

CROSSWELL O HOLCOMBE
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CROSSWELL O HOLCOMBE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC
[CNP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1111 LOUISIANA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/24/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77002
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/24/2008		A	4,000 (1)	24,647 (3)	D	
Common Stock					3,448	I	By corporation (4)

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROSSWELL O HOLCOMBE 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

Signatures

O. Holcombe
Crosswell

04/25/2008

 Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

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).

This common stock is time-based restricted stock awarded to outside directors then in office as of May 1, 2008. Shares will vest in

(1) one-third increments on May 1, 2009, May 1, 2010 and May 1, 2011 if the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.

(2) Price is not applicable.

Includes 1,000 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2005 that will vest on July 1, 2008; 2,000 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2006 that will vest in 1,000 share increments on June 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009; and 4,000 shares of time-based

(3) restricted stock awarded in 2007 that will vest in one-third increments on June 1, 2008, June 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010 if the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.

(4) Shares held by a corporation of which the reporting person is president with shared voting power and investment power.

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