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Not Applicable

(a)   
(b)

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3 S.E.C. use only

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4 Citizenship or place of organization

Northern Trust Corporation--a Delaware corporation with principal offices in Chicago, Illinois

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	5	Sole Voting Power	
Number of			833,152
shares			
beneficially	6	Shared Voting Power	
owned by			33,101,374
each			
reporting	7	Sole Dispositive Power	
person			1,289,351
with			
	8	Shared Dispositive Power	
			40,990

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9 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

33,956,425

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10 Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares.

Not Applicable

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11 Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9

11.16

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12 Type of reporting person

Northern Trust Corporation HC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with statement .

1. (a) Centerpoint Energy Inc  
(Name of Issuer)

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- (b) 1111 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas 77002  
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(Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office)
2. (a) Northern Trust Corporation  
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(Name of Person Filing)
- (b) 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60675  
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(Address of Person Filing)
- (c) U.S. (Delaware Corporation)  
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(Citizenship)
- (d) Common Stock, No Par  
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(Title of Class of Securities)
- (e) 15189T 10 7  
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(CUSIP Number)
3. This statement is being filed by Northern Trust Corporation as a Parent Holding Company in accordance with S240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
4. (a) 33,956,425  
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(Amount Beneficially Owned)
- (b) 11.16  
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(Percent of Class)
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) 833,152  
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(Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote)
- (ii) 33,101,374  
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(Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote)
- (iii) 1,289,351  
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(Sole Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)
- (iv) 40,990  
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(Shared Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)

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5. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date

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hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ]

6. Statement regarding ownership of 5 percent or more on behalf of another person:
7. Parent Holding Company reporting on behalf of the following subsidiaries, all of which are banks as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act:

The Northern Trust Company  
50 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60675

Northern Trust Bank of California N.A.  
355 South Grand Avenue, Suite 2600  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Northern Trust Bank of Florida N.A.  
700 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, FL 33131

Northern Trust Bank of Texas N.A.  
2020 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75201

Northern Trust Investments, Inc.  
50 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60675

Northern Trust Company of Connecticut  
300 Atlantic Street, Suite 400  
Stamford, CT 06901

Northern Trust Bank, FSB  
40701 Woodward, Suite 110  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

10. By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

By: Perry R. Pero  
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DATED: 02-10-2003  
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As its: Vice Chairman  
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EXHIBIT TO SCHEDULE 13G  
FILED BY NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549-1004  
Attention: Filing Desk, Stop 1-4

RE: Centerpoint Energy, Inc.  
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Pursuant to the requirement of 240.13d-1(k) (1) (iii), this exhibit shall constitute our written agreement that the Schedule 13G to which this exhibit is attached is filed on behalf of Northern Trust Corporation and of its subsidiary(ies), as stated below, regarding our respective beneficial ownership in the above-captioned equity security.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

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By: Perry R. Pero  
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As its: Vice Chairman  
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DATED: 02-10-2003  
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The NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

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By: Perry R. Pero  
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As its Vice Chairman  
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NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF CALIFORNIA, NA  
NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF FLORIDA, NA  
NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF TEXAS, NA

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Quentin C. Johnson  
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As its Authorized Representative  
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NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, INC.

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By: Orie L. Dudley  
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As its Director  
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NORTHERN TRUST BANK, FSB

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By: Brian J. Hofmann  
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As its Authorized Representative  
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NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT

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By: Trista Simoncek

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As its Authorized Representative  
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