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FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

03/01/2018

Stock

Stock

Common

1(b).

Prochazka Scott M Issuer Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC (Check all applicable) [CNP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1111 LOUISIANA 03/01/2018 President & CEO (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 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price \$ Common

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $329,247 \frac{(3)}{2}$

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Savings

Plan (4)

26.99

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration D | ate | Amount | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ing | Security | Secui |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Prochazka Scott M | | | | | | | |
| 1111 LOUISIANA | X | | President & CEO | | | | |
| HOUSTON, TX 77002 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

By Vincent A. Mercaldi, 03/05/2018 Attorney-in-Fact

> **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).
- The sale of shares reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person. The adoption of the trading plan was previously disclosed by the Issuer in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and 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 \$26.77 to \$27.28, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
 - Total includes (i) 63,258 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019, (ii) 54,115 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting
- (3) in February 2020, and (iii) 61,515 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2021. Each of the above awards 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.

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