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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC,	§	OF
LLP FOR AUTHORITY TO	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
CHANGE RATES	§	

AGREEMENT REGARDING STAFF DIRECT TESTIMONY

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Agreement Regarding Staff Direct Testimony, and would show the following:

On June 4, 2019, the State Office of Administrative Hearings issued Order No. 6, amending the procedural schedule, giving Staff and intervenors two additional days to file their direct testimony, including responding to CenterPoint's nine page errata, making Staff's direct testimony due June 12, 2019. Staff is unable to incorporate the errata filed by CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint) on May 20, 2019, into Staff's cost of service model because of Staff's prior commitments and time constraints. Pursuant to SOAH Order No. 6, CenterPoint will file a paper copy of the RFP schedules reflecting Errata I, Preliminary Order issues not to be addressed, and severance of rate case expenses on June 19, 2019.¹ However, Staff does not waive the right to dispute the substance of or justification for any issues that may have been raised by CenterPoint's errata. Staff anticipates that the ALJs, and ultimately the Commission, will rule on the substance of each particular issue raised and that the various rate impacts within the cost of service model will be addressed at a future point through the ALJs' or the Commissions' number running process.

All parties either support or do not oppose Staff's approach to filing its direct testimony addressing any substantive issues raised by the errata, but with a cost of service model that does

¹ Also pursuant to SOAH Order No. 6, on May 31, 2019, CenterPoint provided to parties an electronic copy of its executable RFP schedules and workpapers reflecting Errata I, Preliminary Order issues not to be addressed, and severance of rate case expenses.

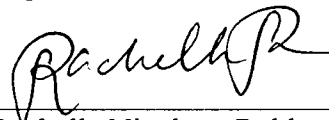
not attempt to reflect the issues raised by the errata or trace each flow though impact to the cost of service resulting from the errata.

DATE: June 7, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

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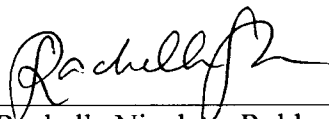
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on June 7, 2019
in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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