CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC Exhibit G - Baseline Wholesale Transmission Cost of Service Schedule B-5: Accumulated Depreciation

Line No.	Account No.	Description		Accumulated Depreciation cket No. 49421
				(1)
	Transmiss	sion Plant		
1	A350.01	Land Owned in Fee	\$	-
2	A350.02	Land Rights	\$	(18,542,631)
3	A352.01	Structures and Improvements	\$	(18,140,094)
4	A353.01	Station Equipment	\$	(151,708,888)
5	A354.01	Towers and Fixtures	\$	(229,782,000)
6	A355.01	Poles and Fixtures	\$	(28,330,000)
7	A356.01	O.H. Conductors & Devices	\$	(269,357,000)
8	A357.01	Underground Conduit	\$	(6,823,000)
9	A358.01	Underground Conductors	\$	(3,653,000)
10	A359.01	Roads and Trails	\$	(10,752,000)
11	A359.01	Total Transmission Plant	\$	(737,088,612)
			۴	(757,000,012)
	Distributio	on Plant above 60kv		
12	A360.01	Land Owned in Fee	\$	-
13	A360.02	Land Rights	\$	(33,652)
14	A361.01	Structures & Improvements	\$	(12,280,824)
15	A362.01	Station Equipment	\$	(129,619,935)
16		Total Distribution Plant Above 60k	\$	(141,934,411)
	Other Pla	nt		
17	A390.01	Structures and Improvements	\$	(10,603,661)
18	A397.01	Microwave Equipment	ľ	(17,802,864)
19	A397.02	Computer Equipment		(12,540,954)
20	1.007.02	Other Plant	\$	(40,947,479)
20			<u> </u>	(10,011,110)
21	Docket No	o. 49421 Adjustments		and the second and the
	Total Tran	nsmission Plant In Service -		
22		ited Depreciation	\$	(919,844,692)

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC Exhibit G - Baseline Wholesale Transmission Cost of Service Schedule E-1: Depreciation Expense

			<u> </u>	Depreciation	Gro	ss Plant Balance
Line	Account	Description		Expense		
No.	No.			ocket No. 49421	D	ocket No. 49421
				(1)		(2)
	Transmis	ssion Plant				
1	A350.01	Land Owned in Fee	\$	-	\$	48,522,159
2	A350.02	Land Rights	\$	1,306,732	\$	100,975,829
3	A352.01	Structures and Improvements	\$	3,129,885	\$	195,206,791
4	A353.01	Station Equipment	\$	17,684,616	\$	916,041,906
5	A354.01	Towers and Fixtures	\$	16,878,216	\$	843,178,648
6	A355.01	Poles and Fixtures	\$	3,085,460	\$	124,989,000
7	A356.01	O.H. Conductors & Devices	\$	19,504,804	\$	612,374,000
8	A357.01	Underground Conduit	\$	666,087	\$	38,060,000
9	A358.01	Underground Conductors	\$	350,252	\$	14,661,000
10	A359.01	Roads and Trails	\$	1,468,833	\$	81,533,000
11		Total Transmission Plant	\$	64,074,885	\$	2,975,542,334
		tion Plant above 60kv				
12		Land Owned in Fee	\$	-	\$	14,089,341
13		Land Rights	\$	999	\$	61,072
14		Structures & Improvements	\$	580,740	\$	36,464,745
15		Station Equipment	\$	9,543,353	\$	452,923,045
16		Total Distribution Plant Above 60kv	\$	10,125,092	\$	503,538,202
	Other Pla	ant				
17		Structures and Improvements	\$	540,937	\$	30,118,169
18		Microwave Equipment	\$	2,968,634	ŝ	67,902,301
19		Computer Equipment	Š	3,408,034	\$	27,297,366
20		Other Plant	<u>\$</u>	6,917,605	\$	125,317,836
			۴-		<u> </u>	,,
21	Total Dir	ect Assigned	\$	81,117,581	\$	3,604,398,372
		-				
22	Allocate	d Expense Accounts		651,179		55,495,667
23	Misc. Ot	her		72,383		-
24	Amortiza	ation Other		(2,433,143)		-
25	Docket N	No. 49421 Adjustments				(3,669,246)
			ļ			
26	Total Tra	ansmission Depreciation Expense	\$	79,287,976	\$	3,656,224,792
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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC Exhibit G - Baseline Wholesale Transmission Cost of Service Schedule E-2: Taxes Other Than Income Taxes

Line No.	Description	Balance per ket No. 49421
		 (1)
	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:	
1	Non-Revenue Related	
2	Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 33,353,401
3	Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,888,754
4	Revenue Related Taxes	
5	Margin Tax	2,576,902
6	Other	(135,065)
7	Total Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	\$ 37,683,992

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC Exhibit G - Baseline Wholesale Transmission Cost of Service Schedule E-3: Federal Income Taxes

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Description	Schedule / Workpaper		Balance per
	Reference		ket No. 49421
			(1)
Federal Income Tax:			
Return on Rate Base	Schedule B	\$	152,975,324
Deduct:			
Interest included in Return		\$	63,230,281
Amortization of Protected EDIT			3,094,975
Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT			-
Research and Development Credit			210,386
Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit			11,057
Add:			
Non-deductible Parking and Transit			22,587
Meals & Entertainment			114,728
Diesel Fuel Credit Disallowance			526
			723,849
Medicare Drug Subsidy			290,787
Taxable Component of Return		\$	87,581,103
Tax Factor (1/(121))*(.21)			0.265822785
Federal Income Taxes Before Adjustments		\$	23,281,053
Deduct:			
		\$	3,094,975
			-
			210,386
			(290,787)
Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit			11,057
Total Federal Income Tax	Schedule A	\$	20,255,423
	Return on Rate Base Deduct: Interest included in Return Amortization of Protected EDIT Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT Research and Development Credit Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit Add: Non-deductible Parking and Transit Meals & Entertainment Diesel Fuel Credit Disallowance Permanent Depreciation Difference Medicare Drug Subsidy Taxable Component of Return Tax Factor (1/(121))*(.21) Federal Income Taxes Before Adjustments Deduct: Amortization of Protected EDIT Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT Research and Development Credit Medicare Drug Subsidy Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit	Federal Income Tax: Return on Rate Base Schedule B Deduct: Interest included in Return Amortization of Protected EDIT Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT Research and Development Credit Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit Add: Non-deductible Parking and Transit Meals & Entertainment Dissel Fuel Credit Disallowance Permanent Depreciation Difference Medicare Drug Subsidy Taxable Component of Return Tax Factor (1/(121))*(.21) Federal Income Taxes Before Adjustments Deduct: Amortization of Protected EDIT Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT Research and Development Credit Medicare Drug Subsidy	Federal Income Tax: Return on Rate Base Schedule B Deduct: Interest included in Return Amortization of Protected EDIT Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT Research and Development Credit Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit Add: Non-deductible Parking and Transit Meals & Entertainment Diesel Fuel Credit Disallowance Permanent Depreciation Difference Medicare Drug Subsidy Taxable Component of Return Tax Factor (1/(121))*(.21) Federal Income Taxes Before Adjustments Deduct: Amortization of Protected EDIT Amortization of Protected EDIT Research and Development Credit Medicare Drug Subsidy Research and Development Credit Medicare Drug Subsidy Research and Development Credit Medicare Drug Subsidy Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit

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Exhibit H

	(a)	(b)		(c)		(d)		(e)		(f)	(g)	(h)		(i)	(j)	
Line 1	No.					TCRF Base		Class TCRF	Ad	justment to Class	Total Class					
				Allocation	P	Base Annual Revenue	Ras	e Annual Revenue		TCRF Revenue	TCRF Revenue					
				Factors	<u> 1</u>	Requirement	Das	Requirement		Requirement	Requirement	Billing Determinants	1	TCRF Rate	Billing Units	
						[Exhibit H - Base]		[(c) * (d)]	[E	xhibit H - Adjustment]	[(e) + (f)]	[Year 2018]		[(g) / (h)]		
1	Residential Service			47.6096%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	445,738,957.59	\$	(27,591,825.57) \$	418,147,132.02	29,428,636,118	\$	0.014209	per kWh	
2	Secondary Service Less Than or E	qual to 10 kVA		0.8349%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	7,816,894.88	\$	(91,100.22) 5	7,725,794.66	917,454,734	\$	0.008421	per kWh	
3	Secondary Service Greater Than 1	0 kVA		34.6862%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	324,745,028.48	\$	103,185.79	324,848,214.27					
4		IDR	39.4675%				\$	128,168,838.94	\$	(18,361.41) 5	128,150,477.54	31,267,565	\$	4.098512	per 4 CP kVA	
5		Non-IDR	60.5325%				\$	196,576,189.54	\$	121,547.20	5 196,697,736.74	71,625,494	\$	2.746197	per NCP kVA	
6			100.0000%													
7	Primary Service			3.4095%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	31,920,823.24	\$	(114,995.44)	31,805,827.80					
8		IDR	90.9893%				\$	29,044,529.35	\$	(109,612.70) 5	28,934,916.64	7,615,993	\$	3.799231	per 4 CP kVA	
9		Non-IDR	9.0107%				\$	2,876,293.89	\$	(5,382.73)	2,870,911.16	1,035,936	\$	2.771321	per NCP kVA	
10			100.0000%													
11	Transmission Service			13.4597%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	126,015,124.98	\$	727,090.32	126,742,215.30	29,796,612	\$	4.253578	per 4 CP kVA	
12	Lighting Services															
13	Street Lighting Service			0.0000%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	-	\$	- 5	s -	N/A	\$	-	per kWh	
. 14	Miscellaneous Lighting Service			0.0000%	\$	936,236,829.17	\$	-	\$			N/A	\$		per kWh	
15		Contraction of the second		100.0000%			\$	936,236,829.17	\$	(26,967,645.13)	909,269,184.05		-			

