Instruction 1(b).

## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington,	D.C.	20549

STATEMENT (	OF CHANGES IN BENEFICI	IAL OWNERSHIP

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	1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Bridge Tracy B				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]									Check	Direc			Owner
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				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Form	m filed by One Reporting Person m filed by More than One Reporting			
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Vesting of performance shares awarded in 2016 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.
- 2. Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of performance shares.
- 3. Total includes (i) 9,380 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2020, (ii) 10,303 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021, and (iii) 9,151 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2022. The award to vest in 2020 shall vest if the Reporting 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 awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 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 awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of his retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.
- 4. Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan

## Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-

03/04/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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