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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-31447

A. Full title of the plan and address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

CenterPoint Energy Savings Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

1111 Louisiana Street

Houston, Texas 77002

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the CenterPoint Energy Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the CenterPoint Energy Savings Plan (Plan) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ McConnell & Jones LLP

Houston, Texas

June 14, 2013

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	December 31,	
	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (see Note 3)	\$ 1,710,540,219	\$ 1,581,059,274
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	40,040,033	41,234,734
Dividends and interest	368,843	803,549
Participant contributions	34,041	1,060,896
Employer contributions		712,856
Pending investment transactions	64,200	3,646,702
Total receivables	40,507,117	47,458,737
Total Assets	1,751,047,336	1,628,518,011
LIABILITIES		
Pending investment transactions	69,337	427,347
Other	615,430	355,595
Total Liabilities	684,767	782,942
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT FAIR VALUE	1,750,362,569	1,627,735,069
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(6,119,652)	(4,118,283)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 1,744,242,917	\$ 1,623,616,786

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

Investment Income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (see Note 5)	\$ 104,079,057
Dividends and interest	32,723,049
Total Investment Income	136,802,106
Interest on notes receivable from participants	1,703,192
Contributions:	
Participant	53,371,775
Employer	36,058,837
Rollover	3,227,712
Total Contributions	92,658,324
Expenses:	
Benefit payments	106,862,003
Administrative expenses	3,675,488
Total Expenses	110,537,491
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	120,626,131
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,623,616,786
END OF YEAR	\$ 1,744,242,917

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the CenterPoint Energy Savings Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants (as defined below) should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. In the case of any discrepancy between this summary and the Plan document, the Plan document will govern.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established in accordance with Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC) and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Effective January 1, 2009, the Plan is a "safe harbor" 401(k) plan under the IRC, which means it is deemed to satisfy certain deferral and contribution testing requirements.

Participants include all employees of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (Company or CenterPoint Energy) and those subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company that have adopted the Plan except (a) employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement unless such agreement provides for participation in the Plan, (b) leased employees, (c) independent contractors or (d) non-resident aliens who receive no United States sourced income (Participants).

(b) Contributions

Participants may contribute, on a pre-tax and after-tax basis, up to 50% and 16% of eligible compensation, respectively, not to exceed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) compensation limit as defined in the Plan. Active Participants age 50 or over may contribute an additional pre-tax contribution not to exceed the IRS limit (\$5,500 for 2012); however, the Company generally does not provide the match on such "catch-up" contributions, unless a matching contribution is required to meet the safe harbor plan provisions under the IRC. Participants may also contribute amounts representing rollover eligible distributions from other defined benefit or defined contribution plans, IRC Section 403(b) annuity plans, IRC Section 457 governmental plans or conduit Individual Retirement Accounts that have been holding a distribution from a qualified plan. Participants direct their contributions into the various eligible investment options offered by the Plan.

All new employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan to make pre-tax contributions. An employee who has been automatically enrolled is deemed to have elected to defer pre-tax contributions (Automatic Contribution). The initial pre-tax contribution is three percent of the employee's eligible compensation on a payroll-period basis. The contribution percentage is increased by an increment of one percent on April 1 in each of the following years until it reaches six percent of compensation on a payroll-period basis.

A notice is provided to all employees who have been automatically enrolled in the Plan (Automatic Enrollment Notice). In general, an employee has 30 days after receiving the Automatic Enrollment Notice to elect not to make any pre-tax contributions or choose a different contribution percentage.

Contributions, including all related employer matching contributions, made under the Automatic Contribution provision of the Plan are invested in the default investment fund as defined in the Plan. Employees may elect to change the Automatic Contribution percentage and/or direct the contributions to any of the investment options offered under the Plan at any time after the commencement of the Automatic Contribution. The Company matches 100% of the first six percent of eligible compensation.

Participants may elect to invest all or a portion of their contributions to the Plan in the Company Common Stock Fund. In addition, Participants may elect to have dividends paid on their investment in the Company Common Stock Fund either reinvested in the Company Common Stock Fund or paid to them in cash, and they can transfer all or part of their investment in the Company Common Stock Fund to the other investment options offered by the Plan. Employer contributions are made in the form of cash and are invested in accordance with Participant elections.

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Contributions are subject to certain limitations as set forth under the IRC or the limits set forth in the Plan document.