Note: Column (f) is allocated based on over/under recovery in Docket No. 50294

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PUBLIC UHLITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

DOCKET NO 49421 (CEIIE base-rate case)

TEST YEAR ENDING 12/31/2018

l mal Order Number Run Exhibit II - Base

Line		Effective		Docket	ERCOT	Baseline		New	с	hange in	Company					Annualized TCRF Base
No.	<u>Status</u>	Date	Company	<u>No.</u>	Peak	Rate		Rate		Rate	Peak	NWTR * NL	<u>BW1</u>	<u> 'R * NL</u>	Rev	enue Requirment
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)		(g)	(h)	(i)≃(h)*(f)	(j)=	(h)*(e)		(k)≍(ı)-(j)
1		4/24/2019	AEP Texas Central	49192	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	4 036612 5	\$	4 036612	17,323,382 3 \$		\$	-	\$	69,927,772 9
2		4/24/2019	AEP Texas North	49192	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	2 066591 3		2 066591	17,323,382 3 \$		\$	-	\$	35,800,346 0
3		7/2/2018	Austin Energy	48352	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	1 187214 5		1 187214	16,772,794 0 \$		\$	•	\$	19,912,895 8
4		3/8/2012	Bandera Electric Coop	39891	61.368.962 6	\$ -	\$	0 046272 5		0 046272	15,584,1917 \$		\$	-	\$	721,117 9
5		10/8/2015	Brazos Electric Power Coop	44754	63,680,709 6	\$ -	\$	1 860941 3		1 860941	16,157,019 3 \$			-	\$	30,067,259 5
6		3/25/2011	Brownsville Public Utilities Board	38556	60,858,331 4	\$ -	\$	0 097000 5		0 097000	15,621,578 3 \$			•	\$	1.515,293 1
7		4/24/2018	Bryan Texas Utilities	48123	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	0 441779		0.441779	16,772,794 0 \$		\$	-	\$	7,409,868 1
8		3/1/2020	CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric	49421	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	4.988273		4 988273	17,323,382 3 \$			-	\$	86 413,757 3
9		5/21/2009	Cherokee County Electric Coop	36668	57,650,014 9	\$ -	\$	0 005010		0 005010	15,270,437 2 \$	76,504 89		-	\$	76,504 8
10		3/17/2017	City of College Station	46847	67,762,669 2	\$ -	\$	0 055256 3		0.055256	17,366,511.8 \$			•	\$	959,610 9
11		7/6/2018	Cross Texas Fransmission, LLC	48369	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	1 107250 5		1 107250	16,772,794 0 \$	18,571,676 10		-	\$	18.571,6761
12		5/21/2009	Deep East Texas Electric Coop	36762	57,650,014 9	\$ -	\$	0 001710 5		0 001710	15,270,437 2 \$			-	\$	26,112 4
13		3/19/2019	Denton Municipal Electric	48963	67.273.101 1	\$ -	\$	0 704486 5		0 704486	16,772,794 0 \$			-	\$	11,816,198.5
14		7/8/1997	Cast Texas Electric Coop	15843	45,586,019 0	\$ -	\$	0 001606 5		0 001606	11,855,008 0 \$		\$	-	\$	19,038 0
15		6/21/2018	Electric Transmission Texas	48340	67,273,1011	\$ -	\$	4 525890		4 525890	16.772.794 0 \$			-	\$	75,911,820 4
16		8/29/2008	Fannin Electric Coop	35698	57,650,014 9	\$ -	\$	0 002451 \$		0 002451	15,270,437 2 \$			-	\$	37,430 9
17		12/14/2017	Farmers Electric Coop	47470	67,690,205 6	\$ -	\$	0 009901 5		0 009901	17,317,722 8 \$			-	\$	171,462 7
18		7/8/1997	I loresville Electric Power System	21643	45 586,019 0	\$ -	\$	0 005711 \$		0 005711	11,855,008 0 \$			-	\$	67,698 8
19		1/23/2019	Garland Power and Light	48802	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	0 767490 \$		0 767490	16,772,794.0 \$			-	\$	12,872,951 6
20		9/1/2014	GEUS	42581	65,250,196 8	\$ -	\$	0 036030 5		0 036030	16,493,332 7 \$			-	\$	594,254 7
21		4/4/2019	Golden Spread Electric Coop	48500	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	0 035250 5	\$	0 035250	16,772,794 0 \$			-	\$	591,240 9
22		8/26/2009	Grayson-Collin Electric Coop	36984	59,819,399 9	\$ -	\$	0 020964		0 020964	15,189,3570 \$			-	\$	318,428.1
23		7/8/1997	Houston County Electric Coop	15583	45,586,019 0	\$ -	\$	0 003803 5	\$	0 003803	11,855,008 0 \$	45,088 33	\$	-	\$	45,088 3
24		4/22/1998	Lainar County Electric Coop	18604	48,316,959 9	\$ -	\$	0 001644 3		0 001644	12,815,2364 \$			•	\$	21,064 4
25		9/12/2014	Lone Star Transmission	42469	65,250,196 8	\$ -	\$	1 569700 5	\$	1 569700	16,493,332 7 \$	25,889,584 27	\$	-	\$	25,889,584 2
26		10/24/2019	LCRA	49812	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	6.744198	\$	6 744198	17,323,382 3 \$		\$	-	\$	116,832,320 4
27		11/4/2019	Lyntegar Electric Coop	49943	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	0 011365 5	\$	0 011365	17.323.382 3 \$		\$	-	\$	196,880 2
28		9/27/2019	Oncor Electric Delivery	49793	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	13 943880 5	\$	13 943880	17,323 382 3 \$	241,555,164 35	\$	•	\$	241,555,164 3
29		5/17/2019	Oncor NTU	48929/49519	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	3 226341 5	\$	3 226341	16,772,794 0 \$	54,114,752 81	\$	-	\$	54,114,752 8
30		2/4/2019	Rayburn Country	48952	67.273.101 1	\$ -	\$	0 132216	\$	0 132216	16,772,794.0 \$	2,217,631 72	\$	-	\$	2,217,631 7
31		10/14/2005	Rio Grande Electric Coop	31250	56,040,201 0	\$ -	\$	0 004430	\$	0 004430	14,539,617 3 \$	64.410 50	\$	-	\$	64,410 50
32		7/23/2014	San Antonio City Public Service	42579	65,250,196 8	\$ -	\$	2 597091	\$	2 597091	16,493,332.7 \$	42,834,685 80	\$	-	\$	42,834,685 8
33		11/6/2015	San Bernard Electric Coop	44897	63,680,709 6	\$ -	\$	0 038056 5	\$	0 038056	16,157,019 3 \$	614,871 53	\$	-	\$	614,871 5
34		10/30/2019	San Miguel Electric Coop	49900	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	0 020501 5	\$	0 020501	17,323,382 3 \$	355,146 66	\$	-	\$	355,146 66
35		5/17/2019	Sharyland Utilities	48929/49519	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	0 518662 5	\$	0 518662	16 772,794 0 \$	8,699,410 86	\$	-	\$	8,699 410 8
36		10/3/2017	South Texas Electric Coop	47468	67,690,205 6	\$ -	\$	1 195138	\$	1 195138	17,317,722 8 \$	20,697,068 53	\$	-	\$	20,697,068 5
37		8/18/2003	Southwest Texas Electric Coop	27575	53,467,466	\$ -	\$	0 000402	\$	0 000402	12,338,245 8 \$	4,954 67	\$	-	\$	4,954 6
38		11/5/2009	Texas Municipal Power Agency	37404	57,650,014 9	\$ -	\$	0 663267	\$	0 663267	15,270,437 2 \$	10,128,377 07	\$	-	\$	10,128,377 0
39		9/19/2019	Texas-New Mexico Power Company	49785	69,368,963 5	\$ -	\$	1 057953		1 057953	17.323.382 3 \$		\$	-	\$	18,327,324 3
40		2/4/2019	Trinity Valley Electric Coop	48828	67,273,101.1	\$ -	\$	0.010713	\$	0 010713	16,772,794 0 \$	179,686 94	\$	-	\$	179,686 9
41		8/4/2011	Wood County Electric Coop	39290	61,368,962 6	\$ -	\$	0 002586	\$	0 002586	15,584,1917 \$	40,300 72	\$	-	\$	40,300 7
42		9/25/2015	Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC	44746	63,680,709 6	\$ -	\$	1 809535	\$	1.809535	16,157,0193 \$	29,236,691 86	\$	-	\$	29,236,691 8
							su	BTOTAL- TCOS			\$	945,858,156.29	s		\$	945,858,156.
	Expenses		nds/Remands					(0.00 0) (•	(0.00007.)	14 449 0 41 0 1	() 505 0 15 -0				(1.665.5.5
43		1/1/2017	Lone Star Transmission, LLC Credit Rider	42469/46585	66,036,438 6	\$ -	\$	(0.090864)		(0 090864)	16,567,041 9 \$			•	\$	(1,505,347 7
44		4/1/2018	Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC - Fax Rate Change Rider	48127/44746	63,680,709 6	\$ -	\$	(0 143640)		(0 143640)	16,157,019 3 \$			-	\$	(2,320,794 2
45		5/1/2018	Lone Star Transmission, LLC - Tax Rate Change Rider	48101/42469	66,036,438 6	\$ -	\$	(0 109968)		(0 109968)	16,567,0419 \$			-	\$	(1 821,844 4
46		1/1/2019	Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC - Credit Rider	48874	67,273,101 1	\$ -	\$	(0 236892)	\$	(0.236892)	16,772,794 0 \$	(3,973,340 70)	\$	-	\$	(3,973,3407

