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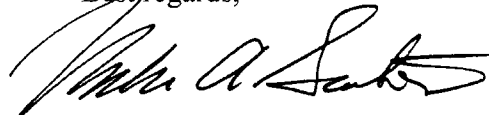
Hon. Meaghan Bailey
Hon. Steven D. Arnold
Hon. Elizabeth Drews
Administrative Law Judges
State Office of Administrative Hearings
300 West 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: SOAH Docket No. 473-19-3864; PUC Docket No. 49421; *Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates*

Dear Judges Bailey, Arnold and Drews:

Consistent with the parties' agreed adjustment to the procedural schedule in this case, attached please find CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's direct testimony changes reflecting: (1) Errata 1; (2) issues not be addressed according to the Preliminary Order; and (3) the severance of rate case expense issues. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,



Mark A. Santos

cc: All Parties of Record

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**Removal of Issues Not to be Addressed
and Errata 1 to
Direct Testimony of Kenny M. Mercado**

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 2 Application and Statement of Intent, the components of the filing include the sworn
 3 direct testimony of ²⁵~~26~~ internal and external witnesses (some of whom cover
 4 multiple subjects), direct testimony workpapers, revised tariffs, required schedules,
 5 and schedule workpapers. The filing reflects the considerable efforts of many
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 7 and transparent view of our business. The witnesses submitting direct testimony in
 8 support of CenterPoint Houston's Application and the topics they address are
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 14 adjusted for known and measurable changes, is approximately \$2.3 billion. This
 15 includes a proposed ROE of 10.4%, a capital structure of 50% debt and 50% equity,
 16 and a proposed overall weighted average cost of capital of 7.39% on a rate base of
 17 approximately ^{\$6.4}~~\$6.5~~ billion. As demonstrated by Company witness Kristie L.
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1 **Q. HAS CENTERPOINT HOUSTON WORKED TO SUCCESSFULLY**
2 **REDUCE CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF ITS COST OF SERVICE?**

3 A. Yes. While the amounts paid to other transmission providers in ERCOT are outside
4 the Company's control, it has been able to reduce certain components of its cost of
5 service through prudent practices. For example, CenterPoint Houston has been able
6 to take advantage of capital market conditions to lower CenterPoint Houston's cost
7 of debt from 6.74% to 4.38%, as discussed in Mr. McRae's direct testimony, and
8 has reduced its Cash Working Capital Requirements by almost 50% since
9 Docket No. 38339, as discussed in Company witness Timothy S. Lyons' direct
10 testimony. In addition, Rider UEDIT will return approximately ~~\$97~~^{\$119} million to
11 customers over the next three years.

12 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY PROVIDED A SUMMARY COMPARISON OF THE**
13 **PROPOSED COST OF SERVICE AND THE APPROVED COST OF**
14 **SERVICE IN DOCKET NO. 38339?**

15 A. Yes. Consistent with Rate Case General Instruction 2, my Exhibit KMM-3 contains
16 a comparison of the rate base, rate of return, sales/other revenues, operating
17 expenses by major category, and operating income as authorized in CenterPoint
18 Houston's last rate case and as proposed in this proceeding.

19 **Q. IS THE COMPANY MAKING ANY OTHER REQUESTS IN THIS CASE?**

20 A. Yes. The Company seeks approval of various tariff and rate schedule changes,
21 including, as noted above, the establishment of Rider UEDIT, which will continue
22 to return to customers approximately ~~\$97~~^{\$119} million in accumulated deferred federal
23 income tax unprotected balances that resulted from the TCJA. Other tariff revisions

1 Q. WHAT EFFECT WOULD THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED RATE
2 INCREASE HAVE ON RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS?

3 A. The Company is requesting approval of a rider ("Rider UEDIT") that will allow the
4 Company to continue to pass on benefits of the TCJA to customers. Accounting
5 for the effects of Rider UEDIT, the Company's filing shows an increase for
6 residential customers over adjusted test year Retail Electric Delivery revenues of
7 approximately ~~\$70~~ ^{\$68} million, or approximately ~~6.2%~~ ^{6%}. If approved and implemented
8 through the rates for Retail Delivery Service, the impact on a residential customer
9 using 1,000 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") per month would be an increase of
10 approximately ~~\$2.58~~ ^{\$2.23} per month. A customer with a retail plan that charges
11 12.51 cents per kWh would see their rate go to ~~12.75~~ ^{12.73} cents per kWh, or a ~~1.91%~~ ^{1.78%}
12 increase in their total bill. The extent to which these additional charges would be
13 passed on by Retail Electric Providers is a function of the competitive market.

14 Q. WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY DRIVERS OF THE REVENUE
15 REQUIREMENT IN THIS CASE?

16 A. As noted above, the primary drivers are growth related and include the increase in
17 transmission charges for access to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas
18 ("ERCOT") system that CenterPoint Houston incurs. Since the Company's last
19 rate case, CenterPoint Houston has seen these transmission costs increase by
20 approximately ~~\$344~~ ^{\$347} million. In addition, CenterPoint Houston's total plant in
21 service since the end of the test year presented in Docket No. 38339 has increased
22 approximately \$4.3 billion. This investment includes 6,543 additional miles of
23 distribution lines, 80 new miles of transmission lines, six new distribution

1 include updated or clarifying language throughout its tariffs for Retail Delivery
 2 Service and service rules and regulations [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED]. CenterPoint
 5 Houston also seeks to update its depreciation rates and property insurance reserve.

6 [REDACTED]
 7 [REDACTED]
 8 [REDACTED]
 9 With respect to the cost of service portion of its request, the Company's
 10 filed cost of service data demonstrates that CenterPoint Houston's annual cost of
 11 service totals approximately \$2.3 billion while current annual revenues are
 12 approximately \$2.1 billion. Consequently, there is a total annual net revenue
 13 deficiency under existing rates of approximately ~~\$154~~ **\$149** million, after adjustments
 14 for known and measurable changes, and incorporating the effects of Rider UEDIT.
 15 The Company proposes to eliminate this annual earnings deficiency and to have its
 16 rates set at a level to provide it a reasonable opportunity to earn a reasonable ROE
 17 of 10.4%.

18 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY SOUGHT TO CONTROL O&M EXPENSE SINCE**
 19 **ITS LAST GENERAL RATE CASE?**

20 **A.** Yes. The Company works hard to control its operating costs while continuing to
 21 provide safe and reliable service at reasonable rates and has a number of processes
 22 and procedures in place to ensure the Company's costs are properly managed and
 23 remain at reasonable levels. The testimonies of Mr. Pryor, Mr. Narendorf,

1 Ms. Bodden, Ms. Sugarek, Ms. James and Company witness Michelle M.
 2 Townsend discuss various cost control initiatives implemented by CenterPoint
 3 Houston, as well as the Company's efforts and processes to monitor and control
 4 costs on a daily basis. Despite continuous cost control efforts, operating expenses
 5 associated with new installations, regulatory compliance, and maintenance
 6 activities within the division are rising as the Company responds to growth in its
 7 service territory. These costs are necessary to serve continuous load growth and to
 8 sustain our commitment to safety and reliability.

9 [REDACTED]
 10 [REDACTED]
 11 [REDACTED]
 12 [REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED]
 14 [REDACTED]
 15 [REDACTED]
 16 [REDACTED]

17 **Q. IS THE COMPANY ALSO SEEKING RATE RELIEF IN THE**
 18 **INCORPORATED AREAS OF CENTERPOINT HOUSTON?**

19 **A.** Yes. Concurrent with this filing, the Company is filing Statements of Intent and
 20 underlying support with each of the cities in CenterPoint Houston's service area
 21 retaining original jurisdiction. CenterPoint Houston has calculated its proposed
 22 rates on a system-wide basis. Accordingly, the proposed rates and tariff changes
 23 filed with the cities are identical to the proposed rates and tariff changes filed with

Witness	Subjects Addressed	Volume/Pages
Kenny M. Mercado	Mr. Mercado provides an overview of the Company's filing, introduces witnesses that support CenterPoint Houston's request, discusses Company values that drive prudent decision making on a daily basis, and describes changes that have occurred in major operating expense categories since the Company's last base rate proceeding.	Volume I/Pages 36-165
Randal M. Pryor	Mr. Pryor describes the Company's Distribution Operations Division, supports the reasonableness of the Company's distribution-related capital costs, and demonstrates the reasonableness of CenterPoint Houston's test-year O&M expenses incurred by the Distribution Operations Division.	Volume I/Pages 166-325
Martin W. Narendorf Jr.	Mr. Narendorf explains the structure and functions of CenterPoint Houston's High Voltage Operations Division, supports the reasonableness of the Company's transmission, substation and Major Underground investment, demonstrates the reasonableness of CenterPoint Houston's test-year O&M expenses incurred by the High Voltage Operations Division, and discusses certain Hurricane Harvey restoration-related efforts.	Volume I/Pages 326-573
Dale Bodden	Ms. Bodden describes the Company's Engineering & Asset Optimization Division, supports the reasonableness and necessity of test-year O&M costs incurred by the Engineering & Asset Optimization Division in support of the transmission and distribution functions, and details the processes used to plan, monitor, and control investments and expenditures.	Volume I/Pages 574-657
Julienne P. Sugarek	Ms. Sugarek details the structure and functions of the Company's Power Delivery Solutions Division, supports the reasonableness and necessity of test-year O&M expenses incurred by Power Delivery Solutions in support of the transmission and distribution functions, supports the Company's requests related to [REDACTED] the Company's proposals to modify CenterPoint Houston's tariffs to facilitate [REDACTED] and update [REDACTED] the Company's Lighting Services Policy.	Volume I/Pages 658-762
John R. Hudson	Mr. Hudson describes CenterPoint Houston's Market Operations group and supports the reasonableness and necessity of test-year O&M expenses incurred by Market Operations.	Volume I/Pages 763-828

Exhibit KMM-2
Rate Case Witness List
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Witness	Subjects Addressed	Volume/Pages
Robert B. McRae	Mr. McRae supports the reasonableness and need for CenterPoint Houston's requested capital structure and return on equity, presents the Company's cost of debt, and demonstrates the reasonableness and necessity of test-year Service Company Treasury Department Organization costs assigned to CenterPoint Houston.	Volume IV/Pages 2818-2887
Gregory S. Wilson	Mr. Wilson supports the need for the Company's self-insurance reserve and the appropriate level of expense to be included in the Company's cost of service.	Volume IV/Pages 2888-2922
J. Stuart McMenamin	Mr. McMenamin presents methods and data used to develop weather-related adjustments included in the Company's filing.	Volume IV/Pages 2923-2988
Matthew A. Troxle	Mr. Troxle presents the Company's proposed allocation of costs to rate classes, rate design and tariffs, including Riders RCE and UEDIT.	Volume IV/Pages 2989-3743

ERRATA 1

Exhibit KMM-3
Comparison per Rate Case General Instruction 2
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CENTERPOINT HOUSTON ELECTRIC 2019 RATE CASE REVENUE REQUIREMENT (Thousands)

	Approved Docket 38339	2019 Proposed Rates	2019 Proposed Rates
Total Rate Base	\$ 3,474,755	\$ 6,482,512	\$ 6,415,235
Rate of Return	8.21%	7.39%	7.39%
Operating and Maintenance Expense	\$ 434,061	\$ 616,380	\$ 615,659
Net Wholesale Transmission from Others	\$ 202,510	\$ 546,606	\$ 549,042
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	\$ 250,639	\$ 351,230	\$ 358,487
Taxes Other Than Federal Income Tax	\$ 233,784	\$ 278,298	\$ 278,944
Federal Income Tax Expense	\$ 63,020	\$ 75,724	\$ 75,795
Return on Rate Base	\$ 285,277	\$ 479,058	\$ 474,086
Total Cost of Service	\$ 1,469,291	\$ 2,348,296	\$ 2,352,013
Other Revenues	\$ 50,212	\$ 66,092	\$ 67,903
Total Adjusted Revenue Requirement	\$ 1,419,079	\$ 2,282,204	\$ 2,284,110

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CenterPoint Monthly Bill for Residential Customer Using 1000 kWh per Month

As of 3/20/2019

Current Rates

Total CEHE Charges

Average Annual Rate - December 2018 REP Bill Comparison

Proposed Rates

Total CEHE Charges

Average Annual Rate - December 2018 REP Bill Comparison

Total CEHE Charges Increase (Decrease)

Total CEHE Charges Percentage Increase/ (Decrease)

Per 1,000 kWh Increase (Decrease)

REP Proposed Average Annual Rate

Increase (Decrease) in REP Bill due to CEHE Charges

Total Percent REP Bill Increase (Decrease)

Charge	Amount
\$ 0.04596	\$ 45.96
\$ 0.1251	\$ 125.10
Charge	Amount
\$ 0.04534	\$ 48.34
\$ 0.1251	\$ 125.10
	\$ 2.38
	5.19%
	\$ 0.00238
	\$ 0.1275
	\$ 127.49
	1.91%

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Total CEHE Charges
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Charge	Amount
\$ 0.04818	\$ 48.18
\$ 0.1251	\$ 125.10

Total CEHE Charges Increase/ (Decrease)	\$ 2.23
Total CEHE Charges Percentage Increase/ (Decrease)	4.85%
Per 1,000 kWh Increase/ (Decrease)	\$ 0.00223
REP Proposed Average Annual Rate	\$ 0.1273
Increase/ (Decrease) in REP Bill due to CEHE Charges	\$ 127.33
Total Percent REP Bill Increase/ (Decrease)	1.78%

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Component	Charge	Amount	% of Total Bill	% of TDI Bill
Number of kWh		1,000		
Customer Charge				
Metering Charge				
AMS				
Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF)	\$0.000665	\$0.67	0.53%	1.31%
Water Revenue (SBCRF, SBF, SBR)				
Transmission System Charge				
Distribution System Charge				
System Restoration Charge				
Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF)	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Nuclear Decommissioning Charge	\$0.000003	\$0.00	0.00%	0.01%
Transition Charge 1	\$0.002708	\$2.71	2.16%	5.60%
Transition Charge 2	\$0.000346	\$0.35	0.28%	0.72%
Transition Charge 3	\$0.001946	\$1.95	1.56%	4.03%
Transition Charge 4				
System Restoration Charge (Hurricane Ike)	\$0.001126	\$1.13	0.90%	2.33%
Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Tax Credit (Hurricane Ike)	(\$0.000137)	(\$0.14)	-0.11%	-0.28%
Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) 2015	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) 2016 Incremental Increase	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) 2017 Incremental Decrease	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) 2017 (AMS Recon) Incremental Decrease	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) 2018 (TCJA) Incremental Increase	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) 2018 (TCJA Deferral) Incremental Decrease	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Unprotected Excess Deferred Income Taxes (UEDIT)				
Total Base Related Charges (Customer, Metering, Trans. And Distr. Only)				
Total Bond Related Charges (TC, SRC, ADHFC)				
Total RCE Charges and UEDIT Refund				
Total Other Charges (AMS, EECRF, TCRF, SBF, NDC, DCRF)				
Total CEHE Charges				
Average Annual Rate - December 2018 REP Bill Comparison				
	\$0.048340	\$48.34	38.64%	
		\$125.10		

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CenterPoint Monthly Bill
for Residential Customer
Using 1000 kWh per Month

As of 3/20/2019

Component	Charge	Amount	% of Total Bill	% of TDU Bill
Number of kWh		1,000		
Customer Charge				
Metering Charge				
Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF)	\$0.000665	\$0.67	0.53%	1.38%
Rate Return (TCRF) Bonus				
Transmission System Charge				
Distribution System Charge				
System Benefit Fund				
Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF)	\$0.000000	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Nuclear Decommissioning Charge	\$0.000003	\$0.00	0.00%	0.01%
Transition Charge 1				
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Transition Charge 3	\$0.000346	\$0.35	0.28%	0.72%
Transition Charge 5	\$0.001946	\$1.95	1.56%	4.04%
Rate Case Expense Refund				
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Rate TC Bonus - Reduction of Transition Charges				
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Unprotected Excess Deferred Income Taxes (UE-DIT)				
Total Base Related Charges (Customer, Metering, Trans. And Distr. Only)				
Total Bond Related Charges (TC, SRC, ADFITC)				
Total RCF Charges and UEDIT Refund				
Total Other Charges (AMS, EECRF, TCRF, SBF, NDC, DCRF)				
Total CPEHE Charges	\$0.048182	\$48.18		
Average Annual Rate - December 2018 REP Bill Comparison		\$125.30	38.51%	

**Removal of Issues Not to be Addressed
from
Direct Testimony of Julianne P. Sugarek**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF JULIENNE P. SUGAREK

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's ("CenterPoint Houston" or the "Company") Power Delivery Solutions division is responsible for facilitating the interconnection process for customers and generators on both the transmission and distribution system, advising distribution customers on power quality solutions, providing design for installations on the distribution system, interfacing with customers to address changing electrical service needs, and responding to service concerns.

My testimony:

- describes the structure and functions of the Power Delivery Solutions division;
- supports the reasonableness and necessity of Operations and Maintenance ("O&M") costs incurred by the Power Delivery Solutions division during the 2018 test year in the amount of \$8.8 million;
- describes Power Delivery Solution's major programs and initiatives; and
- supports the Company's request [REDACTED] to modify CenterPoint Houston's tariffs to facilitate the interconnection of Distributed Energy Resources [REDACTED].

Together with the cost of service data and testimony of the Company's other witnesses, my testimony and supporting materials demonstrate that the test year O&M expenses for Power Delivery Solutions are reasonable, necessary, and representative of the costs to provide service to customers of CenterPoint Houston and, thus, should be included in the Company's cost of service.

1 investment in the Company's transmission, substation, and major underground
 2 assets since January 1, 2010 and demonstrates that the capital and test year O&M
 3 costs associated with the Company's transmission and substation facilities are
 4 reasonable and necessary. Each of these testimonies explains major reliability and
 5 maintenance programs for which the witness is responsible.