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(c) Investment Options

The Plan offered the following investment funds (Funds) as of December 31, 2012:

Balanced Fund

Company Common Stock Fund

Fixed Income Fund

International Equity Fund

Large Company Growth Fund

Large Company Value Fund

S&P 500 Index Fund

Small Company Fund

Stable Value Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund

Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund

Upon enrollment in the Plan, Participants may direct contributions, in one percent increments, in any of the investment options. Participants should refer to the Plan prospectus for a detailed description of each Fund.

(d) Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained for each Participant. Each Participant's account is credited with the Participant's contributions and with allocations of the Company contributions and Plan earnings. Each Participant's account is also charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on Participant account balances. A Participant is entitled to their vested account balance.

(e) Vesting and Forfeitures

Participants are immediately fully vested in all contributions and actual earnings thereon. As a result, there are no forfeitures.

(f) Notes Receivable From Participants

A Participant may borrow against their vested account balance. The maximum amount that a Participant may borrow is the lesser of (a) \$50,000, reduced by the excess, if any, of the highest outstanding balance of loans to the Participant from all plans maintained by the Company or an affiliated entity during the one-year period ending on the day before the date on which such loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date on which such loan is made or (b) 50% of the value of the Participant's vested account balance under the Plan.

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The loans are secured by the pledge of a portion of the Participant's right, title and value of the Participant's vested account balance under the Plan as determined immediately after the loans are made. The minimum loan amount is \$500. Loans may be repaid over a period of up to five years and are subject to a \$50 origination fee. Interest rates are fixed at the prime rate listed in The Wall Street Journal for the first of each month in which the loan is requested plus one percent. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) notes receivable from participants.

(g) Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of employment, a Participant whose account exceeds \$1,000 may elect, upon written request at any time, to receive a distribution in a single lump-sum payment or fixed monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments over a period of ten years or less. Such distributions are generally paid in the form of cash; however, if the Participant has investments in the Company Common Stock Fund, the Participant may elect an in-kind distribution of the Participant's account balance in the Company Common Stock Fund.

Generally, to the extent a Participant has not requested a distribution by the time he or she reaches age 70 1/2, required minimum distributions will be made consistent with the terms and conditions of the Plan and the requirements of the IRC. Immediate lump-sum distributions are made for accounts which do not exceed \$1,000.

A Participant who is under age 59 1/2 may make a withdrawal from amounts attributable to after-tax contributions and, if applicable, rollover contributions in the Plan and associated earnings. If a Participant who is under age 59 1/2 and has less than five years of service withdraws matched after-tax contributions, the Participant will be suspended from Plan participation for six months. A Participant who is age 59 1/2 or older may make unlimited withdrawals from pre-tax contributions, after-tax contributions, vested portion of prior Plan accounts, rollover account and any associated earnings.

Effective April 29, 2011, the Plan was amended to allow active participants under age 59 1/2 to apply for a hardship withdrawal from amounts attributable to the pre-tax contributions (not including any earnings and gains thereon) in accordance with Plan provisions. Participants are not permitted to make any pre-tax or after-tax contributions for a period of six months immediately following a hardship withdrawal.

(h) Administration

The assets of the Plan are held in trust by The Northern Trust Company (Trustee). Aon Hewitt is the recordkeeper for the Plan. The Benefits Committee of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (Committee), appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company, is the Plan Administrator (Plan Administrator). The Committee retains an independent investment consultant to provide investment advice with respect to the Funds other than the Company Common Stock Fund.

(i) Termination of the Plan

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company may terminate the Plan at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA and must give written notice to the Trustee.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, referred to as GAAP. The preparation of the Plan financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period and, when applicable, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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(b) New Accounting Standards

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS*. This ASU requires entities, for Level 3 fair value measurements, to disclose quantitative information about unobservable inputs, a description of the valuation processes, and a qualitative discussion about the sensitivities of the measurements. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of the new accounting guidance did not have any effect on the changes in net assets or the financial position of the Plan.

(c) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The investments in all Funds of the Plan are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Investments are reflected at fair value in the financial statements, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are stated at contract value. Security transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value; however, contract value is the relevant measurement attributed for that portion of the net assets available for benefits, because it represents the amount Participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the investment contracts, as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive contracts from fair value to contract value. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract-value basis.

(d) Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned.

(e) Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(f) Plan Expenses

Direct Plan expenses such as trustee, recordkeeping, auditing and investment management fees and certain general administrative expenses are paid from the Plan assets. These expenses are shown as a separate component in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits. Plan expenses other than the aforementioned items are included as a component of investment gains and losses and reported on Schedule C of Form 5500 as indirect compensation.

