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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* ORTENSTONE SUSAN B				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]								heck all	applicable) irector	10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2018											()	
				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								ne) <mark>X</mark> F F	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Time-based restricted stock units vesting in February 2021 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.
- 2. Total includes (i) 6,562 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2019, and (ii) 5,276 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2020. 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.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney- 02/22/2018 in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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