Form 144 Filer Information UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 144

**FORM 144** 

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### 144: Filer Information

Filer CIK 0001698299
Filer CCC XXXXXXXX
Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing? 

LIVE TEST

Submission Contact Information

Name Phone

E-Mail Address

#### 144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer CenterPoint Energy Inc.

SEC File Number 001-31447

1111 Louisiana Street

Address of Issuer Houston TEXAS

77011

Phone 8003715471

Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold Smitherman Barry T

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Relationship to Issuer Director

### 144: Securities Information

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of the Broker	Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold	Aggregate Market Value		Approximate Date of Sale	Securities
Common Stock	Merrill Lynch 225 Liberty Street Floor 38 New York NY 10281	21203	678496.00	0	01/10/2025	NYSE

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the	Date you	Nature of	Name of	Is	Date	Amount of	Date of	Nature of
Class	Acquired	Acquisition	Person from	this	Donor	Securities	<b>Payment</b>	Payment *
	-	Transaction			Acquired	Acquired		

	Whom Acquired	a Gift?		
Common Stock 11/07/2022 Open Market	CenterPoint Energy Inc		3850	11/07/2022 Open Market
Common Stock 05/11/2020 Stock Bonus	CenterPoint Energy Inc		3000	05/11/2020 Stock Bonus
Common Stock 05/01/2024 Stock Bonus	CenterPoint Energy Inc		5798	05/01/2024 Stock Bonus
Common Stock 11/07/2022 Open Market	CenterPoint Energy Inc		4155	11/07/2022 Open Market
Common Stock 02/24/2020 Open Market	CenterPoint Energy Inc		1000	02/24/2020 Open Market

<sup>\*</sup> If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

# 144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report

## 144: Remarks and Signature

Remarks

Date of Notice 01/14/2025

**ATTENTION:** 

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature Barry T Smitherman

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