1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

LESAR DAVID 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)

06/04/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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)

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

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)

Table II Details:

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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

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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