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

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 6, 2014**

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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**

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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.

On August 6, 2014, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the "Company") and Mr. Thomas R. Standish agreed that he will step down as Executive Vice President of the Company effective August 31, 2014. Mr. Standish intends to remain with the Company until his expected retirement at the end of 2014 to assist with the transition of his responsibilities as part of the Company's succession plan.

In addition, on August 6, 2014, Mr. Walter L. Fitzgerald, Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, notified the Company that he is retiring effective August 31, 2014. The Company is currently in the process of identifying Mr. Fitzgerald's successor.

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: August 8, 2014

By: /s/ Dana C. O'Brien  
Dana C. O'Brien  
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary*