FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	OF	CHANGES	IN	BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smitherman Barry T					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]							(Ch	eck all app	ationship of Reportir k all applicable) Director		rson(s) to Is			
(Last)	(Fi	est) (N	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2023							Office below	er (give title /)		Other (s below)	specify			
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		Table	I - Nor	n-Deriva	tive S	Secu	rities	Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of	, or I	Bene	eficia	lly Own	ed			
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Common Stock 05/01				05/01/	2023				A		5,541(1)	5,541 ⁽¹⁾ A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	26,075			D	
	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)	erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		on Date,	4. Transa Code (8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		J nstr.	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Ownership Form:	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares of common stock granted under the Issuer's Stock Plan for Outside Directors, as amended and restated.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, 05/03/2023 Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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