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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment)

NAME OF ISSUER CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common

CUSIP NUMBER 15189T107

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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Item 1(	a)	Name of	∃ Issuer:		CENTERPO1	INT ENER	RGY INC	
Item 1(	b)	Address	of Issu	er's Pri	ncipal Exe	ecutive	Offices:	:
1111 Lo	uisiant :	Street,	Houston,	TX 7700	02,			
Item 2(	a)						Item 2(b	0)
Name of	Person	Filing:			A	Address		cipal Office or, if esidence:
	LLC d/b ("PI") lf of it			ments	One Post	Office		Massachusetts 02109
*Marsh	& McLenn ("MMC")	an Compa	nnies, In	С.	1	1166 Ave		che Americas k, NY 10036
Putnam	Investme	nt Manag	jement, L	LC.	C	ne Post	Office Boston,	Square Massachusetts 02109

Citizenship: PI, PIM and PAC are limited liability companies organized under Delaware law. The citizenship of other persons identified in Item 2(a) is designated as follows: Item 2(c)

Corporation - Delaware law Voluntary association known as Massachusetts business trust -Massachusetts law

Title of Class of Securities: Common Item 2(d)

Item 2(e) Cusip Number: 15189T107

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

(a)( ) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act

(b)( ) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act

Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (c)(

(d)( Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment )

(e)(X)Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment

Advisers Act of 1940

(f)( ) Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the

provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or

Endowment Fund; see (Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)

Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G)  $\,$ (g)(X)

Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H)(h)( )

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Percent of Class:		NONE		NONE	+	NONE=	NONE	
Number of shares as to which such person has:								
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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date thereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following ( X )

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five/Ten Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

No persons other than the persons filing this Schedule 13G have an economic interest in the securities reported on which relates to more than five percent of the class of securities. Securities reported on this Schedule 13G as being beneficially owned by M&MC and PI consist of securities beneficially owned by subsidiaries of PI which are registered investment advisers, which in turn include securities beneficially owned by clients of such investment advisers, which clients may include investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act and/or employee benefit plans, pension funds, endowment funds or other institutional clients.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

PI, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of M&MC, wholly owns two registered investment advisers: Putnam Investment Management, LLC., which is the investment adviser to the Putnam family of mutual funds and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC., which is the investment adviser to Putnam's institutional clients. Both subsidiaries have dispository power over the shares as investment managers, but each of the mutual fund's trustees have voting power over the shares held by each fund, and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC. has shared voting power over the shares held by the institutional clients. Pursuant to Rule 13d-4, M&MC and PI declare that the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be deemed an admission by either or both of them that they are, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Section 13G, and further state that neither of them have any power to vote or dispose of, or direct the voting or disposition of, any of the securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

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By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business, were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

PUTNAM, LLC.

RY:

/s/ Harold P. Short Jr.

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Signature

Name/Title: Harold P. Short Jr.

Senior Vice President and Director of Investment Compliance

Date: February 4, 2005

For this and all future filings, reference is made to Power of Attorney dated May 27, 2004, with respect to duly authorized signatures on behalf of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., Putnam Investments, LLC., Putnam Investment Management, LLC., The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC. and any Putnam Fund wherever applicable.

For this and all future filings, reference is made to an Agreement dated June 28, 1990, with respect to one filing of Schedule 13G on behalf of said entities, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1).