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PETITION BY COMMISSION STAFF § BEFORE THE  
FOR A REVIEW OF THE RATES OF §  
CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON § STATE OFFICE OF  
ELECTRIC, LLC PURSUANT TO PURA §  
§ 36.151 § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**QUESTION:**

NVS32-1 Please provide for the accounts shown in the Exhibit-A below, using your depreciation model, the resulting ARL and the depreciation rate by using the staff proposed life and salvage parameters. Provide data in Microsoft Excel or text format.

## EXHIBIT A

Account No.	Account Description	Comp. Prop. Curve	Staff Prop Curve	Comp Prop Net Salv	Staff Prop Net Salv
	<b>TRANSMISSION PLANT</b>				
350.2	Land Rights	75-R4	75-R4	0	0
352	Structure and Improvement	55-R4	60-R4	(45)	(40)
353	Station Equip	45-R2	48-R2	(10)	(8)
354	Towers and Fixtures	64-R3	64-R3	(30)	(30)
355	Poles and Fixtures	29-S1	32-L1	(65)	(63)
356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	43-R2.5	47-R2.0	(80)	(70)
357	Underground Conduit	60-R4	60-R4	0	0
358	Underground Conductors and Devices	60-R4	60-R4	0	0
359	Roads and Trails	75-SQ	75-SQ	0	0
	<b>DISTRIBUTION PLANT</b>				
360.2	Land Rights	75-R4	75-R4	0	0
361	Structures and Improvement	55-R4	60-R4	(45)	(40)
362	Station Equip	45-R2	48-R2	(10)	(8)
364	Poles, Towers and Fixtures	28-R1.5	33-R0.5	(50)	(43)
365	Overhead Conductors and Devices	30-R1.5	33-R1	(35)	(35)
366	Underground Conduit	55-S1.5	55-S1.5	(35)	(32)
367	Underground Conductors and Devices	32-R0.5	32-R0.5	(15)	(13)
368	Line Transformers	28-R1.0	30-R0.5	(10)	(1)
369	Services	26-S.5	32-R0.5	(50)	(47)
370	Meters	27-R2	32-R1	0	0
373	Street Lighting and Signal Systems	29-R1.5	31-R1	(40)	(35)
	<b>GENERAL PLANT</b>				
389.2	Land Rights	55-R4	55-R4	0	0

390	Structures and Improvement	36-R3	36-R3	0	0
390.1	Structures and Improvement-Leasehold	20-SQ	20-SQ	0	0
391	Office Furniture and Equipment	15-SQ	15-SQ	0	0
392.1	Passenger Cars and Vans	5-S2	7-S2	10	10
392.2	Trucks and Other Transport. Equip.	10-S1	12-L0.5	5	10
393	Stores Equipment	20-SQ	20-SQ	0	0
394	Tools Shop and Garage Equipment	25-SQ	28-SQ	0	0
395	Laboratory Equipment	20-SQ	20-SQ	0	0
396	Power Operated Equipment	14-L2	14-L2	10	10
397.1	Communications Equipment	15-SQ	15-SQ	0	0
397.2	Computer Equipment- Gen. Off. and Others	6-SQ	7-L0.5	0	0
398	Miscellaneous Equipment	15-SQ	15-SQ	0	0

**ANSWER:**

The information requested is attached. A copy of the electronic excel file has been provided to the propounding party. A copy will also be made available in the Houston and Austin voluminous rooms. Please contact Lisa Harris in Houston at (713) 207-5217 or Dolores Prince in Austin at (512) 397-3060 to obtain a copy of this electronic file.

Sponsor: John J. Spanos

Responsive Documents:

CP-Elec-2005 - PUC32.xls

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED SURVIVOR CURVES, NET SALVAGE, ORIGINAL COST, BOOK RESERVE AND CALCULATED  
ANNUAL DEPRECIATION RATES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005

(STAFF PROPOSED ESTIMATES & SIMULATED BALANCES -PUC32)

