CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC Form 8-K April 01, 2004

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

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# 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): 03/31/2004

# **CENTERPOINT ENERGY INC**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: 1-31447

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

74-0694415 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana Houston, TX 77002 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

713-207-1111 (Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code) Items to be Included in this Report

### Item 5. Other events

On March 23, 2004, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. ("CERC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., entered into a new three-year, \$250 million credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with a group of lenders. A copy of the Credit Agreement is attached to this report as Exhibit 4.1, which is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 7. Financial statements and exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

4.1 \$250,000,000 Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2004, among CERC, as Borrower, and the Initial Lenders named therein, as Initial Lenders.

#### Signature(s)

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: March 31, 2004.

By: /s/ James S. Brian

James S. Brian Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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