenterPoint\ Energy,\ Inc.\ Savings\ Plan\ as\ of\ 03/01/2011.$
- 2. Stock options totaling 40,600 shares vested in three equal installments on March 4, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- 3. Price is not applicable.

Remarks:

Gary L. Whitlock

03/04/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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