1. Name and Address of Reporting Person: Vortherms Joseph John
   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): 02/19/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed: 02/21/2020

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer:
   Director
   Officer (give title below) Senior VP
   10% Owner
   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

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Explanation of Responses:
1. Time-based restricted stock units vesting (i) in February 2023 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date; (ii) in the event of his earlier disability or death; or (iii) on a pro-rata basis upon his earlier retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.
2. Total includes (i) 2,537 time-based restricted stock units (“RSUs”) previously awarded under the Issuer’s Long-term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) and vesting in February 2020, (ii) 3,519 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2021, and (iii) 5,383 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2022. The award to vest in 2020 shall vest if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death. The above awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest (i) if he continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (ii) in the event of his disability or death. Also, the above awards to vest in 2021 and 2022 shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of his retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.
3. Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney- 02/21/2020
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** 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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