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): April 26, 2024

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-31447

Texas

76-0694415

| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer | |
|--|---|---|-----|
| of incorporation) | | Identification No.) | |
| 1111 Louisiana | | | |
| Houston Texas | | 77002 | |
| (Address of principal executive office | es) | (Zip Code) | |
| Registrant's telepho | one number, including area code: (713) | 207-1111 | |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is inte (see General Instruction A.2. below): | nded to simultaneously satisfy the filing | g obligation of the registrant under any of the following provision | ons |
| ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Se | ecurities Act (17 CFR 230 425) | | |
| □ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exch | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | |
| □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d | • , | 240 14d-2(h)) | |
| □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e- | • • | * ** | |
| • | (1) | | |
| Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered | |
| | | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value | CNP | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago | |
| | CNP | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago | the |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging g | CNP | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago | the |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging g Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2). | CNP rowth company as defined in Rule 40 istrant has elected not to use the extended | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of | the |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging g Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2). Emerging Growth Company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the reg | CNP rowth company as defined in Rule 40 istrant has elected not to use the extended | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of | the |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging g Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2). Emerging Growth Company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the reg | CNP rowth company as defined in Rule 40 istrant has elected not to use the extended | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of | the |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging g Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2). Emerging Growth Company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the reg | CNP rowth company as defined in Rule 40 istrant has elected not to use the extended | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of | the |
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging g Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2). Emerging Growth Company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the reg | CNP rowth company as defined in Rule 40 istrant has elected not to use the extended | The New York Stock Exchange NYSE Chicago 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of | the |

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy") held on April 26, 2024, the matters voted upon and the number of votes cast for or against, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes as to such matters, were as stated below. The proposals related to each matter are described in detail in CenterPoint Energy's definitive proxy statement for the annual meeting, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2024.

Election of Directors (Item 1)

The following nominees for director were elected to serve one-year terms expiring at the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| Nominee | For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Wendy Montoya Cloonan | 460,459,386 | 83,003,302 | 1,032,230 | 31,554,626 |
| Earl M. Cummings | 537,153,167 | 6,307,480 | 1,034,271 | 31,554,626 |
| Barbara J. Duganier | 538,358,922 | 5,109,979 | 1,026,017 | 31,554,626 |
| Christopher H. Franklin | 520,882,860 | 22,551,844 | 1,060,214 | 31,554,626 |
| Raquelle W. Lewis | 518,834,558 | 24,656,683 | 1,003,677 | 31,554,626 |
| Thaddeus J. Malik | 536,674,008 | 6,990,524 | 830,386 | 31,554,626 |
| Theodore F. Pound | 520,082,621 | 23,585,928 | 826,369 | 31,554,626 |
| Ricky A. Raven | 536,609,444 | 7,040,748 | 844,726 | 31,554,626 |
| Phillip R. Smith | 518,068,938 | 25,365,170 | 1,060,810 | 31,554,626 |
| Barry T. Smitherman | 530,611,269 | 12,952,227 | 931,422 | 31,554,626 |
| Jason P. Wells | 541,782,045 | 1,995,027 | 717,846 | 31,554,626 |

Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (Item 2)

The appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for CenterPoint Energy for 2024 was ratified, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 551,773,468 | 23,497,479 | 778,597 | _ |

Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Item 3)

The advisory resolution on executive compensation was approved, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 507,245,312 | 35,865,463 | 1,384,143 | 31,554,626 |

Shareholder Proposal Relating to CenterPoint Energy's Setting Additional Interim and Long-Term Scope 3 Emissions Goals (Item 4)

The shareholder proposal relating to CenterPoint Energy's setting of additional interim and long-term Scope 3 emissions goals was not approved, with the vote totals as set forth in the table below:

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 68,098,196 | 472,274,042 | 4,122,680 | 31,554,626 |
| | | | |

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.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Date: April 29, 2024 By: /s/ Monica Karuturi

Monica Karuturi Executive Vice President and General Counsel