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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT

§ BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE CHORS

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

## 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.

Consistent with Instruction No. 16 of the Rate Filing Package, the Company is filing a 45-day update of schedules and workpapers. I have reviewed the information produced by the Company as part of the 45-day update sufficiently to state in good faith that certain information contained in the Company's 45-day update is exempt from public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act ("TPIA"). <sup>1</sup>

Specifically, the following schedules and attachments are confidential: Schedule II-D-3.6.1a - Short Term Incentive Achievements, the attachments to Schedule II-D-3.7.3.1 - General Employee Benefit Information - Question 3.1, the attachments to Schedule II-D-3.10.1 - Administration Fees - Question 1, and the attachments to Schedule II-D-3.10.2 - Administration Fees - Question 2. Additionally, the following workpapers are confidential: WP/II-B-10 Adj 3.2, WP/II-D-3.6.1a, WP/II-D-3.7, and WP/II-D-3.10.

The schedules and workpapers 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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.101-552.353.

Houston and the persons from whom the information is obtained. Accordingly, certain designated materials identified above are protected under Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.101, 552.104 and 552.110 and Tex. Util. Code § 39.001(b)(4) and merit the Protected Materials (Confidential) designation they are given in CenterPoint Houston's 45-day update.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20<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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