
**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): July 27, 2012

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31447
(Commission
File Number)

74-0694415
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**1111 Louisiana
Houston, Texas**
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-3187
(Commission
File Number)

22-3865106
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**1111 Louisiana
Houston, Texas**
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 27, 2012, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (the "Company"), an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., called for redemption \$300 million principal amount of its 5.75% general mortgage bonds maturing on January 15, 2014 and \$500 million principal amount of its 7.00% general mortgage bonds maturing on March 1, 2014. The redemption of each series of bonds is contingent upon the receipt by the trustee on or prior to the redemption date of money sufficient to pay the applicable redemption price. The redemption price of each series of bonds includes principal, a make-whole premium and accrued interest to the scheduled August 27, 2012 redemption date. Redemption premiums for the two series are expected to aggregate approximately \$71 million. Depending on market conditions, the Company expects to issue long term debt having an aggregate principal amount of \$800 million in August 2012 and use the proceeds to fund a portion of the aggregate redemption price.

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: July 30, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen

Christopher J. Arntzen

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary

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 HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC

Date: July 30, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen

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