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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>LESAR DAVID J</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1111 LOUISIANA</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEO</b></p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/30/2023</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	06/30/2023		F		6,807 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$29.15	1,351,528	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2023		F		43,006 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$29.15	1,308,522 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								278,412	I	By Spouse

**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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares withheld for taxes upon payment of time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs").
- Includes (i) 93,119 RSUs awarded under the Issuer's long-term incentive plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2024, (ii) 78,851 RSUs awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2025 and (iii) 84,964 RSUs awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2026. The awards shall vest (a) if Reporting Person ("R.P.") remains an employee through the vesting date, (b) upon earlier disability or death, or (c) on a pro-rata basis upon earlier retirement unless full vesting conditions satisfied. 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.
- Also includes 600,000 RSUs awarded under the Plan and vesting in December 2023. The above award shall vest (a) if R.P. continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date; (b) in the event of the R.P.'s earlier disability or death; or (c) upon the R.P.'s termination of employment without cause or the R.P.'s resignation for good reason.

**Remarks:**

Vincent A. Mercaldi, 07/03/2023  
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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