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Check thi if no long subject to Section 1 Form 4 ou Form 5 obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	6. Filed pr Section 1	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940							January 31 Expires: 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5		
(Print or Type R	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> 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)			
((Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2019				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & CEO			
				nendment, Date Original onth/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 			
HOUSTON,	, IA //002							Person			
(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)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Executio any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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	02/01/2019			Code V $S(1)$	Amount 4,000	(D) D	Price \$ 30.72 (2)	(inst: 3 and 4) 285,247 (<u>3)</u>	D		
Common Stock								7,028	Ι	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying tities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur 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			
Prochazka Scott M 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	Х		President & CEO				
Signatures							
Vincent A. Mercaldi,		02/04/20	19				

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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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

 adoption of the trading plan was previously disclosed by the issuer in its Current Report on Point 8-K field 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 \$30.58 to \$30.88, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the

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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. The awards to vest in 2019 and 2020 shall vest if the Reporting

(3) Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death. The above award to vest in 2021 shall vest (i) if he continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (ii) in the event of his disability or death. Also, the above award to vest in 2021 shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of his retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting, as described in the Issuer's Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 15, 2018.

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

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