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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, 2013

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, 2013 and 2012, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2013. 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, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2013 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 10, 2014

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	December 31,	
	2013	2012
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (see Note 3)	\$ 1,986,588,466	\$ 1,710,540,219
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	40,395,034	40,040,033
Dividends and interest	209,539	368,843
Participant contributions	32,134	34,041
Employer contributions	329,436	
Pending investment transactions	186,322	64,200
Total receivables	41,152,465	40,507,117
Total Assets	2,027,740,931	1,751,047,336
LIABILITIES		
Pending investment transactions	165,090	69,337
Other	788,205	615,430
Total Liabilities	953,295	684,767
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT FAIR VALUE	2,026,787,636	1,750,362,569
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	(2,212,204)	(6,119,652)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 2,024,575,432	\$ 1,744,242,917

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, 2013

Investment Income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (see Note 5)	\$ 295,217,770
Dividends and interest	28,054,530
Total Investment Income	323,272,300
Interest on notes receivable from participants	1,648,488
Contributions:	
Participant	55,727,194
Employer	38,150,512
Rollover	2,647,649
Total Contributions	96,525,355
Expenses:	
Benefit payments	137,320,644
Administrative expenses	3,792,984
Total Expenses	141,113,628
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	280,332,515
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,744,242,917
END OF YEAR	\$ 2,024,575,432

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 2013); 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, 2013:

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.

The Plan allows 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) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(e) 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

Financial Accounting Standards Board (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, 2013 and 2012:

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 investments at fair value as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2013			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<u>Mutual funds</u>				
Fixed Income Fund	\$ 170,047,901	\$	\$	\$ 170,047,901
Large Company Growth Fund	77,832,676			77,832,676
Large Company Value Fund	69,414,846			69,414,846
International Equity Fund	37,300,144			37,300,144
Balanced Fund	31,996,142			31,996,142
Total mutual funds	386,591,709			386,591,709
<u>Common or collective trust funds</u>				
Target Date Retirement Funds		337,498,585		337,498,585
Stable Value Fund		260,525,269		260,525,269
S&P 500 Index Fund		206,358,659		206,358,659
Balanced Fund		79,272,146		79,272,146
Large Company Growth Fund		68,375,264		68,375,264
International Equity Fund		62,473,480		62,473,480
Large Company Value Fund		61,159,854		61,159,854
Fixed Income Fund		37,741,974		37,741,974
Small Company Fund		32,199,913		32,199,913
Company Common Stock Fund		7,832,019		7,832,019
Short Term Investment Fund		3,464,124		3,464,124
Total common or collective trust funds		1,156,901,287		1,156,901,287
<u>Common stocks</u>				
Company Common Stock Fund	417,934,751			417,934,751
Small Company Fund	25,160,719			25,160,719
Total common stocks	443,095,470			443,095,470
Total investments at fair value	\$ 829,687,179	\$ 1,156,901,287	\$	\$ 1,986,588,466

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	Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2012			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<u>Mutual funds</u>				
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
<u>Common or collective trust funds</u>				
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
<u>Common stocks</u>				
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
<u>Other</u>				
Stable Value Fund ⁽¹⁾			12,659,914	12,659,914
Total other			12,659,914	12,659,914
Total investments 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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The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 investments for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	December 31,	
	2013	2012
	Guaranteed investment contract	
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 12,659,914	\$ 12,983,893
Realized gains	82,241	
Sales	(12,742,155)	
Unrealized gain/(loss) related to instruments Still held at the reporting date		(323,979)
Balance, end of year	\$	\$ 12,659,914
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)

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.

4. Fair Value of Investments in Entities that Use Net Asset Value

The following tables set forth a summary of the Plan's investments with a reported Net Asset Value (NAV) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Fair Value Estimated Using Net Asset Value per Share			
	December 31, 2013			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund ⁽¹⁾	\$ 26,365,362	\$	Daily	Same Day
BlackRock Equity Index Fund ⁽²⁾	252,903,122		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 1000 Growth Index Fund ⁽³⁾	68,375,264		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 1000 Value Index Fund ⁽⁴⁾	61,159,854		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Fund ⁽⁵⁾	31,460,170		Daily	(12) ¹
BlackRock MSCI ACWI Ex-US Fund ⁽⁶⁾	26,511,374		Daily	(12) ¹
GSAM Various Funds ⁽⁷⁾	214,465,604		Daily	(13) ¹
Loomis Sayles Int. Gov t/Credit Fund ⁽⁸⁾	16,233,896		Daily	(14) ¹
Mellon EB Daily Liquidity Aggregate Bond Index Fund ⁽⁸⁾	37,741,974		Daily	(15) ¹
Prudential Core Conservative Intermediate Bond Fund ⁽⁷⁾	15,496,294		Daily	(16) ¹
Thornburg International Equity Fund ⁽⁹⁾	53,220,697		Daily	(17) ¹
Vanguard Target Date Retirement Funds ⁽¹⁰⁾	337,498,584		Daily	(18) ¹

Wellington Small Cap Opportunities Portfolio ⁽¹⁾	15,469,092	Daily	(19)
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	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
GSAM(formerly 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

- (1) 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.
- (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 43 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.