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3. Fair Value Measurements

FASB *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes a framework for measuring fair value as it relates to financial assets and liabilities and to non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. That framework provides a three-level valuation hierarchy based upon observable and unobservable inputs, with preference given to observable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, are observable either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities; and
- Level 3 Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability, and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs reflect the Plan's judgments about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability since limited market data exists. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances, which might include the Plan's own data.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2012 and 2011:

Common stocks	Valued at the closing price reported on the active market in which the individual securities are traded.
Mutual funds	Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan. The share value is based on the market quoted price at the end of the day.
Common or collective trust funds	Valued at the net asset value of units held by the Plan, and generally, include the use of significant observable inputs in determining the unit value.
Guaranteed investment contracts	Valued at fair value by discounting the related future payments based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable duration considering the credit worthiness of the issuer.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2012			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds				
Fixed Income Fund	\$ 194,760,887	\$	\$	\$ 194,760,887
Large Company Growth Fund	53,885,919			53,885,919
Large Company Value Fund	48,582,296			48,582,296
International Equity Fund	27,671,632			27,671,632
Balanced Fund	27,571,845			27,571,845
Total mutual funds	352,472,579			352,472,579
Common or collective trust funds				
Stable Value Fund		254,470,195		254,470,195
Target Date Retirement Funds		246,461,937		246,461,937
S&P 500 Index Fund		157,115,078		157,115,078
Fixed Income Fund		68,663,545		68,663,545
Balanced Fund		58,271,656		58,271,656
Large Company Growth Fund		52,256,214		52,256,214
International Equity Fund		43,964,325		43,964,325
Large Company Value Fund		43,296,043		43,296,043
Small Company Fund		18,840,767		18,840,767
Company Common Stock Fund		4,730,086		4,730,086
Short Term Investment Fund		3,387,877		3,387,877
Total common or collective trust funds		951,457,723		951,457,723
Common stocks				
Company Common Stock Fund	375,262,002			375,262,002
Small Company Fund	18,688,001			18,688,001
Total common stocks	393,950,003			393,950,003
Other				
Stable Value Fund ⁽¹⁾			12,659,914	12,659,914
Total other			12,659,914	12,659,914
Total assets at fair value	\$ 746,422,582	\$ 951,457,723	\$ 12,659,914	\$ 1,710,540,219

(1) Represents the guaranteed investment contracts held by the Stable Value Fund.

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	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2011			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<u>Mutual funds</u>				
Fixed Income Fund	\$ 156,972,730	\$	\$	\$ 156,972,730
Large Company Growth Fund	45,839,379			45,839,379
Large Company Value Fund	40,380,644			40,380,644
International Equity Fund	23,342,164			23,342,164
Balanced Fund	24,966,484			24,966,484
Total mutual funds	291,501,401			291,501,401
<u>Common or collective trust funds</u>				
Stable Value Fund		269,009,232		269,009,232
Target Date Retirement Funds		191,755,204		191,755,204
S&P 500 Index Fund		139,834,280		139,834,280
Fixed Income Fund		63,405,820		63,405,820
Balanced Fund		51,664,320		51,664,320
Large Company Growth Fund		46,648,445		46,648,445
International Equity Fund		39,215,111		39,215,111
Large Company Value Fund		41,038,695		41,038,695
Small Company Fund		15,237,847		15,237,847
Company Common Stock Fund		3,616,772		3,616,772
Short Term Investment Fund		908,669		908,669
Total common or collective trust funds		862,334,395		862,334,395
<u>Common stocks</u>				
Company Common Stock Fund	396,418,512			396,418,512
Small Company Fund	17,821,073			17,821,073
Total common stocks	414,239,585			414,239,585
<u>Other</u>				
Stable Value Fund ⁽¹⁾			12,983,893	12,983,893
Total other			12,983,893	12,983,893
Total assets at fair value	\$ 705,740,986	\$ 862,334,395	\$ 12,983,893	\$ 1,581,059,274

(1) Represents the guaranteed investment contracts held by the Stable Value Fund.

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The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 assets for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	Guaranteed investment contract	
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 12,983,893	\$ 12,754,398
Unrealized gains/(losses) related to instruments Still held at the reporting date	(323,979)	229,495
Balance, end of year	\$ 12,659,914	\$ 12,983,893
 The amount of total gains or losses for the period attributable to the changes in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting period	 \$ (323,979)	 \$ 229,495

Unrealized gains/(losses) from the guaranteed investment contract are not included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as the contract is recorded at contract value for purposes of the net assets available for benefits.

Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table represents the Plan's level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs.

Instrument	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Significant Input Values	Weighted Average
Guaranteed investment contract	\$12,659,914	Discounted Cash Flow	Swap Yield Rates	0.89%	0.89%
			Duration	0.79	
			Payout Date	10/15/2013	
			Payout Percentage	100%	

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The following tables set forth a summary of the Plan's investments with a reported Net Asset Value (NAV) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

**Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share
December 31, 2012**

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29,733,296	\$	Daily	Same Day
BlackRock Equity Index Fund ⁽²⁾	189,479,075		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth Index Fund ⁽³⁾	52,256,214		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value Index Fund ⁽⁴⁾	43,296,042		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Fund ⁽⁵⁾	18,337,597		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock MSCI ACWI Ex-US Fund ⁽⁶⁾	16,755,489		Daily	(12) ¹
Dwight Various Funds ⁽⁷⁾	207,645,855		Daily	(13) ¹
Loomis Sayles Int. Gov't/Credit Fund ⁽⁸⁾	9,985,230		Daily	(14) ¹
Mellon EB Daily Liquidity Aggregate Bond Index Fund ⁽⁸⁾	68,663,545		Daily	(15) ¹
Prudential Core Conservative Intermediate Bond Fund ⁽⁷⁾	15,726,948		Daily	(16) ¹
Thornburg International Equity Fund ⁽⁹⁾	39,005,147		Daily	(17) ¹
Vanguard Target Date Retirement Funds ⁽¹⁰⁾	246,461,937		Daily	(18) ¹
Wellington Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio ⁽¹¹⁾	14,111,348		Daily	(19) ¹

**Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share
December 31, 2011**

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund ⁽¹⁾	\$ 36,426,329	\$	Daily	Same Day
BlackRock Equity Index Fund ⁽²⁾	169,101,992		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth Index Fund ⁽³⁾	46,648,446		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value Index Fund ⁽⁴⁾	41,038,695		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Fund ⁽⁵⁾	14,653,809		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock MSCI ACWI Ex-US Fund ⁽⁶⁾	15,824,616		Daily	(12) ¹
Dwight Various Term Funds ⁽⁷⁾	214,360,711		Daily	(13) ¹
Mellon EB Daily Liquidity Aggregate Bond Index Fund ⁽⁸⁾	63,405,820		Daily	(13) ¹
Prudential Core Conservative Intermediate Bond Fund ⁽⁷⁾	20,138,347		Daily	(16) ¹
SEI Stable Asset Fund ⁽⁷⁾	3,193,323		Daily	(20) ¹
Thornburg International Equity Fund ⁽⁹⁾	33,531,377		Daily	(17) ¹
Vanguard Target Date Retirement Funds ⁽¹⁰⁾	191,755,203		Daily	(18) ¹
Wellington Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio ⁽¹¹⁾	12,255,727		Daily	(19) ¹

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The fund is composed of high-grade money market instruments with short maturities. The objective is to provide an investment vehicle for cash reserves while offering a competitive rate of return. The fund uses high quality securities with the emphasis on providing liquidity for redemption of units on any business day while preserving the principal. Within quality, maturity and sector diversification guidelines, investments are made in those securities with the most attractive yields.

