

Vortherms Joseph John  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Vortherms Joseph John

2. 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)  
 02/22/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior VP

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/22/2018		A	1,709 (1) A \$ 0	13,196	D	
Common Stock	02/22/2018		F	508 (2) D \$ 27	12,688 (3)	D	
Common Stock					10,596	I	By Savings Plan (4)

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disposition of shares was conducted under a 10b5-1 Plan, as defined under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.(3)Employee stock options granted under the Company's 1991 Stock Option Plan. The options vest at the rate of 20% on January 27, 1997, 20% on January 27, 1998, 20% on January 27, 1999, and 40% on January 27, 2000.

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