SUBTOTAL- RATE CASE EXPENSES/REFUNDS/STORM	\$	(9,621,327.12) \$	-	\$	(9,621,327 12)
TOTAL TCRF AMOUNT	<u>s</u>	<u>936.236.829.17</u> S		<u>\$</u>	936.236.829.17

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Exhibit H - Adjustment

		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Line	Description							
1	Period (p)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
2	TCRF Expense Not in Base (Attachment A Page 3 of 4)	\$38,033,013.69	\$39,624,027.05	\$38,465,203.56	\$39,778,524.36	\$39,726,351.92	\$40,414,389.59	\$236,041,510.17
3	Class Allocation Factor	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
4	Class TCRF Not in Base (Ln 2 * Ln 3)	\$38,033,013.69	\$39,624,027.05	\$38,465,203.56	\$39,778,524.36	\$39,726,351.92	\$40,414,389.59	\$236,041,510.17
5	Class TCRF Revenue (Attachment A Page 4 of 4)	\$29,080,026.79	\$30,953,149.73	\$36,145,015.21	\$37,843,235.94	\$59,163,460.87	\$59,305,448.18	\$252,490,336.72
6	ADJP1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,671,574.55	\$6,671,574.55	\$13,343,149.11
7	ADJP2	(\$5,965,491.92)	(\$5,965,491.92)	(\$5,965,491.92)	(\$5,965,491.92)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$23,861,967.69)
8	Adjusted Class TCRF Revenue (Ln 8 = Ln 5 - Ln 6 - Ln 7)	\$35,045,518.71	\$36,918,641.65	\$42,110,507.13	\$43,808,727.86	\$52,491,886.32	\$52,633,873.63	\$263,009,155.30
9	Under/(Over) Recovery (Ln 4 - Ln 8)	\$2,987,494.98	\$2,705,385.40	(\$3,645,303.57)	(\$4,030,203.50)	(\$12,765,534.40)	(\$12,219,484.03)	(\$26,967,645.13)
10	Cumulative Under/(Over) Recovery	\$2,987,494.98	\$5,692,880.38	\$2,047,576.80	(\$1,982,626.70)	(\$14,748,161.09)	(\$26,967,645.13)	

ADJP1 = 1/6th of (over)/under recovery from previous TCRF update true-up periods 5 & 6

ADJP2 = 1/6th of (over)/under recovery from second previous TCRF update true-up periods 1 through 4

			TCRF Filing
	Total	1/6th	Update Period
ADJP1 \$	40,029,447.33	\$6,671,574.55	September 2019
ADJP2	-\$35,792,951.53	-\$5,965,491.92	March 2019

Note: Table Based on TCRF adjustment in Docket No. 50294

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Distribution Cost Recovery Factor CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Update Period 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2018

DCRF Baseline Rate Case Values PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS CENTERFORMINE ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC PULC. DOCKET NO. 49421 FOR THE TEST YEAR ENDED 12/31/2018

Description	DIST	Residential	Secondary <=10 KVA	Secondary > 10 KVA	Primary Voltage	Transmission Voltage	Lighting Total
DIC _{RC-Class}	\$3,378,001,005	\$1,930,520,420	\$50,292,760	\$1,029,404,785	\$79,010,315	\$8,611,745	\$280,160,980
ROR _{AT}	6.33%	6.33%	6.33%	6.33%	6.33%	6.33%	6.33%
DEPR _{RC-Class}	\$262,634,923	\$153,107,115	\$4,856,109	\$77,372,226	\$6,047,987	\$1,622,109	\$19,629,378
FIT _{RC-Class}	\$16,733,601	\$9,378,828	\$205,759	\$5,279,860	\$399,656	\$18,351	\$1,451,147
OT _{RC-Class}	\$72,486,876	\$42,252,030	\$1,163,975	\$22,046,318	\$1,782,989	\$266,732	\$4,974,831
DISTREV _{RC-Class}	\$565,682,864	\$326,939,916	\$9,409,374	\$169,859,727	\$13,231,986	\$2,452,315	\$43,789,546
ALLOC _{CLASS}	100.00%	57.4920%	1.5016%	30.4483%	2.3617%	0.2494%	7.9471%
BD _{RC-Class}		29,428,636,118	917,454,734	82,033,303	13,460,975	29,796,612	253,265,770
BD _{RC-Class} BASIS		per kWh	per kWh	per Billing kVa	per Billing kVa	per 4CP kVa	per kWh

DIC_{RC} & DIC_{RC-CLASS} ('000)

Account Number	Description	DIST	Residential	Secondary <=10 KVA	Secondary > 10 KVA	Primary Voltage	Transmission Voltage	Lighting Total
	Intangible Plant		and the second second second second					
303.01	Misc Intangible Plant - MF S/W	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
303.02	Misc Intangible Plant - NMF S/W	\$120,951	\$85,964	\$4,670	\$24,522	\$2,683	\$1,270	\$1,8
	Total	\$120,951	\$85,964	\$4,670	\$24,522	\$2,683	\$1,270	\$1,84
	Transmission Plant							
352.01	Structures and Improvements	\$6,363	\$3,466	\$78	\$2,557	\$263	\$0	
353.01	Station Equipment	\$64,756	\$35,270	\$793	\$26,022	\$2,671	\$0	1
	Distribution Plant							
360.01	Land Owned in Fee	\$10,235	\$5,575	\$125	\$4,113	\$422	\$0	
360.02	Land and Land Rights	\$501	\$273	\$6	\$201	\$21	\$0	
361.01	Structures and Improvements	\$45,667	\$24,873	\$559	\$18,351	\$1,884	\$0	
362.01	Station Equipment	\$541,103	\$294,720	\$6,623	\$217,437	\$22,323	\$0	
A364.01	Poles, Towers & Fixtures-Secondary	\$63,655	\$36,623	\$825	\$26,207	\$0	\$0	
B364.01	Poles, Towers & Fixtures-Primary	\$417,328	\$230,246	\$5,188	\$164,762	\$17,131	\$0	
A365.01	O.H. Conductors & Devices-Secondary	\$56,476	\$32,493	\$732	\$23,251	\$0	\$0	
B365.01	O.H. Conductors & Devices-Primary	\$579,847	\$319,911	\$7,208	\$228,926	\$23,803	\$0	
366.01	Underground Conduits	\$373,998	\$284,214	\$1,512	\$80,863	\$7,409	\$0	
367.01	U.G. Conductors & Devices	\$698,542	\$528,278	\$2,568	\$154,052	\$13,644	\$0	
A368.01	Line Transformers-Secondary	\$688,624	\$396,188	\$8,927	\$283,509	\$0	\$0	
B368.01	Line Transformers-Primary	\$129,030	\$71,188	\$1,604	\$50,941	\$5,297	\$0	
369.01	Services	\$117,890	\$88,647	\$15,146	\$14,097	\$0	\$0	
370.01	Meters - Meters	\$5,466	\$0	\$19	\$4,497	\$704	\$245	
A370.01	Meters - Transformer	\$15,110	\$0	\$0	\$1,641	\$3,800	\$9,669	
370.03	Automated Meters - Meters	\$62,015	\$54,950	\$3,702	\$3,353	\$10	\$0	
A370.03	Automated Meters-Transformers	\$23,055	\$900	\$3,483	\$18,529	\$144	\$0	
373.01	Street Lighting and Signal Systems	\$371,107	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$371,1
373.02	Security Lighting	\$9,553	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,5
374.01	Security Lighting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
374.03	Asset Retirement Cost Dist Plant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	General Plant							
391.01	Office Furniture & Equip.	\$7,342	\$4,864	\$167	\$1,964	\$175	\$13	\$1
	Communication							
397.01	Communication Equipment	\$200,023	\$130,224	\$4,298	\$56,002	\$5,219	\$554	\$3,7
397.02	Computer Equipment	\$64,679	\$41,924	\$1,343	\$18,340	\$1,705	\$163	\$1,2
	Total DCRF Distribution Net Plant	\$4,673,315	\$2,670,790	\$69,578	\$1,424,136	\$109,307	\$11,914	\$387,5
	ADFIT	-\$716,586	-\$409,527	-\$10,669	-\$218,371	-\$16,761	-\$1,827	-\$59,4
	EDIT Regulatory Liability	-\$578,728	-\$330,742	-\$8,616	-\$176,360	-\$13,536	-\$1,475	-\$47,9
	Total Net DCRF Distribution Invested C:	\$3,378,001	\$1,930,520	\$50,293	\$1,029,405	\$79,010	\$8,612	\$280,

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule A: Summary of Distribution Cost of Service (DCOS)

		-	Total Approved	Reference
Line	Description	D	ocket No. 49421	Schedule
No.			Final Order	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(1)	
1	Operation & Maintenance, including (A&G)	\$	492,537,191	Docket No. 49421
	Depreciation and Amortization	ΙΨ	274,135,753	E-1
3	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes		237,363,464	E-2
4	Federal Income Tax		19,507,339	E-3
5	Return on Rate Base		243,667,091	В
6	Total Revenue Requirement		1,267,210,839	
7	Other Revenues		(30,591,898)	Docket No. 49421
8	Total	\$	1,236,618,940	

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule B: Summary of Distribution Rate Base