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- (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 Committee 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) *GSAM Stable Value, LLC (formerly 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) *GSAM Stable Value, LLC (formerly 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) *GSAM Stable Value, LLC (formerly 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 Committee 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) *A redemption resulting from the aggregate daily activities of Participants generally requires same-day notice and settles on the business day following the redemption date. A redemption initiated by the Committee generally requires same-day notice, settles as soon as practicable and may be settled in kind.*
- (19) *The Committee 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.*

5. Investments

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

	December 31,	
	2013	2012
Company Common Stock, 18,029,972 and 19,494,130 shares, respectively	\$ 417,934,751	\$ 375,262,002
BlackRock Equity Index Fund, 7,972,617 and 7,911,444 shares, respectively	252,903,122	189,479,075
PIMCO Total Return Fund, 13,588,106 and 13,910,139 shares, respectively	145,256,856	156,349,959

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.

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During 2013 the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value as follows:

Common or collective trust funds	\$ 165,635,866
Common stocks	79,307,713
Mutual funds	50,274,191
 Total investment appreciation	 \$ 295,217,770

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 2013 and 2012, the average yields for the Stable Value Fund were as follows:

	2013	2012
Based on actual earnings	0.95%	0.96%
Based on the interest rate credited to Participants	1.19%	1.68%

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.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

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 September 13, 2013 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, 2013 and 2012, 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

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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 2010.

8. Related Party Transactions

During 2013, 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	\$ 176,837,958
	Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund	701,008,215
Sales	Company Common Stock	\$ 206,367,967
	Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund	704,380,482

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:

	2013	2012
Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,024,575,432	\$ 1,744,242,917
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive contracts	2,212,204	6,119,652
Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	\$ 2,026,787,636	\$ 1,750,362,569

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, 2013:

Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the financial statements	\$ 280,332,515
Adjustment to reverse fair value adjustment for fully benefit-responsive contracts related to prior year	(6,119,652)
Adjustment from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive contracts	2,212,204
Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	\$ 276,425,067

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<u>COMMON OR COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
BLACKROCK	EQUITY INDEX FUND	\$ 252,903,122
BLACKROCK	MSCI ACWI EX US INDEX FUND	26,511,374
BLACKROCK	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH INDEX FUND	68,375,264
BLACKROCK	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE INDEX FUND	61,159,854
BLACKROCK	RUSSELL 2000 INDEX FUND	31,460,170
GSAM STABLE VALUE, LLC	2013 TERM FUND	8,070,832
GSAM STABLE VALUE, LLC	2014 TERM FUND	33,027,645
GSAM STABLE VALUE, LLC	2015 TERM FUND	40,513,162
GSAM STABLE VALUE, LLC	2016 TERM FUND	43,575,621
GSAM STABLE VALUE, LLC	2017 TERM FUND	31,387,384
DWIGHT ASSETS MANAGEMENT	CORE INTER FD	41,520,586
DWIGHT ASSETS MANAGEMENT	SHORT TERM GOV T CREDIT FUND	16,370,374
LOOMIS SAYLES	INTERMEDIATE GOV T CREDIT FUND	16,233,896
MELLON BANK	EB DAILY LIQUIDITY AGGREGATE BOND FUND	37,741,974
* NORTHERN TRUST	SHORT TERM INVESTMENT FUND	26,365,362
PRUDENTIAL	CORE CONSERVATIVE INTER BOND FUND	15,496,294
THORNBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT	INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND	53,220,697
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2010	2,571,226
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2015	28,920,905
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2020	20,278,409
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2025	48,651,317
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2030	16,063,960
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2035	61,163,393
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2040	28,569,823
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2045	64,196,723
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2050	37,134,432
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT FUND 2055	20,722,023
VANGUARD	TARGET RETIREMENT INCOME FUND	9,226,373
WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT	SMALL CAP OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO	15,469,092
SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,156,901,287
<u>COMMON STOCK</u>		
AEGERION PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	\$ 66,702
AGCO CORP	COMMON STOCK	119,564
ALBANY INTL CORP	COMMON STOCK	412,656
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN INC	COMMON STOCK	214,284
ALIGN TECHNOLOGY INC	COMMON STOCK	135,446
ANN INC	COMMON STOCK	122,110
ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	120,915
ASHLAND INC NEW	COMMON STOCK	146,530
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC	COMMON STOCK	119,548

