

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Fitzgerald Walter L.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>P.O. BOX 4567</u> (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77210</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/01/2007</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sr VP and CAO</u></p>	5. 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
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>19,601</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>4,795</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>By Savings Plan⁽¹⁾</u>

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>03/04/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>17,929</u>	<u>6.4378</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>03/03/2013</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>5.64</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>03/02/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>10.92</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 12/01/2007.
2. The options were exercisable in one-third increments as of March 5, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
3. The options were exercisable in one-third increments as of March 4, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
4. The options were exercisable in one-third increments as of March 3, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Remarks:
Walter L. Fitzgerald
12/10/2007

** 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 5 (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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