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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Longoria Janiece M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
Longoria Jar	(First) (Middle)		[	X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) 1111 LOUISIA			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2005		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) HOUSTON	TX	77002		X	Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	_		Person				

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities / Disposed Of ( 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	07/01/2005		Α		<b>3,000</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(2)	7,000	D	

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Expiration Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Date		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. This common stock is time based restricted stock that will vest in one-third increments on July 1, 2006, July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008 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.

### Remarks:

<u>Janiece Longoria</u>

07/01/2005

\*\* 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).

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