	ACCOUNT (1)	SURVIVOR CURVE (2)	NET SALVAGE PERCENT (3)	ORIGINAL COST (4)	BOOK RESERVE (5)	FUTURE ACCRUALS (6)	CALCULATED ANNUAL ACCRUAL		COMPOSITE REMAINING LIFE (9)
							RATE (7)	AMOUNT (8)	
TRANSMISSION PLANT									
3502	LAND RIGHTS	75-R4	0	46,509,869.00	9,695,935	36,813,934	1.64	764,535	48.2
3520	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	60-R4	(40)	32,773,227.00	11,859,152	34,023,366	2.32	760,433	44.7
3530	STATION EQUIPMENT	48-R2	(8)	410,929,284.00	129,703,240	314,100,386	3.03	12,454,544	25.2
3540	TOWERS AND FIXTURES	64-R3	(30)	313,204,666.00	147,178,150	259,987,922	1.78	5,575,118	46.6
3550	POLES AND FIXTURES	32-L1	(63)	104,412,504.00	36,095,001	134,097,383	4.83	5,047,080	26.6
3560	OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES	47-R2	(70)	331,888,089.00	104,557,494	459,652,260	4.11	13,654,711	33.7
3570	UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	60-R4	0	7,788,322.00	2,612,329	5,185,993	1.22	94,760	54.7
3580	UNDERGROUND CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES	60-R4	0	4,970,721.00	2,575,342	2,395,379	0.93	46,292	51.7
3590	ROADS AND TRAILS	75-SQ	0	11,872,361.00	3,984,640	7,887,721	1.03	122,482	64.4
TOTAL TRANSMISSION PLANT				1,264,359,043.00	448,261,283	1,254,144,344		38,519,935	
DISTRIBUTION PLANT									
3602	LAND RIGHTS	75-R4	0	1,181,770.00	314,597	867,173	1.56	18,391	47.2
3610	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	58-R4	(40)	54,169,745.00	35,787,506	40,050,135	1.57	850,630	47.1
3620	STATION EQUIPMENT	47-R2	(8)	673,618,936.00	216,308,291	511,200,159	2.25	15,165,163	33.7
3640	POLES, TOWERS AND FIXTURES	33-R0.5	(43)	513,912,541.00	189,602,419	545,292,517	4.22	21,684,085	25.1
3650	OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES	33-R1	(35)	677,456,622.00	647,890,659	266,675,778	1.34	9,096,217	29.3
3660	UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	55-S1.5	(32)	341,711,402.00	66,795,386	384,263,662	2.61	8,910,161	43.1
3670	UNDERGROUND CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES	32-R0.5	(13)	538,379,373.00	59,264,058	549,104,636	4.19	22,577,529	24.3
3680	LINE TRANSFORMERS	30-R0.5	(1)	842,315,281.00	260,723,762	590,014,671	3.07	25,895,121	22.8
3690	SERVICES	32-R0.5	(47)	115,178,264.00	72,488,257	96,823,791	3.17	3,650,418	26.5
3700	METERS	32-R1	0	280,358,139.00	168,993,112	111,365,027	1.57	4,409,791	25.3
3730	STREET LIGHTING & SIGNAL SYSTEMS	31-R1	(35)	336,123,813.00	95,427,560	358,339,588	4.59	15,442,755	23.2
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION PLANT				4,374,405,886.00	1,813,595,607	3,453,997,137		127,700,261	
GENERAL PLANT									
3992	LAND RIGHTS	55-R4	0	38,559.39	11,342	27,217	2.11	814	33.4
3900	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	36-R3	0	143,401,436.14	60,273,679	83,127,757	3.15	4,521,291	18.4
3901	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	20-SQ	0	2,445,793.82	564,888	1,880,905	5.00	126,668	*
3910	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	15-SQ	0	9,760,252.32	1,369,519	8,390,732	16.65	1,625,172	5.2
3921	PASSENGER CARS & VANS	7-S2	10	993,478.73	894,130		-		-
3922	TRUCKS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	12-L0.5	10	86,018,194.18	76,005,203	1,411,173	0.14	121,968	11.6
3930	STORES EQUIPMENT	20-SQ	0	3,697,633.88	2,525,557	1,172,075	2.94	108,853	10.8
3940	TOOLS, SHOP AND GARAGE EQUIPMENT	28-SQ	0	25,036,493.30	8,437,202	16,599,291	5.66	1,418,197	11.7
3950	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	20-SQ	0	17,851,126.52	3,385,133	14,465,993	13.33	2,379,727	6.1
3960	POWER OPERATED EQUIPMENT	14-L2	10	12,560,484.17	6,199,381	5,105,040	4.96	622,810	8.2
3971	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	15-SQ	0	138,537,235.01	61,237,666	77,299,566	17.24	23,889,475	3.2
3972	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT - GENERAL OFFICE & OTHER	7-L0.5	0	124,103,601.04	63,427,578	60,676,023	11.63	14,438,751	4.2
3980	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	15-SQ	0	3,024,183.80	1,945,821	1,078,365	3.20	96,814	11.1
TOTAL GENERAL PLANT				567,468,452.30	286,277,099	271,234,137		49,350,540	
TOTAL DEPRECIABLE PLANT				6,206,233,381.30	2,548,133,989	4,979,375,618		215,570,736	

\* Original cost amortized over 20 years for a 5.00% rate.

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding by hand delivery, overnight delivery, or United States first class mail on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006.

Linda H Johnston