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(Print or Type R	esponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Prochazka Scott M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 11111 LOUISIANA			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2019					_X_ Director10% Owner _X_ Officer (give titleOther (specify below)Dther (specify below) President & CEO			
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 						
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ities Aco	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	rity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		on Date, if	Code (D)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/01/2019			S <u>(1)</u>	7,000	D	\$ 30.9 (2)	444,269 <u>(3)</u>	D		
Common Stock								7,093	I	By Savings Plan <u>(4)</u>	

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Prochazka Scott M 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Х		President & CEO				
Signatures							
Vincent A. Mercaldi,		05/03/20	19				

Attorney-in-Fact

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

The sale of shares reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person. The (1) adoption of the trading plan was previously disclosed by the Issuer in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 5, 2019.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$30.79 to \$31.06, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

Total includes (i) 54,115 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2020, (ii) 61,515 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021, and (iii) 57,227 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2022. The award to vest in 2020 shall vest if the Reporting Person

- (3) continues to be an 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.
- (4) Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

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