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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
Bridge Tracy B S			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date (Month/			(Month/D	Date of Earliest Transaction onth/Day/Year) /26/2016				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec VP - Div Pres			
			Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
HOUSTON, TX 77002					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	02/26/2016			Code V A	Amount 5,520 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 0	83,633	D		
Common Stock	02/26/2016			F	1,479 (2)	D	\$ 18.53	82,154 <u>(3)</u>	D		
Common Stock								36,544	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio 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.	nt of lying	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						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Bridge Tracy B 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002			Exec VP - Div Pres				
Signatures							
Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Vesting of performance shares awarded in 2013 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of performance shares.

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, (ii) 9,770 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in

- (3) February 2018, and (iii) 12,471 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019. 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 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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