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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): JANUARY 25, 2005

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

TEXAS
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31447
(Commission File Number)

74-06944
(IRS Empl
Identificati

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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

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Forms of agreements for non-qualified stock option awards, restricted stock awards, performance share awards and performance unit awards, including the applicable goals and objectives, under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and a form of notice for non-qualified stock option awards under the CenterPoint Energy, Inc. 1994 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan are attached hereto as exhibits and are incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

The exhibits listed below are filed herewith.

(c) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Award Agreement under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- 10.2 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- 10.3 Form of Performance Share Award under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- 10.4 Form of Performance Unit Award under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- 10.5 Summary of Performance Objectives for Awards under the Long-Term Incentive Plan of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- 10.6 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Award Notice under the CenterPoint Energy, Inc. 1994 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan.

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: January 25, 2005

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

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