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Form 8-K  
December 21, 2006

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): DECEMBER 21, 2006

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS	1-31447	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) 207-1111

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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))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. today announced the planned redemption of its

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2.875% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Notes") on January 22, 2007.

CenterPoint Energy today also announced the extension of the period during which holders may exercise their option to require CenterPoint Energy to purchase their Notes until 12:00 Midnight, New York City time, on Friday, January 12, 2007. The purchase option had been scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 12, 2007.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 8.01:

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated December 21, 2006 "CenterPoint Energy, Inc. Announces Redemption of 2.875 Percent Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 and Extension of Purchase Option for 2.875 Percent Convertible Senior Notes due 2024."

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: December 21, 2006

By: /s/ Rufus S. Scott

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Rufus S. Scott  
Vice President, Deputy General  
Counsel and Assistant Corporate  
Secretary

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