

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): JANUARY 23, 2004

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

TEXAS GENCO HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-31449
(Commission File Number)

76-0695920
(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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On January 23, 2004, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint Energy") was notified by Reliant Resources, Inc. ("RRI") that RRI would not exercise its option to purchase CenterPoint Energy's 81% interest in Texas Genco Holdings, Inc. ("Texas Genco"). CenterPoint Energy intends to pursue alternatives to monetize its interest in Texas Genco that include seeking another purchaser and has engaged a financial advisor to assist in that effort. The obligations of CenterPoint Energy and Texas Genco under the option agreement with RRI terminated on January 24, 2004, the date on which the option expired.

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: January 29, 2004

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer

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.

TEXAS GENCO HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: January 29, 2004

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer