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October 21, 2003

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): OCTOBER 21, 2003

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

TEXAS	1-31447	74-0694415
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TEXAS	77002
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIRD QUARTER 2003 RESULTS

On October 21, 2003, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy") reported third quarter 2003 earnings. For additional information regarding CenterPoint Energy's third quarter 2003 earnings, please refer to CenterPoint Energy's press release attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 (the "Press Release"), which Press Release, other than (i) the quotations therein from CenterPoint Energy's president and chief executive officer, (ii) the information therein under the caption "2003 Outlook" and (iii) the information therein in the first two paragraphs under the caption "Webcast of Earnings Conference Call" (collectively, the "Excluded Information"), is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release issued October 21, 2003 regarding CenterPoint Energy's third quarter 2003 earnings.

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### ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The information incorporated by reference in Item 5 of this report and the Excluded Information is incorporated by reference herein. The Excluded Information is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 12. Accordingly, the Excluded Information 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.

#### 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: October 21, 2003

By: /s/ James S. Brian

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James S. Brian  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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