6 Company witness Michelle M. Townsend discusses allocated costs
 7 associated with the regulated support organizations and CenterPoint Energy
 8 Service Company, LLC. Company witness Kristie L. Colvin provides testimony
 9 on the Company's overall planning and budgeting process and cost of service
 10 adjustments. [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]

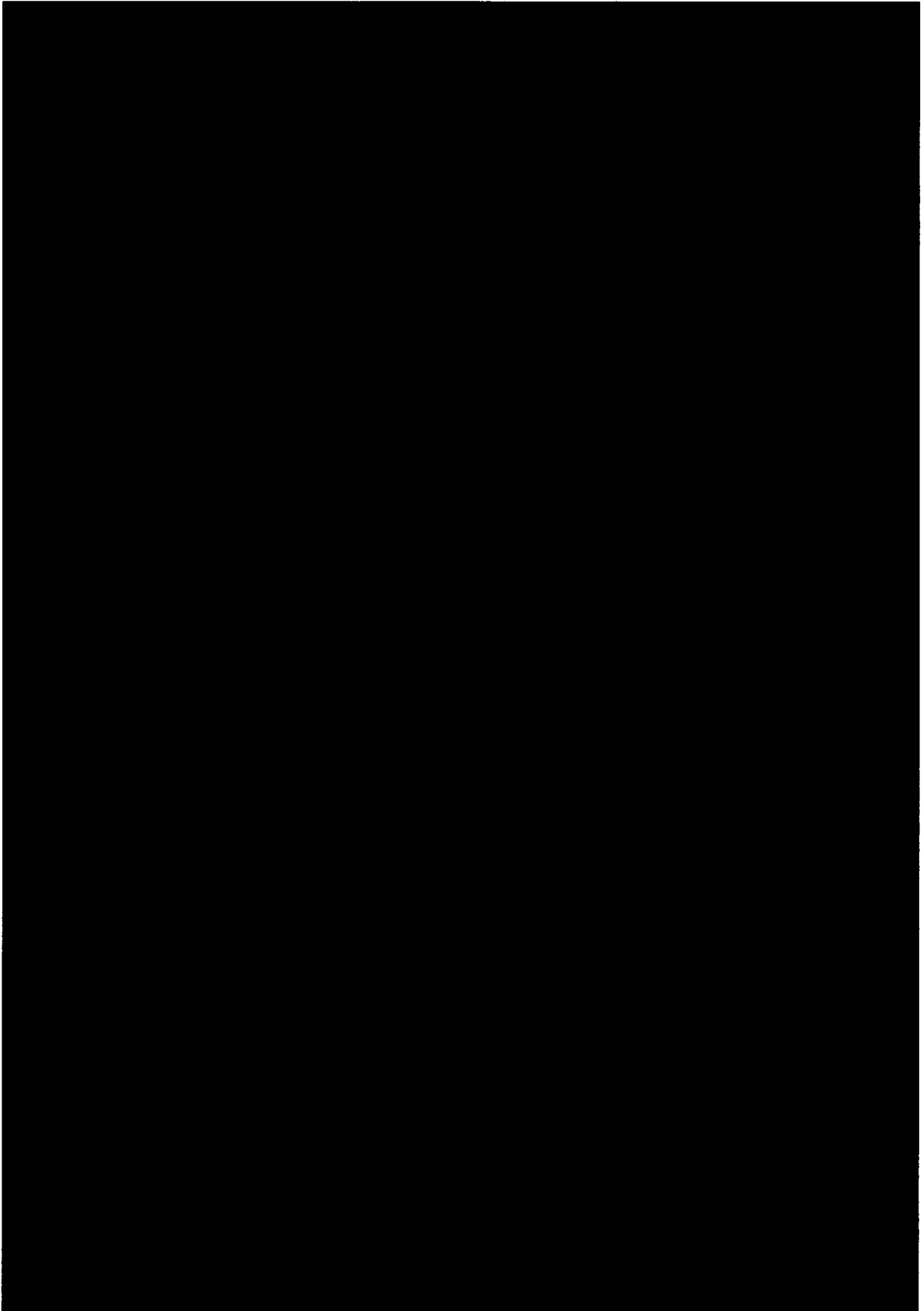
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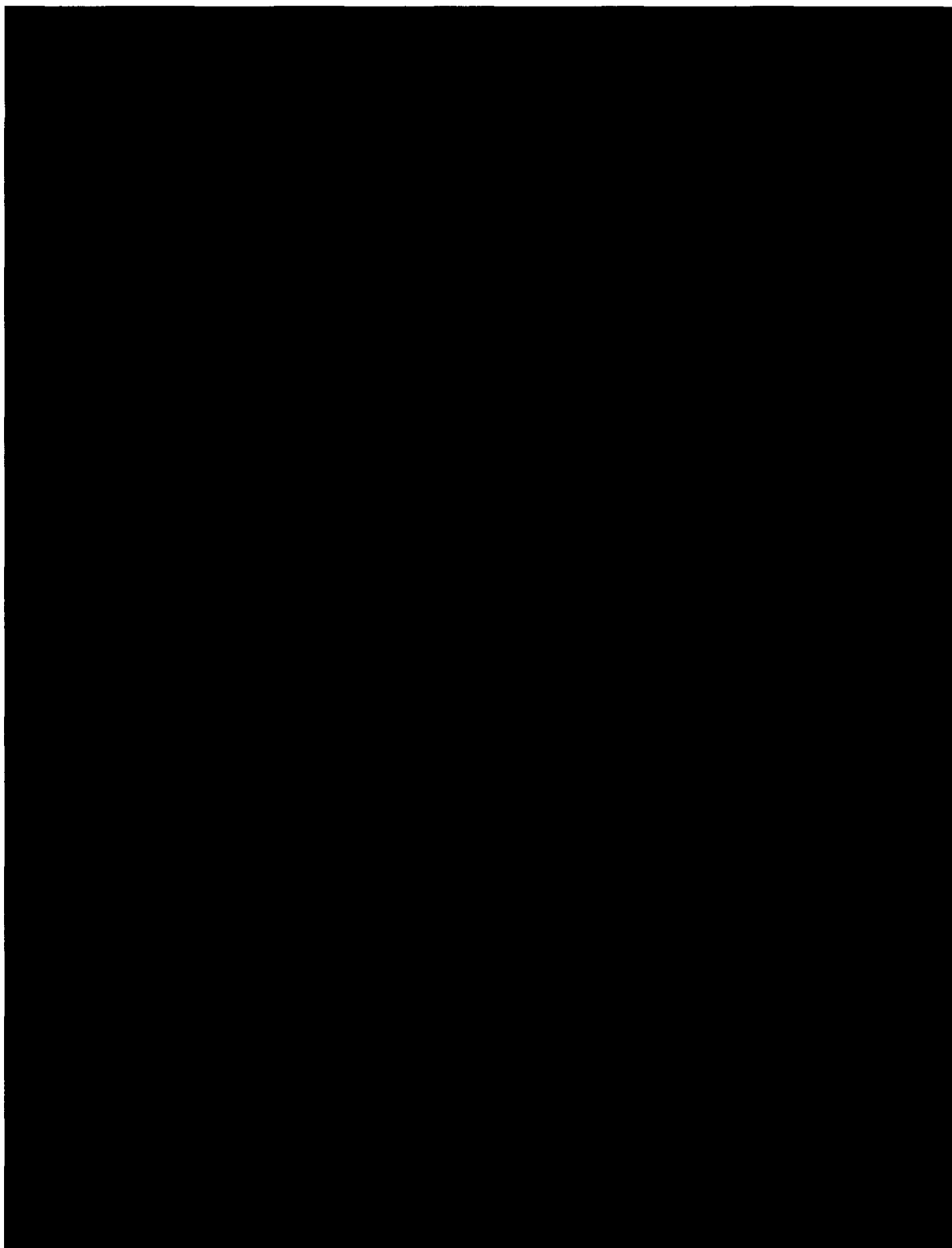
16 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE POWER DELIVERY SOLUTIONS**
 17 **DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY FUNCTION AND OBJECTIVES.**

18 **A.** Power Delivery Solutions division is responsible for facilitating the interconnection
 19 process for customers and generators on both the transmission and distribution
 20 system, advising distribution customers on power quality solutions, providing
 21 design and project support for installations on the distribution system, and
 22 interfacing with customers to address changing electrical service needs and
 23 responding to service concerns.

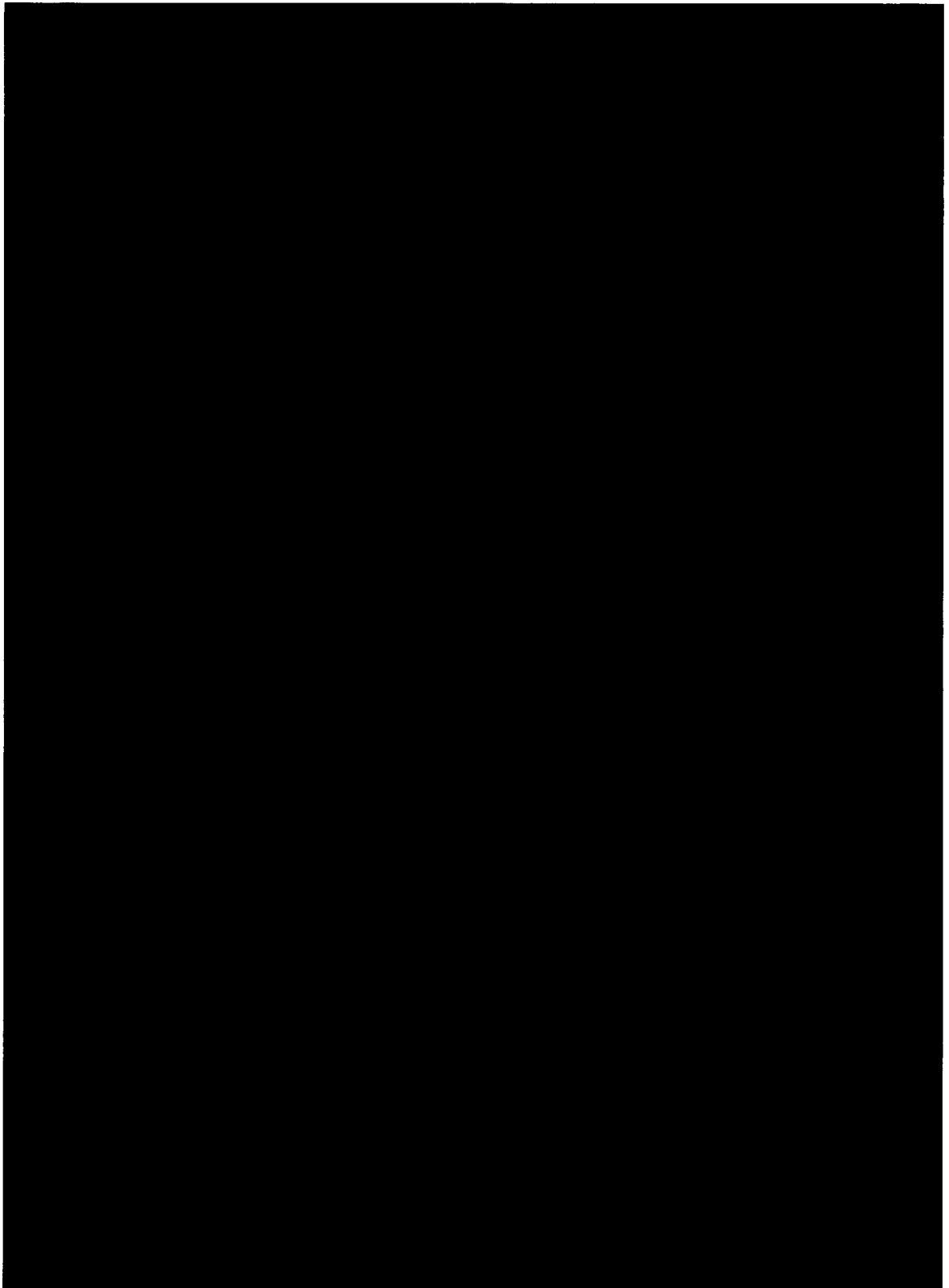
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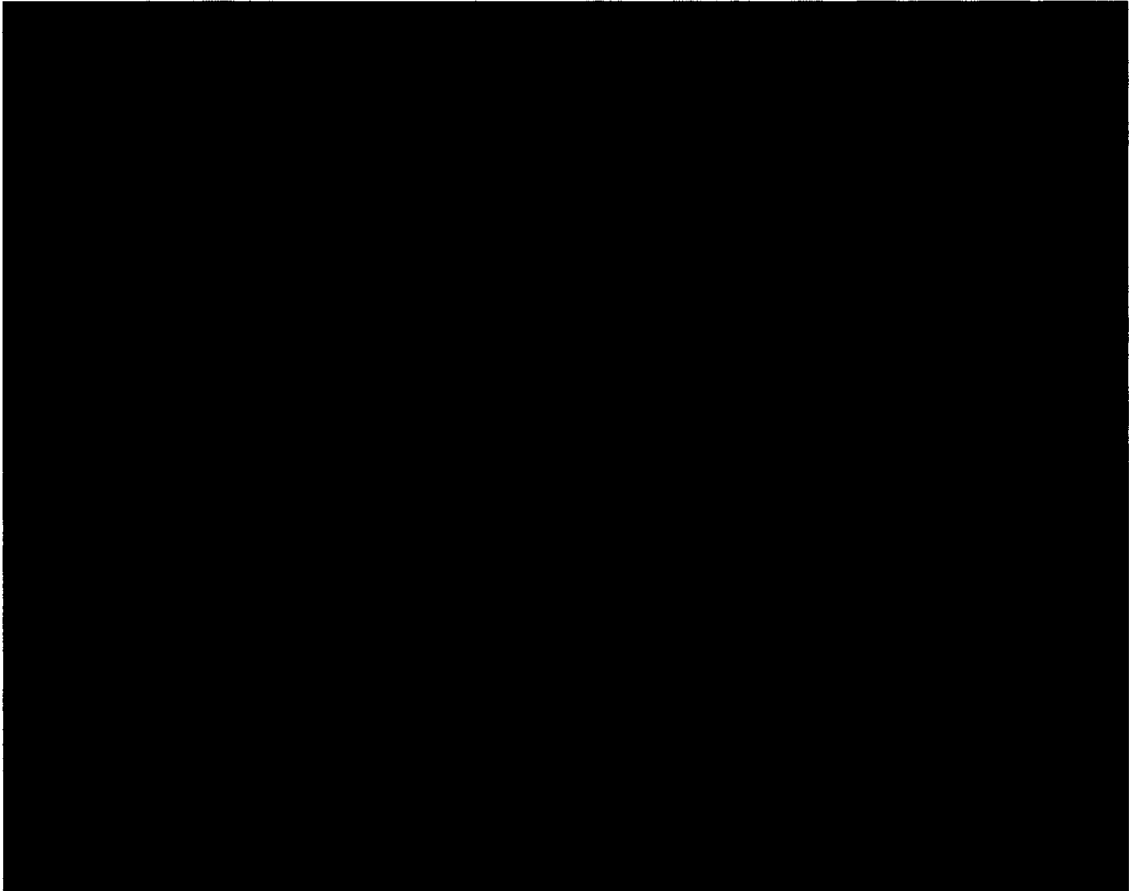
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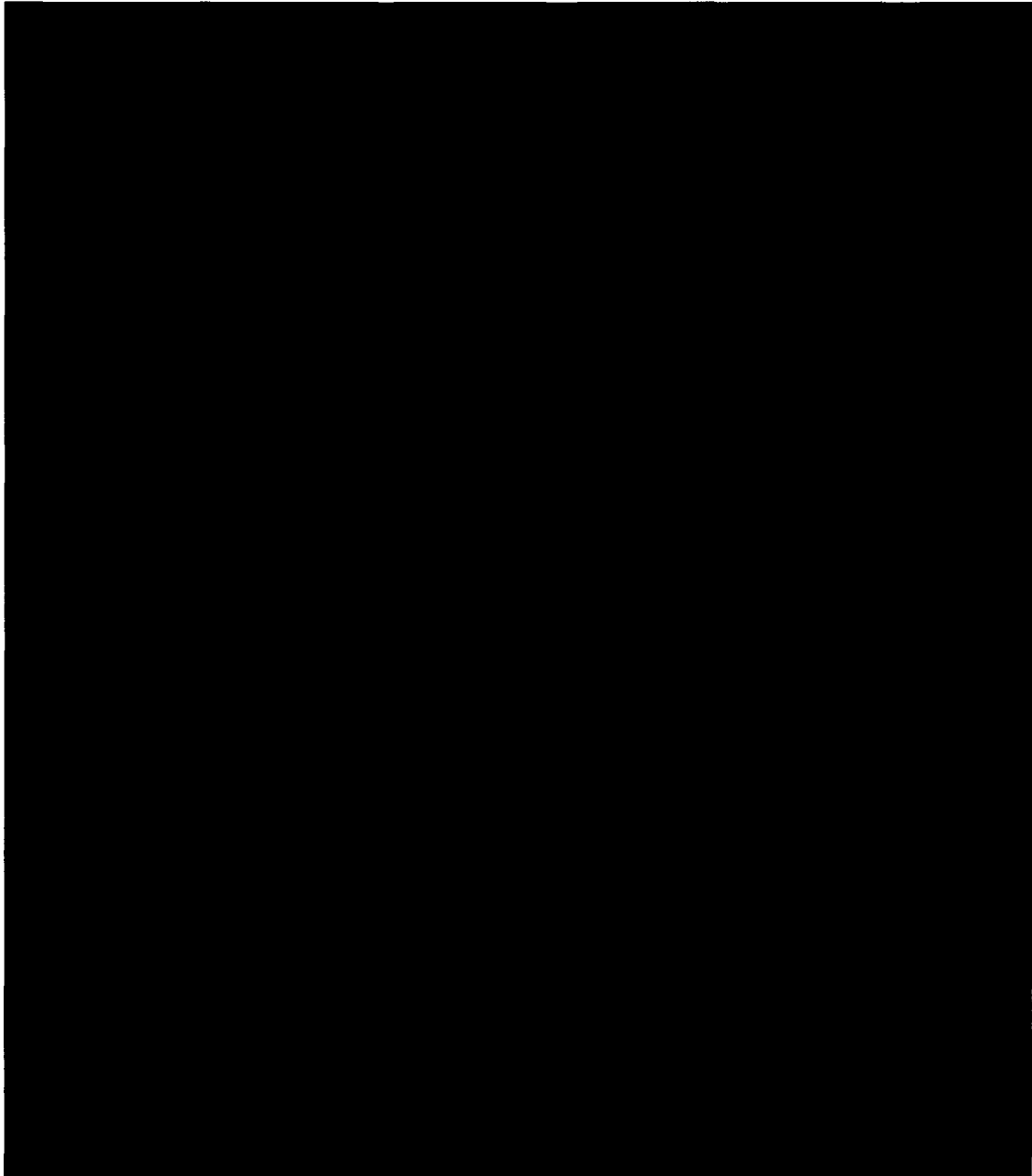
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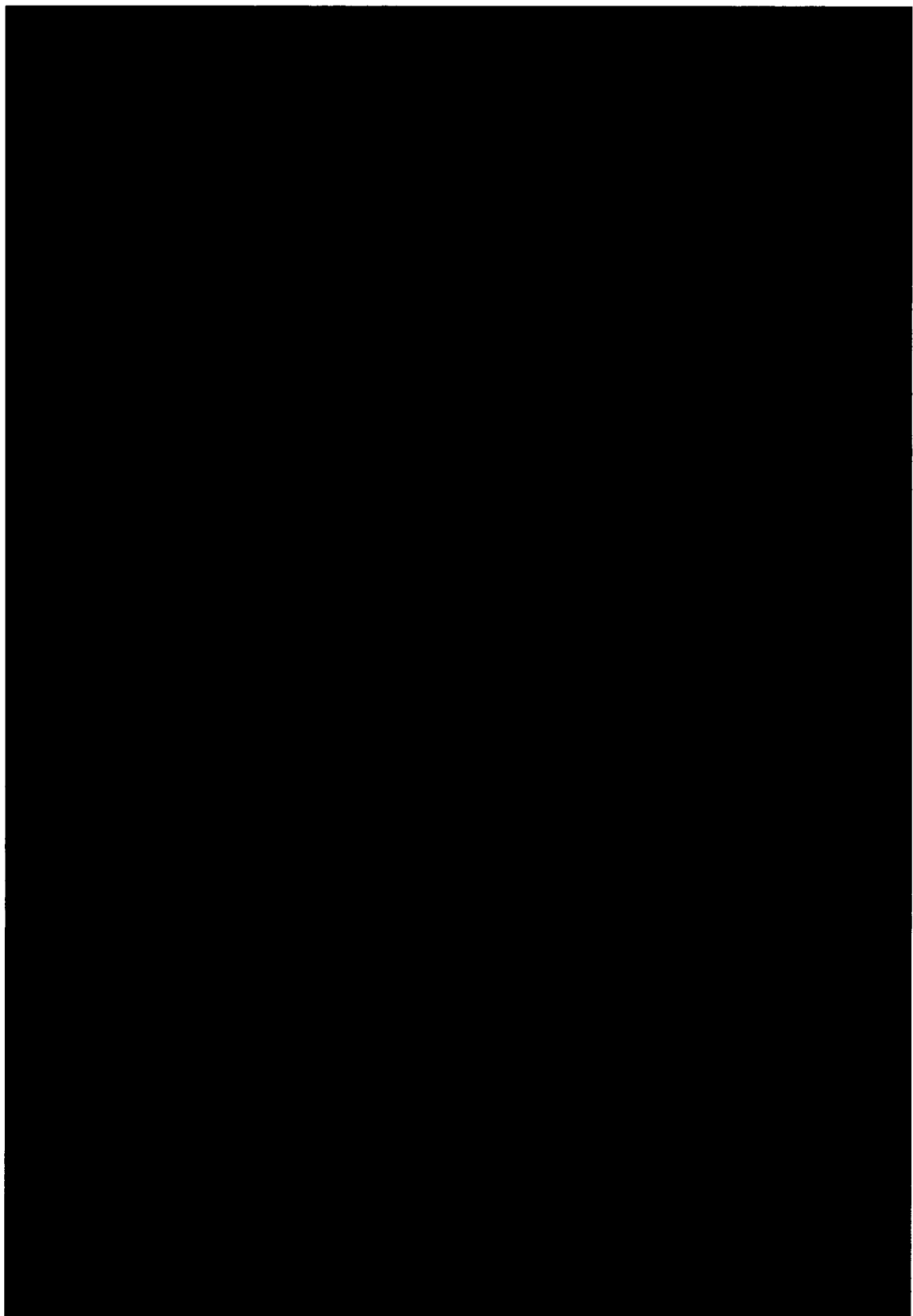
A. Yes. The Company is chiefly concerned with the safety and reliability of the grid for all its customers while actively seeking solutions to facilitate the interconnection of DER. Currently, the Company requires transfer trip anti-islanding protection for all generators over 2MW connected to the distribution system. The Company also requires transfer trip anti-islanding protection for distribution connected generators greater than 300kW but less than or equal to 2MW if the generator creates an islanding risk as determined by the Company's pre-interconnection study. Going forward, the Company seeks the flexibility to offer additional islanding protection

