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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and A STANDISH	Symbol CENTE	CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
		[CNP]											
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify				
1111 LOUISIANA				(Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2014					below) below) Exec VP				
	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
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HOUSTON,	TX 77002							_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
110031011,							Person						
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow									lly Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		Deemed ution Date, if ath/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) of (E))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)					
Common Stock	03/20/2014			A	9,070 (1)	A	<u>(2)</u>	287,921	D				
Common Stock								26,105	I	By Savings Plan (3)			
Common Stock								17,119	I	By Estate			
Common Stock								1,450	I	By Spouse			

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

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

> > Date

STANDISH THOMAS R 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002

Exec VP

Signatures

Richard B. Dauphin Attorney

in Fact 03/24/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Time based restricted stock units vesting in February 2017 if the reporting person is an employee of Issuer through such date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability, or death.
- (2) Price is not applicable.
- (3) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 03/01/2014.
- The filing of this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Standish is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of such equity securities.

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