

Mail Stop 3561

December 22, 2009

By U.S. Mail and facsimile to (713) 207-5582

Walter L. Fitzgerald
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
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Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Filed February 25, 2009
File No. 001-31447**

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

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

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings
Assistant Director

cc: Gerald M. Spedale, Esq.
Via facsimile to (713) 229-7734