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- (2) *This fund seeks to match the performance of the S&P 500 Index by investing in stocks that make up the index. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged, market-weighted index that consists of the 500 largest publicly traded companies and is considered representative of the broad U.S. stock market.*
- (3) *The investment objective is to track the performance of the Russell 1000 Growth Index by investing in a diversified sample of stocks that make up the index which is comprised of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equities with higher price-to-book value ratios and higher forecasted growth values.*
- (4) *The investment objective is to track the performance of the Russell 1000 Value Index by investing in a diversified sample of stocks that make up the index which is comprised of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equities with lower price-to-book value ratios and lower forecasted growth values.*
- (5) *The investment objective is to track the performance of the Russell 2000 Index by investing in a diversified sample of stocks that make up the index which is comprised of the 2000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.*
- (6) *The investment objective is to track the performance of the Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World Ex-U.S. Index (MSCI ACWI Ex-US) by investing in a diversified sample of stocks that make up the index which is comprised of stocks representing approximately 44 country stock markets, excluding the U.S. market while including Canada and the emerging markets.*
- (7) *These are the short to mid-term fixed income investments of the Stable Value Fund with preservation of principal as the primary investment objective (see Note 5 for information on the Stable Value Fund).*
- (8) *The investment objective is to track the performance of the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index by investing in a representative portfolio that matches the industry allocation, quality and duration of such index.*
- (9) *The investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of international equities that is benchmarked against the Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australasia, and Far East Index.*
- (10) *These funds invest in funds with a mix of common stocks and fixed income securities using an asset allocation strategy that will become more conservative over time.*
- (11) *The investment objective is to seek long-term (more than five years) total return in excess of the Russell 2000 Index by focusing on stock selection through bottom-up analysis.*
- (12) *A redemption resulting from the aggregate daily activities of Participants generally requires same-day notice. A redemption initiated by the plan sponsor requires up to three business days notice, depending on the applicable fund. Redemption is generally settled in cash on the business day following the redemption date but may be settled in kind three business days following the redemption date.*
- (13) *Dwight Asset Management Company LLC must provide at least five business days notice of redemption. Redemption is generally settled within thirty days of the redemption date and may be settled in kind.*
- (14) *Dwight Asset Management Company LLC must provide at least one business day notice of redemption. Redemption is generally settled on the redemption date.*
- (15) *Same-day notice is generally permitted for a redemption resulting from the aggregate daily activities of Participants and a redemption initiated by the Committee. Redemption is generally settled on the business day following the redemption date and may be settled in kind.*
- (16) *Dwight Asset Management Company LLC must provide at least five business days notice of redemption. Redemption is settled within ten business days of the redemption date and may be settled in kind.*
- (17) *The plan sponsor must provide at least five business days notice of redemption. Redemption is generally settled within ten business days of the redemption date and may be settled in kind. Redemption may be limited to a maximum of the greater of \$2,000,000 or five percent of the value of the assets in the Thornburg International Equity Fund.*
- (18) *Redemption resulting from the aggregate daily activities of Participants generally requires same-day notice and settles on the business day following the redemption date. Redemption initiated by the plan sponsor generally requires same-day notice and settles as soon as practicable and may be settled in kind.*

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- ⁽¹⁹⁾ The plan sponsor must provide at least ten business days notice of redemption. A longer notice period may be required. Redemption is settled within a reasonable time following the redemption date and may be settled in kind.
- ⁽²⁰⁾ Dwight Asset Management Company LLC was required to provide at least one year notice of redemption. Redemption would have been settled on the redemption date and could have been settled in kind.

5. Investments

The following investments represent five percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits.

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
Company Common Stock, 19,494,130 and 19,732,131 shares, respectively	\$ 375,262,002	\$ 396,418,512
BlackRock Equity Index Fund, 7,911,444 and 8,192,926 shares, respectively	189,479,075	169,101,992
PIMCO Total Return Fund, 13,910,139 and 11,913,675 shares, respectively	156,349,959	129,501,651

The Plan has significant holdings of Company common stock. As a result, the values of the Plan's investments may be materially impacted by the changes in the fair value of this security.

During 2012 the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

Common or collective trust funds	\$ 83,198,016
Mutual funds	33,460,264
Common stocks	(12,579,223)
 Total investment appreciation	 \$ 104,079,057

Stable Value Fund

The Stable Value Fund utilizes synthetic guaranteed investment contracts (Synthetic GICs). A Synthetic GIC includes a wrap contract issued by an insurance company or other financial institution and a portfolio of fixed income assets that are owned by the Stable Value Fund. The wrap contract provides that realized and unrealized gains and losses on the assets covered by the wrap contract are not reflected immediately in the net assets of the Stable Value Fund, but rather are amortized over the duration of the assets or other agreed upon period, through adjustments to the future interest crediting rates. The wrap contract provides a guarantee that all qualified participant withdrawals will occur at contract value which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals made under the contract and administrative expenses.

The crediting rates for Synthetic GICs are reset periodically and are based on the market value of the portfolio of assets covered by the contracts.

During 2012 and 2011, the average yields for the Stable Value Fund were as follows:

	2012	2011
Based on actual earnings	0.96%	1.26%
Based on the interest rate credited to Participants	1.68%	1.55%

Wrap contracts provide that withdrawals associated with certain events not in the ordinary course of fund operations may be paid at market rather than contract value. Examples of such circumstances may include significant plan design changes, complete or partial plan terminations, severance programs, early retirement programs, the closing or sale of a subsidiary, bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe the occurrence of the above events that would limit the Plan's ability to conduct transactions with Participants at contract value is probable.

