Form 4

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

LESAR DAVID J

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)

05/11/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

X Director

10% Owner

Officer (give title below)

Other (specify below)

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

<table>
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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>
<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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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<tr>
<th>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
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<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)</th>
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Remarks:

** Signature of Reporting Person  
Date

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).


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