1 solutions. In the short-term, this will allow the Company to offer reverse power
2 flow in lieu of transfer trip for distribution connected generators greater than
3 300kW but less than or equal to 2MW, if the solution is more cost effective and
4 offers equal protection of Company assets. Please see the direct testimony of Mr.
5 Troxle.

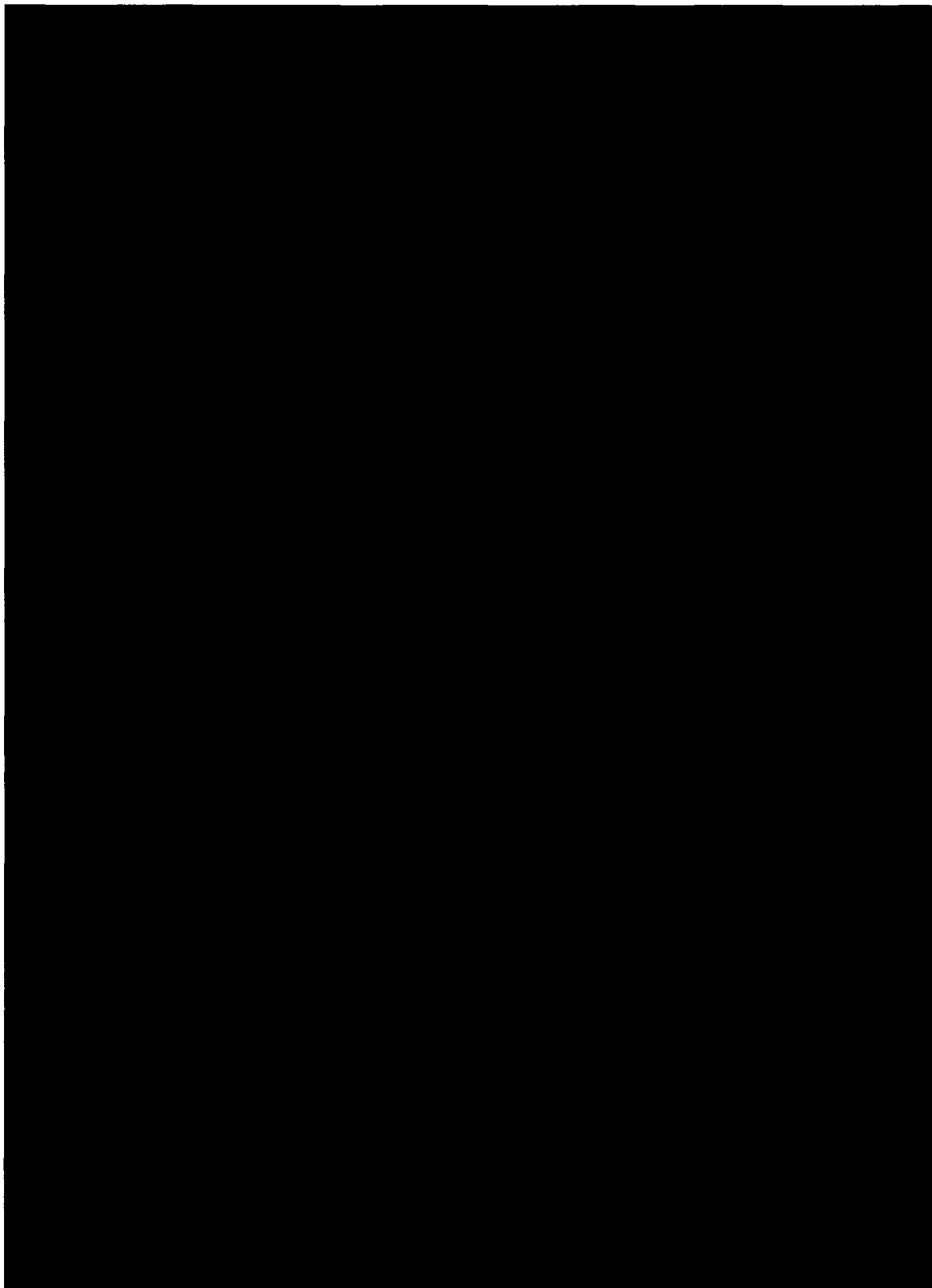
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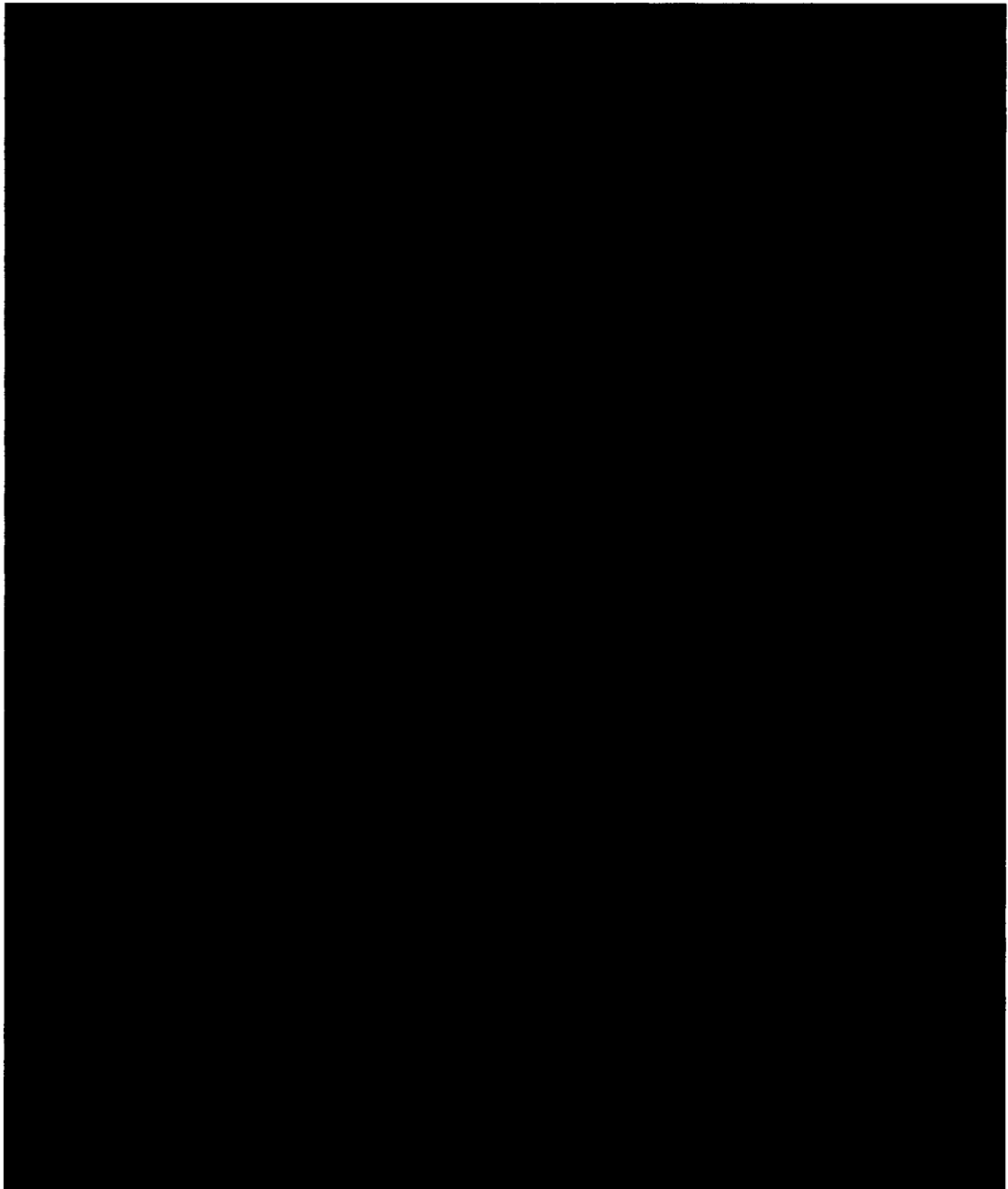
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**VIII. REQUEST TO MODIFY THE COMPANY'S
LIGHTING SERVICES POLICY**

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22 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE LIGHTING SERVICES CENTERPOINT**
23 **HOUSTON PROVIDES.**
24 **A. Lighting Services are available to cities, governmental agencies, real estate**

1 ~~installation is not possible or cost effective.~~ Please see the direct testimony of Mr.
2 Troxle for the tariff language proposed by the Company.

3 **IX. CONCLUSION**

4 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.**

5 A. For the test year, the Power Delivery Solutions division O&M expenditures were
6 \$8.8 million. The O&M expenditures incurred by the Power Delivery Solutions
7 division during the test year are reasonable and necessary expenses that should be
8 recovered in the Company's rates. My testimony demonstrates that the Power
9 Delivery Solutions division is properly structured to accomplish the goal of
10 providing a reliable power delivery system at a reasonable cost. Costs associated
11 with this organization are effectively managed and maintained at reasonable levels
12 through the entire process of business planning, budget plan review and ongoing
13 budget plan monitoring. These costs are reasonable, prudent and necessary.
14 Moreover, the activities performed by the Power Delivery Solutions division are a
15 reasonable and necessary part of providing electric utility service. Finally, the
16 Company requests approval of its proposals related to [REDACTED]
17 DER interconnections [REDACTED] and street
18 lighting services.

19 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

20 A. Yes, it does.

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WP JPS-1 and WP JPS-2,
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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINED TERMS (cont'd)

<u>Acronym/Defined Term</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
EDIT	Excess Deferred Income Tax
EE	Energy Efficiency
EECRF	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor
EPIS	Electric Plant in Service
ERCOT	Electric Reliability Council of Texas
EVP	Executive Vice President
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FERC USOA	FERC Uniform System of Accounts
FICA	Federal Insurance Contributions Act
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LTI	Long-term Incentive
M&S	Materials & Supplies
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefit
PHFU	Plant Held for Future Use
PURA	Public Utility Regulatory Act
RCE	Rate Case Expense
REP	Retail Electric Provider

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KRISTIE L. COLVIN

I sponsor the books and records of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint Houston” or the “Company”), which have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. My testimony supports the Company’s cost of service for total transmission and distribution operations, including rate base. I sponsor the accounting schedules, and co-sponsor schedules related to affiliate expense, salaries and benefits, [REDACTED] I also support the reasonableness and necessity of certain CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC (“Service Company”) Executive Management services, Accounting, and certain financial corporate support services. I also support the reasonableness and necessity of Reporting and Performance and certain accounting transaction costs incurred directly by the Company.

My testimony and supporting materials:

- show the Company’s cost of service and rate base are reasonable and necessary;
- itemize and explain all test year adjustments to arrive at the final requested amounts reflected in my testimony, exhibits, and schedules;
- support an overall rate of return of 7.39% and return on investment of ~~\$479.1~~ million to be included in the revenue requirement;
- demonstrate the reasonableness and necessity of certain Service Company Executive Management functions and the Chief Accounting Organization services provided to CenterPoint Houston; and
- demonstrate the reasonableness and necessity of Reporting and Performance and certain accounting transaction costs incurred directly by the Company.

As shown in my testimony, workpapers, and exhibits, as well as the testimony of other Company witnesses, the Company’s filing supports an increase in its base rates charged to competitive retailers for delivery service to Texas retail customers as well as a decrease in its rates charged to Texas wholesale transmission customers.

1 in maintaining electric utility plant used by and useful to the electric utility in
 2 providing such service to the public.” The Company adjusted its test-year data for
 3 non-recurring expenses, non-allowable charges, adjustments required by 16 TAC
 4 § 25.231, known and measurable changes and normalizing certain amounts. The
 5 adjustments are each shown in Exhibit KLC-03a and are discussed below.³
 6 Explanations are provided on Exhibit KLC-03b. The adjusted O&M expense was
 7 then functionalized as required by RFP General Instruction No. 11. Please see
 8 Schedule II-F for additional description and calculations of the functionalization
 9 factors. The adjusted test year O&M costs total ~~\$919.4~~ million and are presented
 10 on Schedule II-D-1. [^]\$921.9

11 **1. Energy Efficiency**

12 **Q. DID THE COMPANY MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS FOR ENERGY**
 13 **EFFICIENCY COSTS?**

14 **A.** Yes. As required by 16 TAC § 25.181(f)(2), energy efficiency costs are recovered
 15 through a separate energy efficiency cost recovery factor (“EECRF”) tariff, and as
 16 such, are removed from the Company’s test year cost of service in the EECRF
 17 adjustment.⁴

³ See Section II.A.1 through A.10.

⁴ See WP/II-D-1 Adj 1 for the EECRF adjustment.

5. Transmission of Electricity by Others

Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL TEST YEAR AMOUNT FOR FERC ACCOUNT 5650 TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY BY OTHERS?

A. The total test year amount of transmission of electricity by third-party transmission service providers is ~~\$546.6~~ million. This is the net transmission expense that remains after third-party payments to the Company are taken into account.

Q. WHAT WAS THE TOTAL TEST YEAR AMOUNT FOR FERC ACCOUNT 5650 TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY BY OTHERS, IN DOCKET NO. 38339, THE COMPANY'S LAST BASE RATE PROCEEDING?

A. The total test year amount of transmission of electricity by others was \$202.5 million in Docket No. 38339. This was the net transmission expense that remained after third-party payments to the Company were taken into account.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO FERC ACCOUNT 5650, TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY BY OTHERS.

A. On November 30, 2018, Commission Staff filed its Petition to Set 2019 Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for ERCOT.¹² According to the FERC USOA, Account 5650, "includes amounts payable to others for the transmission of the utility's electricity over transmission facilities owned by others."¹³ The adjustment to FERC Account 5650 in the Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") adjustment¹⁴ reflects the known and measurable change in the current year's four coincident peak

¹² Commission Staff's Petition to Set 2019 Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Docket No. 48928.

¹³ Code of Federal Regulations 18 – Conservation of Power and Water Resources, Subchapter C – Accounts, Federal Power Act, Part 101 – Uniform System of Accounts.

¹⁴ See WP/II-D-1 Adj 6 for the TCOS adjustment.

1 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY ADJUSTED ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE?**

2 A. Yes. The Company is proposing to update its test-year expenses for pension and
 3 other post-employment benefit ("OPEB") expense to reflect actual annual expenses
 4 as determined by the 2019 actuarial studies included as attachments to
 5 Schedule II-D-3.8.1. This Benefits adjustment results in a decrease of \$8.3 million
 6 in pension and OPEB expense for the test year and has been functionalized to
 7 payroll.³⁰ The Company also included an adjustment to benefit expense of
 8 \$0.2 million resulting from the salaries and wages and STI adjustments discussed
 9 previously in my testimony.³¹

10 **6. Non-recoverable Costs**

11 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO A&G TEST YEAR COSTS**
 12 **FOR NON-RECOVERABLE COSTS.**

13 A. The adjustment for non-recoverable costs removes \$0.2 million in costs that are not
 14 recoverable through rates under 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(2).³²

15 **7. Employee Expenses**

16 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE EMPLOYEE EXPENSES ADJUSTMENT IN**
 17 **A&G FOR THE TEST YEAR.**

18 A. The Company is making an adjustment to remove certain employee-related travel,
 19 meals, and lodging costs and other employee expenses that are not being requested
 20 for recovery. Employee expenses were reviewed and analyzed in accordance with
 21 16 TAC § 25.231(b)(1) for allowable expenses and subsection (b)(2) for

³⁰ See WP/II-D-2 Adj 6 for the Benefits adjustment.

³¹ See Section III.A.4, Affiliate and Direct Wages.

³² See WP/II-D-2 Adj 7 for the Non-Recoverable adjustment.

1 Q. WHAT ADJUSTMENT DID THE COMPANY MAKE TO
2 TRANSPORTATION DEPRECIATION EXPENSE?

3 A. The test year adjustment for transportation depreciation is a decrease to operations
4 expense of \$1.0 million.⁵² This amount is based on the adjusted test year balance
5 of transportation assets using the depreciation rates proposed in the Depreciation
6 Study Mr. Watson prepared. This is the same methodology the Company used in
7 Docket No. 38339.

8 Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL ADJUSTED TEST YEAR DEPRECIATION
9 EXPENSE REQUESTED IN THIS CASE?

