SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*]	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
KELLEY BYRON R	CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]	Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2004	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
1111 LOUISIANA		Pres & COO, CNP Pipelines
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
HOUSTON TX 77002		X Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/03/2004		A		7,800[1]	A	[2]	20,713[3]	D	
Common Stock								1,074	I	By Savings Plan[4]

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option Right To Buy	$10.92	03/03/2004		A		25,500		[5]	03/02/2014	Common Stock	25,500	[2]	25,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This common stock is time based restricted stock to be paid on 03/03/2007 if Mr. Kelley is an employee of Issuer through such date and on a pro rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.

2. Price is not applicable.

3. Includes 12,913 shares of time based restricted stock to be paid on 05/06/2006 if Mr. Kelley is an employee of Issuer through such date and on a pro rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.

4. Equivalent Shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of 03/01/2004.

5. The option is exercisable in one-third increments: 8,500 are exercisable on 3/3/2005; 8,500 are exercisable on 3/3/2006; 8,500 are exercisable on 3/3/2007.

Remarks:

Byron R. Kelley	03/05/2004
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

* 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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