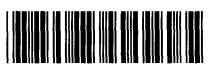


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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT§ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC§FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES§

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE IC UTILITY COMMISSIO OF FILING CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

The undersigned attorney for CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Houston" or the "Company") submits this statement under Section 4 of the protective order entered in this case.

I have reviewed the information produced by the Company in response to Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") requests for information ("RFI") PUC02-01, PUC02-05, PUC02-18, PUC02-19, PUC02-23, PUC02-24, PUC02-32, and PUC02-33 sufficiently to state in good faith that certain information contained in the Company's response is exempt from public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act ("TPIA").¹

Certain materials contained in the Company's response to the RFIs identified above contain information related to energy service providers that is commercially sensitive and/or consists of trade secret information. The public disclosure of this information would cause substantial competitive harm to CenterPoint Houston and the persons from whom the information is obtained. Accordingly, certain designated materials contained in the Company's response to the RFIs identified above are protected under Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.101, 552.104 and 552.110 and Tex. Util. Code § 39.001(b)(4) and merit the Protected Materials (Confidential) and the Highly Sensitive Protected Materials (Highly Sensitive) designations they are given in CenterPoint Houston's response.

¹ Tex. Gov't Code §§ 552.101-552.353.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 6st day of May 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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