1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
   Wright Russell Keith
   (Last) (First) (Middle)
   1111 LOUISIANA
   (Street)
   HOUSTON TX 77002
   (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
   08/11/2023

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed
   08/11/2023

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
   Director
   10% Owner
   Officer (give title below)
   Other (specify below)
   VP, FP&A and Interim CAO

Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication
   Form filed by One Reporting Person
   Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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<th>Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>08/11/2023</td>
<td></td>
<td>A</td>
<td>864(1)</td>
<td>0</td>
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") awarded under the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in August 2026 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date or in the event of her earlier disability or death.

2. Total includes (i) 712 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2024, (ii) 1,162 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2025, and (iii) 1,117 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2026. The above awards shall vest (a) if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (b) in the event of his disability or death. However, the vesting of each award is conditioned upon positive operating income in the last full calendar year of the restricted period except in the case of death or disability.

**Remarks:**

Vincent A. Mercaldi,
Attorney-in-Fact

08/15/2023

**Signature of Reporting Person**

Date

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