Ryan Jason Michael Form 4 April 26, 2019

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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HOUSTON, TX 77002

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ryan Jason Michael

[CNP]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2019

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Issuer

below)

Person

Director

Applicable Line)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

SVP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common 04/25/2019 Stock

1,682 A (1)

\$0 $15,402 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Lacicisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ryan Jason Michael 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002

SVP & General Counsel

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact 04/26/2019

**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).
- Time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") vesting (i) in February 2022 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer (1) from the grant date through the vesting date; (ii) in the event of his earlier disability or death; or (iii) on a pro-rata basis upon his earlier retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.
 - Total includes (i) 1,466 time-based RSUs previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2020, (ii) 1,532 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021, and (iii) 2,163 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2022. The award to vest in 2020 shall vest if the Reporting Person continues to be an
- (2) employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death. The above awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest (i) if he continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (ii) in the event of his disability or death. Also, the above awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of his retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.

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