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ATWOOD OCEANICS INC	COMMON STOCK	132,407
AVIS BUDGET GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	316,893
B & G FOODS INC	COMMON STOCK	123,772
BANK OF THE OZARKS INC	COMMON STOCK	159,018
BARNES GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	285,601
BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES DE INC	COMMON STOCK	129,814
BROOKDALE SR LIVING INC	COMMON STOCK	471,165
BROWN & BROWN INC	COMMON STOCK	131,210
BRUNSWICK CORP	COMMON STOCK	128,507
CARDTRONICS INC	COMMON STOCK	162,938
CASEYS GEN STORES INC	COMMON STOCK	360,031
CAVIUM INC	COMMON STOCK	80,063
* CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC	COMMON STOCK	417,934,751
CHEMTURA CORP	COMMON STOCK	514,286
CIENA CORP	COMMON STOCK	152,434
CLEAN HBRS INC	COMMON STOCK	107,928
CLEARWATER PAPER CORP	COMMON STOCK	258,300
CMS ENERGY CORP	COMMON STOCK	82,719
CNO FINL GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	280,652
COGNEX CORP	COMMON STOCK	121,412
COLFAX CORP	COMMON STOCK	212,088
COMMVault SYS INC	COMMON STOCK	98,093
COMSTOCK RES INC	COMMON STOCK	385,828
COOPER COS INC	COMMON STOCK	106,502
COPA HOLDINGS SA	COMMON STOCK	163,312
CORNERSTONE ONDEMAND INC	COMMON STOCK	140,818
CROWN HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	129,699
CUBIC CORP	COMMON STOCK	199,581
CUBIST PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	131,542
DARLING INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	433,260
DRIL-QUIP INC	COMMON STOCK	109,930
DUKE RLTY CORP	COMMON STOCK	117,462
DUNKIN BRANDS GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	109,896
EAST WEST BANCORP INC	COMMON STOCK	164,709
ELLIE MAE INC	COMMON STOCK	41,111
EMERITUS CORP	COMMON STOCK	322,287
ESSENT GROUP LTD	COMMON STOCK	132,330
ESTERLINE TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COMMON STOCK	479,722
EVERCORE PARTNERS INC	COMMON STOCK	122,549
EXTENDED STAY AMER INC	COMMON STOCK	162,287
FIFTH & PAC COS INC	COMMON STOCK	128,601
FINANCIAL ENGINES INC	COMMON STOCK	83,376

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FOREST OIL CORP	COMMON STOCK	121,206
GENESEE & WYO INC	COMMON STOCK	92,208
GUIDEWIRE SOFTWARE INC	COMMON STOCK	93,724
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP	COMMON STOCK	118,091
H & E EQUIP SVCS INC	COMMON STOCK	267,707

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HARMAN INTL INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	116,227
HEICO CORP	COMMON STOCK	92,720
HERSHA HOSPITALITY TR PRTY	COMMON STOCK	69,681
HEXCEL CORP	COMMON STOCK	147,924
HOMEAWAY INC	COMMON STOCK	137,357
HORSEHEAD HLDG CORP	COMMON STOCK	132,436
HUBBELL INC	COMMON STOCK	149,193
IBERIABANK CORP	COMMON STOCK	428,951
INFINITY PPTY & CAS CORP	COMMON STOCK	134,173
INGREDION INC	COMMON STOCK	268,705
INTL FLAVORS & FRAGRANCES INC	COMMON STOCK	124,671
IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	64,900
ITC HLDGS CORP	COMMON STOCK	111,151
KENNEDY-WILSON HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	102,350
KILROY RLTY CORP	COMMON STOCK	88,317
KODIAK OIL & GAS CORP	COMMON STOCK	80,824
KULICKE & SOFFA INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	249,242
LOUISIANA-PACIFIC CORP	COMMON STOCK	107,913
LTC PPTYS INC	COMMON STOCK	191,460
MANPOWERGROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	119,345
MAXIMUS INC	COMMON STOCK	130,210
MEDNAX INC	COMMON STOCK	124,909
MERITAGE HOMES CORP	COMMON STOCK	93,101
METHANEX CORP	COMMON STOCK	174,166
MONOLITHIC PWR SYS INC	COMMON STOCK	157,010
MUELLER INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	394,443
MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY INC	COMMON STOCK	85,295
NELNET INC	COMMON STOCK	140,326
NORTHWEST BANCSHARES INC	COMMON STOCK	331,368
NPS PHARMACEUTICALS INC	COMMON STOCK	96,848
OCWEN FINL CORP	COMMON STOCK	568,362
OIL STS INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	80,359
OLD DOMINION FGHT LINE INC	COMMON STOCK	141,563
OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVS INC	COMMON STOCK	248,979
OWENS ILL INC	COMMON STOCK	504,140
PACWEST BANCORP DEL	COMMON STOCK	126,238
PERFORMANT FINL CORP	COMMON STOCK	165,727
POLARIS INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	151,466
POLYONE CORP	COMMON STOCK	127,260
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCS INC	COMMON STOCK	128,401
PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	COMMON STOCK	368,289
POST HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	434,561

