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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|---|---------|----------|---|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>MCGOLDRICK JOSEPH B</u> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC</u> [ CNP ] |                        | ationship of Reporting Pe<br>( all applicable)<br>Director                   | 10% Owner                           |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>1111 LOUISIANA                                       |         | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/26/2015                    | X                      | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>Exec VP - D                                 | Other (specify<br>below)<br>iv Pres |  |
| (Street)<br>HOUSTON   | ТХ      | 77002    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                          | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Fili<br>Form filed by One Re<br>Form filed by More the | porting Person                      |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |   |                        | Person   |                                     |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   |        |               |         | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------------|---------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/26/2015                                 |   | I                           |   | 9,984  | A             | \$18.23 | 26,937  | Ι   | By<br>Savings<br>Plan <sup>(1)</sup>                              |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                             |   |        |               |         | 114,116 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D   |   |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(S)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

2. Total includes (i) 7,800 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2017 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death, (ii) 25,000 time-based restricted stock units vesting on March 1, 2017 if the Reporting Person continuously remains an employee of Issuer through, and retires on, the vesting date, and (iii) 9,770 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2018 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of his earlier retirement, disability or death.

#### **Remarks:**

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-08/28/2015

<u>in-Fact</u>

\*\* 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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