

CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

October 31, 2007

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**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): October 25, 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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 October 25, 2007, the Board of Directors of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (the Company ) voted to amend Article III, Section 1(b) of the Company s Bylaws to change the mandatory retirement age for individuals serving as directors of the Company from 70 to 73. The Bylaws, as so amended, are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this report.

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: October 31, 2007

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

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**EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

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