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File No. 070-09895

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

FORM U-1/A

AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO APPLICATION/DECLARATION

UNDER

THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. 1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas 77002

(Name of companies filing this statement and address of principal executive offices)

None

(Name of top registered holding company parent of each applicant or declarant)

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Exhibits

D-7: Order of the Arkansas Commission

D-9.1: Letter of Nonopposition to the GasCo Separation from the Louisiana Commission

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the undersigned company has duly caused this Amendment No. 8 to Application/Declaration to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 11, 2002

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Rufus S. Scott

Rufus S. Scott Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary

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