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| <b>APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT</b>    | <b>§</b> | <b>BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE</b> |
| <b>ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC</b>  | <b>§</b> | <b>OF</b>                      |
| <b>FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES</b> | <b>§</b> | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b> |

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT UNDER  
SECTION 4 OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The undersigned attorney for CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint Houston” or the “Company”) submits this statement under Section 4 of the protective order entered in this case.

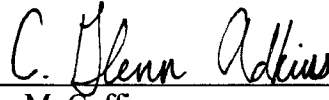
I have reviewed the information produced by the Company in response to the Office of Public Utility Counsel (“OPUC”) request for information (RFI) OPC01-11 sufficiently to state in good faith that certain information contained in the Company’s response is exempt from public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (“TPIA”).<sup>1</sup>

Certain materials contained in the Company’s response to the RFI identified above contain information related to energy service providers that is commercially sensitive and/or consists of trade secret information. The public disclosure of this information would cause substantial competitive harm to CenterPoint Houston and the persons from whom the information is obtained. Accordingly, certain designated materials contained in the Company’s response to the RFI identified above is protected under Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 552.101, 552.104 and 552.110 and Tex. Util. Code § 39.001(b)(4) and merits the Protected Materials (Confidential) designation it is given in CenterPoint Houston’s response.

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 552.101-552.353.

Respectfully submitted,

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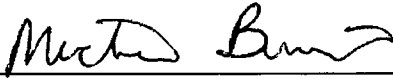
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

  
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