

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ORTENSTONE SUSAN B2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC
[CNP]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1111 LOUISIANA

(Street)3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2017____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP and Chief HR Officer

HOUSTON, TX 77002

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/28/2017		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 4,226	\$ 0	23,455	D
Common Stock	02/28/2017		F	(2) 1,138	\$ 27.32	22,317 (3)	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ORTENSTONE SUSAN B 1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TX 77002	SVP and Chief HR Officer

Signatures

Vincent A. Mercaldi,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/02/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Vesting of performance shares awarded in 2014 under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan.

(2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of performance shares.

Total includes (i) 3,740 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2017, (ii) 4,830 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2018, and (iii) 6,562 time-based restricted stock units previously awarded under the Issuer's Long-term Incentive Plan and vesting in February 2020. Each award shall vest if the Reporting Person continues to be an employee of Issuer from the grant date through the vesting date and on a pro-rata basis in the event of her earlier retirement, disability or death.

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