

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): June 19, 2009

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**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.)

**1111 Louisiana  
Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

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

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-3187**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-3865106**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1111 Louisiana  
Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 19, 2009, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the "Company") announced that the Texas Supreme Court has agreed to hear the pending appeals of the 2004 order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Texas Utility Commission") regarding the true-up of costs associated with the restructuring of the Texas electric industry. The Texas Supreme Court also agreed to hear an appeal regarding the proper interest rate and certain rate case expenses associated with the Texas Utility Commission's 2005 order allowing the Company's transmission and distribution utility, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, to impose a "competition transition charge" (or "CTC") pursuant to the restructuring legislation. The Texas Supreme Court has not set a date for hearing oral argument in these appeals, but it is not anticipated that argument would be scheduled until the Fall of 2009.

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