10 A. The Company's adjusted depreciation expense for the test year is ~~\$312.0~~ million.
11 This excludes amortization of items discussed below in the Amortization of
12 Property section of my testimony. ^\$316.3

13 Q. HOW HAS DEPRECIATION EXPENSE BEEN FUNCTIONALIZED?

14 A. Depreciation expense has been functionalized in the same manner as the assets that
15 are being depreciated.

16 E. Amortization of Property

17 Q. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEPRECIATION AND
18 AMORTIZATION?

19 A. According to CFR Title 18, Part 101, depreciation is defined as:

20 the loss in service value not restored by current maintenance,
21 incurred in connection with the consumption or prospective
22 retirement of electric plant in the course of service from causes that
23 are known to be in current operation and against which the utility is
24 not protected by insurance. Among the causes to be given

⁵² See WP/H-D-1 Adj 2 and WP/H-D-2 Adj 2 for the Transportation Depreciation adjustment.

regulatory assets and liabilities, the Company proposes a three-year amortization period for Hurricane Harvey costs. This amortization period results in an adjustment of ~~\$21.5~~ million and has been functionalized to Distribution.⁶¹

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2. Hurricane Ike

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REGULATORY LIABILITY RELATED TO HURRICANE IKE.

A. In Docket No. 36918, the Company was authorized to recover reasonable and necessary Hurricane Ike restoration costs incurred through February 28, 2009 plus carrying costs.⁶² In the final order, the Commission ordered the Company to defer other sources of funding that compensate the Company for Hurricane Ike costs received after issuance of the financing order.⁶³ In 2017, the Company received a sales tax refund covering the time during which the Hurricane Ike restoration costs were incurred. Applicable amounts were then deferred to the regulatory liability to be returned to customers.

Q. DID THE COMPANY INCUR COSTS RELATED TO HURRICANE IKE RESTORATION AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 2009?

A. Yes. The Company incurred \$2.0 million of trailing costs related to Hurricane Ike for legal claims and outside attorney fees.

⁶¹ See WP/II-E-4.1 for Adj 1 Harvey Amortization adjustment.

⁶² Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Determination of Hurricane Restoration Costs, Docket No. 36918, Final Order at Finding of Fact 15 (Aug. 14, 2009).

⁶³ *Id.* at Finding of Fact 22.

- 1 Q. DOES THE COMPANY'S INCOME TAX EXPENSE AMOUNT INCLUDE
2 ALL NECESSARY CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THE TAX CUTS AND
3 JOBS ACT OF 2017 ("TCJA")?
- 4 A. Yes. As Mr. Pringle discusses in his direct testimony, the Company's test year tax
5 expense amounts reflect all changes that were required by the TCJA.
- 6 I. Taxes Other Than Federal Income Tax
- 7 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPONENTS OF TAXES OTHER THAN
8 INCOME TAXES ("OTHER TAXES") INCLUDED IN THE COST OF
9 SERVICE.
- 10 A. Other Taxes include employment-related taxes, ad valorem (or property) taxes,
11 revenue related Texas margin tax, and municipal franchise fees, all of which are
12 recorded to FERC Account 4081. For these components, as shown on Schedule
13 II-E-2, a total of ~~\$278.3~~ million has been recorded for the adjusted test year.
14 [^]\$278.9
- 14 Q. HAVE OTHER TAXES BEEN ADJUSTED?
- 15 A. Yes. Adjustments have been made to employment-related taxes, ad valorem (or
16 property) taxes, sales and use tax, municipal franchise fees and Texas margin taxes
17 for a total adjustment of ~~\$9.4~~ million. I discuss each of the adjustments in more
18 detail below. [^]\$10.1
- 19 Q. WHAT ARE EMPLOYMENT-RELATED TAXES?
- 20 A. Employment-related taxes are taxes assessed to a company based on an employee's
21 earnings or payroll, such as Federal Insurance Contributions Act ("FICA") and
22 Federal Unemployment Tax. These are shown on Schedule II-E-2.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO EMPLOYMENT-RELATED**
 2 **TAXES.**

3 A. As noted above, several adjustments were made to direct wages.⁸¹ These
 4 adjustments have a corresponding impact on employment-related taxes that are
 5 based on employee earnings. Please see the FICA Adjustment workpaper, which
 6 calculates the test year impact of \$8,431 for FICA taxes.⁸² The FICA adjustment
 7 has been functionalized following the underlying payroll functionalization. A
 8 payroll related taxes adjustment has also been made to remove EECRF costs as they
 9 are recovered through a separate EECRF tariff.⁸³

10 **Q. WHAT ARE AD VALOREM (OR PROPERTY) TAXES?**

11 A. Ad valorem or property taxes are the taxes assessed to a property owner annually
 12 based on the assessed value of the property.

13 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO AD VALOREM (OR**
 14 **PROPERTY) TAXES.**

15 A. Ad valorem tax expense has been adjusted to reflect the difference between the
 16 amount accrued during the test year and the actual amounts paid for the 2018
 17 calendar year and to reflect an expected increase in ad valorem taxes for 2019.
 18 These items result in an adjustment of \$6.1 million. Please see the direct testimony
 19 of Company witness Justin J. Hyland for information on ad valorem taxes and the
 20 Ad Valorem Tax adjustment.⁸⁴

⁸¹ See Sections III.A.4, Affiliate and Direct Wages and III.B.4, Affiliate and Direct Wages.

⁸² See WP/II-E-2 Adj 1 for the FICA adjustment.

⁸³ See WP/II-E-2 Adj 6 for the EECRF adjustment.

⁸⁴ See WP/II-E-2 Adj 3 the Ad Valorem Tax Adjustment.

1 **Q. HOW HAVE PROPERTY TAXES BEEN FUNCTIONALIZED?**

2 A. Property taxes have been functionalized based upon net general plant, as discussed
3 by Mr. Hyland in his direct testimony.

4 **Q. WHAT ARE MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES?**

5 A. Municipal franchise fees are payments the Company makes to a city, based on a
6 municipal franchise ordinance, in exchange for certain rights from the city, such as
7 the right to use the city's public rights-of-way to install, use, and maintain utility
8 poles, transmission and distribution lines, and other equipment necessary to provide
9 service.

10 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADJUSTMENT TO MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE**
11 **FEES.**

12 A. Municipal franchise fee expense has been adjusted to reflect the difference between
13 the amount accrued during the test year and the amounts expected to be accrued in
14 2019. Municipal franchise fees totaled \$150.8 million during the test year. The
15 2019 estimate is based on revised franchise contracts. These items result in an
16 adjustment of ~~\$2.0~~ million. Please see the direct testimony of Company witness
17 M. Shane Kimzey for information on municipal franchise fees and the Municipal
18 Franchise Fee adjustment.⁸⁵

19 **Q. HOW HAVE MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FEES BEEN**
20 **FUNCTIONALIZED?**

21 A. Municipal franchise fees have been functionalized based on total Distribution.

⁸⁵ See WP/II-E-2 Adj 4 the Municipal Franchise Fee Adjustment.

1 **Q. HOW ARE MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE REVENUES**
 2 **FUNCTIONALIZED?**

3 A. Miscellaneous service revenues are directly assigned.

4 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS TO OTHER ELECTRIC**
 5 **REVENUES.**

6 A. Other Electric Revenues are adjusted for items that are collected through separate
 7 tariffs or riders such as EECRF,⁹² AMS,⁹³ Transmission Cost Recovery Factor
 8 ("TCRF"),⁹⁴ DCRF,⁹⁵ Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Tax ("ADFIT")
 9 Credit, System Restoration and Transition Bonds,⁹⁶ all of which are removed from
 10 the test year balances. The recognition of the energy efficiency bonus has also been
 11 removed based on the requirements in 16 TAC § 25.181. Adjustments have also
 12 been made to remove the revenues being returned to customers related to the
 13 TCJA.⁹⁷

14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS TO REVENUES FROM**
 15 **TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY OF OTHERS.**

16 A. TCOS revenues are removed from the non-operating revenue adjustment because
 17 this amount is collected through a separate tariff.⁹⁸

18 **Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL ADJUSTED NON-ELECTRIC REVENUES?**

19 A. The total adjusted non-electric revenues included in the cost of service is
 20 ~~\$66.1~~ million as shown on Schedule II-E-5.

[^]\$67.9

⁹² See WP II-E-5.1 for Adj 1 EECRF & EE Bonus adjustment.

⁹³ See WP II-E-5.1 for Adj 2 AMS adjustment.

⁹⁴ See WP II-E-5.1 for Adj 3 TCRF adjustment.

⁹⁵ See WP II-E-5.1 for Adj 4 DCRF adjustment.

⁹⁶ See WP II-E-5.1 for Adj 6 System Restoration & Other Bond Companies adjustment.

⁹⁷ See WP II-E-5.1 for Adj 5 TCJA adjustment.

⁹⁸ See WP/II-E-5.1 for Adj 7 Transmission of Electricity of Others adjustment.

1 **IV. RATE BASE**

2 **Q. WHAT COMPONENTS OF RATE BASE ARE INCLUDED IN THE**
 3 **COMPANY'S FILING?**

4 A. 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2) defines rate base interchangeably with invested capital. The
 5 rule defines invested capital as "a major component of the original cost of plant,
 6 property, and equipment, less accumulated depreciation, used and useful in
 7 rendering service to the public." Rate base primarily consists of the Company's
 8 investment in distribution and transmission system assets and related intangible and
 9 general plant assets that make up the original cost of utility plant, general plant and
 10 communication equipment, used and useful in providing utility service to the
 11 public. These items are designated as "plant" or Electric Plant in Service ("EPIS").
 12 Plant is reduced by accumulated depreciation and amortization to arrive at net plant
 13 in service. Other rate base items include plant held for future use ("PHFU"),
 14 accumulated provisions (except ADFIT), ADFIT, materials and supplies, cash
 15 working capital, prepayments and other rate base items. The Company's total
 16 requested rate base is approximately ~~\$6.5~~ billion. The individual rate base
 17 components are described below and can be seen on Schedule II-B and Exhibit
 18 KLC-07. In addition, adjustments to rate base are shown on Exhibit KLC-08a and
 19 explanations of the adjustments are provided on Exhibit KLC-08b. I address rate
 20 base adjustments below.

21 **A. Electric Plant in Service**

22 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE EPIS.**

23 A. EPIS is the capitalized expenditure for assets used and useful for the transmission
 24 and distribution of electricity within the Company's service territory. The

1 **G. Electric Plant Held for Future Use**

2 **Q. WHAT IS ELECTRIC PHFU?**

3 A. PHFU costs are accounted for in FERC Account 105, Electric Plant Held for Future
4 Use, and represent the original cost for electric plant owned assets that are held for
5 future use to provide electric service under a definite plan for such use.

6 **Q. WHAT TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSETS ARE INCLUDED AS PHFU?**

7 A. PHFU assets for the Company totaled \$11.4 million for the test year, as recorded
8 in FERC Account 105 and shown on Schedule II-B-6. For each asset, the expected
9 date of use and function of the asset was reviewed and assigned. Of the total assets
10 recorded to FERC Account 105, ~~\$1.1~~ million is expected to be used by the utility
11 in the next 10 years. Of the ~~\$1.1~~ million of PHFU, \$0.9 million is related to the
12 recently completed Brazoria Service Center. The remaining amount relates
13 primarily to land designated for substation use. The remaining assets totaling
14 ~~\$10.3~~ million are not planned to be used and useful in the next 10 years, are shown
15 on the Land Not Used in Next 10 Years adjustment,¹²⁰ and are not included in the
16 Company's rate base.

17 **Q. HOW ARE PHFU ASSETS FUNCTIONALIZED?**

18 A. PHFU is functionalized based on the intended use of the asset.

¹²⁰ See WP/II-B-6 for Adj 1 Land Not Used in Next 10 Years adjustment.

1 Q. HAVE ANY ADJUSTMENTS BEEN MADE TO THE TEST YEAR FOR
 2 PROPERTY, AUTO AND GENERAL, AND WORKERS'
 3 COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE?

4 A. Yes. An adjustment has been made to remove items that are not related to the
 5 Property Self-Insurance Reserve.¹²¹ No other adjustments have been made to the
 6 insurance test year-end reserve balances.

7 Q. HOW HAVE THE COMPANY'S SELF-INSURANCE RESERVES BEEN
 8 FUNCTIONALIZED?

9 A. The property self-insurance reserve has been functionalized to distribution,
 10 whereas, auto reserve is functionalized based on total gross plant in service, general
 11 reserve is functionalized based on net plant, excluding the general plant function,
 12 and workers' compensation is functionalized based on payroll.

13 2. Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Taxes

14 Q. WHAT IS THE TEST YEAR ADFIT AMOUNT INCLUDED IN THE
 15 FILING?

16 A. The Company's adjusted test year ADFIT balance is ~~\$(893.2)~~ million. ADFIT
 17 amounts are recorded in FERC Accounts 2820 and 2830, net of FERC Account
 18 190, as shown on Schedules II-B-7 and II-E-3.5.1. Based on 16 TAC
 19 § 25.231(c)(2)(C)(i), ADFIT is deducted from rate base. Mr. Pringle provides a
 20 description of ADFIT and further details regarding the calculation and treatment of
 21 ADFIT during the test year.

¹²¹ See WP/II-B-7 for Adj 1 Non-Distribution Items adjustment.

1 Q. ARE THERE ANY ADFIT-RELATED BALANCES THE COMPANY DID
2 NOT INCLUDE IN THIS FILING?

3 A. Yes. Please see Mr. Pringle's direct testimony for information on ADFIT related
4 balances that the Company did not include in this filing.

5 Q. WERE ANY ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE TEST YEAR ADFIT
6 BALANCE?

7 A. Yes. ADFIT was adjusted by ~~\$129.0~~ million as shown on Schedule II-B-7 and is
8 discussed in the direct testimony of Mr. Pringle. ^{^\$53.1}

9 Q. HOW HAS ADFIT BEEN FUNCTIONALIZED FOR THE TEST YEAR?

10 A. ADFIT is functionalized based on the related assets and liabilities that give rise to
11 the tax timing differences.

12 I. Materials & Supplies

13 Q. WHAT HAS THE COMPANY INCLUDED IN THIS FILING FOR
14 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES ("M&S")?

15 A. Following the RFP General Instructions, the Company has included an M&S
16 balance of \$109.7 million for the adjusted test year, which is based upon a thirteen-
17 month average. The balance is recorded in FERC Account 1540 and is shown on
18 Schedule II-B-8.

19 Q. WERE THERE ANY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE THIRTEEN-MONTH
20 AVERAGE M&S BALANCE?

21 A. No.

1 year-end customer deposit balances included in rate base are shown on Schedule
 2 II-B-11.

3 **Q. HOW HAVE CUSTOMER DEPOSITS BEEN FUNCTIONALIZED?**

4 A. Customer deposits have been directly assigned as shown on Schedule II-B-11.

5 **M. Regulatory Assets and Liabilities**

6 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S REGULATORY ASSETS AND**
 7 **LIABILITIES INCLUDED IN RATE BASE.**

8 A. ASC 980, *Regulated Operations*, allows utilities with cost-based rates established
 9 by a regulator to defer or capitalize certain costs or obligations for future
 10 ratemaking treatment. The regulatory assets and liabilities requested as part of the
 11 adjusted test year rate base balance are related to costs for bad debt, Hurricane
 12 Harvey, expedited switching, SMT, TMT, protected EDIT, Medicare Part D
 13 Subsidy, ~~Benefit Restoration Plan liability~~ and the pension deferral liability.¹³¹
 14 With the exception of the protected EDIT and Benefit Restoration Plan liability,
 15 these items are described in detail above in my testimony.

16 **Q. WHY IS IT APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE PROTECTED EDIT IN RATE**
 17 **BASE?**

18 A. As discussed in Mr. Pringle's direct testimony, protected EDIT was derived from
 19 ADFIT that was previously funded by customers. Therefore, the regulatory liability
 20 for protected EDIT should be included in rate base.

¹³¹ See WP/II-B-11 Adj 8 Pension BRP & Postretirement Adjustment, WP/II-B-11 Adj 9 Interest Rate Hedge Reclass, WP/II-B-12 Adj 10 Interest Rate Hedge Rate Base Removal, WP/II-B-12 Adj 2 Hurricane Harvey, WP/II-B-12 Adj 8 Interest Rate Hedges, WP/II-B-12 Adj 9 Interest Rate Hedge Removal, and WP/II-B-12 Adj 10 Margin Tax Adjustment.

1 Q. WHY IS IT APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE THE BENEFIT
2 RESTORATION PLAN LIABILITY IN RATE BASE?

3 A. For the same reasons as I discussed above for the inclusion of the prepaid pension
4 asset in prepayments, the benefit restoration plan associated with pension should
5 also be included in rate base. The benefit restoration plan is currently a liability of
6 \$6.9 million.¹³²

7 Q. HAS THE COMMISSION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE INCLUSION
8 AND TREATMENT OF THESE TYPES OF REGULATORY ASSETS AND
9 LIABILITIES IN RATE BASE?

10 A. Yes, specifically:

- 11 • Pension deferral costs were included in the Company's rate base in Docket
12 No. 38339.¹³³
- 13 • As noted above, deferred hurricane restoration costs were included in rate
14 base in Docket No. 32093.¹³⁴
- 15 • Expedited Switching costs were included in the Company's rate base in
16 Docket No. 38339.¹³⁵
- 17 • 16 TAC § 25.231(c)(2)(C)(i) explains that EDIT, which is a component of
18 ADIT, is a rate base item.
- 19 • In Docket No. 47364, the Commission authorized the Company to defer
20 SMT costs.¹³⁶
- 21 • Texas margin tax treatment was approved in Docket Nos. 29526 and
22 38339.¹³⁷

v WP/II-B-7 Adj 2 BRP

¹³² See ~~WP/II-B-11 Adj 8 Pension BRP & Postretirement Adjustment.~~

¹³³ Docket No. 38339, Order on Rehearing at Findings of Fact 60 for pension deferral and 66 for expedited switches (Jun. 23, 2011).

¹³⁴ Docket No. 32093, Final Order at Finding of Fact 78 (Sept. 5, 2006). See Section III.G.1.

¹³⁵ Docket No. 38339, Order on Rehearing at Findings of Fact 65 and 66 (Jun. 23, 2011).

¹³⁶ Docket No. 47364, Final Order at Finding of Fact 13(e) (Dec. 14, 2017).

¹³⁷ Docket No. 38339, Order on Rehearing at Findings of Fact 161-164 (Jun. 23, 2011); Docket No. 29526, Final Order at Findings of Fact 227-237 (Dec. 17, 2004).

- 1 • The Medicare Part D subsidy tax accrual and rate base treatment were
2 approved in Docket No. 38339.¹³⁸
- 3 • In Docket No. 46957, the Commission approved Oncor Electric Delivery
4 Company LLC's inclusion of bad debt in rate base as a regulatory asset.¹³⁹
- 5 **Q. ARE THERE ANY REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON THE**
6 **COMPANY'S BOOKS AND RECORDS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN**
7 **INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE BASE IN THIS**
8 **FILING?**
- 9 A. Yes. The following assets or liabilities are either included in another docket, tariff,
10 or are not earning a return: TCJA tax reform refund, EECRF, TCRF, AMS, AMS
11 Opt Out,¹⁴⁰ ADFIT Credit, deferred rate case expenses, ARO, Hurricane Ike
12 residual, EDIT Rider, and Tax Reg Assets.¹⁴¹ Also, the Company is proposing to
13 include unprotected EDIT in Rider UEDIT.
- 14 **N. Interest Rate Hedging**
- 15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ACCOUNTING FOR THE COMPANY'S**
16 **REQUEST TO INCLUDE A REGULATORY ASSET AND LIABILITY FOR**
17 **INTEREST RATE HEDGE.**
- 18 A. Accounting treatment for interest rate hedging is dependent on the hedge's
19 "effectiveness." Hedge effectiveness is a reference to when the fair value or cash

¹³⁸ Docket No. 38339, Order on Rehearing at Finding of Fact 159A (Jun. 23, 2011).

