

ORTENSTONE SUSAN B
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ORTENSTONE SUSAN B

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)
1111 LOUISIANA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP and Chief HR Officer

HOUSTON, TX 77002
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2018		A		8,792 (1) \$ 0 35,628	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2018		F		2,134 (2) \$ 27 33,494 (3)	D	

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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other).

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact, 02/26/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- (1) Vesting of performance shares awarded in 2015 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.
(2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of performance shares.

Total includes (i) 6,562 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019, (ii) 5,276 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2020, and (iii) 5,836 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2021.

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