

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
 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**

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/19/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2015		A		16,660 (1) \$ 0 155,418	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2015		A		30,000 (2) \$ 0 185,418 (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)

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 Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 02/23/2015

\*\*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).

- (1) Time-based restricted stock units vesting in February 2018 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.
- (2) Time-based restricted stock units vesting in June 2017 if the Reporting Person continues to serve as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date.

Total includes (i) 15,190 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") and vesting in February 2017 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death, and (ii) 60,000 shares previously awarded under the LTIP and vesting in 30,000 share increments in each of June 2015 and June 2016 in connection with and contingent on his service as Executive Chairman of the Issuer on the respective vesting dates.

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