

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): December 11, 2002

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.)
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1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	77002 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 5, 2002, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors had declared a distribution of approximately 19 percent of the 80,000,000 outstanding shares of common stock of its wholly owned subsidiary, Texas Genco Holdings, Inc., to CenterPoint Energy's common shareholders on a pro rata basis. The distribution is expected to be made on January 6, 2003 to each shareholder of record of CenterPoint Energy common stock as of the close of business on December 20, 2002, the record date for the distribution (unless a shareholder disposes of its right to receive Texas Genco shares prior to the distribution date).

On December 11, 2002, CenterPoint Energy announced that the Securities and Exchange Commission had declared Texas Genco's Form 10 registration statement relating to its common stock effective under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Payment of the distribution had been conditional upon the Securities and Exchange Commission declaring the Form 10 registration statement effective. A copy of CenterPoint Energy's press release announcing the declaration of effectiveness is filed with this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release Issued by CenterPoint Energy on December 11, 2002

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: December 11, 2002

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President
and Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT
NUMBER

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release Issued by CenterPoint Energy on December 11, 2002

SEC Declares Texas Genco's

Form 10 Registration Statement Effective

Houston, TX - December 11, 2002 - CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE:CNP) announced today that the Securities and Exchange Commission had declared Texas Genco's Form 10 registration statement relating to its common stock effective under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Payment of the previously announced distribution of Texas Genco common stock to CenterPoint Energy's shareholders had been conditional upon the Securities and Exchange Commission declaring the Form 10 registration statement effective.

On December 5, 2002, the company announced that its Board of Directors had approved the distribution of approximately 19 percent of the 80,000,000 outstanding shares of common stock of its wholly owned subsidiary, Texas Genco Holdings, Inc., to CenterPoint Energy's shareholders. Each CenterPoint Energy shareholder will receive approximately one share of Texas Genco common stock for every 20 shares of CenterPoint Energy common stock owned as of the record date, December 20, 2002, unless the shareholder disposes of the right to receive the Texas Genco shares prior to the distribution date. The distribution is expected to be made on January 6, 2003.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission and distribution, natural gas distribution and sales, interstate pipeline and gathering operations, and more than 14,000 megawatts of power generation in Texas. The company serves nearly five million customers primarily in Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Assets total nearly \$19 billion. CenterPoint Energy became the new holding company for the regulated operations of the former Reliant Energy, Incorporated in August 2002. With more than 11,000 employees, CenterPoint Energy and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 130 years.

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