

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): AUGUST 14, 2002

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

333-69502

(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) 207-3000

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Certificate of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending June 30, 2002, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2002, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. filed as correspondence the certification attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in Item 9 of this report is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the information in Item 9 of this report will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by CenterPoint Energy, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

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: August 14, 2002

By: /s/ R. Steve Letbetter

R. Steve Letbetter
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION
99.1	Certificate of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002
(SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b) OF SECTION 1350, CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 18,
UNITED STATES CODE)

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) (the "Act"), I, R. Steve Letbetter, Chief Executive Officer (and principal financial officer) of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 14, 2002

/s/ R. Steve Letbetter

R. Steve Letbetter
Chief Executive Officer
(and principal financial officer)

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to Section 906 of the Act and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.