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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 6, 2017

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 6, 2017, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company) reported earnings guidance for 2016 and 2017. For additional information regarding the Company s guidance, please refer to its press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the Press Release), which Press Release is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The information in the Press Release is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02. Accordingly, the information in the Press Release will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

NUMBER EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release dated January 6, 2017

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 6, 2017

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin Kristie L. Colvin

> Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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