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Chairman DeAnn T. Walker  
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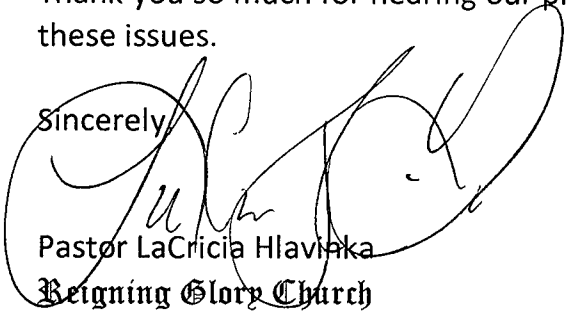
RE: Docket No. 49421, Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates

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

This letter is to inform you of our plight, as a nonprofit organization. Three years ago, we purchased a building for our church and soon became overwhelmed with the continual demand charges from our electric bill. Even when we were not using electricity, or rather using very little, our demand charges continued at an impossible rate. We feel these charges are unfair and unjust to the nonprofit commercial customers of CenterPoint Energy. Please consider, we have no alternative to another solution. There are no other utility companies, but CenterPoint. We have no choice but to pay these excessive demand charges if we want to have electricity. And we are lumped in with every profit commercial customer. We are asking that there be a category for nonprofit commercial customers. We have no control over this charge, whether we use a little or a lot of electricity. Because CenterPoint is a monopoly and there are no other choices for electricity, we are pleading with the State to intervene on behalf of nonprofits. We would also ask that the state take into consideration these unreasonable ratchet charges for small nonprofits. We were at one time meeting outside of the building as to not use any electricity, but the ratchet charges remained high and uncontestable. This letter is to ask the state to consider the plight of small, nonprofits with nowhere to go for a fair negotiation. We brought our case to be examined by CenterPoint, but they would not consider lowering it. The church before us sold property because they couldn't continue to pay these large bills. The state needs to be aware of the Goliath/David syndrome and intervene.

Thank you so much for hearing our plea. It is our desire that the state devise a new policy regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

  
Pastor LaCricia Hlavinka  
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