

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0404

Mail Stop 3561

October 1, 2008

Mr. Gary L. Whitlock Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer CenterPoint Energy, Inc. 1111 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007 Filed February 28, 2008 File No. 1-31447

Dear Mr. Whitlock:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

James Allegretto Senior Assistant Chief Accountant

cc: Rufus S. Scott CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Via Fax: (713) 207-0490