

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LESAR DAVID J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1111 LOUISIANA</u> (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u> (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) <u>President & CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/20/2021</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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	07/20/2021		A		400,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	722,915 ⁽²⁾	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)	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:

- Reflects the award of time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") vesting (a) in December 2022 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date; (b) in the event of the Reporting Person's earlier disability or death; or (c) upon the Reporting Person's termination of employment without cause or the Reporting Person's resignation for good reason.
- Includes (i) 17,298 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") awarded under Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan ("Plan") and vesting in July 2022, and (ii) 17,298 RSUs awarded under Plan and vesting in July 2023. Reporting Person ("R.P.") must remain an employee through vesting dates. Also includes 109,289 RSUs awarded under Plan and vesting (i) in July 2023 if R.P. remains an employee through vesting date; (ii) upon earlier disability or death; or (iii) on a pro-rata basis upon earlier retirement unless full vesting conditions satisfied. Also includes 93,119 RSUs awarded under Plan and vesting (i) in February 2024 if R.P. remains an employee through vesting date, (ii) upon earlier disability or death, or (iii) on a pro-rata basis upon earlier retirement unless full vesting conditions satisfied; provided, vesting is conditioned on positive operating income in last full year of restricted period except in case of death or disability.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi,
Attorney-in-Fact
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date 07/22/2021

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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