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		Balance Approved	Reference
	Description	Docket No 49421	Schedules
Line		Final Order	
No		(1)	
	Direct Assigned:		
1	Original Plant In Service		B-1
2	(Accumulated Depreciation)		B-5
3	Net Plant In Service	\$ 4,657,412,199	
4	Allocated Plant Accounts- Net *	282,137,279	Docket No 49421
5	CWIP *	-	Docket No 49421
6	Plant Held for Future Use	772,653	Docket No 49421
7	Accumulated Provisions	(6,226,129)	Docket No 49421
8	Accumulated Deferred Federal Income Tax (ADFIT)		Docket No 49421
9	Protected Excess Deferred Federal Income Tax (EDIT Reg Liability)	(594,045,905)	Docket No 49421
10	Materials & Supplies	64,133,551	Docket No 49421
11	Cash Working Capital	20,386,609	Docket No 49421
12	Prepayments	91,994,090	Docket No 49421
13	Other *		
14	Customer Deposits & Advances	-	
15	Reg Liabilities	(53,688,435)	Docket No 49421
16	Reg Assets	83,536,310	Docket No 49421
17	Subtotal	\$ (1,090,148,364)	
18	Total Rate Base	\$ 3,849,401,115	
			Docket No 49421
19	Rate of Return *	6 33%	WP/Schedule J/3 2
20	Return on Rate Base	\$ 243,667,091	Schedule A

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule B-1: Distribution Plant-Gross

Line	Account	Description	Balance		
No.	No.	Description	approved in		
	1.00.		Docket No. 49421		
			(1)		
	Distribut	tion Intangible Plant			
1		Miscellaneous Intangible Plant	\$ -		
2		Intangible EFM Equipment	251,227,523		
3		Sub-Total	\$ 251,227,523		
		ssion Plant			
4		Structures and improvements	7,015,209		
5	A353.01	Station Equipment	77,609,094		
6		Sub-Total	\$ 84,624,302		
	Distribut	lion Diont			
7		tion Plant Land Owned in Fee	10,234,974		
7		Land and Land Rights	1,114,928		
9		Structures and Improvements	68,857,255		
10		Station Equipment	758,043,955		
11		Storage Battery Equipment	730,043,933		
12		Poles, Towers & Fixtures	833,783,000		
13		O.H. Conductors & Devices	1,006,923,000		
14		Underground Conduits	588,107,000		
15		U.G. Conductors & Devices	1,066,097,000		
16	1	Line Transformers	1,376,114,000		
17		Services	200,437,000		
18	A370.01		78,336,000		
19		Advances Meters	-		
20		Automated Meters	111,787,000		
21	A371.01	Install. on Customer Prem.	-		
22	A372.01	Leased Prop. on Cust. Premises	-		
23	A373.01	Street Lights	604,289,000		
24	A373.02	Security Lighting	13,210,000		
25	A374.01	Security Lighting	-		
26		Sub-Total	\$ 6,717,334,112		
67	General		40.050.050		
27		Office furniture and equipment	10,256,950		
28		Microwave Equipment	271,100,699		
29		Computer Equipment	119,646,634		
30 31	A397.03	BPL Systems Sub-Total	\$ 401,004,283		
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32	Docket I	No. 49421 Adjustments			
33		TOTAL	\$ 7,437,681,280		
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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule B-5: Distribution Accumulated Depreciation

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Line	Account	Description	Balance
No.	No.		approved in
			Docket No. 49421
			(1)
	Distribut	tion Intangible Plant	
1	A303.01	Miscellaneous Intangible Plant	-
2		Intangible EFM Equipment	(130,276,057)
3		Sub-Total	\$ (130,276,057)
	Transmi	ssion Plant	
4	A352.01	Structures and improvements	(651,906)
5	A353.01	Station Equipment	(12,853,112)
6		Sub-Total	\$ (13,505,018)
_		tion Plant	
7		Land Owned in Fee	-
8		Land and Land Rights	(614,348)
9		Structures and Improvements	(23,190,176)
10		Station Equipment	(216,941,065)
11		Storage Battery Equipment	•
12		Poles, Towers & Fixtures	(352,800,000)
13	1	O.H. Conductors & Devices	(370,600,000)
14		Underground Conduits	(214,109,000)
15		U.G. Conductors & Devices	(367,555,000)
16	1	Line Transformers	(558,460,000)
17		Services	(82,547,000)
18	A370.01		(57,760,000)
19		Advances Meters	-
20		Automated Meters	(26,717,000)
21		Install. on Customer Prem.	-
22		Leased Prop. on Cust. Premises	-
23		Street Lights	(233,182,000)
24		Security Lighting	(3,657,000)
25	A374.01	Security Lighting	-
26		Sub-Total	\$(2,508,132,589)
	General	 Plant	
27		Office furniture and equipment	(2,915,424)
27		Microwave Equipment	
			(71,078,136)
29 30		Computer Equipment BPL Systems	(54,968,046)
30 31	A391.03	BPL Systems Sub-Total	\$ (128,961,606)
51		Sub-Total	ψ (120,901,000)
32	Docket P	l No. 49421 Adjustments	
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33	1	TOTAL	\$(2,780,269,081)
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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule E-1: Distribution Depreciation Expense

Line	Account Description			Depreciation Expense		Gross Plant Balance		
No	No.	Decemption		approved in		approved in		
				Docket No. 49421		ocket No. 49421		
				(1)		(2)		
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	Depreciat	ion Expense						
		on Intangible Plant						
1		Miscellaneous Intangible Plant	\$	-	\$	-		
2		Intangible EFM Equipment	Ť	29,488,145	.	251,227,523		
3		Sub-Total	\$	29,488,145	\$	251,227,523		
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		sion Plant		440.400		7 015 000		
4		Structures and improvements		112,480		7,015,209		
4 5 6	7333.01	Station Equipment Sub-Total	\$	1,498,280 1,610,759	\$	77,609,094 84,624,302		
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	Distributi	on Plant						
7	A360.01	Land Owned in Fee		-		10,234,974		
8	A360.02	Land and Land Rights		18,235		1,114,928		
9	A361.01	Structures and Improvements		1,096,625		68,857,255		
10	A362.01	Station Equipment		15,972,429		758,043,955		
11	A363.01	Storage Battery Equipment		-		-		
12		Poles Towers & Fixtures		25,156,419		833,783,000		
13	A365.01	O.H. Conductors & Devices		32,382,145		1,006,923,000		
14	A366.01	Underground Conduits		11,474,307		588,107,000		
15		U.G. Conductors & Devices		34,746,854		1,066,097,000		
16	A368.01	Line Transformers		50,800,761		1,376,114,000		
17	A369 01	Services		8,995,209		200,437,000		
18	A370.01			2,576,278		78,336,000		
19		Advances Meters		-		-		
20	A370.03	Automated Meters		2,491,246		111,787,000		
21	A371.01	Install. on Customer Prem.		-	1	-		
22		Leased Prop. on Cust. Premises		-		-		
23		Street Lights		18,212,109		604,289,000		
24	A373 02	Security Lighting		461,604		13,210,000		
25		Security Lighting		-		-		
26		Sub-Total	\$	204,384,221	\$	6,717,334,112		
	General F	Plant						
27	A391.01	Office furniture and equipment		361,797		10,256,950		
28	A397.01	Microwave Equipment		11,852,304		271,100,699		
29	A397 02	Computer Equipment		14,937,698		119,646,634		
30	A397.03	BPL Systems		-		-		
31		Sub-Total	\$	27,151,798	\$	401,004,283		
32	Total Assi	gned	\$	262,634,923	\$	7,454,190,221		
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33		Expense Accounts	\$	5,790,140	\$	398,545,543		
34	Misc. Oth		\$	380,110				
35		tion Other	\$	5,872,595				
36		o. 49421 Adjustments	Survey					
27		TOTAL	•	074 495 759	l e	7 926 226 922		
37		TOTAL	\$	274,135,753	\$	7,836,226,823		

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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule E-2: Distribution Taxes Other than Income Taxes

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Line No.	FERC Account	Account Description	Total Approved per Docket No. 4942			
				(1)		
	Taxes Oth	er Than Income Taxes:				
1	Non-Reve	nue Related	1			
2 3		Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	60,471,373		
3		Payroll Taxes	7,641,77			
4	Revenue f	Related Taxes				
5		City Franchise Fee		153,245,000		
6		Margin Tax	[16,197,251		
7		Deferred SIT/Local		(191,935)		
8	Total Taxe	es Other Than FIT Taxes	\$	237,363,464		

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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric Exhibit I - Baseline for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Schedule E-3: Distribution Federal Income Taxes

Line No.	Account Description		Reference Schedule	Amount Approved per Docket No. 49421 (1)	
1	Federal Income Taxes				
2	Return on Rate Base		Schedule B	\$	243,667,091
3	Deductions:				
4	Synchronized Interest				100,716,496
5	ITC Amortization				45 504 050
6	Amortization of Protected Excess DFIT				15,564,252
8	Amortization of Non-protected Excess DFIT Research and Development Credit				1,058,003
9	Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit				44,735
10	Other				14,700
11		Subtotal		\$	117,383,486
11	Additions				
12	Non-deductible Parking and Transit				91,385
13	Meals & Entertainment				464,184
14	Diesel Fuel Credit Disallowance				2,648
15	Permanent Depreciation Difference				3,640,151
16	Medicare Drug Subsidy	Culturated		-	1,176,506
		Subtotal		\$	5,374,873
18	Taxable Component of Return				131,658,478
19	Tax Factor				26.582278%
20	Federal Income Taxes Before Adjustments				34,997,823
21	Tax Credits-Deduct				
22	Amortization of Protected EDIT			1	15,564,252
23	Amortization of Non-Protected EDIT			ļ	-
24	Research and Development Credit				1,058,003
25	Medicare Drug Subsidy				(1,176,506)
26	Restricted Stock Excess Tax Benefit				44,735
27	TOTAL FEDERAL INCOME TAXES		Schedule A	\$	19,507,339
21	I UTAL FEDERAL INCOME TAXES		Schedule A	Þ	19,507,33

