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

Form 144

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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

Houston Address of Issuer **TEXAS**

77011

Phone 800-371-5417

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 Houston TX 10281	5000	149750.00	631029243	05/08/2023	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	Payment	Payment *
	_	Transaction			Acquired	Acquired		

Whom a Acquired Gift?

Common Stock 05/02/2022 Equity Award

Barry Smitherman

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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

05/08/2023

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 Smitherman

ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

^{*} 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.