¹³⁹ *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, Docket No. 46957, Final Order at Finding of Fact 53 (Oct. 13, 2017). 48

¹⁴⁰ See WP/II-E-4.1 for Adj 6 Non-Standard Metering Amortization.

¹⁴¹ See WP/II-B-11 for Adj 2 DCRF Tax Reform Refund, WP/II-B-11 for Adj 3 EECRF, WP/II-B-11 for Adj 4 TCRF, WP/II-B-11 for Adj 5 AMS, WP/II-B-11 for Adj 6 ADFIT Credit, WP/II-B-11 for Adj 7 Hurricane Ike Residual, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 1 AMS Reconciliation, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 3 AMS Opt Out, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 4 ADFIT Credit, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 5 RCE, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 6 EECRF, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 7 Asset Retirement Obligation, WP/II-B-12 for Adj 11 EDIT Rider, and WP/II-B-12 for Adj 12 Tax Reg Assets.

1 Q. WERE THERE ANY ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO DETERMINE THE
2 COST OF DEBT?

3 A. Yes. The Company included interest rate hedge expenditures and gains in the cost
4 of debt calculation, as shown on Schedule II-C-2.4 and II-C-2.4a. For additional
5 information on interest rate hedges, see the direct testimony of Mr. McRae.

6 Q. ARE THERE ANY ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO THE EQUITY
7 COMPONENT OF THE RATE OF RETURN CALCULATION?

8 A. Yes. Equity is adjusted to match the proposed capital structure recommended by
9 Mr. McRae .

10 Q. Return on Rate Base

11 Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S REQUESTED RETURN ON RATE BASE
12 FOR THE TEST YEAR?

13 A. Total requested return on rate base included in the cost of service for the adjusted
14 test year is ~~\$479.1~~ million. Total rate base and return on rate base by function is
15 shown on Schedule II-B and Exhibit KLC-07.

16 V. ERCOT WHOLESALE TRANSMISSION COST OF SERVICE

17 Q. HOW WERE THE TCOS SCHEDULES PREPARED FOR SECTION III OF
18 THE RFP?

19 A. Section III represents all cost of service components that comprise the Company's
20 Wholesale TCOS in ERCOT. Many of the Section III schedules are identical to
21 the Section I and II schedules, except for O&M expense, which excludes the DSP
22 incremental TCOS expense shown on Schedule II-D-1, the CWC asset on Schedule
23 II-B-9 that reflects this same exclusion in determining the working capital, and

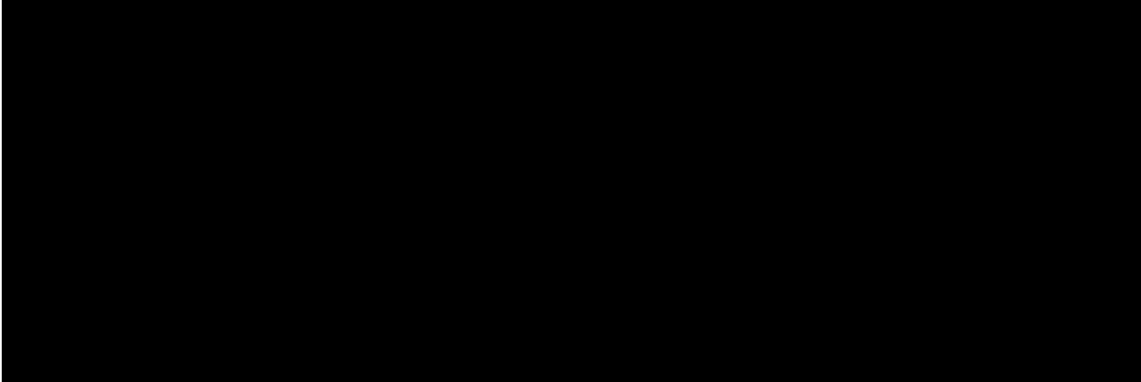
1 meter activities via both telephone and the internet. Because the department
2 supports the Company's new construction and new meter activities, it is reasonable
3 to assign the costs associated with this support to construction overhead as
4 authorized by FERC.

5 **Q. HOW DOES THE CALL CENTER DEPARTMENT CHARGE TIME TO**
6 **CONSTRUCTION OVERHEAD?**

7 A. Specific call center personnel are responsible for handling all communications
8 related to new construction and new meters. These personnel are required to track
9 the amount of time spent handling customers' inquiries. At the end of the week,
10 each employee identifies the number of hours that were devoted to handling
11 inquiries related to new construction and new meters and codes their time directly
12 to applicable work orders. These work orders settle to construction overhead orders
13 based on the actual monthly permit per builder count.

14 Once all charges are collected in construction overhead work orders, the
15 accounting system allocates construction overhead charges to eligible construction
16 work orders based on a percentage of the expenditures charged to that work order
17 in CWIP.

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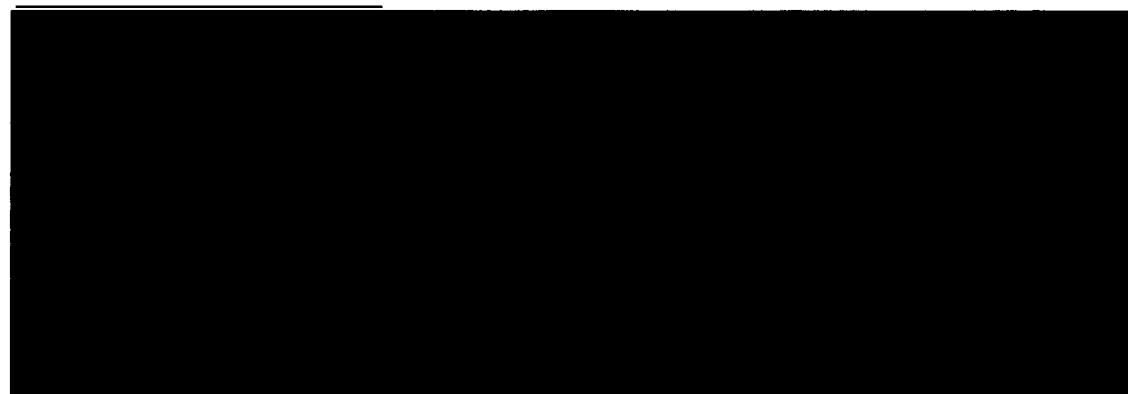
10 **E. Accounting for Leases**

11 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS ASU NO. 2016-02, LEASES (TOPIC 842).**

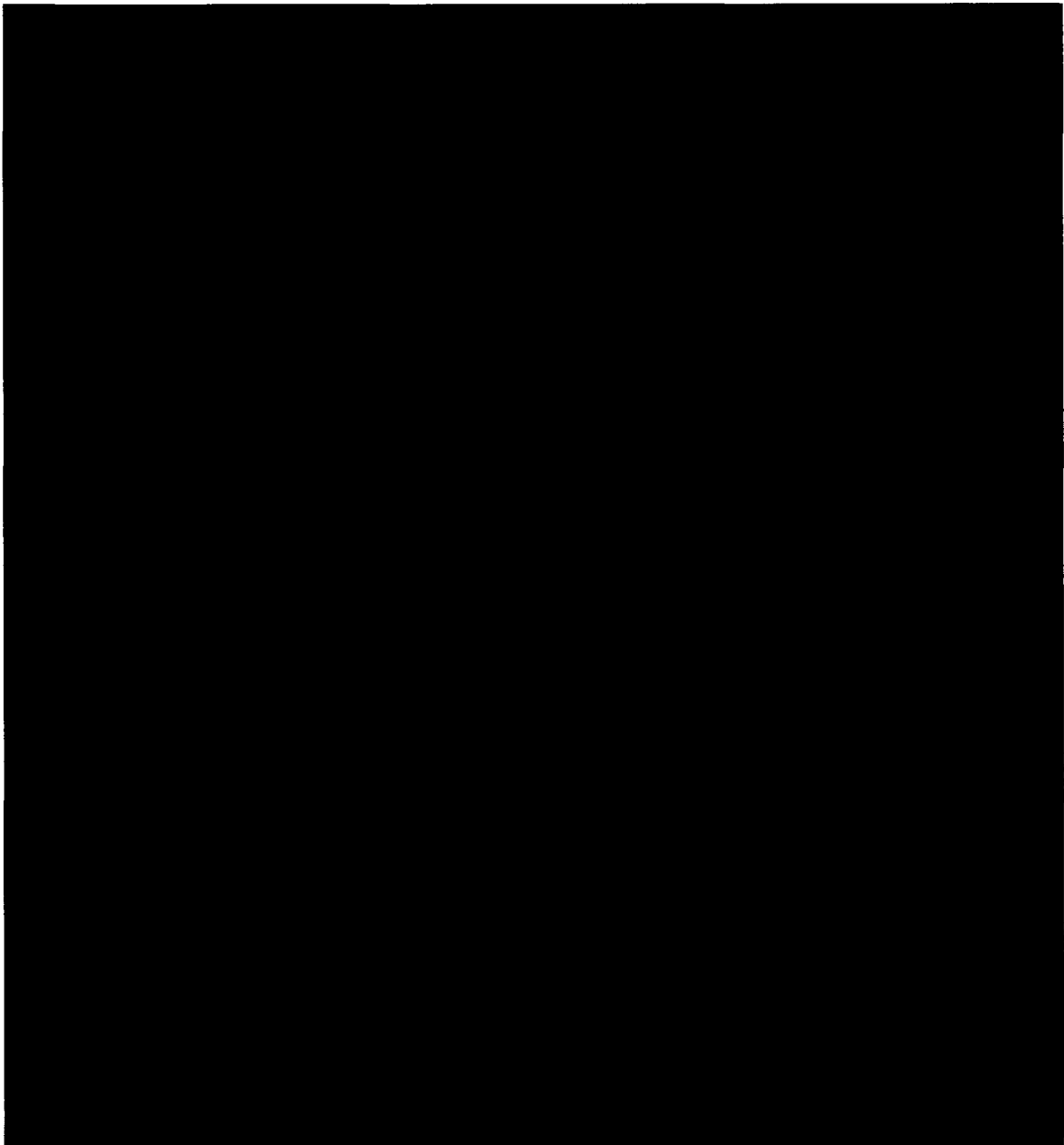
12 A. In 2016, Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting
13 Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (“ASC 842”), which
14 is guidance for the leases of property, plant, and equipment to “increase
15 transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets
16 and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about [the]
17 leasing arrangement” effective for the first fiscal year after December 15, 2018.¹⁴⁹
18 Under ASC 842, a lessee will recognize a right of use (“ROU”) asset and lease
19 liability on the balance sheet for obligations related to lease arrangements with
20 terms of more than 12 months. The lessor accounting is substantially the same as
21 it was prior to the release of ASC 842. FASB noted that operating leases, in
22 addition to finance leases, are to be reported on the balance sheet. The footnotes to

¹⁴⁹ FASB ASU Leases Topic 842, page 1.

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X. CONCLUSION

20 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

21 **A. Yes.**

¹⁵⁶ See WP/II-E-4.5 Adj 2 for the Employee OT adjustment.

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC RETAIL REVENUE REQUIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS (Thousands of Dollars)

	Adjustments	
O&M Expenses		
1 WP II-D-1 Adj 1 EECRF	\$ (31,375)	
2 WP II-D-1 Adj 2 Transportation Depreciation	(981)	
3 WP II-D-1 Adj 3 Bad Debt	523	
4 WP II-D-1 Adj 4 Affiliate Wages	1,408	
5 WP II-D-1 Adj 5 Direct Wages	6,130	
6 WP II-D-1 Adj 6 TCOS	(244,702)	(242,265)
7 WP II-D-1 Adj 7 Affiliate Other	(206)	
8 WP II-D-1 Adj 8 Employee Expenses	(223)	
9 WP II-D-1 Adj 9 Reclass Membership Dues	(222)	
10 WP II-D-1 Adj 10 Smart Meter Texas	3,565	
11 WP II-D-1 Adj 11 Not Used	-	
12 WP II-D-1 Adj 12 AMS Transportation Depreciation	(9)	
13 Total O&M Adjustments	(266,091)	(263,654)
A&G Expenses		
14 WP II-D-2 Adj 1 Energy Efficiency	(809)	
15 WP II-D-2 Adj 2 Transportation Depreciation	(11)	
16 WP II-D-2 Adj 3 Prior Period	(5,015)	
17 WP II-D-2 Adj 4 Affiliate Wages	2,364	
18 WP II-D-2 Adj 5 Direct Wages	(524)	
19 WP II-D-2 Adj 6 Benefits	(8,269)	(9,037)
20 WP II-D-2 Adj 7 Non-Recoverable	(226)	(178)
21 WP II-D-2 Adj 8 Employee Expense	(18)	
22 WP II-D-2 Adj 9 Property Self-Insurance Reserve	3,535	
23 WP II-D-2 Adj 10 Workers' Compensation	(348)	
24 WP II-D-2 Adj 11 Rate Case Expense	(74)	
25 WP II-D-2 Adj 12 Auto & General Reserve	(2,945)	
26 WP II-D-2 Adj 13 Reclass Membership Dues	222	
27 WP II-D-2 Adj 14 Affiliate Employee Expense	(814)	
28 WP II-D-2 Adj 15 Affiliate Other	(1)	
29 WP II-D-2 Adj 16 AMS Transportation Depreciation	(8)	
30 Total A&G Adjustments	(12,942)	(13,662)
Depreciation & Amortization, and Other Expenses		
31 WP II-E-1 Adj 1 Depreciation Study	(787)	3,555
32 WP II-E-1 Adj 2 Not Used	-	
33 WP II-E-1 Adj 3 AMS Depreciation	(32,498)	

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC RETAIL REVENUE REQUIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS (Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>Adjustments</u>	
34 WP II-E-1 Adj 4 Not Used	-	
35 WP II-E-1 Adj 5 Energy Efficiency	(31)	
36 WP II-E-1 Adj 6 Non-Utility Property	(15)	
37 WP II-E-1 Adj 7 Reclass	-	
38 WP II-E-4 Adj 1 Hurricane Ike	(1,781)	
39 WP II-E-4 Adj 2 AMS	(1,865)	
40 WP II-E-4 Adj 3 DCRF	(4)	
41 WP II-E-4 Adj 4 Bond Company Bank Fee	(0)	
42 WP II-E-4 Adj 5 Interest Rate Hedge	210	
43 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 1 Harvey Amortization	21,469	24,383
44 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 2 Ike Residual Amortization	(1,344)	
45 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 3 Pension PURA Amortization	(20,215)	
46 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 4 Texas Margin Tax Amortization	6,543	
47 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 5 Expedited Switches Amortization	386	
48 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 6 Non-Standard Metering Amortization	(23)	
49 WP II-E-4.1 Adj 8 Smart Meter Texas Amortization	2,313	
50 Total Depreciation & Amortization, and Other Expenses Adjustments	(27,642)	(20,385)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes		
51 WP II-E-2 Adj 1 Direct Wage	8	
52 WP II-E-2 Adj 2 Prior Period	(175)	
53 WP II-E-2 Adj 3 Ad Valorem Tax	6,068	6,250
54 WP II-E-2 Adj 4 Municipal Franchise Tax	2,009	2,473
55 WP II-E-2 Adj 5 State Margin Tax Test Year Expense	1,613	
56 WP II-E-2 Adj 6 EECRF	(117)	
57 Total Taxes Other Than Income Taxes Adjustments	9,408	10,053
Federal Income Tax		
58 Various	5,191	4,262
59 Total Adjustments to Retail Revenue Requirement	\$ (292,076)	(283,387)

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
TOTAL SUPPORTED RETAIL AND WHOLESALE REVENUE REQUIREMENT
(Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>Amounts</u>	
Retail Revenue Requirement	\$ <u>2,282,203</u>	2,284,110
Cost of Service		
O&M and A&G	\$ 1,162,985	1,164,702
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 351,230	358,487
Taxes Other than Income Taxes	\$ 278,298	278,944
Federal Income Tax	\$ 76,725	75,795
Minus: Other Revenues	\$ 66,092	67,903
Return	\$ 479,058	474,086
Total Rate Base	\$ 6,482,512	6,415,235
Rate of Return	7.39%	
 Wholesale Revenue Requirement	 \$ <u>395,797</u>	 394,360
Cost of Service		
O&M and A&G	\$ 106,519	106,384
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 79,657	79,575
Taxes Other than Income Taxes	\$ 43,928	43,989
Federal Income Tax	\$ 27,265	27,064
Minus: Other Revenues	\$ 36,316	
Return	\$ 174,743	173,664
Total Rate Base	\$ 2,364,585	2,349,984
Rate of Return	7.39%	

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC TOTAL SUPPORTED RETAIL RATE BASE (Thousands of Dollars)

	Per Books	Adjustments	Supported	
Net Plant in Service	7,699,538	17,264	7,716,802	
CWIP	427,251	(427,251)	-	
Plant Held for Future Use	11,382	(10,261)	(10,453)	929
Accumulated Provisions	(6,931)	(39)	(6,970)	(13,880)
Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Taxes	(1,022,136)	128,971	53,103	(969,033)
Materials & Supplies	109,729	-	109,729	
Cash Working Capital	72,877	72,787	(46,583)	26,204
Prepayments	17,994	172,386	190,380	
Customer Deposits & Advances	(17,870)	17,453	(417)	
Regulatory Liabilities	(1,046,387)	260,346	267,256	(779,131)
Regulatory Assets	199,295	(74,384)	(65,642)	133,653
Total Retail Rate Base	\$ 6,444,742	\$ 37,770	\$ 6,482,512	
	^6,444,652	^(29,416)	^6,415,235	
Rate of Return	7.39%	7.39%	7.39%	
Return	\$ 476,266	\$ 2,791	\$ 479,058	
	^476,260	^(2,174)	^474,086	

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
RETAIL RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>Adjustments</u>	
Net Plant In Service (WP II-B-1, WP II-B-2, WP II-B-3)		
1 Not Used	\$ -	
2 Advanced Meter System (AMS)	(158,664)	
3 Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO)	(22,106)	
4 Not Used	-	
5 Non-Utility Property	(1,035)	
6 Reclass	-	
7 Depreciation Study-Retirements	(11,754)	
8 Total Net Plant In Service (WP II-B-1, WP II-B-2, WP II-B-3)	<u>(193,559)</u>	
Construction Work in Progress		
9 CWIP excluded in total	(427,251)	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
10 WP II-B-5 Adj 1 Depreciation Study - Retirements	11,754	
11 WP II-B-5 Adj 2 Depreciation Study - Reserve Reallocation	0	
12 WP II-B-5 Adj 3 AMS	186,727	
13 WP II-B-5 Adj 4 ARO	12,328	
14 WP II-B-5 Adj 5 Not Used	-	
15 WP II-B-5 Adj 6 Non-Utility Property	15	
16 WP II-B-5 Adj 7 Reclass	-	
17 Total Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>210,824</u>	
Plant Held for Future Use		
18 WP II-B-6 Adj 1 Land Not Used in Next 10 Years	(10,261)	(10,453)
Accumulated Provisions		
19 WP II-B-7 Adj 1 Non-Distribution Items	(39)	
20 WP II-B-7 Adj 2 Not Used 2 BRP	<u>-</u>	(6,910)
21 Total Accumulated Provisions	(39)	(6,949)
Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Taxes		
22 WP II-B-7 Adj 3 ADIT	128,971	53,103

