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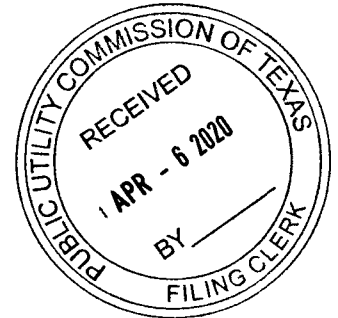


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Chairman DeAnn T. Walker
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Commissioner Shelly Botkin
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78701



RE: Project No. 50664 – Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019

Dear Commissioners:

As the many impacts from COVID-19 continue, CenterPoint Energy hopes to assist the most vulnerable of our population who are experiencing significant challenges. Through the CNP Foundation's contributions to local nonprofit organizations, we'll strive to make a positive difference in the communities where we live and work.

In a news release issued earlier today, CenterPoint Energy announced that through our foundation, we will contribute \$1.5 million to nonprofit organizations, agencies and causes that are committed to supporting those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Attached please find the press release issued by CNP that summarizes our initiative. Together with our employees, we will continue to show our commitment to our customers and the communities we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

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CenterPoint Energy Foundation announces \$1.5 million COVID-19 Relief Fund

Contributions to support those impacted by coronavirus

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Houston – April 6, 2020 – CenterPoint Energy today announced through its foundation the company will contribute \$1.5 million to nonprofit organizations, agencies and causes that are committed to supporting those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. CenterPoint Energy's COVID-19 Relief Fund will include \$1 million in direct contributions, as well as up to \$500,000 in matching gifts for employees' contributions to qualifying 501(c)3 organizations.

"During this challenging time, the safety and well-being of CenterPoint Energy's customers, employees, contractors and communities we serve remain a top priority," said John W. Somerhalder II, interim president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "We hope to assist the most vulnerable of our population who are experiencing significant challenges resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. Through the CenterPoint Energy Foundation's contributions to local nonprofit organizations, we will strive to make a positive difference in the communities where we live and work."

Qualifying nonprofit organizations in CenterPoint Energy's utility footprint of Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas will be eligible to receive grants. Organizations that are interested in applying for a CenterPoint Energy COVID-19 Relief Fund grant should visit www.centerpointenergy.com/cnpgives.

CenterPoint Energy continues to provide additional support to customers regarding their utility service. As previously announced, the company will support customers who may need payment assistance, arrangements or extensions during the COVID-19 crisis. In addition, the company has temporarily suspended natural gas service disconnections for nonpayment. For customers in southwest Indiana, this includes the temporary suspension of electric service disconnections.

Additional information about CenterPoint Energy's COVID-19 response can be found at centerpointenergy.com.

See more at: <https://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/corporate/about-us/news/1332#sthash.zD5F75mX.dpuf>