Prochazka Scott M Form 4 September 05, 2017

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

2 Jaguar Nama and Tiakar or Trading

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1(b).

(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]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2017					X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)  President & CEO		
HOUSTON	(Street)			ndment, Da hth/Day/Year	_	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M		erson	
HOUSTON								Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D) 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)		
Common Stock	09/01/2017			S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 29.61 (2)	248,466 (3)	D		
Common Stock								6,644	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)

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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	]
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Prochazka Scott M							
1111 LOUISIANA	X		President & CEO				
HOUSTON, TX 77002							

## **Signatures**

By Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact 09/05/2017

\*\*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 Securities and Exchange Commission on March 28, 2017.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$29.53 to \$29.70, 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) 37,480 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2018, (ii) 63,258 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting
- (3) in February 2019, and (iii) 54,115 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2020. 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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