STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
SOMERHALDER JOHN W II
1111 LOUISIANA
HOUSTON TX 77002

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
X Director
10% Owner
X Officer (give title below)
Interim President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>03/13/2020</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>57,725(1)</td>
<td>Amount: 72,300</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>V</td>
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Explanation of Responses:
1. Fully-vested restricted stock units, with 1/3 of the underlying shares paid in March 2021, 1/3 paid in March 2022 and 1/3 paid in March 2023; provided, however, if the Reporting Person earlier separates from the Company such that he is neither an employee nor director, any remaining unpaid shares under the award will be payable upon his separation.
2. The price reported in Column 4 is based on the price as of March 4, 2020 in accordance with the terms of the Reporting Person's compensation arrangements.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact
03/17/2020

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).
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