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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): November 5, 2015

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 1-31447 74-0694415 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana 77002

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Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) (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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.

On November 5, 2015, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (CenterPoint Energy) reported third quarter 2015 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy s third quarter 2015 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy s press releases attached to this report as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, (the Press Releases), which Press Releases are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

CenterPoint Energy is holding a conference call to discuss its third quarter 2015 earnings on November 5, 2015. Information about the call can be found in the press release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. Information about CenterPoint Energy s impairment can be found in the press release furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy s third quarter 2015 earnings, please refer to the supplemental materials which are being posted on CenterPoint Energy s website and are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.3 (the Supplemental Materials), which Supplemental Materials are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The information in the Press Releases and the Supplemental Materials is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02 and 7.01, respectively. Accordingly, the information in the Press Releases and the Supplemental Materials 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.

(d) Exhibits.

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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.

Date: November 5, 2015

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin

Kristie L. Colvin

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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