

Prochazka Scott M
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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)
1111 LOUISIANA
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/01/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77002
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price \$		
Common Stock	11/01/2018		S ⁽¹⁾	4,000 D	27.09 (2)	297,247 (3)	D
Common Stock					6,978	I	By Savings 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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationship categories include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other.

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact, 11/05/2018. **Signature of Reporting Person, Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
**(1) Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). The sale of shares reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person.
(2) Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 28, 2017, and the subsequent amendment of the trading plan was previously disclosed by the Issuer in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 27, 2018.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$26.99 to \$27.20, inclusive.
(3) Total includes (i) 63,258 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2019, (ii) 54,115 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2020, and (iii) 61,515 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021.

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(4) Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

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