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PRESTIGE BRANDS HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	543,444
PROASSURANCE CORP	COMMON STOCK	167,256
QLIK TECHNOLOGIES INC	COMMON STOCK	79,890
QUANTA SVCS INC	COMMON STOCK	136,970
RAVEN INDS INC	COMMON STOCK	216,808
REALOGY HLDGS CORP	COMMON STOCK	124,170

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REDWOOD TR INC	COMMON STOCK	312,148
RESTORATION HARDWARE HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	96,912
REX ENERGY CORP	COMMON STOCK	345,713
ROBERT HALF INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	110,014
ROCK-TENN CO	COMMON STOCK	124,962
SEMTECH CORP	COMMON STOCK	79,379
SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP	COMMON STOCK	375,545
SERVICENOW INC	COMMON STOCK	133,304
SHUTTERFLY INC	COMMON STOCK	96,258
SIGNATURE BK NY	COMMON STOCK	139,646
SIMPSON MFG INC	COMMON STOCK	206,055
SMITH A O CORP	COMMON STOCK	237,606
SOTHEBYS HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	125,552
SPROUTS FMRS MKT INC	COMMON STOCK	88,389
STRATASYS INC	COMMON STOCK	168,375
SYNOVUS FINL CORP	COMMON STOCK	136,404
TEAM HEALTH HLDGS INC	COMMON STOCK	103,398
TELEFLEX INC	COMMON STOCK	96,676
TENNECO INC	COMMON STOCK	139,728
TERADYNE INC	COMMON STOCK	110,301
TEXAS ROADHOUSE INC	COMMON STOCK	105,640
THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN COMPANY	COMMON STOCK	116,312
TIBCO SOFTWARE INC	COMMON STOCK	95,315
TIDEWATER INC	COMMON STOCK	176,921
TOWERS WATSON & CO	COMMON STOCK	156,960
TRIMBLE NAV LTD	COMMON STOCK	126,308
TW TELECOM INC	COMMON STOCK	107,254
ULTIMATE SOFTWARE GROUP INC	COMMON STOCK	134,834
UNIFIRST CORP MASS	COMMON STOCK	394,295
UNITED NAT FOODS INC	COMMON STOCK	125,901
UNITED RENTALS INC	COMMON STOCK	98,217
UNS ENERGY CORP	COMMON STOCK	386,930
UNVL HEALTH SERVICES INC	COMMON STOCK	156,019
URBAN OUTFITTERS INC	COMMON STOCK	124,285
VAIL RESORTS INC	COMMON STOCK	130,900
VALSPAR CORP	COMMON STOCK	107,648
VIOPHARMA INC	COMMON STOCK	62,811
WESCO INTL INC	COMMON STOCK	102,909
WISDOMTREE INVTS INC	COMMON STOCK	140,972
SUBTOTAL		\$ 443,095,470
<u>MUTUAL FUND</u>		

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LSV ASSET MANAGEMENT	VALUE EQUITY FUND	\$ 69,414,847
LOOMIS SAYLES	INVESTMENT TRUST FIXED INCOME FUND	56,787,186
PIMCO	TOTAL RETURN FUND	145,256,856
T ROWE PRICE	LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND	77,832,676

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	TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS	INSTITUTIONAL FOREIGN EQUITY SERIES	37,300,144
	SUBTOTAL		\$ 386,591,709
	TOTAL PLAN INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		\$ 1,986,588,466
*	<u>NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS</u>		
	CENTERPOINT ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN	LOANS ISSUED AT INTEREST RATES FROM 4.25% to 5.00% WITH VARIOUS MATURITIES	\$ 40,395,034

*** 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.

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By /s/ Walter L. Fitzgerald
(Walter L. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Benefits Committee of
CenterPoint Energy, Inc., Plan Administrator)

June 10, 2014