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(Print or Type R	esponses)									
RHENEY SUSAN Syn CE			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) (M IANA	of Earliest Tra Day/Year) 2017	ansaction			X Director Officer (give below)		6 Owner er (specify		
	(Street) 4. If Amer Filed(Mon			te Original			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 			
HOUSTON,	TX 77002						Form filed by M Person	More than One Ro	eporting	
(City)	(State) (State)	Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code) (Instr. 8)		(A) of (D 4 and (A) or) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/01/2017		Code V A	Amount 4,592 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 0		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)

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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	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		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RHENEY SUSAN 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Х						
Signatures							
Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact		05/03/20	17				
**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).

Shares of common stock granted under the Issuer's Stock Plan for Outside Directors, as amended. These shares will vest on the first

(1) anniversary of the grant date; provided, however, these shares will fully vest in the earlier event of the Reporting Person's death or upon a change of control of the Issuer.

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