

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
May 01, 2013

**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 25, 2013

**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.)

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**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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On April 25, 2013, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ) appointed Milton Carroll as Executive Chairman of the Board effective as of June 1, 2013 and authorized CenterPoint Energy to provide to Mr. Carroll certain compensation arrangements. The compensation arrangements are summarized in Exhibit 10.1 attached to this report, which summary is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Carroll, age 62, has been a director since 1992 and Chairman since September 2002. Mr. Carroll is Chairman and founder of Instrument Products, Inc., an oil-tool manufacturing company in Houston, Texas. He has served as a director of Halliburton Company since 2006, Western Gas Holdings, LLC, general partner of Western Gas Partners, LP, since 2008, LyondellBasell Industries N.V. since July 2010, and LRE GP, LLC, general partner of LRR Energy, L.P., since November 2011. He has served as a director of Healthcare Service Corporation since 1998 and as its chairman since 2002. Mr. Carroll previously served as a director of EGL, Inc. from 2003 to 2007.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The exhibit listed below is filed pursuant to Item 5.02 of this Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 Summary of certain compensation arrangements of Milton Carroll, 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: May 1, 2013

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen  
Christopher J. Arntzen  
*Vice President, Deputy General Counsel*  
  
*and Assistant Corporate Secretary*

EXHIBIT INDEX

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**NUMBER**

**EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

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