

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ROZZELL SCOTT E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1111 LOUISIANA  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/01/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Gen.Counsel, Corp. Sec

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/01/2006		M		14,900	A	\$ 5.64	110,482 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2006		S		14,900	D	\$ 14.4554	95,582 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2006		M		26,000	A	\$ 6.4378	121,582 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
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Common Stock								30,816 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By savings plan

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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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.64	09/01/2006		M	14,900	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/03/2013	Common Stock 14,900
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.4378	09/01/2006		M	26,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 03/04/2012	Common Stock 26,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
ROZZELL SCOTT E 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Director 10% Owner Officer EVP, Gen.Counsel, Corp. Sec

## Signatures

Scott E. Rozzell 09/01/2006  
 \*\*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).

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Includes 11,400 shares of time based restricted stock payable March 3, 2007 if Mr. Rozzell is an employee of Issuer through such date and on a prorata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.

- (2) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of August 1, 2006.
- (3) Stock options totaling 43,900 vested in three equal installments on March 4, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- (4) Price is not applicable.
- (5) Stock options totaling 82,539 vested in three equal installments on March 5, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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