FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CAMPBELL DONALD R</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]									Relationsh heck all ap X Dire	•		o Issuer % Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1111 LOUISIANA						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2007									Offic belo	er (give title w)		er (specify ow)
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77002  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Lir	ie) X Forr Forr	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson		
		Tabl	e I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or l	Bene	ficia	lly Own	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 5)					d Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 05/24/						2007		A		4,000(1)		Α	(2)	20	20,000 <sup>(3)</sup>			
		Та	ble II - D (e								sed of, onvertib				Owned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. 3. Transaction Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year) Frice of Derivative Security		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		unt	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersi Form: Direct (E or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ot (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This common stock is time based restricted stock awarded to outside directors then in office as of June 1, 2007. Shares will vest in one-third increments on June 1, 2008, June 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010 if the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.
- 2. Price is not applicable.
- 3. Includes 2,000 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2005 that will vest in one-half increments on July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008; and 3,000 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2006 that will vest in one-third increments on June 1, 2007, June 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009 if the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.

## Remarks:

Donald R. Campbell

05/25/2007

\*\* 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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