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
RETAIL RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>Adjustments</u>	
Cash Working Capital		
23 Lead Lag Study	(46,714)	(46,583)
Prepayments		
24 WP II-B-10 Adj 1 Other Affiliates	(69)	
25 WP II-B-10 Adj 2 Historic Executive Benefit Plans	(3,812)	
26 WP II-B-10 Adj 3 Prepaid Pension Asset	176,268	
27 Total Prepayments	172,387	
Customer Deposits & Advances		
28 WP II-B-11 Adj 3 EECRF	63	
29 WP II-B-11 Adj 1 Customer Advances for Construction	17,390	
30 Total Customer Deposits & Advances	17,453	
Regulatory Liabilities		
31 WP II-B-11 Adj 2 DCRF Tax Reform Refund	16,715	
32 WP II-B-11 Adj 3 EECRF	5,193	
33 WP II-B-11 Adj 4 TCRF	40,459	
34 WP II-B-11 Adj 5 AMS	1,681	
35 WP II-B-11 Adj 6 ADFIT Credit	1,852	
36 WP II-B-11 Adj 7 Hurricane Ike Residual	4,031	
37 WP II-B-11 Adj 8 Pension BRP & Postretirement	61,613	68,522
38 WP II-B-11 Adj 9 Interest Rate Hedge Reclass	(5,537)	
39 WP II-B-11 Adj 10 Interest Rate Hedge Rate Base Removal	5,537	
40 WP II-B-11 Adj 11 EDIT	128,802	
41 Total Regulatory Liabilities	260,346	267,255
Regulatory Assets		
42 WP II-B-12 Adj 1 AMS Reconciliation	(187)	
43 WP II-B-12 Adj 2 Hurricane Harvey	16	8,758
44 WP II-B-12 Adj 3 AMS Opt Out	(12)	
45 WP II-B-12 Adj 4 ADFIT Credit	(1,547)	

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
RETAIL RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	<u>Adjustments</u>	
46 WP II-B-12 Adj 5 RCE	(4,801)	
47 WP II-B-12 Adj 6 EECRF	(59)	
48 WP II-B-12 Adj 7 Asset Retirement Obligation	(23,705)	
49 WP II-B-12 Adj 8 Interest Rate Hedges	23,467	
50 WP II-B-12 Adj 9 Interest Rate Hedge Removal	(23,467)	
51 WP II-B-12 Adj 10 Margin Tax	(400)	
52 WP II-B-12 Adj 11 EDIT Rider	(23,298)	
53 WP II-B-12 Adj 12 Tax Reg Assets	(20,391)	
54 Total Regulatory Assets	<u>(74,385)</u>	(65,642)
Total Adjustment to Rate Base	\$ 37,770	(29,418)
55 Rate of Return	<u>7.39%</u>	
Adjustment to Return on Rate Base	<u>\$ 2,791</u>	(2,174)

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
RETAIL RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS- EXPLANATIONS

			Witness
Net Plant in Service and Accumulated Depreciation			
1	Advanced Meter System (AMS)	Company's AMS activities are recovered through a separate surcharge, these items have been removed from the test year.	K. Colvin
2	Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO)	The Company has adjusted asset retirement obligations since these costs represents an estimate of future obligations related to the retirement or removal of assets.	K. Colvin
3	Non-Utility Property	The Company is removing Non-Utility Property not requested in this Docket.	K. Colvin
4	Reclass	The Company is reclassing plant to ensure it is in the correct asset class.	K. Colvin
5	Depreciation Study Retirements and Reserve Reallocation	The Company is requesting updates based on the depreciation study.	K. Colvin / D. Watson
Construction Work in Progress			
6	CWIP excluded in total	The Company is not seeking a return on CWIP amounts following Texas Administrative Code §25.231 (c)(2)(D).	K. Colvin
Plant Held for Future Use			
7	WP II-B-6 Adj 1 Land Not Used in Next 10 Years	The Company is not seeking a return on certain amounts following Texas Administrative Code §25.231(c)(2)(F)(iii) for plant held for future use.	K. Colvin
Accumulated Provisions			
8	WP II-B-7 Adj 1 Non-Distribution Items	Adjustment to remove items in Property Insurance Reserve that are not eligible for recovery through the reserve.	K. Colvin
Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Taxes			
9	WP II-B-7 Adj 3 ADIT	An adjustment has been made to remove certain ADIT balances from rate base.	C. Pringle
Cash Working Capital			
10	Lead Lag Study	A Lead lag Study was prepared for this filing. This adjustment reflects the result of the study in rate base.	K. Colvin / T. Lyons
Prepayments			
11	WP II-B-10 Adj 1 Other Affiliates	Remove affiliate billed amount for GPS devices not applicable to the Company.	K. Colvin
12	WP II-B-10 Adj 2 Historic Executive Benefit Plans	Historic executive benefit plans and associated COLI programs have been removed. The company is not including these amounts in this Docket.	K. Colvin
13	WP II-B-10 Adj 3 Prepaid Pension Asset	The Company is requesting a return on its Prepaid Pension Asset.	K. Colvin / L. Harkel Rumford

Accumulated Provision**WP II-B-7 Adj 2 BRP**

This adjustment is to remove balances that are required under GAAP that have no impact on rate making,

K. Colvin

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
RETAIL RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS- EXPLANATIONS

			Witness
Customer Deposits & Advances			
14	WP II-B-11 Adj 3 EECRF	The Company will refund the over collections of its Energy Efficiency programs and activities through a separate rider (EECRF). Accordingly, these Energy Efficiency costs have been removed from rate base.	K. Colvin
15	WP II-B-11 Adj 1 Customer Advances for Construction	This adjustment removes the Customer Advances for Construction from Rate Base.	K. Colvin
Regulatory Liabilities			
16	WP II-B-11 Adj 2 DCRF Tax Reform Refund	The Company will refund the TCJA amounts for its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor filing through a separate rider (DCRF). Accordingly, these amounts have been removed from rate base.	K. Colvin
17	WP II-B-11 Adj 3 EECRF	The Company will refund the over collections of its Energy Efficiency programs and activities through a separate rider (EECRF). Accordingly, these Energy Efficiency costs have been removed from rate base.	K. Colvin
18	WP II-B-11 Adj 4 TCRF	The Company will refund the over collection of costs for its Transmission Cost Recovery Factor through a separate rider (TCRF). Accordingly, these amounts have been removed from rate base.	K. Colvin
19	WP II-B-11 Adj 5 AMS	Company's AMS activities are recorded through a separate surcharge. Accordingly, these items have been removed from the rate base.	K. Colvin
20	WP II-B-11 Adj 6 ADFIT Credit	Company ADFIT Credit are recovered through a separate surcharge, these items have been removed from the rate base.	K. Colvin
21	WP II-B-11 Adj 7 Hurricane Ike Residual	The Company is not requesting a return on the Hurricane Ike Residual.	K. Colvin
22	WP II-B-11 Adj 8 Pension BRP & Postretirement	This adjustment is to remove balances that are required under GAAP that have no impact on rate making.	K. Colvin
23	WP II-B-11 Adj 9 Interest Rate Hedge Reclass	The Company is proposing to record the interest rate hedge as a regulatory asset.	K. Colvin
24	WP II-B-11 Adj 10 Interest Rate Hedge Rate Base Removal	The Company is not requesting a return on the interest rate hedge regulatory asset.	K. Colvin
25	WP II-B-11 Adj 11 EDIT	The Company is proposing to refund unprotected EDIT outside of base rates. Accordingly, these amounts have been removed from rate base.	C. Pringle

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
RETAIL RATE BASE ADJUSTMENTS TO TEST YEAR AMOUNTS- EXPLANATIONS

			Witness
Regulatory Assets			
26	WP II-B-12 Adj 1 AMS Reconciliation	The Company's AMS activities are recovered through a separate surcharge, these items have been removed from the test year.	K. Colvin
27	WP II-B-12 Adj 2 Hurricane Harvey	The Hurricane Harvey adjustment amount is to remove amounts not properly charged.	K. Colvin
28	WP II-B-12 Adj 3 AMS Opt Out	Company's AMS Opt Out expenditures are recovered through a separate mechanism. These items have been removed from the test year rate base.	K. Colvin
29	WP II-B-12 Adj 4 ADFIT Credit	Company ADFIT Credit are recovered through a separate surcharge, these items have been removed from the test year rate base.	K. Colvin
30	WP II-B-12 Adj 5 RCE	The Company is proposing to recover the costs of its rate case expenses through a separate rider. Accordingly, these rate case costs have been removed from test year rate base.	K. Colvin
31	WP II-B-12 Adj 6 EECRF	The Company will recover the costs of its Energy Efficiency programs and activities through a separate rider (EECRF). Accordingly, these Energy Efficiency costs have been removed from test year rate base.	K. Colvin
32	WP II-B-12 Adj 7 Asset Retirement Obligation	The Company has adjusted asset retirement obligations since these costs represents an estimate of future obligations related to the retirement or removal of assets recorded for GAAP purposes.	K. Colvin
33	WP II-B-12 Adj 8 Interest Rate Hedges	The Company is proposing to record the interest rate hedge as a regulatory asset.	K. Colvin
34	WP II-B-12 Adj 9 Interest Rate Hedge Removal	The Company is not requesting a return on the interest rate hedge regulatory asset.	K. Colvin
35	Various Tax Related Regulatory Assets	The Company has adjusted rate base for various Tax related Regulatory Assets.	C. Pringle

**Errata 1 to
Direct Testimony of Charles W. Pringle**

1 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF CHARLES W. PRINGLE**

2 I present testimony, schedules and supporting workpapers on behalf of CenterPoint
3 Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint Houston” or the “Company”) related to
4 federal income taxes (“FIT”) and the Texas state franchise tax (also known as the Texas
5 margin tax) amounts for the 2018 test year. My testimony:

- 6 • supports the Company’s request for CenterPoint Energy Service Company,
7 LLC’s Corporate Tax department test year affiliate expenses;
- 8 • explains certain provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (“TCJA”)
9 and how those provisions are reflected in this filing;
- 10 • explains the income tax schedules required to be included in this filing;
- 11 • describes the functionalization of income taxes to: Transmission,
12 Distribution, Transmission and Distribution Utility Metering System
13 Services, and Transmission and Distribution Utility Customer Services;
- 14 • addresses issues related to the appropriate treatment of income taxes;
- 15 • explains adjustments that were made to the FIT and Texas margin tax in this
16 proceeding; and
- 17 • demonstrates that the FIT and Texas margin tax amounts included in this
18 rate request are reasonable and necessary.

19 My testimony and supporting schedules demonstrate that CenterPoint Houston’s
20 requested tax related cost of service items are as follows:

EXPENSES:		
Federal Income Tax Expense	\$76.7 million	\$75.8 million
Texas Margin Tax Expense	\$20.0 million	
RATE BASE:		
Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Taxes	(\$893.2) million	(\$969.0) million
Regulatory Liability: Protected EDIT (TCJA)	(\$718.5) million	
Regulatory Liability: Protected EDIT (Pre TCJA)	(\$2.0) million	
Regulatory Asset: Texas Margin Tax	\$19.6 million	
Regulatory Asset: Medicare Part D Subsidy	\$33.2 million	

**Errata 1 to
Direct Testimony of Justin J. Hyland**

1 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF JUSTIN J. HYLAND**

2 I explain the computation of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's
 3 ("CenterPoint Houston") 2018 property taxes and the process through which CenterPoint
 4 Houston divided its 2018 property taxes into the four functions included in this case:
 5 Transmission, Distribution, Transmission and Distribution Metering, and Transmission
 6 and Distribution Customer Service.

7 More specifically, my testimony:

- 8 • addresses how electric utility property, including CenterPoint Houston's
 9 electric utility property, is valued for tax purposes in Texas;
- 10 • describes the proactive position CenterPoint Energy Service Company,
 11 LLC's Property Tax Department takes with respect to the valuation of
 12 CenterPoint Houston's property, which ensures that CenterPoint Houston
 13 and its customers pay no more than their fair share of the property tax
 14 burden;
- 15 • explains how the 2018 property taxes were computed;
- 16 • explains that property taxes have been functionalized in the same manner
 17 that the assets, upon which the taxes are assessed, have been functionalized;
 18 and
- 19 • confirms that the process used to functionalize property tax expenses is the
 20 same process that was used and approved in Docket Nos. 22355, 32093, and
 21 38339.

22 My testimony and supporting materials will show that ^{\$88.6}~~\$88.4~~ million in property
 23 taxes that was assessed to CenterPoint Houston during 2018 and that ^{\$94.4}~~\$94.2~~ million in
 24 property taxes that are expected to be assessed to CenterPoint Houston during 2019 with
 25 respect to 2018 property additions are reasonable and necessary for the provision of electric
 26 utility service and should be included in CenterPoint Houston's cost of service.

1 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JUSTIN J. HYLAND**

2 **I. INTRODUCTION**

3 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND OCCUPATION.**

4 A. My name is Justin J. Hyland, and I am the Director of Indirect Taxes (Ad
5 Valorem & Sales Taxes) for CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC (“Service
6 Company”).

7 **Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

8 A. I am testifying on behalf of CenterPoint Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint
9 Houston” or the “Company”).

10 **Q. PLEASE GIVE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND,**
11 **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, AND COMPANY EXPERIENCE.**

12 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, with a double major in Economics and
13 Managerial Studies, from Rice University in 1995. From 1995 until 2004, I was
14 employed with KPMG LLP in a variety of state and local tax roles, including as
15 Senior Manager. From 2004 until 2007, I was primarily partner in a state & local
16 tax consulting firm in Houston. Subsequent to that I served as Director of
17 Property & Transaction Taxes with Calpine Corporation from 2007 thru 2013.
18 Since January 2014, I have served as Director of Indirect Taxes for CenterPoint
19 Energy, Inc. (“CNP”) and, subsequently, the Service Company. I hold a Senior
20 Property Tax Consulting license in the State of Texas.

21 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

22 A. I support the recovery of CenterPoint Houston’s reasonable and necessary (1) 2018
23 property taxes assessed in the amount of ^{\$88.6}~~\$88.4~~ million and (2) 2019 property taxes
24 expected to be assessed with respect to 2018 property additions in the amount of

\$94.4

~~\$94.2~~ million. I also briefly summarize the process by which electric utility property is valued in the State of Texas and the process the ad valorem tax department used to functionalize these property taxes for this CenterPoint Houston filing.

Q. WHAT SCHEDULES ARE YOU SPONSORING IN THIS RATE FILING PACKAGE?

A. I sponsor Schedule II-E-2.1 and II-E-2.1.4, and co-sponsor Schedule II-E-2 with Company witnesses Charles W. Pringle and Kristie L. Colvin.

**II. PROPERTY TAX VALUATION OF ELECTRIC
UTILITY PROPERTY IN TEXAS**

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SERVICE COMPANY'S AD VALOREM TAX DEPARTMENT?

A. The purpose of this department is to report the property owned by CNP and its affiliates to the various county appraisal districts in the State of Texas and to taxing authorities in other states where the property is located, to appropriately negotiate the taxable value of that property, and to ensure that the ad valorem taxes are appropriately and timely paid. A major aspect of this department's function is its responsibility for the negotiations concerning the valuation of the taxable property of CNP and affiliated entities. The department performs its own valuation analysis of this property and vigorously argues for this valuation in discussions with the appraisal entities in the various states. By taking a pro-active position with respect to the valuation of this property, the property tax department is able to ensure that CenterPoint Houston and its customers pay no more than their fair share of the property tax burden.

1 used in many states and is the method used by every appraisal district in Texas in
2 which CenterPoint Houston has taxable property.

3 **Q. ARE ALL OF CENTERPOINT HOUSTON'S ELECTRIC UTILITY**
4 **ASSETS VALUED UNDER THIS UNIT VALUE CONCEPT?**

5 A. No. Although the majority of CenterPoint Houston's assets are assigned a value
6 under the unit value concept, some types of utility assets, such as land, are similar
7 to those owned by non-utility owners. Because of that fact, these assets are usually
8 not valued under the unit value concept but are instead valued in the same manner
9 as non-utility assets are valued when owned by non-utilities in order to ensure that
10 they are valued equitably with similar assets owned by non-utility owners.

11 **Q. WHAT WAS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF AD VALOREM TAXES**
12 **ASSESSED AGAINST CENTERPOINT HOUSTON FOR 2018?**

13 A. During 2018, CenterPoint Houston was assessed approximately ^{\$88.6}~~\$88.4~~ million in ad
14 valorem taxes.

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF AD VALOREM TAXES EXPECTED FOR**
16 **2019?**

17 A. The amount of ad valorem taxes expected for 2019 equals the ad valorem taxes
18 assessed during 2018 plus an additional amount for capital additions placed into
19 service in 2018 that form the base of the ad valorem taxes that will be assessed
20 during 2019. To calculate this amount, the property tax department multiplies the
21 total 2018 property taxes assessed by a factor that captures the change in taxable
22 plant in service ("PIS") during 2018:

23 Ad Valorem Tax Additions Factor = (2018 ending taxable PIS - 2018 beginning
24 PIS) / 2018 beginning PIS

1 The resulting amount of ad valorem taxes expected for 2019 is ^{\$94.4}~~\$94.2~~ million.

2 **Q. IS THE PROPERTY TAX BASE FOR THE 2019 PROPERTY TAXES A**
3 **KNOWN AMOUNT?**

4 A. Yes. All of the assets comprising the property tax base for 2019 were placed in
5 service in 2018.

6 **Q. IS CENTERPOINT HOUSTON USING A DIFFERENT TAX RATE FOR**
7 **THE 2019 AD VALOREM TAXES THAN FOR 2018?**

8 A. No. This is a reasonable assumption. Over the last three years, the overall effective
9 property tax rate has been in a narrow band between 2.60% and 2.63%.

10 **III. FUNCTIONALIZATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXPENSES**

11 **Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THE PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT**
12 **APPROACHED DETERMINING THE PROPERTY TAX EXPENSES FOR**
13 **EACH OF THE FOUR FUNCTIONS REQUIRED FOR THIS FILING?**

14 A. Property taxes in Texas are assessed on a calendar year basis and are based upon
15 the value of property existing on January 1 of each year. The test year for this
16 proceeding was calendar year 2018. Therefore, for purposes of this analysis, the
17 property tax department functionalized the property taxes assessed against
18 CenterPoint Houston for the 2018 calendar year.

