

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Knight Gregory E.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1111 LOUISIANA (Street) HOUSTON TX 77002 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP Cust. Trans. & Bus. Svcs.
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2021	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/17/2021		F		1,180 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$26.85	50,131 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock								4,868	I	By Savings Plan ⁽³⁾

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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

- Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of fully-vested restricted stock units.
- Total includes (i) 4,843 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") awarded under Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan ("Plan") and vesting in August 2022 and (ii) 4,842 RSUs vesting in August 2023. Reporting Person ("R.P.") must remain an employee of Issuer thru applicable vesting dates. Also includes 11,274 RSUs vesting (a) in August 2023 if R.P. remains an employee of Issuer thru vesting date; (b) upon his earlier disability or death; or (c) on a pro-rata basis upon his earlier retirement unless he satisfies conditions for full vesting. Also includes 10,894 RSUs vesting (a) in February 2024 if R.P. remains an employee of Issuer thru vesting date; (b) upon his earlier disability or death; or (c) on a pro-rata basis upon his earlier retirement unless he satisfies conditions for full vesting, provided, any such vesting is conditioned on positive operating income in last full calendar year of restricted period except in case of death or disability.
- Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

Remarks:

[Vincent A. Mercaldi,](#) [08/18/2021](#)
[Attorney-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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