

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ryan Kara Gostenhofer</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/15/2022</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [ CNP ]</u>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1111 LOUISIANA</u>	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President and CAO</u>		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,754<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Total includes (i) 707 time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and vesting in February 2023, (ii) 848 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2024, and (iii) 1,255 RSUs previously awarded under the Plan and vesting in February 2025. The above awards shall vest (a) if the Restricted Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from grant date through vesting date and (b) in the event of her disability or death. However, for shares vesting in February 2024 and 2025, any such vesting is conditioned upon positive operating income in the last full calendar year of the restricted period except in the case of death or disability.

Remarks:

Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact 08/26/2022

\*\* 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 5 (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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CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Power of Attorney

WHEREAS, the undersigned, in his or her capacity as a director or officer or both, as the case may be, of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned, in his or her capacity as a director or officer or both, as the case may be, of the Company, does

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument this

15th day of August, 2022.

/s/ Kara Gostenhofer Ryan  
Name: Kara Gostenhofer Ryan