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December 10, 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 10, 2003

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

TEXAS
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31447
(Commission File Number)

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1111 LOUISIANA
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

RATING AGENCY ACTION

On December 10, 2003, Fitch, Inc. affirmed its outstanding credit ratings on CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy"), CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation. In addition, the rating outlook for all three companies was revised to negative from stable. Fitch stated that this outlook revision reflects a higher degree of uncertainty over CenterPoint Energy's ability to monetize its 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 10, 2003

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian

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Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer