

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC LLC  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 17, 2012

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**

## **CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction)

**1-3187**  
(Commission)

**22-3865106**  
(IRS Employer)

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**1111 Louisiana**

**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of the estimated amortization schedule (the Schedule ) for equity return associated with the recovery of certain qualified costs and storm restoration costs by CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ( CenterPoint Houston ), an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ), is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1. The Schedule will be posted on CenterPoint Energy 's website at [www.centerpointenergy.com](http://www.centerpointenergy.com) under the Investors section, where CenterPoint Energy expects to post updates to the Schedule periodically.

The Schedule is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the Schedule and any subsequent updates will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy or CenterPoint Houston under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the Schedule is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by CenterPoint Energy or CenterPoint Houston that the information in the Schedule is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of CenterPoint Energy or CenterPoint Houston or any of their affiliates.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The exhibit listed below is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Estimated amortization schedule for equity return associated with the recovery of certain qualified costs and storm restoration costs

**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: April 17, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen  
*Christopher J. Arntzen*  
*Vice President, Deputy General Counsel*  
*and Assistant Corporate Secretary*

**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 HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC

Date: April 17, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen  
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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

**Number**

**Exhibit Description**

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