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**APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE 2:39
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC § OF
FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S
SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO COMMISSION STAFF**

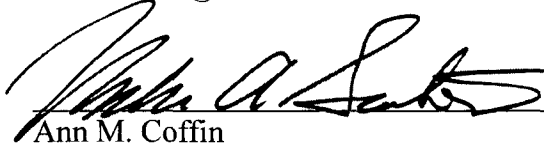
Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.144 and SOAH Order No. 2, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC requests that the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas provide, within four (4) days, the information requested in the attached Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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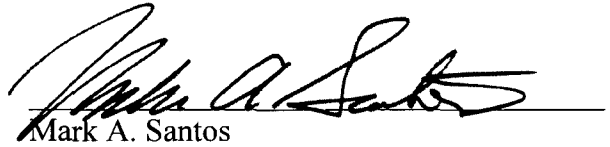


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of June 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.



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EXHIBIT A

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The singular herein includes the plural and vice versa; the words “and” and “or” shall be construed as “and/or” in order to bring all information within the scope of the Request. The words, “each,” “all,” and “any,” mean “any and all” or “each and every.”

“CenterPoint Houston” or “Company” means CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.

“Communication” shall include all meetings, telephone calls, conversations, discussions, letters, memoranda, notes, and other forms of communication.

“Document” or “Documents” is used in the broadest sense possible and shall mean every writing or record of every type and description, such as drafts, corrections, memoranda, letters, tapes, stenographic or handwritten notes, studies, publications, work papers, books, pamphlets, diaries, desk calendars, interoffice communications, records, reports, analyses, bills, receipts, checks, check stubs, checkbooks, invoices, requisitions, papers and forms filed with a court or governmental body, notes, transportation and expense logs, work papers, contracts, statistical and financial statements, corporate records of any kind, charts, graphs, pictures, photographs, photocopies, films, voice recordings, and any other written, recorded or graphic material, however denominated, by whomever prepared, and to whomever addressed, which are in your possession, custody or control. The term “document” also includes all electronic and magnetic data, including e-mail. The term “document” includes all copies of every such writing or record that are not identical copies of the original or that contain any commentary, notes, or markings that do not appear on the original.

“Including” means “including but not limited to” and “including without limitation.”

“Identify” means to state as much information as you now have or that is now subject to your control, or that you may hereafter come to have or that hereafter becomes subject to your control, including the following:

- a. when used in reference to a natural person, state the person’s full name, title, present (or last known) address, telephone number, occupation, present business affiliation or employer, business address, and exact duties and responsibilities of such individual;
- b. when used in reference to an entity, state the full name of the company, organization, association, partnership, or other business enterprise; and
- c. when used in reference to a document, state the date and title of the document and, if already produced in this case, the Bates-number of such document.

“Relate” or “relating to” includes referring to, mentioning, reflecting, containing, pertaining to, evidencing, involving, describing, discussing, responding to, supporting, opposing, constituting or being a draft, copy or summary of, in whole or in part.

“You” and “Your” refers to the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and any of the attorneys or law firms that purport to represent you in this case.

II. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each request herein extends to any documents or information in your possession and the possession of any of the attorneys or law firms that purport to represent you in this case.
2. Each and every non-identical copy of a document, whether different from the original because of indications of the recipient(s), handwritten notes, marks, attachments, marginalia, or any other reason, is a separate document that must be produced.
3. If you object to any portion of a request on the ground of privilege, answer the nonprivileged portion of the Request by providing such non-privileged information as is responsive.
4. If you object to any portion of a request on any ground other than privilege, you should still provide documents responsive to the remaining non-objectionable portion.
5. Separately for each request to which you object in whole or in part, describe in detail and itemize each basis of your objection.
6. If the basis of an objection to any request, or any portion thereof, is a statute, contract or other agreement, or any other obstacle to production that you claim is based in the law, please identify the basis of that purported obstacle with specificity.
7. Each request herein shall be construed independently, and no request shall be viewed as limiting the scope of any other request. Please indicate where any portion of your document production in response to a request has been covered in your production in response to another request, and please specify the request numbers at issue.
8. If you claim that any document responsive to any request is lost or destroyed, (a) identify and describe such document, (b) describe how the document was lost or destroyed, and (c) identify when the document was lost or destroyed.
9. If you claim that any documents responsive to any request are already in the possession of CenterPoint Houston, please identify the document with sufficient specificity to allow CenterPoint Houston to locate the document.
10. The requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require additional answers if, after answering such requests, you obtain information upon the basis of which you determine that the answer was incorrect when made, or you become aware that the answer, though correct when made, is no longer true, and the circumstances are such that failure to amend the answer is in substance a knowing concealment.
11. Any document that is withheld from production pursuant to a claim of attorney/client, work product, party communication or investigative privilege shall be identified and shall be segregated and maintained for in camera submission, and a list identifying such withheld documents shall be furnished at the time and place of production. Such list shall state with

respect to each document: (a) the privilege under which the document is being withheld; (b) a description of the type of document; (c) a description of the subject matter and purpose of the document; (d) the date the document was prepared; (e) the author and/or signatory of the document; (f) the identity of the persons to whom the document was sent; and (g) the present custodian of the document.

12. As part of the response to each request for information, please state, at the bottom of the answer, the name and job position of each person who participated in any way, other than providing clerical assistance, in the preparation of the response. Please also state the name of the witness in this docket who will sponsor the answer to the request and may verify the truth of the response.

III. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- 2-1. Please refer to Exhibit AM-2 of the Direct Testimony of Alicia Maloy. Please identify the proceedings on Exhibit AM-2 in which Ms. Maloy addressed weather normalization issues.
- 2-2. Please refer to page 8, line 15 through page 9, line 3 of the Direct Testimony of Alicia Maloy, in which she testifies that she “smoothed the hourly temperatures.” In prior dockets, when calculating average daily temperatures, has Ms. Maloy always smoothed the hourly temperatures? If the answer is no, please provide an explanation for each docket in which Ms. Maloy did not smooth the temperatures.
- 2-3. Please refer to page 14, line 21 through page 15, line 1 of the Direct Testimony of Alicia Maloy, in which she testifies, “A T-statistic with a value less than 1.96 would decrease the level of confidence that the coefficient is statistically valid in the regression model.” Does Ms. Maloy agree that a coefficient that has a confidence level below 95% may sometimes be valid to include in the regression model?
- 2-4. Please refer to page 20, line 28 of the Direct Testimony of Alicia Maloy. Please confirm that the reference to “[t]he rate filing package” is a reference to the rate filing package for distribution cost recovery factor (DCRF) filings pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.243 (referenced in lines 24-25) and not to the rate filing package for cost of service rate filings such as the one in this proceeding.
- 2-5. Please refer to page 5, line 19 through page 6, line 2 of the Direct Testimony of Alicia Maloy. Please state whether Ms. Maloy believes that using a different time period for normalization regression models than the normalized time period is inconsistent with Commission precedent.
- 2-6. Please refer to page 6, lines 3 through 6 of the Direct Testimony of Alicia Maloy. Other than Commission precedent, is there a mathematical reason or standard statistical practice that supports excluding the test year from the weather normalization regression models?
- 2-7. Please admit or deny that Ms. Maloy’s calculation of a coefficient for heating or cooling degree days for any month (i.e., the Coefficient for heating degree days in January or the Coefficient for cooling degree days in July) uses only 10 data points (a total of heating or cooling degree days for that month in each of 10 years).
- 2-8. Has Ms. Maloy performed any study or analysis of the periods used by utilities or regulators in other states to determine normal weather? If so, please provide a copy of each such study or analysis or, if the results of the study or analysis were not reduced to writing, a description of the study or analysis, for whom it was conducted, how it was conducted, and Ms. Maloy’s conclusions.