MCCLANAHAN DAVID M

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCCLANAHAN DAVID M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	, , , ,	Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D 01/20/20	•				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO			
				endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	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)	
Common Stock	01/20/2011			A	40,100 (1)	A	<u>(2)</u>	624,056	D		
Common Stock								37,809	I	By Savings Plan (3)	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.											

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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MCCLANAHAN DAVID M 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	X		President and CEO				

Signatures

David M.

McClanahan 01/24/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- (1) Gross number of shares of time-based stock (with performance goal) awarded for 2008-2010 cycle under Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Price is not applicable.
- (3) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 01/01/2011.

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