

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): SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
D/B/A RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED

TEXAS
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

333-69502
(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) 207-3000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On September 20, 2002, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated) established 0.788603 as the distribution ratio for the previously declared pro rata distribution (Distribution) of shares of Reliant Resources, Inc. (RRI) common stock to the common shareholders of CenterPoint Energy. Accordingly, each common shareholder of CenterPoint Energy will receive 0.788603 shares of RRI common stock for each share of CenterPoint Energy common stock owned as of the close of business on September 20, 2002, the record date for the Distribution. Cash payments will be made in lieu of fractional shares. The distribution ratio was determined by dividing the 240,000,000 shares of RRI common stock to be distributed by 304,335,457, the total number of shares of CenterPoint Energy common stock outstanding as of the close of business on the record date for the Distribution.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

None.

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.
d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated

Date: September 24, 2002

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer