**Form 4**

**United States Securities and Exchange Commission**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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**1. Name and Address of Reporting Person**

Smitherman Barry T

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)**

06/04/2020

**5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)**

X Director

10% Owner

Officer (give title below)

Other (specify below)

**4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)**

06/04/2020

**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>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>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>06/04/2020</td>
<td></td>
<td>A</td>
<td>8,310 (D)</td>
<td>26,310</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>V</td>
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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:**

Vincent A. Mercaldi,

Attorney-in-Fact

06/08/2020

**Signature of Reporting Person**

Date

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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>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
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