1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Knight Gregory E.

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/17/2020

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Director
Officer (give title below)
Other (specify below)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

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 Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>Deemed Acquired Disposed Of (A) or (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Amount (A) or (D)</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Beneficially Owned Following Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>08/17/2020</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>25,802(1)</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>40,417</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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<th>Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction(s) (Instr. 4 and 5)</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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<tr>
<td>Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expired</td>
<td>Amount or Number of Shares</td>
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Explanation of Responses:
1. Reflects the award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Issuer’s Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Includes (i) 4,843 time-based RSUs vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date, (ii) 4,843 time-based RSUs vesting on the second anniversary of the grant date and (iii) 4,842 time-based RSUs vesting on the third anniversary of the grant date. Reporting Person must continue to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date. Additionally, includes 11,274 time-based RSUs vesting (a) in August 2023 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the applicable vesting date; (b) in the event of his earlier disability or death; or (c) on a pro-rata basis upon his earlier retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.
2. Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact
08/19/2020

** 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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