

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

May 06, 2008

**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): May 1, 2008**

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

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-31447**  
(Commission File Number)

**74-0694415**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1111 Louisiana  
Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 207-1111**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On May 1, 2008, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ( CenterPoint Energy ) entered into an Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2008 (the Underwriting Agreement ), among CenterPoint Energy and the several Underwriters named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement, relating to the underwritten public offering of \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of CenterPoint Energy s 6.50% Senior Notes due 2018 (the Notes ). The offering is being made pursuant to CenterPoint Energy s registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-116246).

The Notes are being issued pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of May 19, 2003, between CenterPoint Energy and The Bank of New York Trust Company, National Association (successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (formerly JPMorgan Chase Bank)), as trustee (the Trustee ), as amended by Supplemental Indenture No. 8, dated as of May 6, 2008, between CenterPoint Energy and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes are further described in the prospectus supplement of CenterPoint Energy dated May 1, 2008, together with the related prospectus dated December 16, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Rule 424(b)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 on May 2, 2008, which description is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture and the form of Supplemental Indenture No. 8 (including the form of Note) have been filed as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1 and 4.2, respectively, to this report and are incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The exhibits listed below are filed herewith.

(d) Exhibits.

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated as of May 1, 2008, among CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and the several Underwriters named in Schedule I thereto.
  
  - 4.1 Indenture dated as of May 19, 2003, between CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and The Bank of New York Trust Company, National Association (successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (formerly JPMorgan Chase Bank)), as trustee (the Indenture ) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to CenterPoint Energy s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 19, 2003).
  
  - 4.2 Form of Supplemental Indenture No. 8 dated as of May 6, 2008, to the Indenture between CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and The Bank of New York Trust Company, National Association, as trustee.
  
  - 4.3 Form of Note (included in Exhibit 4.2 hereto).
  
  - 5.1 Opinion of Baker Botts L.L.P.
  
  - 23.1 Consent of Baker Botts L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
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**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: May 6, 2008

By: /s/ Walter L. Fitzgerald  
Walter L. Fitzgerald  
*Senior Vice President and Chief  
Accounting Officer*

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