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CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC Form 8-K November 16, 2016

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): November 16, 2016

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 1-31447 74-0694415 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana

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Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77002

(Zip Code)

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

CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-13265 (Commission **76-0511406** (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas

77002

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s 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 November 16, 2016, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company) and CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. (CERC) announced that CERC filed a rate case with municipal regulatory authorities and the Texas Railroad Commission for CERC s Houston Division and Texas Coast Division to change its natural gas distribution rates. For additional information regarding the rate case filing, please refer to the Company s and CERC s press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 is furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 7.01. Accordingly, the information in Exhibit 99.1 will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company or CERC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified as being incorporated by reference.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

NUMBER EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release dated November 16, 2016

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: November 16, 2016

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin

Kristie L. Colvin

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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 RESOURCES CORP.

Date: November 16, 2016

By: /s/ Kristie L. Colvin

Kristie L. Colvin

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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