FORM 4

to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b).

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Doyle Scott Edward | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP] | | | | | | | | (Chec | ationship of Reportin k all applicable) Director Officer (give title | | ng Person(s) to Iss 10% Ow Other (s | | /ner | | |
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| (Last) 1111 LO | (Fir | st) (M | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2022 | | | | | | | | X | | below) | | below) | speeling | |
| (Street) HOUST(| | | 7002 Zip) | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) X | Form | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable m filed by One Reporting Person m filed by More than One Reporting son | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Execution Date, | | | | Disposed C | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | | ies cially Following | Form (D) o | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | rice | | ed ction(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 02/15/ | | | | 2022 | 022 | | A | | 13,946(1) | | | \$0 | 83, | 83,085(2) | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 7,375 | | | I | By Savings Plan ⁽³⁾ | | | | |
| | 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) (Month/Day/Year) 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | ion Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of Deriv | r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Expirati (Month/ | ion Da | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4) | | De Se (In | rivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | | | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") awarded under the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting (i) in February 2025 if the Reporting Person ("R.P.") 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, provided, however, that any such vesting is conditioned upon positive operating income in the last full calendar year of the restricted period except in the case of death or disability.
- 2. Total includes (i) 6,488 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2022, (ii) 9,648 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2023, and (iii) 11,439 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2024. The above awards shall vest (a) if the R.P. continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (b) in the vent of his disability or death. Also, the above awards shall vest on a pro-rata basis in the event of his retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting. However, for shares vesting in February 2024, any such vesting is conditioned upon positive operating income in the last full calendar year of the restricted period except in the case of death or disability.
- 3. Equivalent shares held in CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Savings Plan.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2022

** 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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