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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> MCCLANAHAN DAVID M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	fiddle)					X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify				
			03/03/2006					below) below) President and CEO			
				nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON, TX 77002 — Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State) ((Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ar) (Instr. 8)			Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
~				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	03/03/2006			F	17,882	D	\$ 12.9	279,877 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock								30,287	I	By Savings Plan (2)	

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	Date	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCCLANAHAN DAVID M 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Х		President and CEO				
Signatures							

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David M.	
McClanahan	03/07/2006
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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). **
- Includes 32,600 shares of time-based restricted stock payable March 3, 2007 if the reporting person is an employee of Issuer through such (1)date and on a prorata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.
- (2) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 3/1/2006.

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