CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)
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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 25, 2013.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: February 25, 2013
Dates: April 25, 2013
Time: 9:00 AM CDT
Location: Auditorium
1111 Louisiana Street
Houston, Texas 77002

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT  ANNUAL REPORT

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How To Vote
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: 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.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow XXXX XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.
Voting Items
The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR Items 1-3.

1. Election of Directors
   Nominees:
   1a. Milton Carroll
   1b. Michael P. Johnson
   1c. Janice M. Longoria
   1d. David M. McClanahan
   1e. Susan O. Rheney
   1f. R. A. Walker
   1g. Peter S. Waring

2. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for 2013.
3. Approve the advisory resolution on executive compensation.

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.