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ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, §  
LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE §  
RATES §

BEFORE THE  
STATE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIAL FILING BY  
CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint Houston”) submits this notice, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Protective Order in this case, that it has today submitted under seal certain responses to the City of Houston’s Sixth Request for Information.

The response to the following request contains information that is filed as Protected Material under the Protective Order:

COH 06-06 Reference page 9 and Exhibit TM-1 of Mr. Mann's AMS testimony, please provide copies of the SOW's issued under the IBM master agreement along with the new SOW and fifteen PCA's or supplements related to the IBM agreement which have been made since the issuance of the Final Order in PUC Docket No. 35639, along with estimated cost impact of each such change.

Specifically, the request seeks confidential contractual terms and information.

COH 06-09 Reference page 11 Mr. Mann's AMS testimony, please provide the amendments to the eMeter contract which have been made since the issuance of the Final Order in PUC Docket No. 35639, along with estimated cost impact of each such amendment.

Specifically, the request seeks confidential contractual terms and information.

COH 06-17 Reference page 18, Figure 2 of Mr. Cortez's AMS testimony, please provide the underlying analysis and assumptions supporting the estimated intelligent grid expenditure estimates as reflected in this table.


Specifically, the request seeks commercially sensitive business operations and financial information. The requested information qualifies as Protected Material because it is commercial and/or financial information excepted from public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN., Chapter 552 (“TPIA”).

In 1999, the Texas Legislature amended § 552.110 of the TPIA by specifically recognizing that the disclosure of commercial or financial information can cause substantial harm to the person from whom the information was obtained. This amendment removed the express requirement that the information needed to be privileged or confidential by statute or judicial decision to be exempted from disclosure. The express language of the liberalized exemption in § 552.110(b) is designed to protect commercial or financial information.

CenterPoint Houston asserts that the information provided in response to the above request is commercial and/or financial information, the disclosure of which would cause substantial harm to CenterPoint Houston and/or its affiliates. The information is therefore exempt from public disclosure under TPIA § 552.110(b).

Counsel for CenterPoint Houston has reviewed the information sufficiently to state in good faith that the information is exempt from disclosure under the TPIA and merits Protected Material designation.

Respectfully submitted,



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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 facsimile, hand delivery, e-mail, or United States first class mail on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.

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