

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 4

February 23, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCGOLDRICK JOSEPH B

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)  
1111 LOUISIANA  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Exec VP - Div Pres

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/21/2016                              |                                                             | A                                    | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>3,900<br>(1)                              | \$ 0 118,016                                                                                                       | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/21/2016                              |                                                             | F                                    | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>1,241<br>(2)                              | \$ 18.44 116,775 (3)                                                                                               | D                                                                    |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 26,205                                                                                                             | I                                                                    | By<br>Savings<br>Plan (4)               |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 10) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                            | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| MCGOLDRICK JOSEPH B<br>1111 LOUISIANA<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 | Exec VP - Div Pres               |

## Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi,  
Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2016

\*\*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) Vesting of restricted stock units awarded in 2013 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.  
 (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of time-based restricted stock units.

Total includes (i) 7,800 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2017 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, (ii) 25,000 time-based restricted stock units vesting on March 1, 2017 if the Reporting Person continuously remains an employee of Issuer through, and retires on, the vesting date, and (iii) 9,770 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2018 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.

- (4) Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan as of January 31, 2016.

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