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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT  
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC,  
LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE  
RATES

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
FILING CLERK

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Notice in response to SOAH Order No. 1. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On April 5, 2019, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint) filed a Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Change Rates (Application) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). On April 8, 2019, the Commission issued an Order of Referral, referring the Application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On April 15, 2019, CenterPoint filed an amended proposed notice.

On April 9, 2019, SOAH Order No. 1 was issued, suspending the effective date of CenterPoint requested rates, scheduling a prehearing conference, directing Staff to examine CenterPoint's proposed notice, and establishing a deadline of April 15, 2019, for Staff to provide comment or objection about the sufficiency of CenterPoint's proposed notice. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

#### II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff has reviewed CenterPoint's amended proposed notice as well as the method of notice and recommends that it meets the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.51. Staff therefore recommends that the amended proposed notice and method of notice be found sufficient.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that CenterPoint's amended proposed notice and method of notice be found sufficient.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on April 15, 2019 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

  
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