CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

FORM 3
(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
OCONNELL ROBERT T	**6/3/2004**	**CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]**
(Last) (First) (Middle) **1111 LOUISIANA**	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) __ X __ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)	
(Street) **HOUSTON,TX 77002** (City) (State) (Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	**2000.0000**	**D**	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OCONNELL ROBERT T **1111 LOUISIANA** **HOUSTON, TX 77002**	**X**			

Signatures

Robert T. O'Connell — ** Signature of Reporting Person

6/7/2004 — 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 5(b)(v).

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