
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

(Amendment No. 1)

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2012

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31447
(Commission
File Number)

74-0694415
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

This Form 8-K/A amends our Form 8-K filed on August 1, 2012.

On October 24, 2012, following review and approval by both the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the "Company"), the following modifications were made to the compensation terms for Mr. Scott M. Prochazka, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company:

- Mr. Prochazka's annual base salary was increased to \$420,000; and
- Mr. Prochazka's incentive target under the Company's short term incentive plan for 2012, which provides an annual cash award based on achievement of specified performance goals, was increased to 75% of base salary.

The changes to Mr. Prochazka's short term incentive target and annual base salary were made retroactive to August 1, 2012, the effective date of Mr. Prochazka's appointment as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Date: October 30, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen

Christopher J. Arntzen

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary