CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **CARROLL MILTON** Issuer Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 05/05/2014 **Executive Chairman** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 05/05/2014 S 10,333 D 156,758 (1) D Stock 24.44

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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				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Richard B. Dauphin Attorney in Fact

05/06/2014 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Total includes 15,190 time based restricted stock units awarded in February 2014 under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan (LTI) to be paid out in February 2017 if the reporting person is an employee of Issuer through such date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of

(1) his earlier retirement, disability, or death and 90,000 shares previously awarded under the LTI to be paid out in 30,000 share increments on each of June 1, 2014, June 1, 2015, and June 1, 2016 in connection with and contingent on his service as Executive Chairman on the respective dates.

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