Schedule E-3

PUC DOCKET NO. 49421 SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-19-3864

APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT§ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC§FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES§

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

PROPOSED ORDER

This Order addresses the application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Houston) for authority to change its rates. CenterPoint Houston filed a settlement agreement that resolves certain issues among the parties to the proceeding. The signatories to the settlement agreement are CenterPoint Houston, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Public Utility Counsel, City of Houston/Houston Coalition of Cities, Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities, Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities, H-E-B LP, Texas Industrial Energy Consumers, Alliance for Retail Markets, Texas Energy Association for Marketers, and Walmart Inc.. Texas Competitive Power Advocates, Calpine Corporation, Olin Corporation, Solar Energy Industries Association, Enel X North America, Inc., Generation Park Management District, and McCord Development, Inc. are unopposed to the settlement agreement. The Commission approves CenterPoint Houston's application, as modified by the settlement agreement, to the extent provided in this Order.

The Commission adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

I. Findings of Fact

<u>Applicant</u>

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- 1. CenterPoint Houston is an investor-owned electric utility within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) system.
- 2. CenterPoint Houston is a subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
- 3. CenterPoint Houston serves approximately 2.5 million metered customers.
- 4. CenterPoint Houston's electric system covers approximately 5,000 square miles located in and around Houston, Texas and is comprised of approximately 58,000 miles of overhead and underground transmission and distribution lines.

 CenterPoint Houston's last rate case was filed on June 30, 2010 and docketed as *Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, Docket No. 38339, Order on Rehearing, June 23, 2011.

Application

- 6. On April 5, 2019, CenterPoint Houston filed an application and statement of intent to change retail transmission and distribution rates and wholesale transmission rates with an effective date of May 10, 2019.
- 7. The applicable test year was the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
- 8. CenterPoint Houston initially sought Commission approval to increase transmission and distribution revenues by approximately \$161 million, inclusive of Rider UEDIT. The requested adjustment included a net annual increase in retail transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$154.2 million over adjusted test-year revenues. The requested increase also included an annual increase of approximately \$6.8 million for wholesale transmission service.
- 9. The Company also initially proposed the establishment of Rider UEDIT to continue returning to customers approximately \$97 million over three years in unprotected excess deferred federal income taxes (EDIT) resulting from the enactment of the legislation referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA).
- 10. As amended by its errata filing, CenterPoint Houston's application now seeks an annual increase in transmission and distribution revenues by \$154.6 million, inclusive of Rider UEDIT. This increase is comprised of a net annual increase in retail transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$149.2 million over adjusted test-year revenues and an annual increase of approximately \$5.4 million for wholesale transmission service. Through its errata filing, CenterPoint Houston's Rider UEDIT would return approximately \$119 million to customers over a three-year period.
- 11. In addition to the rate increase, CenterPoint Houston requested a prudency determination for all capital investment made between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2018, approval to establish and recover certain regulatory assets and liabilities, permission to install

voltage regulation battery assets, approval of new facility extension policies for electric vehicle public charging stations and the recovery of reasonable rate case expenses.

- 12. No party objected to the sufficiency of the application.
- 13. CenterPoint Houston complied with the form and instructions for the Commission's ratefiling package and the application was administratively complete.
- 14. Commission Staff participated in this docket.
- 15. In State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Order No. 2 issued on May 1, 2019, the SOAH ALJs granted intervenor status to the following entities: Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC), City of Houston (COH), Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities (GCCC), Texas Coast Utilities Coalition (TCUC), Texas Industrial Consumers (TIEC), Alliance of Retail Marketers (ARM), and Texas Energy Association for Marketers (TEAM).
- In SOAH Order No. 3 issued on May 16, 2019, the SOAH ALJs granted intervenor status to the following entities: Calpine Corporation, Texas Competitive Power Advocates (TCPA), and Olin Corporation (Olin).
- 17. In SOAH Order No. 6 issued on June 4, 2019, the SOAH ALJs granted intervenor status to the following entities: McCord Development, Inc. (McCord), Generation Park Management District (GMPD), H-E-B, Enel X North America, Inc. (Enel X), Walmart Inc. (Walmart), Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), and Houston Coalition of Cities (HCC).

Appeals of Municipal Ordinances

18. CenterPoint Houston timely appealed to the Commission the actions of the following municipalities exercising original jurisdiction with CenterPoint Houston's service territory: Brookside Village, Clute, Danbury, East Bernard, El Lago, Freeport, Jones Creek, Meadows Place, Oak Ridge North, Oyster Creek, Richmond, Richwood, Sandy Point, Shoreacres, Simonton, Southside Place, Stafford, Surfside Beach Village, Thompsons, Weston Lakes, Wharton, the Village of Fairchilds, the Village of Pleak, the Town of Quintana, La Marque, South Houston, Dickinson, Jersey Village, Manvel, Lake Jackson, Deer Park, Rosenburg, Webster, Stafford, Brazos Country, Santa Fe, La Porte, West University Place, Spring Valley Village, Galveston, Hedwig Village, Oak Ridge North,

Houston, Alvin, Friendswood, Clear Lake Shores, Pasadena, Sugar Land, Baytown, Missouri City, Freeport, Pearland, West Columbia, Sealy, Clute, League City, Wharton, Beach City, Bellaire, Brookside Village, Bunker Hill Village, Fulshear, Hunter's Creek, Oyster Creek, Seabrook, Simonton, Taylor Lake Village, Texas City, and Tiki Island.

19. In SOAH Order No. 7 and SOAH Order No. 11, CenterPoint Houston's municipal rate appeals were consolidated into this proceeding.

Testimony and Statements of Position

- 20. On April 5, 2019, CenterPoint Houston included in its application the direct testimonies and exhibits of Kenny M. Mercado, Randal M. Pryor, Martin W. Narendorf Jr., Dale Bodden, Julienne P. Sugarek, John R. Hudson, Kristie L. Colvin, Charles W. Pringle, Justin J. Hyland, Michelle M. Townsend, John E. Slanina, Shachella D. James, Rebecca Demarr, Shane Kimzey, Kelly C. Gauger, Diane M. Englet, Lynne Harkel-Rumford, John J. Reed, Timothy S. Lyons, Dane A. Watson, Robert B. Hevert, Robert B. McRae, Gregory S. Wilson, J. Stuart McMenamin, Matthew A. Troxle, and Myles F. Reynolds.
- 21. On June 6, 2019, OPUC filed the direct testimonies and exhibits of June M. Dively, Anjuli Winker, and Karl Nalepa; COH and HCC jointly filed the direct testimonies and exhibits of Kit Pevoto, Mark E. Garrett, and Scott Norwood; GCCC filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Lane Kollen; TCUC filed the direct testimonies and exhibits of J. Randall Woolridge and David J. Garrett; Walmart filed the direct testimony of Steve W. Chriss; TIEC filed the direct testimonies and exhibits of Jeffrey Pollock, Billie S. LaConte, Michael P. Gorman, and Charles S. Griffey; and H-E-B filed the direct testimony of George W. Presses.
- 22. On June 12, 2019, Staff filed the direct testimony and exhibits of Brian T. Murphy, Reginald J. Tuvilla, William B. Abbott, Mark Filarowicz, Blake P. Ianni, Alicia Maloy, Jorge Ordonez, Tom Sweatman, and Darryl Tietjen.
- 23. On June 12, 2019, ARM, Calpine, Enel X, GMPD, McCord, SEIA, TCPA and TEAM, each filed, either individually or jointly, a Statement of Position.
- On June 19, 2019, CenterPoint Houston filed the rebuttal testimony of Randal M. Pryor, Martin W. Narendorf Jr., Julienne P. Sugarek, John R. Hudson, Kristie L. Colvin, Charles

W. Pringle, Michelle M. Townsend, Kelly C. Gauger, Lynne Harkel-Rumford, John J. Reed, Dane A. Watson, Robert B. Hevert, Robert B. McRae, J. Stuart McMenamin, Matthew A. Troxle, Jeffrey S. Myerson, Ellen Lapson, and George C. Sanger.

- 25. On June 19, 2019, COH and HCC jointly filed the cross-rebuttal testimony of Kit Pevoto; TIEC filed the cross-rebuttal testimony of Jeffrey Pollock; OPUC filed the cross-rebuttal testimony of Karl Nalepa; H-E-B filed the cross-rebuttal testimony of George W. Presses; and Staff filed the cross-rebuttal testimonies of William B. Abbott and Brian T. Murphy.
- 26. At the hearing on the merits, Staff supplied the supplemental direct testimony of Thomas Sweatman. The testimony was filed on July 3, 2019.

