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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Colvin Kristie Issuer Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 02/22/2018 SVP and CAO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002

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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial			
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							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A) or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/22/2018		A	4,517 (1)	A	\$0	43,358	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2018		F	1,124 (2)	D	\$ 27	42,234 (3)	D	
Common Stock							45	I	By Savings Plan (4)
Common							1.45	Ť	Drygon

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Exercisable Date	Title Number				
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Colvin Kristie SVP
1111 LOUISIANA and
HOUSTON, TX 77002 CAO

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact 02/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 2015 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of performance shares.
 - Total includes (i) 3,307 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019, (ii) 2,604 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in
- (3) February 2020, and (iii) 2,904 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2021. 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 her earlier retirement, disability or death.
- (4) Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

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