

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 9)

Centerpoint Energy Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, No Par  
(Title of Class of Securities)

15189T 10 7  
(CUSIP Number)

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

CUSIP No. 15189T 10 7

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Name of Reporting Person

S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

Northern Trust Corporation	36-2723087
The Northern Trust Company	36-1561860
Northern Trust Bank, NA	86-0377338
Northern Trust Bank of California, NA	94-2938925
Northern Trust Bank of Florida, NA	36-3190871
Northern Trust Bank of Texas, NA	75-1999849
Northern Trust Investments, N.A.	36-3608252
Northern Trust Bank, FSB	38-3424562
Northern Trust Global Investments (Europe) Ltd	6807764922343A00

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Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

Not Applicable (a) [ ]  
 (b) [ ]

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S.E.C. use only

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Citizenship or place of organization

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

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with

5

Sole Voting Power

1,689,448

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Shared Voting Power

35,736,004

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Sole Dispositive Power

3,146,354

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Shared Dispositive Power

34,541

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Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

37,457,352

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

Not Applicable

11

Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9

12.24

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Type of reporting person

Northern Trust Corporation HC

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

1. (a) Centerpoint Energy Inc  
(Name of Issuer)
- (b) 1111 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas 77002  
(Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office)
2. (a) Northern Trust Corporation  
(Name of Person Filing)
- (b) 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60675  
(Address of Person Filing)
- (c) U.S. (Delaware Corporation)  
(Citizenship)
- (d) Common Stock, No Par  
(Title of Class of Securities)
- (e) 15189T 10 7  
(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) 37,457,352  
(Amount Beneficially Owned)
- (b) 12.24  
(Percent of Class)
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) 1,689,448  
(Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote)

- (ii) 35,736,004  
(Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote)
- (iii) 3,146,354  
(Sole Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)
- (iv) 34,541  
(Shared Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)

5. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date 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 N.A.  
2398 East Camelback Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

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, N.A.  
50 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60675

Northern Trust Bank, FSB  
10 West Long Lake Road  
Hills, MI 48304

Northern Trust Global Investments Europe Ltd  
6 Devonshire Square, London, UK EC2M 4YE

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.

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: Steven L Fradkin

DATED: 02-10-2004

As its: Chief Financial Officer

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.

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

DATED: 02-10-2004

By: Steven L Fradkin  
As its: Chief Financial Officer

The NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

By: Steven L Fradkin  
As its Chief Financial Officer

NORTHERN TRUST BANK, NA  
NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF CALIFORNIA, NA  
NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF FLORIDA, NA  
NORTHERN TRUST BANK OF TEXAS, NA

By: Quentin C. Johnson  
As its Authorized Representative

NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, N.A.  
NORTHERN TRUST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS EUROPE LTD

By: Orie L. Dudley  
As its Director

NORTHERN TRUST BANK, FSB

By: Brian J. Hofmann  
As its Authorized Representative