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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC [CNP] Liu Xia (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2019 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1111 LOUISIANA (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) HOUSTON, TXÂ 77002 Form filed by More than One **EVP & Chief Financial Officer** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â No securities are beneficially owned Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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| 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 | Ownership Ben | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|-----------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | |

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Liu Xia

1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TXÂ 77002 EVP & Chief Financial Officer Â

Signatures

/s/ Vincent A. Mercaldi, Attorney-in-Fact

04/23/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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