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	ddress of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker Symbol CENTERPOINT ENE [CNP]		5. Relationship of Issuer (Cheo	f Reporting Per ck all applicabl		
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transacti (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2009	on	X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
HOUSTON	(Street) , TX 77002	4. If Amendment, Date Orig Filed(Month/Day/Year)	inal	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 			
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivat	ive Securities Ac	equired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any	tion Date, if TransactionAcqu	osed of (D) r. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial	
Common Stock	04/23/2009	A $\frac{4,00}{(1)}$	00 A (2)	28,000 (3)	D		
Common Stock		_		60,000 <u>(4)</u>	I	Elizabeth B. Wareing 1976 Trust	

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

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 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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Inst
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	ess	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Wareing Peter S 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	X							
Signatures								
Peter S. Wareing	04/24/2009							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- This common stock is time-based restricted stock awarded to outside directors then in office as of May 1, 2009. Shares will vest in
 (1) one-third increments on May 1, 2010, May 1, 2011 and May 1, 2012 if the reporting person is a director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.
- (2) Price is not applicable.

Includes 1,000 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2006 that will vest in 2009; 2,666 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2007 that will vest in 1,333 share increments on June 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010; and 4,000 shares of time-based restricted stock awarded in 2008 that will vest in one-third increments on May 1, 2009, May 1, 2010 and May 1, 2011 if the reporting person is a

director of Issuer through such dates; provided however, the shares become fully vested in the event of a change of control of issuer.

Shares of CNP common stock held in trust, of which reporting person's spouse is a trustee and the beneficiary. The filing of this Form 4(4) shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of such equity securities.

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