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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 5, 2002

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
d/b/a RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED

TEXAS	333-69502	74-0694415
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1111 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TEXAS	77002
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-3000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On September 5, 2002, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated) announced that its Board of Directors had declared a distribution of all of the shares of Reliant Resources, Inc. common stock owned by CenterPoint Energy to its common shareholders on a pro rata basis. The distribution will be made on September 30, 2002 to shareholders of record of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. common stock as of the close of business on September 20, 2002, the record date for the distribution. CenterPoint Energy expects that record holders will receive approximately 0.79 shares of Reliant Resources common stock for every share of CenterPoint Energy common stock owned. The actual distribution ratio will be determined on the record date based on the number of shares of CenterPoint Energy common stock then outstanding. A copy of CenterPoint Energy's press release announcing the distribution is furnished with this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release Issued by CenterPoint Energy on

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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.
d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated

Date: September 5, 2002

By: /s/ Hugh Rice Kelly

Hugh Rice Kelly
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

99.1

Press Release Issued by CenterPoint Energy on
September 5, 2002