

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 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 26, 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.)

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**1111 Louisiana**

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

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111**

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

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**ITEM 5.07. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ) held on April 26, 2012, the matters voted upon and the number of votes cast for or against, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes as to such matters, were as stated below. The proposals related to each matter are described in detail in CenterPoint Energy s definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on March 16, 2012.

**Election of Directors (Item 1)**

The following nominees for directors were elected to serve one-year terms expiring at the 2013 annual meeting of shareholders:

| Nominee               | For         | Against    | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Donald R. Campbell    | 300,602,715 | 8,801,980  | 1,115,210   | 54,692,033       |
| Milton Carroll        | 306,735,057 | 2,916,472  | 868,376     | 54,692,033       |
| O. Holcombe Crosswell | 298,500,381 | 11,020,656 | 998,868     | 54,692,033       |
| Michael P. Johnson    | 298,531,483 | 10,832,076 | 1,156,346   | 54,692,033       |
| Janiece M. Longoria   | 301,011,137 | 8,718,098  | 790,670     | 54,692,033       |
| David M. McClanahan   | 307,895,314 | 1,886,936  | 737,655     | 54,692,033       |
| Susan O. Rheney       | 306,841,993 | 2,808,308  | 869,604     | 54,692,033       |
| R. A. Walker          | 307,120,624 | 2,528,335  | 870,946     | 54,692,033       |
| Peter S. Wareing      | 307,961,475 | 1,620,879  | 937,551     | 54,692,033       |
| Sherman M. Wolff      | 300,522,307 | 9,134,921  | 862,677     | 54,692,033       |

**Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors (Item 2)**

The appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accountants for CenterPoint Energy for 2012 was ratified:

| For         | Against   | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 359,263,815 | 5,027,505 | 920,618     | 0                |

**Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Item 3)**

The advisory resolution on executive compensation was approved:

| For         | Against    | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 295,407,991 | 13,136,847 | 1,975,067   | 54,692,033       |

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 27, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen  
Christopher J. Arntzen  
*Vice President, Deputy General Counsel*

*and Assistant Corporate Secretary*