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The Plan provides for investments in Company common stock, commingled and mutual funds and other investments. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and Participant account balances. Rates of return will vary, and returns will depend on the market value of the Plan's investments.

7. Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by letter dated April 2, 2001 that the Plan is qualified and the trust fund established is tax-exempt under the appropriate sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended and restated since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator and the Plan sponsor's counsel believe these amendments have not adversely affected the Plan's qualified status and the related trust's tax-exempt status as of the financial statement date.

Generally accepted accounting principles require the Plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the IRS; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is generally no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2009.

8. Related Party Transactions

During 2012, the Plan purchased and sold shares of the Company's common stock and units of short-term investment funds managed by the Trustee as temporary investments (party-in-interest transactions) as shown below:

Purchases	Company Common Stock	\$ 192,723,407
	Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund	652,276,101
Sales	Company Common Stock	\$ 197,755,171
	Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund	661,420,020

9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500:

	2012	2011
Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	\$ 1,744,242,917	\$ 1,623,616,786
	6,119,652	4,118,283

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Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive contracts

Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	\$ 1,750,362,569	\$ 1,627,735,069
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The following is a reconciliation of the Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2012:

Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	\$ 120,626,131
Adjustment to reverse fair value adjustment for fully benefit-responsive contracts related to prior year	(4,118,283)
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive contracts	6,119,652
Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	\$ 122,627,500

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	<u>COMMON OR COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
	BLACKROCK	EQUITY INDEX FUND	\$ 189,479,075
	BLACKROCK	MSCI ACWI EX-US INDEX FUND	16,755,489
	BLACKROCK	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH INDEX FUND	52,256,214
	BLACKROCK	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE INDEX FUND	43,296,042
	BLACKROCK	RUSSELL 2000 INDEX FUND	18,337,597
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	2012 TERM FUND	7,367,716
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	2013 TERM FUND	32,087,785
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	2014 TERM FUND	32,834,703
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	2015 TERM FUND	40,234,714
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	2016 TERM FUND	43,336,071
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	CORE INTERMEDIATE FUND	41,854,002
	DWIGHT ASSET MANAGEMENT	1-3 YEAR GOVERNMENT CREDIT FUND	9,930,864
	LOOMIS SAYLES	INTERMEDIATE GOVERNMENT/CREDIT FUND	9,985,230
	MELLON BANK	EB DAILY LIQUIDITY AGGR BOND INDEX FUND	68,663,545
*	NORTHERN TRUST	COLLECTIVE SHORT TERM INVESTMENT FUND	29,733,296
	PRUDENTIAL	CORE CONSERVATIVE INTER BOND FUND	15,726,948
	THORNBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND	39,005,147
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2010 TRUST II FUND	3,305,685
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2015 TRUST II FUND	26,126,411
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2020 TRUST II FUND	12,524,335
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2025 TRUST II FUND	39,273,734
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2030 TRUST II FUND	10,886,259
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2035 TRUST II FUND	47,991,725
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2040 TRUST II FUND	17,054,054
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2045 TRUST II FUND	46,936,074
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2050 TRUST II FUND	22,167,536
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT 2055 TRUST II FUND	9,103,316
	VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT INCOME TRUST II FUND	11,092,808
	WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT	SMALL CAP OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO	14,111,348
	SUBTOTAL		951,457,723
	<u>COMMON STOCK</u>		
	AFFILIATED MANAGERS GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	121,039
	AGCO CORP	COMMON STOCK	84,486
	ALBANY INTL CORP	COMMON STOCK	283,500
	ALBEMARLE CORP	COMMON STOCK	113,058
	ALIGN TECHNOLOGY INC	COMMON STOCK	74,647

