#### CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 4

February 21, 2014

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **CARROLL MILTON** Issuer Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 02/19/2014 **Executive Chairman** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 30,000 02/19/2014 A A <u>(2)</u> 151,901 (3) D (1) Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>rg</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CARROLL MILTON	***						
1111 LOUISIANA	X		Executive Chairman				
HOUSTON, TX 77002							

### **Signatures**

Richard B. Dauphin Attorney in Fact

02/21/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Shares awarded under the CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan for service as executive chairman of the board of the **(1)** Company. The award is payable June 1, 2016 contingent on his continued service as chairman on the award date.
- (2) Price is not applicable.
- Includes annual award of 30,000 shares of common stock to be made to the executive chairman on each of June 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015 under the Long Term Incentive Plan and approved in April 2014.

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