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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0404

Mail Stop 3561

October 1, 2008

Mr. Gary L. Whitlock
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
1111 Louisiana Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007
Filed February 28, 2008
File No. 1-31447

Dear Mr. Whitlock:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

James Allegretto
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant

cc: Rufus S. Scott
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
Via Fax: (713) 207-0490