19 **Q. WHAT PROCESS DID THE PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT USE TO**
20 **SEPARATE THE PROPERTY TAX EXPENSES INTO THE FUNCTIONS?**

21 A. The process described below is precisely the same process that was used to
22 functionalize the property tax expenses in Docket Nos. 22355, 32093, and 38339.
23 CenterPoint Houston has approximately 3,400 different property tax accounts in
24 the State of Texas. In order to facilitate the normal processing of these accounts,

1 **Q. ONCE THE PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT COMPLETED THE**
 2 **FUNCTIONALIZATION OF ALL OF THESE PROPERTY TAX**
 3 **ACCOUNTS, HOW DID THE PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT**
 4 **DETERMINE THE TAX AMOUNTS BY FUNCTION?**

5 A. Once the analysis and functionalization of the tax amounts for each of the property
 6 types was completed, the property tax department totaled the tax amounts for each
 7 function to arrive at the total 2018 property tax amount by function. The tax
 8 amounts by function, as determined through this process, are as follows:

FIGURE 1 - PROPERTY TAX BY FUNCTION

Property Type	TRAN FUNCT. #1	DIST FUNCT. #2	MET FUNCT. #3	TDCS FUNCT. #4	TOTAL TAX
Substations	\$8,643,709	\$4,847,048	\$47,946	\$59,254	\$13,597,957
Transmission	\$11,094,743	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,094,743
Distribution	\$630,038	\$42,200,504	\$2,638,341	\$108,569	\$45,577,452
Service Center	\$1,418,309	\$3,737,116	\$339,431	\$256,983	\$5,751,839
Land	\$8,897,638	\$1,781,808	\$7,351	\$4,338	\$10,691,135
Business Personal Property	\$627,900	\$715,689	\$67,515	\$125,013	\$1,536,117
Royalties	\$1,510	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,510
Industrial Dist.	\$175,724	\$127,777	\$27	\$16	\$303,544
	\$31,489,571	\$53,409,942	\$3,100,611	\$554,173	\$88,554,297
	35.56%	60.31%	3.50%	0.63%	100.00%

9 The percentages above were then used to functionalize the 2019 expected
 10 assessment of ^{\$94.4}~~\$94.2~~ million.

11 **Q. IS THIS METHOD OF FUNCTIONALIZING PROPERTY TAXES**
 12 **REASONABLE?**

13 A. Yes. In my opinion this is the most reasonable and logical way to functionalize the
 14 property taxes. As explained above, the property taxes have been functionalized in

1 the same manner that the assets, upon which the taxes are assessed, have been
2 functionalized. Also as indicated above, this is the same method used to
3 functionalize the property taxes in Docket Nos. 22355, 32093 and 38339.

4 **IV. CONCLUSION**

5 **Q. WHAT CONCLUSION HAVE YOU REACHED IN YOUR ANALYSIS?**

6 A. I have determined that CenterPoint Houston appropriately and vigorously defends
7 its property valuation methods before appraisal districts, that the property taxes
8 assessed on CenterPoint Houston during 2018 in the amount of ^{\$88.6}~~\$88.4~~ million and
9 that are expected to be assessed on CenterPoint Houston for 2018 additions in the
10 amount of ^{\$94.4}~~\$94.2~~ million are reasonable and necessary for the provision of electric
11 transmission and distribution utility service, and that such taxes have been
12 functionalized in the most reasonable and logical way and consistent with prior rate
13 cases.

14 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

15 A. Yes, it does.

**Removal of Issues Not to be Addressed
from
Direct Testimony of Dane A. Watson**

Figure 1

Account	Description	Approved Life	Approved Curve	Proposed Life	Proposed Curve
E30302	Intangible Plant 5 year	5	SQ	5	SQ
E30302	Intangible Plant 7 year	7	SQ	7	SQ
E30302	Intangible Plant 10 year	10	SQ	10	SQ
E30302	Intangible Plant 15 year	NA	NA	15	SQ
E35002	Land Rights	75	R1	75	R1
E35201	Structures & Improvements	60	R4	60	R1.5
E35301	Station Equipment	47	R1	53	R0.5
E35401	Towers & Fixtures	60	R4	59	R2.5
E35501	Poles and Fixtures	40	R0.5	60	R0.5
E35601	O/H Conduct/Devices	50	R2	61	R1.5
E35701	Underground Conduit	60	R5	60	R5
E35801	U/G Conduct/Devices	40	R5	44	S6
E35901	Roads and Trails	58	S6	52	S6
E36002	Land Rights	55	R1	60	R1
E36101	Structures & Improvements	56	R4	60	R4
E36201	Station Equipment	47	R1.5	48	R1
E36401	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	35	R0.5	35	R0.5
E36501	O/H Conduct Devices	40	R0.5	38	R0.5
E36601	Underground Conduit	37	S6	62	R2.5
E36701	U/G Conduct/Devices	31	R0.5	38	R0.5
E36801	Line Transformers	28	R1	28	R1
E36901	Services	36	R0.5	46	R0.5
E37001	Meters	27	R2	21	R3
E37001	AMS Meters	7	SQ	20	R2
E37301	Street Light/Signal Systems	36	R1	39	R1
E37401	Security Lighting	36	R1	39	R1
E38902	Land Rights	50	R2	55	R2
E39001	Structures & Improvements	40	R2	50	R4
E39101	Office F/F	24	SQ	24	SQ
E39201	Transportation Equipment	12	R1.5	13	L2
E39301	Stores Equipment	19	SQ	19	SQ
E39401	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	18	SQ	18	SQ
E39501	Laboratory Equipment	25	SQ	25	SQ
E39601	Power Operated Equipment	21	L1.5	18	L2
E39701	Microwave Equipment	24	SQ	22	R2
E39702	Computer Equipment	8	SQ	8	SQ
E39801	Miscellaneous Equipment	20	SQ	20	SQ

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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC

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Figure 2

Account	Description	Approved Net Salvage	Proposed Net Salvage
E30302	Intangible Plant 5 year	0%	0%
E30302	Intangible Plant 7 year	0%	0%
E30302	Intangible Plant 10 year	0%	0%
E30302	Intangible Plant 15 year	NA	0%
E35002	Land Rights	0%	0%
E35201	Structures. & Improvements	0%	-5%
E35301	Station Equipment	-5%	-10%
E35401	Towers & Fixtures	-15%	-30%
E35501	Poles and Fixtures	-35%	-50%
E35601	O/H Conduct/Devices	-74%	-100%
E35701	Underground Conduit	0%	-5%
E35801	U/G Conduct/Devices	-2%	-5%
E35901	Roads and Trails	0%	0%
E36002	Land Rights	0%	0%
E36101	Structures & Improvements	-10%	-10%
E36201	Station Equipment	0%	-10%
E36401	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	-45%	-45%
E36501	O/H Conduct Devices	-23%	-30%
E36601	Underground Conduit	-20%	-30%
E36701	U/G Conduct/Devices	-13%	-35%
E36801	Line Transformers	-2%	-15%
E36901	Services	-20%	-60%
E37001	Meters	0%	0%
E37003	AMS Meters	0%	0%
E37301	Street Lighting/Signal Systems	-40%	-30%
E37401	Security Lighting	-40%	-30%
E38902	Land Rights	0%	0%
E39001	Structures. & Improvements	0%	-5%
E39101	Office F/F	0%	0%
E39201	Transportation Equipment	9%	10%
E39301	Stores Equipment	0%	0%
E39401	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	0%	0%
E39501	Laboratory Equipment	0%	0%
E39601	Power Operated Equipment	8%	6%
E39701	Microwave Equipment	0%	2%
E39702	Computer Equipment	0%	0%
E39801	Miscellaneous. Equipment	0%	0%

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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC

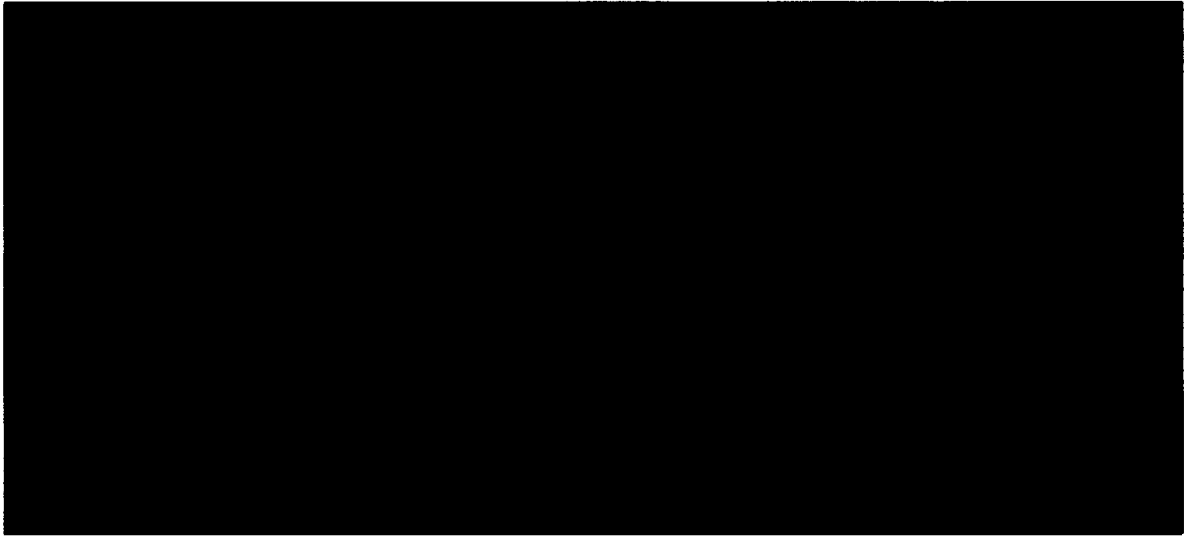
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Implementation of this approach did not affect the annual expense accrued by CenterPoint Houston and provides for the timely retirement of assets and the simplification of accounting for general property. Both the FERC and the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT") have approved this approach. The decreased expense in General Amortized Plant is due to the recognition of changes in lives, not the continued use of Vintaged Group Amortization, as shown in Appendix E-4. A summary of the existing and proposed annual accrual rates are listed below.

CenterPoint Houston
Current and Requested Depreciation Rates

<u>Description</u>		<u>Existing Accrual Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Accrual Rate</u>
Intangible Plant			
303	Intangible Plant 5 Year Life	20.00%	20.00%
303	Intangible Plant 7 Year Life	14.29%	14.29%
303	Intangible Plant 10 Year Life	10.00%	10.00%
303	Intangible Plant 15 Year Life	NA	6.67%
Transmission Plant			
350	Land Rights	1.32%	1.31%
352	Structures and Improvements	1.65%	1.74%
353	Station Equipment	2.21%	2.05%
354	Towers and Fixtures	1.89%	2.15%
355	Poles and Fixtures	3.35%	2.47%
356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	3.34%	3.21%
357	Underground Conduit	1.64%	1.73%
358	Underground Conductors and Devices	2.45%	2.35%
359	Roads and Trails	1.71%	1.90%
Distribution Plant (Excluding Meters)			
360	Land Rights	1.42%	1.55%
361	Structures and Improvements	1.62%	1.68%
362	Station Equipment	1.84%	2.14%
364	Poles, Towers and Fixtures	3.64%	3.84%
365	Overhead Conductors and Devices	2.74%	3.24%
366	Underground Conduits	2.53%	1.96%
367	Underground Conductors and Devices	3.27%	3.34%
368	Line Transformers	3.07%	3.71%
369	Services	2.97%	3.76%
370	Meters	4.66%	3.32%
370.3	Smart Meters	14.29%	4.77%
373 & 374	Street Lighting and Signal Systems	3.45%	3.09%
General Plant (Excluding General Plant Amortized)			
389	Land Rights	2.01%	1.80%



This account consists of the salvage and removal cost related to a wide variety of distribution substation equipment, from transformers to circuit breakers to switchgear. The approved net salvage is zero percent. Salvage has been recorded consistently since 2002, but generally cost of removal has and is expected to continue to exceed salvage. Based on consistent longer band (10 year) indications, which show a negative 11.22 percent adjusted net salvage, this study recommends moving to a negative 10 percent net salvage for this account.



Account 364 Poles, Towers, and Fixtures (negative 45 percent NS)

This account consists of the salvage and removal cost related to various types and sizes of distribution poles, towers and other related equipment. The approved net salvage is negative 45 percent. Between 1974 and 2017, the Company experienced positive net salvage in only two years. While gross salvage has been recorded and is expected to continue, the cost of removal has and is expected to continue to exceed salvage proceeds. This trend is supported by the fact that the adjusted net salvage for the last 10 years has been around or more negative than negative 45 percent in the last nine years. Based on the consistent band indications, this study recommends retaining the negative 45 percent net salvage for this account.

Account 365 Overhead Conductor and Devices (negative 30 percent NS)

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
COMPARISON OF DEPRECIATION ACCRUAL
AT EXISTING VS PROPOSED RATES
AT DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Account	Description	Original Cost at 12/31/17	Existing Accrual Rate	Annual Accrual at Existing Rates	Proposed Accrual Rate	Annual Accrual at Proposed Rates	Difference Proposed vs Existing
Transmission Property							
E35002	LAND RIGHTS	92,262,040.65	1.32%	1,217,858.94	1.31%	1,208,632.73	(9,226.20)
E35201	STRUCT. & IMPROVEMTS	173,702,368.93	1.65%	2,866,089.09	1.74%	3,022,421.22	156,332.13
E35301	STATION EQUIPMENT	955,050,688.44	2.21%	21,106,620.21	2.05%	19,578,539.11	(1,528,081.10)
E35401	TOWERS & FIXTURES	653,563,738.76	1.89%	12,352,354.66	2.15%	14,051,620.38	1,699,265.72
E35501	POLES AND FIXTURES	123,402,914.23	3.35%	4,133,997.63	2.47%	3,048,051.98	(1,085,945.65)
E35601	O/H CONDUCT/DEVICES	553,862,290.29	3.34%	18,499,000.50	3.21%	17,778,979.52	(720,020.98)
E35701	UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	38,059,655.95	1.64%	624,178.36	1.73%	658,432.05	34,253.69
E35801	U/G CONDUCT/DEVICES	14,661,443.81	2.45%	359,205.37	2.35%	344,543.93	(14,661.44)
E35901	ROADS AND TRAILS	72,604,214.89	1.71%	1,241,532.07	1.90%	1,379,480.08	137,948.01
Total Transmission Depreciable Property		2,677,169,355.95		62,400,836.83		61,070,701.01	(1,330,135.82)
Distribution Plant Excluding Meters							
E36002	LAND RIGHTS	2,210,688.31	1.42%	31,391.77	1.55%	34,265.67	2,873.89
E36101	STRUCT. & IMPROVEMTS	93,660,689.31	1.62%	1,517,303.17	1.68%	1,573,499.58	56,196.41
E36201	STATION EQUIPMENT	1,144,183,141.69	1.84%	21,052,969.81	2.14%	24,485,519.23	3,432,549.43
E36401	POLES, TOWERS, FIXTURE	793,286,814.86	3.64%	28,875,640.06	3.84%	30,462,213.69	1,586,573.63
E36501	O/H CONDUCT DEVICES	963,499,466.02	2.74%	26,399,885.37	3.24%	31,217,382.70	4,817,497.33
E36601	UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	552,884,183.26	2.53%	13,987,969.84	1.96%	10,836,529.99	(3,151,439.84)
E36701	U/G CONDUCT/DEVICES	999,076,686.73	3.27%	32,669,807.66	3.34%	33,369,161.34	699,353.68
E36801	LINE TRANSFORMERS	1,317,489,957.37	3.07%	40,446,941.69	3.71%	48,878,877.42	8,431,935.73
E36901	SERVICES	193,687,516.61	2.97%	5,752,519.24	3.76%	7,282,650.62	1,530,131.38
E37001	METERS	76,538,373.85	4.66%	3,566,688.22	3.32%	2,541,074.01	(1,025,614.21)
E37003	AMS METERS	107,252,468.96	14.29%	15,326,377.81	4.77%	5,115,942.77	(10,210,435.04)
E37301 & E37401		575,732,495.96	3.45%	19,862,771.11	3.09%	17,790,134.13	(2,072,636.99)
Total Distribution Excluding Meters		6,819,502,482.93		209,490,265.75		213,587,251.15	4,096,985.40
General Property Excluding General Plant Amortization							
E38902	LAND RIGHTS	154,399.83	2.01%	3,103.44	1.80%	2,779.20	(324.24)
E39001	STRUCT. & IMPROVEMTS	213,821,555.08	2.45%	5,238,628.10	2.05%	4,383,341.88	(855,286.22)
E39201	TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	121,651,325.90	7.63%	9,281,996.17	6.73%	8,187,134.23	(1,094,861.93)
E39601	POWER OPERATED EQUIP	20,956,361.56	4.40%	922,079.91	5.10%	1,068,774.44	146,694.53

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC COMPARISON OF APPROVED AND PROPOSED DEPRECIATION PARAMETERS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017

Asset Class	Description	Approved Life	Approved Curve	Approved Net Salvage %	Proposed Life	Proposed Curve	Proposed Net Salvage
Intangible Plant							
E30302	Intangible Plant 5 YEAR	5	SQ	0.00%	5	SQ	0.00%
E30302	Intangible Plant 7 YEAR	7	SQ	0.00%	7	SQ	0.00%
E30302	Intangible Plant 10 YEAR	10	SQ	0.00%	10	SQ	0.00%
E30302	Intangible Plant 15 YEAR	NA	NA	NA	15	SQ	0.00%
Transmission							
E35002	LAND RIGHTS	75	R1	0.00%	75	R1	0.00%
E35201	STRUCT. & IMPROVEMTS	60	R4	0.00%	60	R1.5	-5.00%
E35301	STATION EQUIPMENT	47	R1	-5.00%	53	R0.5	-10.00%
E35401	TOWERS & FIXTURES	60	R4	-15.00%	59	R2.5	-30.00%
E35501	POLES AND FIXTURES	40	R0.5	-35.00%	60	R0.5	-50.00%
E35601	O/H CONDUCT/DEVICES	60	R2	-74.00%	61	R1.5	-100.00%
E35701	UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	60	R5	0.00%	60	R5	-5.00%
E35801	U/G CONDUCT/DEVICES	40	R5	-2.00%	44	S6	-5.00%
E35901	ROADS AND TRAILS	58	S6	0.00%	52	S6	0.00%
Distribution							
E36002	LAND RIGHTS	66	R1	0.00%	60	R1	0.00%
E36101	STRUCT. & IMPROVEMTS	66	R4	-10.00%	60	R4	-10.00%
E36201	STATION EQUIPMENT	47	R1.5	0.00%	48	R1	-10.00%
E36401	POLES, TOWERS, FIXTURE	35	R0.5	-45.00%	36	R0.5	-45.00%
E36501	O/H CONDUCT DEVICES	40	R0.5	-23.00%	38	R0.5	-30.00%
E36601	UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	37	S6	-20.00%	62	R2.5	-30.00%
E36701	U/G CONDUCT/DEVICES	31	R0.5	-13.00%	38	R0.5	-35.00%
E36801	LINE TRANSFORMERS	28	R1	-2.00%	28	R1	-15.00%
E36901	SERVICES	38	R0.5	-20.00%	46	R0.5	-80.00%
E37001	METERS	27	R2	0.00%	21	R3	0.00%
E37003	AMS METERS	7	SQ	0.00%	20	R2	0.00%
E37301	STREET LT/SIGNAL SYS	36	R1	-40.00%	39	R1	-30.00%
E37401	SECURITY LIGHTING	36	R1	-40.00%	39	R1	-30.00%
General							
E38002	LAND RIGHTS	60	R2	0.00%	55	R2	0.00%
E38001	STRUCT. & IMPROVEMTS	40	R2	0.00%	50	R4	-5.00%
E39101	OFFICE F/F	24	SQ	0.00%	24	SQ	0.00%
E39201	TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	12	R1.5	9.00%	13	L2	10.00%
E39301	STORES EQUIPMENT	19	SQ	0.00%	19	SQ	0.00%
E39401	TOOLS, SHOP, GAR EQUIP	18	SQ	0.00%	18	SQ	0.00%
E39501	LAB EQUIPMENT	25	SQ	0.00%	25	SQ	0.00%
E39601	POWER OPERATED EQUIP	21	L1.5	8.00%	18	L2	6.00%
E39701	MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT	24	SQ	0.00%	22	R2	2.00%
E39702	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	8	SQ	0.00%	8	SQ	0.00%
E39801	MISC. EQUIPMENT	20	SQ	0.00%	20	SQ	0.00%

**Removal of Issues Not to be
Addressed and Errata 1 to
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1 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MATTHEW A. TROXLE**

2 My testimony addresses four areas: (1) the twelve-month period ending
 3 December 31, 2018 Test Year (“Test Year”) billing determinants used to design the
 4 proposed retail delivery service rates; (2) the allocation of costs among the rate classes;
 5 (3) the development of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC’s (“CenterPoint
 6 Houston” or the “Company”) proposed retail and wholesale delivery service tariff rate
 7 schedules, riders and various charges; and (4) other proposed changes to the Company’s
 8 retail delivery service tariffs. Specifically, my testimony:

- 9 • explains the reasonable and necessary adjustments to the Test Year billing
 10 determinants that are necessary to make the Test Year billing and usage data more
 11 representative of conditions that are expected to exist once new rates go into effect;
- 12 • describes the two class cost of service studies used to allocate costs among the rate
 13 classes in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission System of
 14 Accounts, the Public Utility Regulatory Act, the Public Utility Commission of
 15 Texas’ rules and rate filing package instructions, and the principles of cost
 16 causation;
- 17 • explains, for both the retail delivery service tariff and the wholesale delivery service
 18 tariff, how each rate schedule applies and how each delivery charge is calculated,
 19 and also demonstrates that these rate schedules and riders accurately recover the
 20 cost of service as described and supported in the rate filing package;
- 21 • introduces a new rider, Rider UEDIT – Unprotected Excess Deferred Income Tax,
 22 that refunds to customers the balance of unprotected excess deferred income taxes
 23 resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that changed the federal income
 24 tax rate in 2018;
- 25 • describes the Company’s proposed additional charges and discretionary service
 26 charges and the methodology used to determine the present cost of providing these
 27 services; and
- 28 • summarizes other proposed changes to the Company’s retail tariff.

