

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 12, 2010

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**CenterPoint Energy, Inc.**

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC. Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting To Be Held on April 22, 2010. Meeting Information** Meeting Type:

Annual Meeting of Shareholders Meeting Date: April 22, 2010 Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m., Central Time

For holders as of: February 22, 2010 **Meeting Location:** CenterPoint Energy Tower Auditorium 1111

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**Voting Items** 1. Election of nominees for directors. 2. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & The  
nominees for directors are: Touche LLP as independent auditors for 2010. 1a. Donald R. Campbell 1b.  
Milton Carroll **NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment  
1c. Derrill Cody thereof. 1d. Michael P. Johnson 1e. David M. McClanahan 1f. Robert T. O Connell 1g.  
Susan O. Rheney 1h. R. A. Walker 1i. Peter S. Wareing

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