

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
February 29, 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): February 29, 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 29, 2012, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ) reported fourth quarter and full year 2011 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy s fourth quarter and full year 2011 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy s press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the Press Release ) and the supplemental materials which are being posted on CenterPoint Energy s website and are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 (the Supplemental Materials ), which Press Release and Supplemental Materials are incorporated by reference herein. The information in the Press Release and Supplemental Materials is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release and Supplemental Materials will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The exhibits listed below are furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued February 29, 2012 regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc. s fourth quarter and full year 2011 earnings.

99.2 Supplemental Materials regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc. s fourth quarter and full year 2011 earnings.

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: February 29, 2012

By: /s/ Walter L. Fitzgerald  
Walter L. Fitzgerald  
Senior Vice President and  
  
Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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**NUMBER**

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