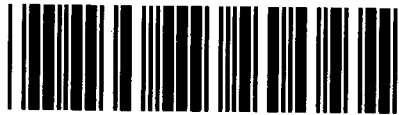


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DOCKET NO. 36952

**APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
TO DEFER ENERGY EFFICIENCY
COST RECOVERY AND FOR
APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY
EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY
FACTOR**

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION,
PROPOSED NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On May 1, 2009, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Houston or Applicant) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to defer Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF) and for approval of an EECRF pursuant to § 39.905 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA)¹ and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.181(f). An EECRF rate schedule shall be included in the utility's tariff to permit the utility to timely recover the reasonable costs of providing energy efficiency programs.

CenterPoint seeks to defer recovery of the following costs until July 1, 2010: (1) the \$5,027,205 in 2010 projected energy efficiency program costs in excess of the amount of energy efficiency costs collected in base rates; (2) the \$4,854,004 performance bonus for 2008 programs; and (3) \$154,269 in carrying costs from January 1, 2010 until Rider EECRF becomes effective on July 1, 2010.

In addition, CenterPoint Houston requests approval of a new Rider EECRF to recover in 2010: (1) the \$5,027,205 in 2010 projected energy efficiency program costs in excess of the amount of energy efficiency costs collected in base rates; (2) the \$4,854,004 performance bonus for 2008 programs; and (3) \$154,269 in carrying costs from January 1, 2010 until Rider EECRF becomes effective on July 1, 2010.

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 11.001-66.016 (Vernon 2007 & Supp. 2008) (PURA).

Notice. Applicant proposes to provide notice of this application to each REP listed on the Commission's website and to the attorneys of record for each party that participated in Docket No. 32093. In addition, Applicant will publish notice of this application once in the Houston Chronicle, a newspaper with general circulation in each county in CenterPoint Houston's service territory.

Requiring Recommendations Regarding Notice and Procedural Schedule. On or before May 15, 2009, Commission Staff shall file comments/recommendations regarding (1) CenterPoint Houston's application; (2) what, if any additional notice is required; and (3) a proposed procedural schedule for processing this docket.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 5th day of May 2009.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



ANDREW KANG
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE