
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)**

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

2021 Annual Meeting

Vote by April 22, 2021 11:59 PM ET. For shares held in a Plan, vote by April 20, 2021 11:59 PM ET.

BROADRIDGE CORPORATE ISSUER SOLUTIONS
PO. BOX 1342
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717



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You invested in **CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.** and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the shareholder meeting to be held on April 23, 2021.**

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report online OR you can receive a free paper copy of voting material(s) by requesting prior to April 11, 2021. If you would like to request a copy of the voting material(s), you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line.



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Point your camera here and vote without entering a control number



Vote in Person at the Meeting*

April 23, 2021
9:00 a.m. CT

Auditorium
1111 Louisiana Street
Houston, Texas 77002

*Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors	
Nominees:	
1a. Leslie D. Biddle	✓ For
1b. Milton Carroll	✓ For
1c. Wendy Montoya Cloonan	✓ For
1d. Earl M. Cummings	✓ For
1e. David J. Lesar	✓ For
1f. Martin H. Nesbitt	✓ For
1g. Theodore F. Pound	✓ For
1h. Phillip R. Smith	✓ For
1i. Barry T. Smitherman	✓ For
2. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for 2021.	✓ For
3. Approve the advisory resolution on executive compensation.	✓ For

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