CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC Form 8-K August 02, 2012

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): August 2, 2012

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

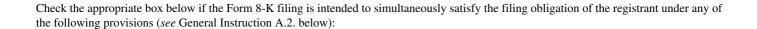
Texas (State or other jurisdiction

1-31447 (Commission 74-0694415 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana

Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111



- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On August 2, 2012, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint Energy) reported second quarter 2012 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy s second quarter 2012 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy s press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the Press Release), which Press Release is incorporated by reference herein. The information in the Press Release is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The exhibit listed below is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release issued August 2, 2012 regarding CenterPoint Energy, Inc. s second quarter 2012 earnings.

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: August 2, 2012 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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