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
Wells Jason P.
1111 LOUISIANA
HOUSTON TX 77002

2. Issuer Name and ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/28/2020

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
Director
10% Owner
Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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<th>1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)</th>
<th>4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
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<th>7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
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<td>78,207 (A)</td>
<td>78,207</td>
<td>D</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<th>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)</th>
<th>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)</th>
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<th>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</th>
<th>7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
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Explanation of Responses:
1. Reflects the award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Issuer’s Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). Includes (i) 26,288 time-based RSUs vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and (ii) 26,288 time-based RSUs vesting on the second anniversary of the grant date. Reporting Person must continue to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the applicable vesting date. Additionally, includes 25,631 time-based RSUs vesting (a) in September 2023 if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date; (b) in the event of his earlier disability or death; or (c) on a pro-rata basis upon his earlier retirement unless he satisfies various conditions for full vesting.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact 09/30/2020
** 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).


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