December 22, 2009

*By U.S. Mail and facsimile to* (713) 207-5582

Walter L. Fitzgerald Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer CenterPoint Energy, Inc. 1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas 77002

> Re: CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008 Filed February 25, 2009 File No. 001-31447

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings Assistant Director

cc: Gerald M. Spedale, Esq. *Via facsimile to* (713) 229-7734