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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] _ 2. Issuer Name and Tick						Tradir	nσ	5. Relationship of	Reporting Pers	on(s) to		
ORTENST	Symbol			IIuuii	15	Issuer						
	CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC											
			[CNP]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	f Earliest T	ransaction			Director	10%	Owner		
				nth/Day/Year)				X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SVP and Chief HR Officer				
1111 LOUISIANA			02/28/2019									
		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6 Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chask					
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		(7 in)						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transactior(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year		n Date, if					Securities Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct Benefi	Indirect		
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						(A)		Reported	(Instr. 4)			
						or		Transaction(s)				
				Code V		(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common	02/28/2019			А	23,929	А	\$0	61,425	D			
Stock	02,20,2017				(1)		ΨŪ	51,125	D			
Common				F	5,827	P	\$	55 500 (2)	D			
Stock	02/28/2019			F	(2)	D	30.14	55,598 <u>(3)</u>	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	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		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ORTENSTONE SUSAN B 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002			SVP and Chief HR Officer					
Signatures								
Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact		03/04/2019						

Date

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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) Vesting of performance shares awarded in 2016 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of performance shares.

Total includes (i) 5,276 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2020, (ii) 5,836 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021, and (iii) 5,719 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2022. The award to vest in 2020 shall vest if the Reporting Person

(3) continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of her earlier retirement, disability or death. The above awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest (i) if she continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (ii) in the event of her disability or death. Also, the above awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of her retirement unless she satisfies various conditions for full vesting.

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