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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 09/04/2018 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$ Common $S^{(1)}$ 09/04/2018 27.81 4,000 D 305,247 (3) D Stock (2) By Common 6,909 I Savings Stock Plan (4)

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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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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Prochazka Scott M 1111 LOUISIANA	X		President & CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77002							

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi, 09/06/2018 Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- 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 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 28, 2017, and the subsequent amendment of the trading plan was previously disclosed by the Issuer in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 27, 2018.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$27.71 to \$27.89, 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) 63,258 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2019, (ii) 54,115 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2020, and (iii) 61,515 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021. The awards to vest in 2019 and 2020 shall vest if the Reporting Person 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 award to vest in 2021 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 award to vest in 2021 shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of his retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting, as described in the Issuer's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 15, 2018.

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(4) Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

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