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September 10, 2003

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): SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| 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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Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On September 9, 2003, CenterPoint Energy closed a private placement of \$200 million aggregate principal amount of its senior notes (the "Senior Notes") with institutions pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

For a description of the Senior Notes, please refer to the Indenture dated as of May 19, 2003 between CenterPoint Energy and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee (the "Indenture"), and to Supplemental Indenture No. 3 dated as of September 9, 2003 to the Indenture, between CenterPoint Energy and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee. The Indenture and Supplemental Indenture No. 3 are attached to this report as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2, respectively.

The Senior Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Senior Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This report does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale of any securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

4.1 Indenture dated as of May 19, 2003 between CenterPoint Energy

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and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee ("Indenture") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to CenterPoint Energy's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2003)

- 4.2 Supplemental Indenture No. 3 dated as of September 9, 2003 to Indenture, between CenterPoint Energy and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee

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: September 9, 2003

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Table with 2 columns: Exhibit Number, Exhibit Description. Contains entries 4.1 and 4.2.