<u>**Referral to SOAH**</u>

- On April 8, 2019, the Commission referred this docket to SOAH and ordered CenterPoint Houston, Commission Staff, and any other interested party to file a list of issues by April 24, 2019.
- 28. In SOAH Order No. 1 issued on April 9, 2019, the SOAH ALJs suspended rates until October 7, 2019, and provided notice of a prehearing conference.
- 29. On May 9, 2019, the Commission approved the preliminary order (Preliminary Order) for this docket, setting forth a list of 59 issues to be addressed. The Preliminary Order stated that the following issues would not be addressed in this proceeding:
 - a. Whether CenterPoint Houston should be permitted to install voltage-regulation battery assets.
 - b. Whether CenterPoint Houston should be permitted to modify its tariff to add an additional allowance for facility extensions to electric charging stations.
- 30. In SOAH Order No. 5 issued on June 4, 2019, the SOAH ALJs granted CenterPoint Houston's motion to sever issues related to rate case expenses incurred in this docket and other prior dockets.
- 31. In SOAH Order No. 5 the ALJs established Docket No. 49595, Review of Rate Case Expenses Incurred by CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC in Docket Nos. 38339, 45747, 47032, 47364, 48226, and 49421.

- 32. SOAH Order No. 6 held that any party that filed neither direct testimony nor a statement of position by the deadline was subject to being stricken as a party.
- On June 24, 2019, the hearing on the merits convened and the hearing was held through June 28, 2019.
- 34. The hearing was presided by ALJs Meaghan Bailey, Steven D. Arnold, and Fernando Rodriguez.
- 35. Olin did not file testimony nor a statement of position. CenterPoint Houston filed a Motion to Strike all Intervenors Who Failed to File Direct Testimony or a Statement of Position on June 20, 2019. On June 24, 2019, the ALJs granted the motion and Olin was struck as a party to this proceeding.
- 36. On July 9, 2019, the parties filed initial post-hearing briefs.
- 37. On July 16, 2019, the parties filed reply briefs and the record was closed.

Application

- 38. CenterPoint Houston's rate filing package was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Commission including, but not limited to, 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.231, Cost of Service and in accordance with the Transmission & Distribution Investor Owned Utilities Rate Filing Package for Cost-of Service Determination (RFP).
- 39. The information provided in the RFP is taken from the Company's accounts and records as prescribed in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Electric Uniform System of Accounts (FERC USOA) as required by 16 TAC § 25.72.
- 40. The workpapers have been appropriately designated, supported and positioned in accordance with RFP General Instruction No. 12, notes a, b, and c.
- 41. The information provided in the RFP is based on a historical 12-month test year ending December 31, 2018.

Books and Records in Support of the Application

42. The books, accounts and records of CenterPoint Houston are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), follow the FERC USOA as

required by Commission rules, and are maintained under normal business practices. The business records were made available to all parties and the summaries thereof submitted as part of the application filed in this case were accurate.

Application is Administratively Complete

43. No party challenged the adequacy and completeness of the Company's application and in SOAH Order No. 4, the ALJs found that the Company's application was deemed sufficient.

<u>Notice</u>

- 44. Notice was provided as required by PURA §§ 36.102 and 36.103, as well as 16 TAC § 22.51(a).
- 45. CenterPoint Houston served a copy of its statement of intent on each municipality within CenterPoint Houston's service area and a copy of its petition was provided to each municipality within CenterPoint Houston's service area with original jurisdiction on March 1, 2019.
- 46. CenterPoint Houston timely served by mail notice of the application to each of the ERCOT wholesale transmission customers on the service list in Commission Staff's *Application to Set 2019 Wholesale Transmission Service Charges for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas*, Docket No. 48928.
- 47. CenterPoint Houston timely served notice by mail of the application to each retail electric provider (REP) listed on the Commission's website as of the date on which service was sent.
- 48. A copy of the Application and RFP was sent to each party that participated in Docket No.38339 by hand delivery or overnight mail.
- 49. On April 16, 2019, a revised notice was mailed to each of the ERCOT wholesale transmission customers on the service list in Docket No. 48928 and to each REP listed on the Commission website.
- 50. On May 14, 2019, CenterPoint Houston filed publisher's affidavits attesting that CenterPoint Houston provided notice by publication once per week for four consecutive weeks on April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 9, 2019.

- 51. On May 14, 2019, CenterPoint Houston filed the affidavit of Alice S. Hart attesting to the completion of the publication of notice as required by 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(1).
- 52. No party challenged the adequacy of the notice provided by CenterPoint Houston and Staff recommended that the ALJs find that the Company's notice was sufficient.
- 53. In SOAH Order No. 2 issued on May 1, 2019, the SOAH ALJs found CenterPoint Houston's notice of the application sufficient.
- 54. Notice of CenterPoint Houston's application was published once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in each county of CenterPoint Houston's Texas service area.

<u>Settlement</u>

- 55. On December 13, 2019, CenterPoint Houston filed a letter requesting that the Commission defer further consideration of this docket until its January 16, 2020 Open Meeting in order to permit parties to engage in discussions regarding a possible stipulation addressing the issues in this docket.
- 56. On January 22, 2020, an unopposed stipulation and settlement agreement (Agreement) was filed by CenterPoint Houston.
- 57. The Signatories to the Agreement are CenterPoint Houston, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Public Utility Counsel, City of Houston/Houston Coalition of Cities, Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities, H-E-B LP, Texas Industrial Energy Consumers, Alliance for Retail Markets, Texas Energy Association for Marketers, and Walmart Inc. Texas Competitive Power Advocates, Calpine Corporation, Olin Corporation, Solar Energy Industries Association, Enel X North America, Inc., Generation Park Management District and McCord Development, Inc.are unopposed to the settlement agreement.
- 58. The Agreement is reasonable and should be approved.

Overall Revenues

- 59. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston's total base rate revenue requirement should be increased by a "black box" amount of \$13 million, as reflected in Exhibit A to the settlement agreement.
- 60. The approved rates shall be effective on March 1, 2020. [OR If the Commission issues a Final Order on or after February 6, 2020, then the approved rates will be effective 45 days after the date of the Order.]

<u>Return and Capital Structure</u>

- 61. The signatories agreed that beginning with the effective date of the new rates authorized in this proceeding CenterPoint Houston's weighted average cost of capital (WACC) shall be 6.51% based upon an as filed 4.38% cost of debt, an agreed return on equity (ROE) of 9.4%, and an agreed regulatory capital structure of 57.5% long-term debt and 42.5% equity.
- 62. It is appropriate for CenterPoint Houston to have a weighted average cost of capital of 6.51%, based upon an as filed 4.38% cost of debt, an agreed return on equity of 9.4%, and an agreed regulatory capital structure of 57.5% long-term debt and 42.5% equity.
- 63. The signatories agreed that the agreed-upon weighted average cost of capital, cost of debt, return on equity, and capital structure of CenterPoint Houston would apply in all Commission proceeding or Commission filings requiring application of such items.
- 64. It is appropriate for the agreed-upon weighted average cost of capital, cost of debt, return on equity, and capital structure for CenterPoint Houston to apply in all Commission proceedings or Commission filings requiring application of such items.

Future Base Rate Proceeding

65. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston will file a base rate case no later than four years from the date of the Commission's final order in this docket and will not request a delay of the filing of its next base rate case using the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.247(b)(2). Nothing shall prohibit CenterPoint Houston from filing, or any regulatory authority from requiring pursuant to applicable law, a base rate case earlier than four years from the date of the Commission's final order in this docket.

Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) Proceeding

- 66. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston will not file a DCRF proceeding during the 2020 calendar year.
- 67. The signatories agreed that in future updates to its distribution rate base through future DCRF proceedings, CenterPoint Houston shall update its distribution rate base to account for the effects of changed accumulated deferred federal income tax (ADFIT) and EDIT regulatory liability balances, in each proceeding requesting an update of its distribution rates.

Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) Proceedings

68. The signatories agreed that, between the date of the final order in this proceeding and the date of the final order in CenterPoint Houston's next base rate proceeding, when updating its transmission rate base through TCOS proceedings, CenterPoint Houston will update its transmission rate base to account for the effects of changed ADFIT and EDIT regulatory liability balances, in each proceeding requesting an update of its wholesale transmission rates.

Allocation of Revenue Requirement

- 69. The signatories agreed that the revenue requirement, including the revenue increase, shall be distributed among customer classes per the allocation set forth in Staff's number run filed on December 5, 2019, and as set forth in Exhibit B to the settlement agreement.
- 70. The allocation of the revenue requirement set forth in Exhibit B to the settlement agreement is just and reasonable.
- 71. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston will recover all existing and future retail transmission-related costs through its transmission cost recovery factor (TCRF) instead of through base rates.

Rate Design and Tariff Approval

72. The signatories agreed to use the tariffs and rate design set forth in Exhibit C to the settlement agreement.

- 73. The tariffs and rate design in Exhibit C to the settlement agreement incorporate the total base revenue increase.
- 74. The tariffs and rate design in Exhibit C in the settlement agreement are just and reasonable.

