CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC Form SC 13G February 13, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934* CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ______ (Name of Issuer) Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities) 15189T107 _____ (CUSIP Number) December 31, 2002 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) Check appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [X] Rule 13d-1(b) [_] Rule 13d-1(c) [_] Rule 13d-1(d) *The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act

but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the

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Notes).

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON		
	Barrow, Hanle 752403190	ey, Mewhinney & Strauss, Inc.	
2.	CHECK THE APF	PROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (a) [_] (b) [_]	_
3.	SEC USE ONLY		_
4.	CITIZENSHIP C	DR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	-
	A Nevada corp	ooration 	_
	NUMBER OF	SOLE VOTING POWER 5.	
	SHARES	8,353,158 shares	
Ι	BENEFICIALLY	SHARED VOTING POWER 6.	
	OWNED BY	18,744,000 shares	
	EACH	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7.	-
	REPORTING	27,097,158 shares	
	PERSON	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8.	-
9.	AGGREGATE AMC	OUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	-
	27,097,158 sh	nares 	_
10.	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) [_]		
		.ASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	-
11.	8.90%	ASS ABIALOENTED DI AMOUNT IN NOW (3)	
	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)		
12.	IA		_

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- - 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 1111 Louisiana Houston, TX 77002
- - 2(c) Citizenship:
 A Nevada corporation
 - 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
 Common Stock
 - 2(e) CUSIP Number: 15189T107
- Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b):

 The reporting person is an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- Item 4 Ownership:
 - 4(a) Amount beneficially owned: 27,097,158 shares
 - 4(b) Percent of Class: 8.90%
 - 4(c) Number of shares as to which person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 8,353,158 shares

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- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 18,744,000 shares
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 27,097,158 shares
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: $\frac{1}{2}$
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

The right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of

dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the common stock is held by certain clients of the reporting person, none of which has such right or power with respect to five percent or more of the common stock.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

BARROW, HANLEY, MEWHINNEY & STRAUSS, INC.

By: /s/ James P. Barrow
Name: James P. Barrow
Title: President

February 8, 2003

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