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ALTERRA CAPITAL HOLDINGS INC	COMMON STOCK	105,149
AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS INC	COMMON STOCK	93,731
AMERICAN STS WTR CO	COMMON STOCK	250,935
ARIAD PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	46,416
ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	84,559
ASHLAND INC	COMMON STOCK	121,419
ASPEN INSURANCE HLDGS	COMMON STOCK	167,137
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC	COMMON STOCK	61,816
AVIS BUDGET GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	452,986
AVIS BUDGET GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	106,433
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD	COMMON STOCK	81,750
B & G FOODS INC	COMMON STOCK	74,738
BANK OF THE OZARKS INC	COMMON STOCK	94,051
BARNES GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	256,605
BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES DE INC	COMMON STOCK	67,031
BROOKDALE SR LIVING INC	COMMON STOCK	408,032
BROWN & BROWN INC	COMMON STOCK	114,825
BRUNSWICK CORP	COMMON STOCK	81,161
CAMDEN PPTY TR SH	COMMON STOCK	92,766
CARDTRONICS INC	COMMON STOCK	89,025
CASEYS GEN STORES INC	COMMON STOCK	266,296
CATAMARAN CORP	COMMON STOCK	101,286
CAVIUM INC	COMMON STOCK	87,076
* CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC	COMMON STOCK	375,262,002
CHART INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	70,004
CHEMTURA CORP	COMMON STOCK	383,105
CHICAGO BRDG & IRON CO	COMMON STOCK	201,854
CIENA CORP	COMMON STOCK	100,009
CIRRUS LOGIC INC	COMMON STOCK	54,753
CLEAN HBRS INC	COMMON STOCK	74,814
CMS ENERGY CORP	COMMON STOCK	75,334
CNO FINL GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	298,373
COLFAX CORP	COMMON STOCK	81,911
COLONIAL PPTYS TRUST	COMMON STOCK	83,770
COMSTOCK RES INC	COMMON STOCK	204,028
COOPER COS INC	COMMON STOCK	44,390
COPA HOLDINGS SA	COMMON STOCK	95,472
CORNERSTONE ONDEMAND INC	COMMON STOCK	82,389

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COVANTA HLDG CORP	COMMON STOCK	64,838
CROWN HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	103,068
CUBIST PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	60,987
D R HORTON INC	COMMON STOCK	62,703
DARLING INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	325,612
DICKS SPORTING GOODS INC	COMMON STOCK	73,694
DRIL-QUIP INC	COMMON STOCK	73,050
DUKE RLTY CORP REIT	COMMON STOCK	92,097
EAST WEST BANCORP INC	COMMON STOCK	91,118
ENERGY XXI	COMMON STOCK	90,454
EQUIFAX INC	COMMON STOCK	110,405
ESTERLINE TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COMMON STOCK	369,256
EVERBANK FINL CORP	COMMON STOCK	84,689
FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	78,912
FIDELITY NATIONAL FINANCIAL INC	COMMON STOCK	67,824
FIRST REP BK SAN FRANCISCO CALIF	COMMON STOCK	94,406
FOREST OIL CORP	COMMON STOCK	233,983
FRESH MKT INC	COMMON STOCK	61,074
FUSION-IO INC	COMMON STOCK	82,319
GENESEE & WYO INC	COMMON STOCK	96,622
HANOVER INS GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	79,804
HARMAN INTL INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	63,835
HEALTHCARE SVCS GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	65,741
HEARTLAND PMT SYS INC	COMMON STOCK	77,880
HEXCEL CORP	COMMON STOCK	89,238
HOME PROPS INC	COMMON STOCK	90,126
HOMEAWAY INC	COMMON STOCK	49,940
HORSEHEAD HLDG CORP	COMMON STOCK	55,338
HUBBELL INC	COMMON STOCK	72,782
IBERIABANK CORP	COMMON STOCK	278,510
INGREDION INC	COMMON STOCK	247,411
INTEGRA LIFESCIENCES HLDG CORP	COMMON STOCK	81,837
INTL GAME TECH	COMMON STOCK	83,036
ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP	COMMON STOCK	271,207
IPG PHOTONICS CORP	COMMON STOCK	78,647
ITC HLDGS CORP	COMMON STOCK	89,216
KILROY RLTY CORP	COMMON STOCK	83,371
KODIAK OIL & GAS CORP	COMMON STOCK	84,960