Ring-Fencing

- 75. The signatories agreed to the adoption of ring-fencing measures for CenterPoint Houston as set forth in findings of fact _____ through ____ of this order.
- 76. CenterPoint Houston's credit agreements and indentures shall not contain cross-default provisions by which a default by CNP or its other affiliates would cause a default at CenterPoint Houston.
- 77. The financial covenant in CenterPoint Houston's credit agreement shall not be related to any entity other than CenterPoint Houston. CenterPoint Houston shall not include in its debt or credit agreements any financial covenants or rating-rating agency triggers related to any entity other than CenterPoint Houston.
- 78. CenterPoint Houston shall not pledge its assets in respect of or guaranty any debt or obligation of any of its affiliates. CenterPoint Houston shall not pledge, mortgage, hypothecate, or grant a lien upon the property of CenterPoint Houston except pursuant to an exception in effect in CenterPoint Houston's current credit agreement, such as the first mortgage and general mortgage.
- 79. CenterPoint Houston shall maintain its own stand-alone credit facility, and CenterPoint Houston shall not share its credit facility with any regulated or unregulated affiliate.
- 80. CenterPoint Houston shall maintain registrations with all three ratings agencies.
- 81. CenterPoint Houston shall maintain a stand-alone credit rating.
- 82. CenterPoint Houston's first mortgage bonds and general mortgage bonds shall be secured only with CenterPoint Houston's assets.
- No CenterPoint Houston assets may be used to secure the debt of CNP or its non-CenterPoint Houston affiliates.
- 84. CenterPoint Houston shall not hold out its credit as being available to pay the debt of any affiliates (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, CenterPoint Houston is not considered

to be holding its credit out to pay the debt of affiliates, or in breach of any other ringfencing measure, with respect to the \$68 million of CenterPoint Houston general mortgage bonds that currently serve as collateral for certain outstanding CNP pollution control bonds).

- 85. Without prior approval of the Commission, neither CNP nor any affiliate of CNP (excluding CenterPoint Houston) may incur, guaranty, or pledge assets in respect of any incremental new debt that is dependent on: (1) the revenues of CenterPoint Houston in more than a proportionate degree than the other revenues of CenterPoint Houston; or (2) the stock of CenterPoint Houston.
- 86. CenterPoint Houston shall not transfer any material assets or facilities to any affiliates, other than a transfer that is on an arm's length basis consistent with the Commission's affiliate standards applicable to CenterPoint Houston.
- 87. Except for its participation in an affiliate money pool, CenterPoint Houston shall not commingle its assets with those of other CNP affiliates.
- 88. Except for its participation in an affiliate money pool, CenterPoint Houston shall not lend money to or borrow money from CNP affiliates.
- 89. CenterPoint Houston shall notify the Commission if its credit issuer rating or corporate rating as rated by any of the three major rating agencies falls below investment grade level.
- 90. Based on the Commission's review of the record and the parties' briefing currently on file with the Commission, the Commission finds that a dividend restriction [should/should not] be adopted.
- 91. [Description of dividend restriction, if adopted by the Commission]
- 92. The signatories agreed that if CenterPoint Houston appeals any Commission decision related to dividend restrictions, CenterPoint Houston will reimburse, on a monthly basis, the expenses of other parties incurred to litigate that appeal and not seek recovery of those expenses in rates.

Invested Capital

93. CenterPoint Houston's invested capital, including its plant in service through the end of the test year (December 31, 2018), as reflected on Exhibit D to the settlement agreement, is used and useful in providing service and was prudently incurred. This includes approximately \$41.2 million in Underground Cable Life Extension Program investment placed in service from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 is used and useful in providing service, and prudent and properly included in rate base.

Cash Working Capital

- 94. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston's total company cash working capital of \$24,269,000 is reasonable and this amount shall be used for preparation of CenterPoint Houston's Earnings Monitoring Reports for reporting years beginning in 2020, as shown on Exhibit D.
- 95. CenterPoint Houston's total company cash working capital of \$24,269,000 is reasonable.

Certain Tax Matters

96. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston shall refund through Rider UEDIT and its Wholesale Transmission Service tariff an unprotected excess deferred income tax (UEDIT) amount of \$64,903,763, protected excess deferred income tax amount of \$18,659,227, and gross up of \$21,886,079 for a total UEDIT refund of \$105,449,069 plus carrying costs. The refund and amortization period for UEDIT for Residential Service, Secondary Service Less Than or Equal to 10 KVA, Street Lighting Service, and Miscellaneous Lighting Service shall be approximately 30 months beginning with the effective date of the rates authorized in this proceeding, as shown in the rate schedules on Exhibit E to the settlement agreement. The refund and amortization period for UEDIT for Secondary Service Greater Than 10 KVA, Primary Service, and Transmission Service shall be approximately 36 months beginning with the effective date of the rates authorized in this proceeding, as shown in the rate schedules on Exhibit E to the settlement agreement. The refund and amortization period for the amount included in the Wholesale Transmission Service (WTS) tariff is approximately 36 months, as shown in the WTS rate schedule on Exhibit C to the settlement agreement.

- 97. The signatories agreed that no proceeding should be initiated to review CenterPoint Houston's or its affiliate's ADFIT balances on CenterPoint Houston's or its affiliate's transition and restoration bonds and that no Signatory will raise issues related to the appropriate treatment of EDIT amounts associated with those bonds in future Commission proceedings related to CenterPoint Houston or its affiliates.
- 98. CenterPoint Houston's TCJA-related protected EDIT balance is \$562.5 million and must be returned to customers under the average rate assumption method (ARAM).
- 99. CenterPoint Houston's proposal to return the protected EDIT balance through rates under ARAM and the unprotected EDIT balance through Rider UEDIT and its Wholesale Transmission Service tariff is just and reasonable.
- 100. The settlement agreement's treatment of UEDIT is appropriate.

Accounting Matters

- 101. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston shall be permitted, for purposes of future DCRF, TCOS and general rate case proceedings, to reflect Texas Margin Tax (TMT) expense based on the current TMT rate applicable in the period that rates are recovered.
- 102. The signatories agreed that, except with respect to EDIT regulatory assets and liabilities, with respect to regulatory assets and liabilities maintained on the Company's books and records and at issue in this proceeding, CenterPoint Houston shall be permitted to amortize those assets and liabilities over five years. The Texas Margin Tax regulatory asset included in CenterPoint Houston's rate filing package is not considered in the regulatory assets and the amount of the amortization expense referenced in the settlement agreement.
- 103. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston's total Prepaid Pension Asset will be reduced by the capital component identified as Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) and is authorized to apply and recover an amount for AFUDC.
- 104. The signatories agreed that, with exception of rate case expenses, nothing in this "black box" Agreement shall be construed in such a way as to require CenterPoint Houston to write off any investment, assets or liabilities currently maintained on its books and records.

<u>Rate Case Expenses</u>

- 105. CenterPoint Houston agreed to reimburse cities participating in this docket for rate case expenses incurred in all dockets subject to Docket No. 49595. CenterPoint Houston agrees not to seek recovery of rate case expenses requested in Docket No. 49595, including expenses associated with this proceeding, Docket No. 49421, and any appeals of this proceeding.
- 106. The signatories agreed that cities shall provide CenterPoint Houston with invoices for all rate case expenses incurred within 10 days of a final order in this proceeding.
- 107. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston shall reimburse Cities for rate case expenses included on invoices submitted in accordance with this timeline within 30 days of a final order in this proceeding.
- 108. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston shall not be required to reimburse Cities for rate case expenses not included on invoices provided in accordance with this timeline.
- 109. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston will withdraw or move to dismiss Docket No. 49595 within 30 days of a final order in this proceeding.

<u>Affiliate Expenses</u>

- 110. To the extent that affiliate costs are included in the agreed-to rates, they are reasonable and necessary for each class of affiliate costs presented in CenterPoint Houston's application.
- 111. To the extent that affiliate costs are included in the agreed-to rates, the price charged to CenterPoint Houston is not higher than the prices charged by the supplying affiliate for the same item or class of items to its other affiliates or divisions or to a non-affiliated person within the same market area or having the same market conditions.

<u>Self-Insurance Reserve</u>

112. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston's request for an annual self-insurance reserve accrual of \$7.685 million and a new target property insurance reserve of \$6.55 million is reasonable and appropriate. The accrual is comprised of: (1) \$3.575 million to provide for average annual expected operations and maintenance (O&M) expense losses from events where losses are greater than \$100,000; and (2) \$4.11 million accrued annually

for three years to achieve a target reserve of \$6.55 million from the current reserve deficit level of (\$5.79 million).

- 113. The settlement agreement's treatment of a self-insurance reserve is appropriate.
- 114. CenterPoint Houston's self-insurance reserve is in the public interest and is a lower-cost alternative to purchasing commercial insurance.
- 115. CenterPoint Houston's self-insurance reserve results in savings, and ratepayers will receive the benefit of those savings.

Depreciation

- 116. Beginning with the effective date of the new rates authorized in this proceeding, CenterPoint Houston will use the depreciation rates as proposed in the direct testimony of CenterPoint Houston witness Dane Watson (CEHE Ex. 25 and Exhibit F to the settlement agreement).
- 117. The treatment of depreciation rates in the settlement agreement is appropriate.

Pension and Other Postemployment Benefit Baselines

- 118. The signatories agreed that CenterPoint Houston's Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Baselines are \$23,853,739 for pension and \$2,671,274 for OPEB expense and are consistent with PURA § 36.065. The combined total of \$26,525,013 is comprised of the amount for CenterPoint Houston of \$19,627,483 and Service Company of \$6,897,530.
- 119. The baselines for CenterPoint Houston's Pension and OPEB expense are reasonable and appropriate.

Interim Update of Transmission Rates

- 120. The signatories agreed that when CenterPoint Houston files an application to update its transmission rates on an interim basis pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.192(h), the baseline values to be used in that application are as provided in Exhibit G to the settlement agreement.
- 121. It is appropriate for CenterPoint Houston to use the baseline values set forth in Exhibit G to the settlement agreement.

Baseline Values for Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) Filings

- 122. The signatories agreed that the baseline values to be used in CenterPoint Houston's future TCRF filed pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.193 are those values set forth in Exhibit H to the settlement agreement.
- 123. The signatories agreed that the TCRF rates set following this proceeding will reflect CenterPoint Houston's updated TCRF, as approved in Commission Docket No. 50294.
- 124. The settlement agreement's treatment of the baseline values for TCRF filings is appropriate.

