1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Nesbitt Martin H.
(Last) (First) (Middle)
1111 LOUISIANA
(Street)
HOUSTON TX 77002
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
X Director 10% Owner
Officer (give title below)
Other (specify below)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed

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

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

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<tr>
<th>Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>Amount or Number of Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>9,113(1)</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>19,096</td>
<td>D</td>
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### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<th>Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
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<th>Amount or Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable</th>
<th>Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Amount or Number of Shares</th>
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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:

**Signature of Reporting Person**

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact
05/05/2020

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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