

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
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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 28, 2016

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1111 Louisiana

1-31447
(Commission

File Number)

74-0694415
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

77002

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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

ITEM 5.07. 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 28, 2016, 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 proposals related to each matter are described in detail in CenterPoint Energy s definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2016.

Election of Directors (Item 1)

The following nominees for director were elected to serve one-year terms expiring at the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| Nominee | For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Milton Carroll | 277,056,896 | 43,937,564 | 2,163,649 | 52,930,665 |
| Michael P. Johnson | 315,412,254 | 4,721,494 | 3,024,361 | 52,930,665 |
| Janiece M. Longoria | 315,914,864 | 4,611,796 | 2,631,449 | 52,930,665 |
| Scott J. McLean | 319,195,537 | 2,069,266 | 1,893,306 | 52,930,665 |
| Theodore F. Pound | 317,893,313 | 2,325,205 | 2,939,591 | 52,930,665 |
| Scott M. Prochazka | 318,350,638 | 3,418,026 | 1,389,445 | 52,930,665 |
| Susan O. Rheney | 315,245,530 | 4,996,812 | 2,915,767 | 52,930,665 |
| Phillip R. Smith | 318,043,630 | 2,441,864 | 2,672,615 | 52,930,665 |
| Peter S. Wareing | 299,624,678 | 20,652,911 | 2,880,520 | 52,930,665 |

Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors (Item 2)

The appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accountants for CenterPoint Energy for 2016 was ratified, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 368,596,718 | 5,894,870 | 1,597,186 | 0 |

Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Item 3)

The advisory resolution on executive compensation was approved, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 304,231,890 | 16,136,291 | 2,789,928 | 52,930,665 |

Ratification of the Amendment to CenterPoint Energy s Bylaws to Designate an Exclusive Forum for Certain Legal Actions (Item 4)

The amendment to CenterPoint Energy s bylaws was ratified, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

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| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 188,165,588 | 131,225,808 | 3,766,713 | 52,930,665 |

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 2, 2016

By: /s/ Dana C. O Brien
Dana C. O Brien
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary