

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

January 29, 2008

**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): January 24, 2008**

**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.03. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

(a) On January 24, 2008, the Board of Directors of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company ) amended and restated the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws (the Bylaws ) in order to adopt a majority voting standard in uncontested elections of members of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Board of Directors amended the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines to implement director resignation procedures. The following provisions of the Bylaws were amended:

Article II, Section 7 of the Bylaws was amended to change the plurality vote standard to a majority vote standard in uncontested elections of directors by the shareholders. In a contested election, directors will continue to be elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws was amended to require any shareholder making a nomination for director to submit agreements and information with respect to the proposed nominee that are required pursuant to the procedures established by the Board of Directors and the Governance Committee relating to majority voting for the election of directors.

Article VI, Section 2 of the Bylaws was amended to, among other things, provide for resignations to take effect on the occurrence of a future event.

In addition, the Bylaws were amended to delete certain provisions which were duplicative or no longer applicable based on changes in the law or in the practices of the Company. The above summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines, as amended, are available on the Investor Relations section of the Company s website, [www.centerpointenergy.com](http://www.centerpointenergy.com). Except to the extent explicitly stated herein, documents and information on the Company s website are not incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) The exhibit listed below is filed pursuant to Item 5.03 of this Form 8-K.

3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

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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: January 29, 2008

By: /s/ Walter L. Fitzgerald  
Walter L. Fitzgerald  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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**EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

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