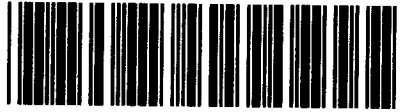


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Re: *Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates*; PUC Docket No. 38339; SOAH Docket No. 473-10-5001

Dear Mr. Journey:

As stated in the judges' memo to you yesterday enclosing their proposal for decision, the current deadline for a Commission order in this case is January 1, 2011. The Company is prepared to submit its exceptions and replies to exceptions on a schedule that permits a decision in this case by the end of the year, but is also agreeable to a modest extension of the deadline to the week following the January 20, 2011 open meeting.

Regards,

Jason M. Ryan

cc: All Parties of Record