#### STANDISH THOMAS R

Form 4

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# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of I STANDISH THOM.		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	CENTERPOINT ENER [CNP]		(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
1111 LOUISIANA		02/29/2012	below) below) Exec VP and Group Pres			
(Stree	t)	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			
HOUSTON, TX 770	02		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	f, 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)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/29/2012		A	50,965 (1)	A	<u>(2)</u>	205,255	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		F	14,902	D	\$ 19.19	190,353	D	
Common Stock							24,230	I	By Savings Plan (3)
Common Stock							15,705	I	By Estate
Common Stock							1,450	I	By Spouse

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	1
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	) Derivativ	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	į
	Derivative				Securities	;		(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		
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					(A) or						1
					Disposed						
					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	m:.1	or		
						Exercisable Date	•	Title	Number		
				~					of		
				Code \	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STANDISH THOMAS R 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002

Exec VP and Group Pres

## **Signatures**

Thomas R. Standish 03/02/2012

\*\*Signature of Date

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).
- (1) Award of performance shares for 2009-2011 performance cycle.
- (2) Price is not applicable.
- (3) Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 02/01/2012.
- (4) The filing of this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Standish is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of such equity securities.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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