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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Doyle Scott	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)	Earliest Tr Pay/Year) 018	ansaction			Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP					
(Street) 4. If Am				ndment, Da	te Origina	l		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
HOUSTON	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	(A) or (D)	d of (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)		
Stock	02/19/2018			F	697 <u>(1)</u>	D	26.91	23,514 (2)	D		
Common								6 357	ĭ	By Savings	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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6,357

Savings

Plan (3)

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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	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	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable					
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Doyle Scott Edward 1111 LOUISIANA

Senior VP

HOUSTON, TX 77002

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi, 02/21/2018 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).
- (1) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of time-based restricted stock units.
- Total includes (i) 2,894 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019, and (ii) 3,044 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2020. Each award shall vest if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date and on a prorata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.
- (3) Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

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