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	LAM RESH CORP	COMMON STOCK	62,866
	LTC PPTYS INC	COMMON STOCK	287,678
	MADDEN STEVEN LTD	COMMON STOCK	81,792
	MANPOWER INC	COMMON STOCK	98,461
	MAXIMUS INC	COMMON STOCK	72,071
	MEDIVATION INC	COMMON STOCK	98,227
	MEDNAX INC	COMMON STOCK	95,424
	MERITAGE HOMES CORP	COMMON STOCK	76,194
	METHANEX CORP	COMMON STOCK	93,698
	MONOLITHIC PWR SYS INC	COMMON STOCK	80,654
	MUELLER INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	246,898
	NORDSON CORP	COMMON STOCK	65,645
	OCWEN FINL CORP	COMMON STOCK	355,758
	OIL STS INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	93,002
	OLD DOMINION FGHT LINE INC	COMMON STOCK	91,528
	OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVS INC	COMMON STOCK	339,982
	ONEOK INC	COMMON STOCK	222,728
	ONYX PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	74,019
	OWENS ILL INC	COMMON STOCK	293,207
	PENN NATL GAMING INC	COMMON STOCK	83,978
	POLARIS INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	87,516
	PORTLAND GEN ELEC CO	COMMON STOCK	267,581
	POST HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	295,749
	PRESTIGE BRANDS HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	175,964
	PROASSURANCE CORP	COMMON STOCK	85,224
	QUESTAR CORP	COMMON STOCK	71,926
	RAVEN INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	91,074
	REDWOOD TR INC	COMMON STOCK	391,257
	RENAISSANCE RE HLDGS LTD	COMMON STOCK	86,948
	ROCK-TENN CO	COMMON STOCK	92,980
	RYMAN HOSPITALITY PPTYS INC	COMMON STOCK	6,585
	SEACUBE CONTAINER LEASING LTD	COMMON STOCK	65,221
	SEMTECH CORP	COMMON STOCK	78,165
	SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COMMON STOCK	269,545
	SHUTTERFLY INC	COMMON STOCK	67,208
	SIGNATURE BK NY	COMMON STOCK	103,443
	SIMPSON MFG INC	COMMON STOCK	291,995
	SIRONA DENTAL SYS INC	COMMON STOCK	81,864

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SM ENERGY CO	COMMON STOCK	65,263
SMITH A O CORP	COMMON STOCK	259,218
SOTHEBYS HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	79,343
SOURCEFIRE INC	COMMON STOCK	88,774
STRATASYS INC	COMMON STOCK	100,989
TENNECO INC	COMMON STOCK	86,722
TERADYNE INC	COMMON STOCK	86,815
TEXAS ROADHOUSE INC	COMMON STOCK	63,840
TIBCO SOFTWARE INC	COMMON STOCK	83,638
TIDEWATER INC	COMMON STOCK	222,953
TRIMBLE NAV LTD	COMMON STOCK	112,386
TRIUMPH GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	88,808
TW TELECOM INC	COMMON STOCK	89,654
TWO HBRS INVT CORP	COMMON STOCK	209,467
TX CAP BANCSHARES INC	COMMON STOCK	86,503
U S AWYS GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	93,015
ULTIMATE SOFTWARE GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	95,354
UNIFIRST CORP MASS	COMMON STOCK	158,371
UNITED NAT FOODS INC	COMMON STOCK	89,495
UNS ENERGY CORP	COMMON STOCK	268,519
UNVL HEALTH SERVICES INC	COMMON STOCK	47,383
VAIL RESORTS INC	COMMON STOCK	80,053
VALSPAR CORP	COMMON STOCK	79,872
VERA BRADLEY INC	COMMON STOCK	59,738
VITAMIN SHOPPE INC	COMMON STOCK	96,365
WELLCARE HLTH PLANS INC	COMMON STOCK	54,533
WESCO INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	83,613
WOODWARD GOVERNOR CO	COMMON STOCK	79,310
WORLD MED INC	COMMON STOCK	61,803
SUBTOTAL		393,950,003
MUTUAL FUND		
ADVISORS INNER CIRCLE	LSV VALUE EQUITY FUND	48,582,296
LOOMIS SAYLES	INVESTMENT TRUST FIXED INCOME FUND	65,982,773
PIMCO	TOTAL RETURN FUND	156,349,959
T. ROWE PRICE	LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND	53,885,919
TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS	INSTITUTIONAL FOREIGN EQUITY FUND	27,671,632
SUBTOTAL		352,472,579

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<u>GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACTS</u>		
METROPOLITAN LIFE	CONTRACT #31832 INTEREST RATE 5.70%	12,659,914
SUBTOTAL		12,659,914
TOTAL PLAN INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		\$ 1,710,540,219
* <u>NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS</u>		
CENTERPOINT ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN	LOANS ISSUED AT INTEREST RATES FROM 4.25% to 8.50% WITH VARIOUS MATURITIES	\$ 40,040,033

*** PARTY-IN-INTEREST**

HISTORICAL COST INFORMATION IN COLUMN (D) IS NOT PRESENTED BECAUSE THE INVESTMENTS DISPLAYED ARE PARTICIPANT-DIRECTED.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the Plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN

By /s/ Marc Kilbride
(Marc Kilbride, Chairman of the Benefits Committee

of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., Plan Administrator)

June 14, 2013