- 1 The current and proposed base class revenues, inclusive of Rider TCRF, DCRF and UEDIT
 2 are as follows:

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
SUMMARY OF REVENUES BY RATE CLASS

<u>Rate Class Description</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>Revenues¹</u> <u>(a)</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Revenues</u> <u>(b)</u>	<u>Rider</u> <u>UEDIT</u> <u>(c)</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>(d) = (b) + (c) - (a)</u>	<u>Change Per</u> <u>(d) / (a)</u>
Residential	\$ 1,130,553,347	\$ 1,217,814,820	\$ (17,253,347)	\$ 70,008,125	6.2%
Secondary <= 10kva	\$ 32,594,719	\$ 30,607,020	\$ (431,501)	\$ (2,419,200)	-7.4%
Secondary > 10kva	\$ 654,965,407	\$ 739,867,066	\$ (10,489,328)	\$ 74,412,331	11.4%
Primary	\$ 66,701,177	\$ 70,009,549	\$ (992,514)	\$ 2,395,858	3.6%
Transmission	\$ 143,211,958	\$ 162,433,957	\$ (2,313,022)	\$ 16,908,977	11.8%
Miscellaneous Lighting	\$ 3,843,864	\$ 3,126,732	\$ (44,200)	\$ (761,332)	-19.8%
Street Lighting	\$ 63,729,997	\$ 58,264,534	\$ (834,750)	\$ (6,300,214)	-9.9%
Retail Electric Delivery					
Revenues	\$ 2,095,600,469	\$ 2,282,203,678	\$ (32,358,663)	\$ 154,244,545	7.4%
Wholesale					
Transmission	\$ 388,968,021	\$ 395,796,573		\$ 6,828,552	1.8%
Total Cost of Service	\$ 2,484,568,490	\$ 2,678,000,251	\$ (32,358,663)	\$ 161,073,097	6.5%

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 2 are as follows:

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1	Residential	2,198,225	\$ 1,130,384,216	\$ 1,219,245,756	\$ (21,148,160)	\$ 67,713,380	6.0%
2	Secondary <= 10kva	148,123	\$ 32,590,600	\$ 30,958,887	\$ (534,163)	\$ (2,165,876)	-6.6%
3	Secondary > 10Kva	137,862	\$ 654,836,724	\$ 740,383,955	\$ (12,852,943)	\$ 72,694,288	11.1%
6	Primary	999	\$ 66,688,172	\$ 70,053,774	\$ (1,214,832)	\$ 2,150,770	3.2%
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10	Miscellaneous Lighting	12,698	\$ 3,843,864	\$ 3,116,180	\$ (53,900)	\$ (781,584)	-20.3%
11	Lighting	5,100	\$ 63,729,997	\$ 57,986,328	\$ (1,016,606)	\$ (6,760,275)	-10.6%
12							
13	Retail Electric Delivery Revenues	2,503,211	\$ 2,095,241,703	\$ 2,284,108,581	\$ (39,654,023)	\$ 149,212,855	7.1%
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1 WP - Acct. 366, WP - Acct. 367, and WP - Acct. 368 demonstrate how the
2 Company proposes to allocate distribution costs in this proceeding.

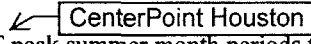
3 **Q. WHAT IS THE FINAL STEP IN PREPARING THE CCROSS?**

4 A. The final step in preparing the CCROSS is applying the allocators derived in the
5 previous step, as shown in the II-I-2 Schedules, to all of the FERC Account costs,
6 expenses, and other revenues.

7 **B. Demand-related Allocation Methodology**

8 **1. Transmission Cost**

9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE METHOD USED TO ALLOCATE CAPACITY-
10 RELATED TRANSMISSION COST.**

11 A. CenterPoint Houston proposes to use the unadjusted 4CP allocation factor based on
12 the  **CenterPoint Houston** ~~ERCOT~~ peak summer month periods to allocate capacity-related transmission
13 costs. ~~This matches the use of the 4CP allocator the Commission uses for pricing~~
14 ~~wholesale transmission charges pursuant to PURA § 35.004(d) and is consistent~~
15 ~~with Commission rules and the Company's approved approach in Docket~~
16 ~~No. 38339.~~

17 **2. Distribution Cost**

18 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE METHOD USED TO ALLOCATE DEMAND-
19 RELATED DISTRIBUTION COST.**

20 A. The methodology used for the demand-related distribution cost is based on the
21 unadjusted average 4CP test year demand for electric power on CenterPoint
22 Houston's distribution system at the time of ERCOT's peak summer month periods.
23 This demand data is shown on Schedule II-H-1.3, sponsored by Dr. McMenamin.
24 Furthermore, the allocation factors are determined at two points of service on the

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1 distribution system: the substation and the overhead distribution lines. Since some
 2 customers are served exclusively on the underground ("UG") line distribution
 3 system and do not use the overhead line facilities, having the allocation factors
 4 determined at the substation and the overhead distribution line level allows certain
 5 costs of the UG line facilities to be allocated exclusively to those classes which
 6 have customers served from those facilities.

7 **Q. WHY HAVE YOU ELECTED TO USE THE 4CP DEMAND**
 8 **METHODOLOGY FOR DEMAND-RELATED DISTRIBUTION COST?**

9 A. The Company's distribution system is designed to serve the maximum load
 10 requirement of each individual retail customer at the same time. The Company's
 11 distribution system is strategically constructed to have the capability to reliably
 12 deliver the maximum load when demanded by the customer. CenterPoint
 13 Houston's customers' demand peaks are generally during the summer months of
 14 June, July, August, and September. All cost driven by system peak loads have been
 15 allocated to the classes based upon their contribution to the summer peak loads.
 16 The 4CP component of the Company's proposed allocator accomplishes this goal
 17 by isolating class contributions to system peak load during those four months. ~~The~~
 18 ~~Company uses this 4CP component to allocate cost on the basis of class energy~~
 19 ~~requirements (the average demand) and class contributions to system peak demand~~
 20 ~~(the excess demand).~~ A 4CP demand allocation method captures the cost causation
 21 associated with the maximum coincident load of each rate class on the Company's
 22 distribution system.

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Q. HOW IS RIDER UEDIT – UNPROTECTED EXCESS DEFERRED INCOME TAX ALLOCATED TO THE RATE CLASSES?

A. The proposed Rider UEDIT credit was assigned to the rate classes in the same proportion as the cost of service allocators, as shown in Schedule IV-J-7-UEEDIT. The cost of service factor for each rate class is based on the percentage of total cost of service amount allocated to each rate class.

Q. HOW ARE OTHER EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO THE RATE CLASSES?

A. Other expenses such as O&M expenses, depreciation expenses, and taxes were functionalized on a cost-causation basis, as shown on Schedule I-A-1, sponsored by Ms. Colvin. The costs were then allocated to the rate classes using the ratios described in the II-I-2 Schedules.

Q. ARE THE ALLOCATIONS AND ALLOCATION METHODOLOGIES DESCRIBED ABOVE REASONABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE RFP REQUIREMENTS?

A. Yes, these methodologies are reasonable and are consistent with the Commission’s RFP instructions.

D. Class Cost of Service Study Results

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF THE COMPANY'S CCOSS PROCESS.

A. In order to determine the appropriate level of costs and revenues to be assigned to each rate class, two retail delivery class cost of service studies were performed using the allocation methodologies described above. The Current Class Cost of Service Study (the "Current CCOSS") shows current revenue and relative rates of return by retail delivery class while the Proposed Class Cost of Service Study (the "Proposed CCOSS") shows the proposed revenue at the system-wide average rate of return by class. The mathematical difference between these two studies shows the change in revenue requirement (increase or decrease) by rate class and the corresponding percentage revenue change if CenterPoint Houston's rates are reset based on the costs and revenue requirements supported by this filing. These results are summarized below:

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1 Equal to 10 kVA rate schedules, both the Transmission and Distribution Delivery
 2 Charges are recovered on a per kWh basis. For the Secondary Service Greater Than
 3 10 kVA rate schedule, the Distribution Delivery Charge will be based on Billing
 4 Demand, using NCP kVA. With respect to the Primary Service rate schedule,
 5 Distribution Delivery Charges will be based on the Billing kVA, which is defined
 6 as NCP kVA billing demand with an 80% ratchet. Seasonal agriculture customers
 7 are exempted from the distribution ratchet. For Transmission Service, the
 8 Distribution Delivery Charges will be based upon 4CP kVA. For the Secondary
 9 Service Greater Than 10 kVA and the Primary Service rate schedules, the
 10 Transmission Charge billing determinant depends upon the type of meter attributed
 11 to the customer. For those customers classified as having an IDR meter, the charges
 12 for retail transmission service are billed using the customer's 4CP kVA demand at
 13 the date and time coincident with the ERCOT 4CP. note: restored to original text For customers classified as
 14 having a non-IDR meter, the Transmission Charge billing determinants are based
 15 on the customer's monthly maximum NCP kVA demand. For the Transmission
 16 Service rate schedule, the Transmission Charge billing determinants will be 4CP
 17 kVA.

18 Unlike most service under the other rate classes, Lighting Services are
 19 unmetered and do not have a Customer Charge or Metering Charge. The
 20 distribution and transmission charges for Lighting Services are stated on a per-
 21 fixture basis, based on the type of lamp and its configuration.

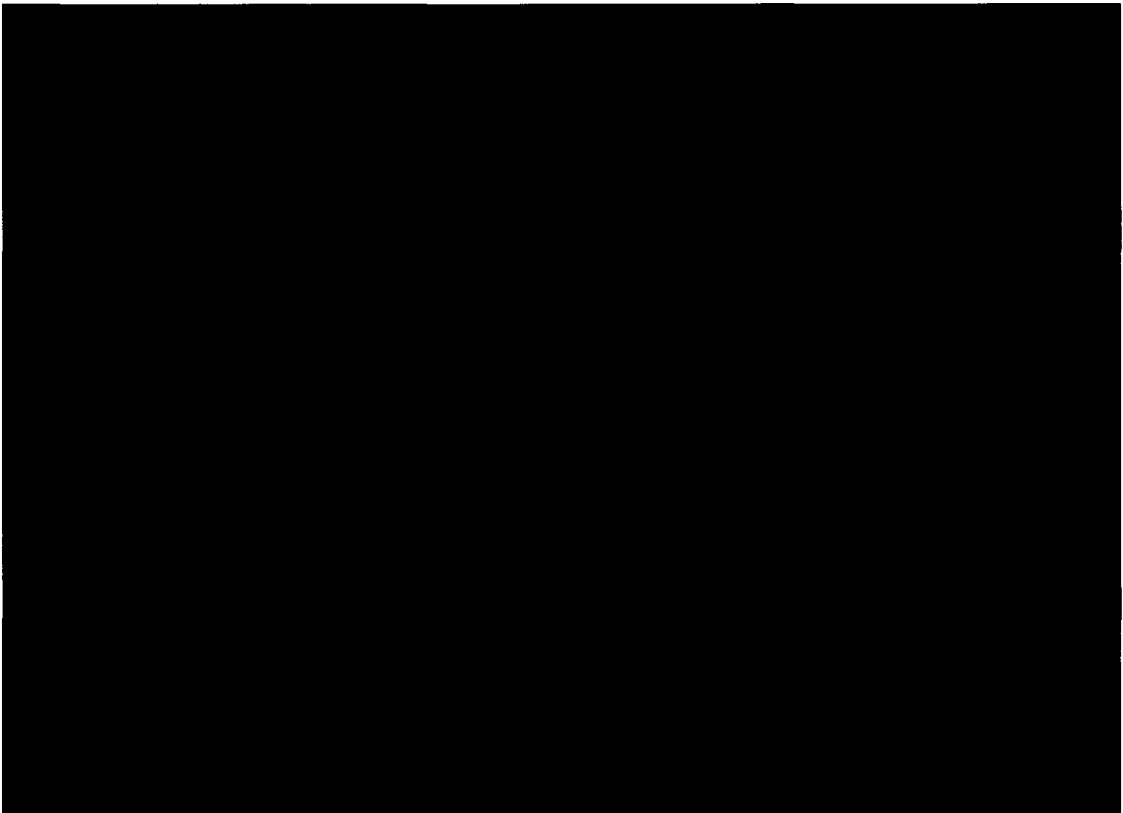
1 charges to reflect the current cost of providing this service but proposes no other
2 changes.

3 **3. Rate CMC – Competitive Metering Credit**

4 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING ANY CHANGES TO RIDER CMC –**
5 **COMPETITIVE METERING CREDIT?**

6 A. No. Rider CMC – Competitive Metering Credit is applicable to customers that
7 qualify and choose to have a competitive meter. Rider CMC provides a credit to
8 the billing for the customer to recognize that the meter is not owned or provided by
9 CenterPoint Houston.

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1 policies or provisions, and make the tariff more user-friendly. The Company also
2 proposes to revise the Retail Tariff to incorporate the applicable terms of service in
3 the specific rate schedules to which those terms of service apply and to move certain
4 provisions to different sections of the Retail Tariff where those provisions were
5 more logically addressed. The Company also incorporated certain forms of
6 agreement that are often used by the Company in common transactions between the
7 Company and its customers. Finally, the Company has updated its Construction
8 Services policies and charges [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] for premium service
10 requests from customers. These changes are summarized in Exhibit MAT-7.

11 **Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY MAKING THESE NON-RATE TARIFF**
12 **CHANGES AT THIS TIME?**

13 A. The non-rate tariff changes are necessary for two reasons. First, the Company has
14 added and revised language in the Retail Tariff many times throughout the years,
15 some of which may be confusing or redundant or are no longer applicable, and this
16 proceeding offers an opportunity to harmonize those revisions throughout the Retail
17 Tariff for clarity and consistency. Also, some of the changes reflect the Company's
18 experience in operating under these provisions over time and its understanding of
19 how the provisions can be better worded so that they are easier for customers to
20 understand and easier for the Company to apply. The basis for other non-rate tariff
21 changes is addressed in the direct testimony of Ms. Sugarek.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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LIFT-CLASS ALLOCATION SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR ENDED 12/31/2014
PROJECT NUMBER FUNDING ASSIGNMENT
BROOKS AND DUNN
BROOKS AND DUNN
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

Lane No	Description	Total	Residential	Secondary <= 10 KVA	Secondary > 10 KVA	Primary Voltage	Transmission Voltage	Leaping SLS	Leaping MLS
PROPOSED									
1	Base - TC&E Revenue	3,348,304	1,313,414	30,603	339,467	70,090	162,434	64,565	3,423
2	Other Revenue	66,092	34,325	702	21,432	1,038	6,434	3,311	18
3	Electric Operating Revenue	3,414,396	1,347,739	31,314	360,899	71,128	168,868	67,876	3,441
4	Revenue Deductions	1,460,238	904,460	25,550	600,446	55,020	140,002	33,376	3,431
5	Net Revenue from Operations	479,068	343,279	5,765	160,453	16,108	28,866	34,500	773
6	Rate Base	6,442,512	3,443,368	74,275	2,652,622	179,276	362,436	312,071	10,514
7	1/2 Rate of Return	7,339%	7,339%	7,339%	7,339%	7,339%	7,339%	7,339%	7,339%
8	Net Rate of Return	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%
CURRENT ADJUSTED									
11	Base - TC&E Revenue - DGE Revenue	2,095,600	1,130,453	33,495	654,965	66,304	142,312	62,739	3,423
12	Other Revenue	66,092	34,325	702	21,432	1,038	6,434	3,311	18
13	Electric Operating Revenue	3,161,692	1,164,778	34,200	676,397	67,342	148,746	66,050	3,441
14	Revenue Deductions	1,162,502	904,272	26,568	600,611	50,003	138,442	40,438	3,431
15	Net Revenue from Operations	3,099,190	1,160,506	7,632	795,786	17,339	310,304	26,612	3,410
16	Rate Base	6,442,512	3,443,368	74,275	2,652,622	179,276	362,436	312,071	10,514
17	1/2 Rate of Return	4,00%	4,00%	4,00%	4,00%	4,00%	4,00%	4,00%	4,00%
18	Net Rate of Return	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%	400%
PROPOSED VS CURRENT									
21	Base - TC&E Revenue - \$	\$ 488,808	\$ 87,261	\$ (1,488)	\$ 84,002	\$ 2,818	\$ 10,222	\$ (6,474)	\$ (708)
22	Base - TC&E Revenue - %	8.00%	7.72%	-8.10%	62.08%	6.08%	10.42%	-8.50%	-18.47%
23	Other Revenue - \$	\$ 0.00%	\$ -	\$ 0.00%	\$ 0.00%	\$ -	\$ 0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
24	Other Revenue - %	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Total Revenue - \$	\$ 488,808	\$ 87,261	\$ (1,488)	\$ 84,002	\$ 2,818	\$ 10,222	\$ (6,474)	\$ (708)
26	Total Revenue - %	8.60%	7.40%	-0.23%	12.60%	4.04%	12.60%	-8.50%	-16.05%