

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 2018

**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 13, 2018**

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Texas**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**1111 Louisiana**

**1-31447**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**74-0694415**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**77002**

**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Texas</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | <b>1-3187</b><br>(Commission<br>File Number) | <b>22-3865106</b><br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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**1111 Louisiana**

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| <b>Houston, Texas</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices)<br>Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111 | <b>77002</b><br>(Zip Code) |
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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))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 13, 2018, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company ) and CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ( Houston Electric ) filed a letter with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the PUCT ), which outlines Houston Electric s proposed approach to reflect in its filings the impacts of the comprehensive tax reform legislation informally referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Subject to the PUCT s approval, Houston Electric s proposed approach includes a series of filings to be made beginning this month and culminating in the filing of a base rate application in April 2019. For additional information regarding the proposal, please refer to the letter to the PUCT attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The information in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 7.01. Accordingly, the information in Exhibit 99.1 will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company or Houston Electric under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

**EXHIBIT**

| <b>NUMBER</b> | <b>EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION</b>                        |
|---------------|---|
| 99.1          | <u>Letter to the PUCT dated February 13, 2018</u> |

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 13, 2018

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin  
Kristie L. Colvin  
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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LLC

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