

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>BRIAN JAMES S</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1111 LOUISIANA</b>  (Street) <b>HOUSTON TX 77002</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Senior VP &amp; CAO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>12/01/2007</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/01/2007		A		25,900 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	(2)	76,956	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2007		D		8,873 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	(2)	68,083	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2007		A		11,100 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	(2)	79,173	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2007		D		4,303 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	(2)	74,880	D	
Common Stock								20,260	I	By Savings Plan <sup>(6)</sup>

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes a total of 25,900 shares (8,800, 9,800 and 7,300 performance based shares awarded for the 2005-2007, 2006-2008 and 2007-2009 performance cycles respectively) under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan. Distribution of awarded shares will be delayed at least six months after separation from service pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 409A.
- Price is not applicable.
- Forfeiture of a total of 8,873 shares (249, 3,459 and 5,075 canceled shares respectively under the 2005-2007, 2006-2008 and 2007-2009 Long Term Incentive Plan performance cycle awards) due to the retirement of Mr. Brian.
- Includes a total of 11,100 shares (stock awards (with performance goal) of 3,800, 4,200 and 3,100 shares for 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively) under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan. Distribution of awarded shares will be delayed at least six months after separation from service pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 409A.
- Forfeiture of a total of 4,303 shares (284, 1,720 and 2,299 canceled shares respectively from 2005, 2006 and 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan awards) due to the retirement of Mr. Brian.
- Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 12/01/2007.

**Remarks:**

Richard B. Dauphin, Attorney 12/04/2007  
in Fact

\*\* 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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WHEREAS, the undersigned, in his or her capacity as a director or officer or both, as the case may be, of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a Texas corporation (the "Company"), may be required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 or other reports ("Forms") relating to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities of the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, in his or her capacity as a director or officer or both, as the case may be, of the Company, does hereby appoint Scott E. Rozzell, Rufus S. Scott, Douglas H. Darrow and Richard B. Dauphin, and each of them severally, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact or attorneys-in-fact and agent or agents with power to act with or without the other and with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to execute in his or her name, place and stead, in his or her capacity as a director or officer or both, as the case may be, of the Company, Forms and any and all amendments thereto and any and all instruments necessary or incidental in connection therewith, if any, and to file the same with the Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority. Each said attorney-in-fact and agent shall have full power and authority to do and perform in the name and on behalf of the undersigned in any and all capacities, every act whatsoever necessary or desirable to be done in the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, the undersigned hereby ratifying and approving the acts of said attorney. The powers and authority of each said attorney-in-fact and agent herein granted shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms under the Exchange Act, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned by giving written notice of such revocation to the Company. The undersigned acknowledges that the said attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument this 12th day of February, 2003.

Name: James S. Brian