

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): APRIL 8, 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)

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

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Slide

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

A copy of a slide presenting the external debt balances of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy") that CenterPoint Energy expects will be presented to various members of the financial and investment community from time to time is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the slide will also be available on CenterPoint Energy's website, www.centerpointenergy.com. The slide is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the slide will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the slide is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by CenterPoint Energy that the information in the slide is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of CenterPoint Energy or any of its affiliates.

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: April 8, 2003

By: /s/ JAMES S. BRIAN

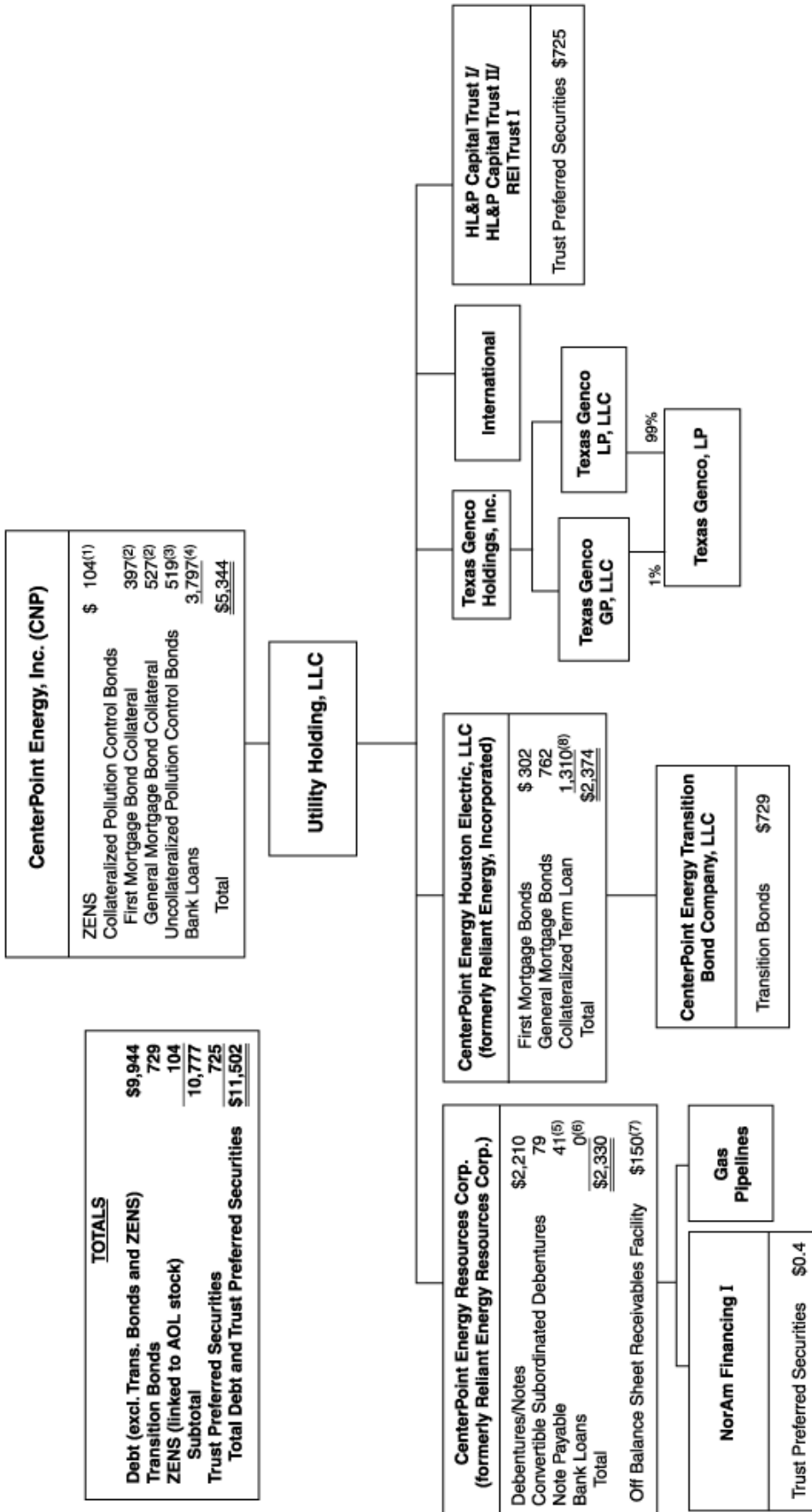
James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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External Debt and Trust Preferred Securities of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and its Subsidiaries
 March 31, 2003

(\$ in millions)



(1) Principal amount on which 2% interest is paid is \$840 million. Debt component is \$104 million. Derivative component is \$182 million.
 (2) The collateralized pollution control bonds (aggregating \$924 million) are obligations of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. However, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC has issued first mortgage bonds aggregating \$397 million and general mortgage bonds aggregating \$527 million as collateral for the CenterPoint Energy, Inc. obligations.
 (3) \$175 million of these bonds were owned by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. on March 31, 2003 pending remarketing
 (4) Borrowings under \$3.80 billion bank facility. Temporary investments totaled \$279 million.
 (5) Non-interest bearing obligation to a former affiliate related to monies previously advanced to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. by a third party and for which the former affiliate remains obligated. A payment of \$5 million is due in April 2003 and the remaining \$36 million is payable in June 2005.
 (6) Borrowings under \$200 million bank facility
 (7) Advances under \$150 million receivables facility; advances are not reflected as debt on the balance sheet.
 (8) Loan is collateralized by general mortgage bonds.
 (9) Amounts shown exclude unamortized discount and premium.

