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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person: Cloonan Wendolynn Montoya
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP]
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year): 05/01/2024
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer: X Director 10% Owner
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line): X Form filed by One Reporting Person
Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication

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

Table with 7 columns: 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). Row 1: Common Stock, 05/01/2024, A, 5,798(1), A, \$0, 22,815, D.

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

Table with 11 columns: 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), 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5), 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).

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

05/03/2024

** 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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