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Chairman DeAnn T. Walker Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea Commissioner Shelly Botkin Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Avenue PO Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

RE:

Docket No. 49421, Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates

Dear Chairman Walker, Commissioner D'Andrea, and Commissioner Botkin:

On January 28, 2020, Commission Staff filed the Testimony of Darryl Tietjen in Support of Stipulation. In Mr. Tietjen's testimony, Staff modified agreed ringfencing provision (j) and explained the modification in a footnote. Specifically, Staff modified the provision as follows:

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 CNPCenterPoint Houston; or (2) the stock of CenterPoint Houston.

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Houston") files this letter to inform the Commission that CenterPoint Houston does not oppose Staff's modification to ringfencing provision (j).

Sincerely,

cc: All parties of record

¹ Testimony of Darryl Tietjen in Support of Stipulation at 5 & n.1 (Jan. 28, 2020).