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CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC  
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December 09, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): DECEMBER 5, 2003

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| TEXAS<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 1-31447<br>(Commission File Number) | 74-0694415<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 1111 LOUISIANA<br>HOUSTON, TEXAS<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 77002<br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

RATING AGENCY ACTION

On December 5, 2003, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed its corporate credit ratings on CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy"), CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation. In addition, the outlook was revised to negative from stable. The outlook revision followed Reliant Resources, Inc.'s announcement that it is unlikely to exercise its option to purchase CenterPoint Energy's interest in Texas Genco Holdings, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

Date: December 9, 2003

By: /s/ James S. Brian

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James S. Brian  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

