

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
May 03, 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): May 3, 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On May 3, 2012, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ) reported first quarter 2012 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy's first quarter 2012 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy's press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the Press Release ), which Press Release is incorporated by reference herein. The information in the Press Release is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release 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 exhibit listed below is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued May 3, 2012 regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc.'s first quarter 2012 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: May 3, 2012

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

**EXHIBIT**

**NUMBER**

**EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

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