

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

September 28, 2007

**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): **September 27, 2007**

**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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF  
CERTAIN OFFICERS

On September 27, 2007, James S. Brian, 60, Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer for CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company) announced his intention to retire from the Company on November 30, 2007. Mr. Brian has been with the Company and its predecessors for over 30 years and has served in a number of executive capacities during his tenure. The Company announced that Mr. Walter L. Fitzgerald, 50, who has served as Vice President and Controller of the Company for the last six years, will assume the duties of the Company's chief accounting officer effective December 1, 2007.

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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: September 28, 2007

By: /s/ James S. Brian  
James S. Brian  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer