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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Wilson Lynnae K				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]									heck all ap Dire	ctor		10% O	vner		
(Last)	(Fir	st) (M	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2024						X Officer (give title below) Other below  SVP Electric Business				specify				
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person								
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	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da			Execution Date,		Date,				s Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Forn (D) c	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
							Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or )	Price	Trans	action(s) . 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 02/15			02/15/	/2024		A		6,674(1)		A	\$0		31,440 <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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		f g	8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirect (I) (Instr.		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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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 three equal installments in February 2025, 2026, and 2027. The above award shall vest (i) if the Reporting Person ("R.P.") continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the respective vesting date, (ii) in the event of her earlier disability or death, or (iii) if she satisfies various conditions, upon her earlier retirement, except that such retirement vesting will be on a pro rata basis if her retirement occurs in the year of grant. All vesting is conditioned upon achievement of positive operating income for the year preceding the applicable vesting date except in the case of death or disability.

## Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, 02/20/2024 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* 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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<sup>2.</sup> Total includes (i) 2,893 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2024, (ii) 2,514 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2025, and (iii) 5,793 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2026. The above awards shall vest (i) if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (ii) in the event of her death or disability. 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.