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(Print or Type R	Responses)										
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) 02/19/2018					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 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 			
HOUSTON,		(Zip)				a	•.•	Person			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deen Execution any	ned	3. Transactio Code	4. Securi	ties A ispose	cquired d of (D)	uired, Disposed of 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	
Common Stock	02/19/2018			Code V F	Amount 9,158 (1)	(D) D	Price \$ 26.91	(1130.5 and 4) 227,358 (2)	D		
Common Stock								6,771	I	By Savings Plan <u>(3)</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	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Own 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								
By Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact		02/21	1/2018					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Da	ate					

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.

(2) Total includes (i) 63,258 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019, and (ii) 54,115 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2020. Each of the above awards shall vest if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the

- grant date through the vesting date and on a pro-rata 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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