Wolff Sherman Form 4 March 07, 2008

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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(Print or Type Responses)

Wolff Sherman Issuer Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 03/05/2008

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(State)

(City)

(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 03/05/2008 P 1,000 1,000 D Stock 14.48

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wolff Sherman							
1111 LOUISIANA	X						
HOUSTON, TX 77002							

Signatures

Richard B. Dauphin, Attorney in Fact 03/07/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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