Baseline Values for Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) Filings

- 125. The signatories agreed that the baseline values to be used in CenterPoint Houston's future DCRF filing made pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.243 shall be those set out in Exhibit I to the settlement agreement.
- 126. The settlement agreement's treatment of the baseline values for DCRF filings is appropriate.

II. Conclusions of Law

- 1. CenterPoint Houston is a public utility as that term is defined in PURA § 11.004(1) and an electric utility as that term is defined in PURA § 31.002(b).
- The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under PURA¹ §§ 14.001, 32.001, 33.051, 36.001 through 36.211, and 39.552.
- 3. The Commission has jurisdiction over an appeal from municipalities' rate proceedings under PURA § 33.051.
- 4. The Commission processed the application in accordance with the requirement of PURA, the Administrative Procedure Act,² and Commission rules.
- 5. The Commission's approval of the settlement is in accordance with the requirement of PURA, the Administrative Procedure Act,³ and Commission rules.

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code §§ 11.001 – 66.016 (PURA).

² Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.001 -.902.

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- 6. SOAH exercised jurisdiction over this proceeding under PURA § 14.053 and Texas Government Code § 2003.049.
- 7. CenterPoint Houston provided notice of the application in compliance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a) and filed affidavits attesting to the completion of notice in compliance with 16 TAC § 22.51(d).
- 8. The hearing on the merits was set and notice of the hearing was given in compliance with Texas Government Code §§ 2001.051 and 2001.052.
- 9. The rates approved in this Order are just and reasonable; are not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory; are sufficient, equitable, and consistent in application to each consumer class; and meet the requirements of PURA § 36.003.
- 10. In accordance with PURA § 36.051, the rates approved in this Order permit CenterPoint Houston a reasonable opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its invested capital used and useful in providing service to the public in excess of its reasonable and necessary operating expenses.
- 11. The retail revenue requirement approved in this Order does not include any expenses prohibited from recovery under PURA §§ 36.061(a) and 36.062.
- 12. CenterPoint Houston's invested capital through the end of the test year meets the requirement of PURA § 36.058.
- 13. The affiliate expenses included in CenterPoint Houston's rates under the agreement comply with the requirements of PURA § 36.058.
- 14. Under PURA § 36.065(b), a utility may establish one or more reserve accounts for expenses for pension and other postemployment benefits.
- 15. The refund of the unprotected EDIT regulatory liability related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which is described above in finding of fact 96, is reasonable and in accordance with the requirement of the Commission's order in Project No. 47945.
- 16. The agreement resolves certain issues between the parties in this docket.
- 17. The tariff sheets and rates schedules approved in this Order are just and reasonable.

18. The Commission's adoption of a final order in accordance with the settlement agreement and in accordance with this Commission's determination on contested issues related to ring -fencing satisfies the requirements of Texas Government Code §§ 2001.051.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these finding of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders:

- 1. The Commission approves CenterPoint Houston's application, as modified by the settlement agreement, to the extent provided in this Order.
- 2. The Commission approves the rates, terms, and conditions described in this Order.
- 3. The Commission approve CenterPoint Houston's tariffs attached to the settlement agreement.
- 4. The final rates approved in this Order are effective for electricity bills rendered on and after March 1, 2020. [OR If the Commission issues a Final Order on or after February 6, 2020, then the approved rates will be effective 45 days after the date of the Order.]
- 5. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, CenterPoint Houston must file a clean record copy of the approved tariffs to be stamped "Approved" by Central Records and retained by the Commission.
- 6. CenterPoint Houston must serve copies of all tariff-related filings on all parties of record.
- 7. CenterPoint Houston's depreciation rates must be those set forth in Exhibit F to the settlement agreement.
- 8. CenterPoint Houston must use the baseline values set forth in Exhibit G to the settlement agreement for interim updates of transmission rates.
- 9. CenterPoint Houston must use the baseline values set forth in Exhibit H to the settlement agreement in TCRF applications.
- 10. CenterPoint Houston must use the baseline values set forth in Exhibit I to the settlement agreement in DCRF applications.
- 11. CenterPoint Houston may not file a DCRF proceeding during the 2020 calendar year.

- 12. CenterPoint Houston shall update its distribution rate base to account for the effects of changed ADFIT and EDIT regulatory liability balances, in each future DCRF proceeding requesting an update of its distribution rates.
- 13. Between the date of the final order in this proceeding and the date of the final order in CenterPoint Houston's next base rate proceeding, when updating its transmission rate base through TCOS proceedings, CenterPoint Houston shall update its transmission rate base to account for the effects of changed ADFIT and EDIT regulatory liability balances, in each proceeding requesting an update of its wholesale transmission rates.
- 14. CenterPoint Houston must allocate the revenue increase approved in this Order among the rate classes as set forth in Exhibit B to the settlement agreement.
- 15. CenterPoint Houston must recover all transmission-related costs through its TCRF.
- 16. The Commission approves the rate design in Exhibit C to the settlement agreement.
- 17. CenterPoint Houston must use a weighted average cost of capital of 6.51%, which is based on an as filed 4.38% cost of debt, an agreed return on equity of 9.4%, and an agreed regulatory capital structure of 57.5% long-term debt and 42.5% equity, in all Commission proceedings or filings requiring application of those items.
- 18. CenterPoint Houston must file a base rate case no later than four years from the date of the Final Order in this docket. CenterPoint Houston may file a base rate case earlier than four years from the date of the Final Order in this docket.
- 19. CenterPoint Houston must use a total company cash working capital of \$24,269,000 in earnings monitoring reports for reporting years beginning in 2020.
- 20. CenterPoint Houston must refund excess ADFIT resulting from the change in federal corporate income tax rates under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. CenterPoint Houston must accomplish a portion of this refund through Rider UEDIT and its Wholesale Transmission Service tariff consistent with finding of fact 96 above.
- 21. CenterPoint Houston must reimburse Cities participating in this docket for rate case expenses incurred in all dockets subject to Docket No. 49595, provided that the Cities provide invoices in accordance with the timeline in the settlement agreement.

- 22. CenterPoint Houston must withdraw or move to dismiss Docket No. 49595 within 30 days of the issuance Final Order in this proceeding.
- 23. CenterPoint Houston must make an annual self-insurance reserve accrual to achieve a target reserve of \$6.55 million from the current reserve deficit level of \$5.79 million and the annual self-insurance reserve accrual shall be \$7.685 million to be comprised of (1) \$3.575 million to provide for average annual expected operations and maintenance (O&M) expense losses from events where losses are greater than \$100,000; and (2) \$4.11 million accrued annually for three years.
- 24. CenterPoint Houston's credit agreements and indentures shall not contain cross-default provisions by which a default by CNP or its other affiliates would cause a default at CenterPoint Houston.
- 25. The financial covenant in CenterPoint Houston's credit agreement shall not be related to any entity other than CenterPoint Houston. CenterPoint Houston shall not include in its debt or credit agreements any financial covenants or rating-rating agency triggers related to any entity other than CenterPoint Houston.
- 26. CenterPoint Houston shall not pledge its assets in respect of or guaranty any debt or obligation of any of its affiliates. CenterPoint Houston shall not pledge, mortgage, hypothecate, or grant a lien upon the property of CenterPoint Houston except pursuant to an exception in effect in CenterPoint Houston's current credit agreement, such as the first mortgage and general mortgage.
- 27. CenterPoint Houston shall maintain its own stand-alone credit facility, and CenterPoint Houston shall not share its credit facility with any regulated or unregulated affiliate.
- 28. CenterPoint Houston shall maintain registrations with all three ratings agencies.
- 29. CenterPoint Houston shall maintain a stand-alone credit rating.
- 30. CenterPoint Houston's first mortgage bonds and general mortgage bonds shall be secured only with CenterPoint Houston's assets.
- 31. No CenterPoint Houston assets may be used to secure the debt of CNP or its non-CenterPoint Houston affiliates.

- 32. CenterPoint Houston shall not hold out its credit as being available to pay the debt of any affiliates (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, CenterPoint Houston is not considered to be holding its credit out to pay the debt of affiliates, or in breach of any other ring-fencing measure, with respect to the \$68 million of CenterPoint Houston general mortgage bonds that currently serve as collateral for certain outstanding CNP pollution control bonds).
- 33. Without prior approval of the Commission, neither CNP nor any affiliate of CNP (excluding CenterPoint Houston) may incur, guaranty, or pledge assets in respect of any incremental new debt that is dependent on: (1) the revenues of CenterPoint Houston in more than a proportionate degree than the other revenues of CenterPoint Houston; or (2) the stock of CenterPoint Houston.
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- 35. Except for its participation in an affiliate money pool, CenterPoint Houston shall not commingle its assets with those of other CNP affiliates.
- 36. Except for its participation in an affiliate money pool, CenterPoint Houston shall not lend money to or borrow money from CNP affiliates.
- 37. CenterPoint Houston shall notify the Commission if its credit issuer rating or corporate rating as rated by any of the three major rating agencies falls below investment grade level.
- 38. [If necessary, add dividend restriction]
- 39. Entry of this Order does not indicate the Commission's endorsement or approval of any principle or methodology that may underlie the agreement and must not be regarded as precedential as to the appropriateness of any principle or methodology underlying the agreement.
- 40. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief that are not expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the _____ day of January 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

DEANN T. WALKER, CHAIRMAN

ARTHUR C. D'ANDREA, COMMISSIONER

SHELLY BOTKIN, COMMISSIONER

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