

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
April 28, 2010

**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): April 22, 2010**

**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.)

**1111 Louisiana  
Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 207-1111**

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))
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ITEM 5.07. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ) held on April 22, 2010, the matters voted upon and the number of votes cast for or against, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes as to such matters, were as stated below.

The following nominees for directors were elected to serve one-year terms expiring at the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders:

Nominee	For	Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-votes
Donald R. Campbell	279,887,167	2,624,380	708,513	50,318,615
Milton Carroll	277,174,308	5,288,128	757,624	50,318,615
Derrill Cody	278,983,419	3,475,331	761,310	50,318,615
Michael P. Johnson	278,669,943	3,793,550	756,567	50,318,615
David M. McClanahan	280,573,339	2,162,809	483,912	50,318,615
Robert T. O Connell	279,228,338	3,237,407	754,315	50,318,615
Susan O. Rheney	280,459,403	2,049,660	710,997	50,318,615
R. A. Walker	280,190,831	2,281,711	747,518	50,318,615
Peter S. Wareing	280,041,246	2,383,019	795,795	50,318,615

The appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accountants for CenterPoint Energy for 2010 was ratified:

For	Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
329,921,297	2,947,923	669,454	0

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 22, 2010, the Board of Directors of CenterPoint Energy authorized CenterPoint Energy to provide to Milton Carroll, CenterPoint Energy's non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors, certain compensation arrangements. The compensation arrangements are summarized in Exhibit 10.1 attached to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The exhibit listed below is filed pursuant to Item 8.01 of this Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Summary of certain compensation arrangements of Milton Carroll, Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of CenterPoint Energy.

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: April 28, 2010

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

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NUMBER**

**EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

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