

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
**WHITLOCK GARY L**

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)  
**01/23/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP & Chief Financial Officer**

**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  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	01/23/2008		A		18,655 (1)	A	(2) 94,015 D
Common Stock	01/23/2008		F		5,804 \$ 15.395	D	88,211 D
Common Stock	01/23/2008		A		12,300 (3)	A	(2) 100,511 D
Common Stock							29,490 I
							By Savings Plan (4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

