

CARROLL MILTON  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CARROLL MILTON

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)  
06/01/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	06/01/2006		A	V	3,000 (1)	A	(2) 97,000 (3)	D

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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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARROLL MILTON 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

## Signatures

Richard B. Dauphin, Attorney  
in Fact 06/05/2006

\_\_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).
- This common stock is time based restricted stock that will vest in one-third increments on June 1, 2007, June 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009 if
- (1) the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.
  - (2) Price is not applicable.
  - (3) Includes 20,000 shares of common stock that may be issued on October 1, 2006 at the election of the reporting person in lieu of a cash award equal to the product of (i) 20,000 and (ii) the closing price per share of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s common stock on the consolidated reporting system for the New York Stock Exchange on the award date in connection with his compensation arrangement as non-executive chairman of the board of the company. Also includes 2,000 shares of time based restricted stock awarded in 2004 that will vest in one-half increments on July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2007; and 3,000 shares of time based restricted stock awarded in 2005 that will vest in one-third increments on July 1, 2006, July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008 if the reporting person is a director of the company through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of the company.

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