

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 5, 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.)
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1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)	77002 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

RATING AGENCY ACTION

On December 5, 2003, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed its corporate credit ratings on CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy"), CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation. In addition, the outlook was revised to negative from stable. The outlook revision followed Reliant Resources, Inc.'s announcement that it is unlikely to exercise its option to purchase CenterPoint Energy's 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 9, 2003

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer