

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM U-1/A
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO
APPLICATION/DECLARATION
UNDER THE
PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
1111 Louisiana
Houston, Texas 77002

(Name of company filing this statement and
address of principal executive office)

CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

(Name of top registered holding company parent)

Rufus S. Scott
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The Commission is also requested to send copies of all notices, orders and
communications in connection with this Application/Declaration to:

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CenterPoint Energy, Inc. hereby withdraws the Form U-1/A Post-Effective Amendment No. 11 to Application/Declaration filed on July 15, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the undersigned has duly caused this Amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 22, 2004

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Rufus S. Scott

Rufus S. Scott
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