1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
MCLEAN SCOTT J
(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

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>05/01/2020</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>9,113</td>
<td>39,928</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)

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
05/05/2020

** 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).
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