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APPLICATION OF ENTERGY	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
TEXAS, INC. TO ADJUST ITS	§	
<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST</b>	§	OF
RECOVERY FACTOR AND	§	
REQUEST TO ESTABLISH	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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## CITIES' ERRATA TO THE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF KARL J. NALEPA

The Cities of Anahuac, Beaumont, Bridge City, Cleveland, Dayton, Groves, Houston, Huntsville, Liberty, Montgomery, Navasota, Nederland, Oak Ridge North, Orange, Pine Forest, Pinehurst, Port Arthur, Port Neches, Roman Forest, Rose City, Shenandoah, Silsbee, Sour Lake, Splendora, Vidor, West Orange, and Willis ("Cities") submit this Errata to the Direct Testimony of Karl J. Nalepa and attach redline and clean copies of the corrected pages.

The substantive changes to Mr. Nalepa's testimony were made to incorporate certain revisions and corrections raised in the Rebuttal Testimony of Richard Lain and the Rebuttal Testimony of Andrew L. Dornier. The other changes are corrections of typos or other non-substantive items.

The changes made are summarized as follows:

- Page 4, line 15: Replace "\$1,851,385" with "\$2,166,381";
- Page 8, figure 1: Update table to include the inadvertently omitted years 2013 and 2014;
- Page 8, lines 9-10: Replace "the prior ten years" with "ten of the last eleven years, and 20% higher than the only year that is close";
- Page 11, footnote 21: Insert period;
- Page 12, line 6: Replace "39.25" with "\$47.31";
- Page 12, line 7: Replace "\$0.03925" with "\$0.04731";
- Page 12, line 12: Replace "18.5" with "\$21.7";
- Page 12, line 13: Replace "1.9" with "2.2" and insert "Errata" after "Exhibit KJN-1";
- Page 12, footnote 23: Insert "Addendum 2" after "Id.";

- Page 12, footnote 24: Insert "Errata" after "Bonus Calculator KN WP";
- Page 13, line 4: Replace "1,851,385" with "2,166,381";
- Page 13, line 5: Replace "\$2,852,909" with "\$2,537,913" and "that" with "than";
- Page 13, line 15: Replace "\$1,851,385" with "2,166,381";
- Bates page number 16: Replace Exhibit KJN-1 with Exhibit KJN-1 Errata;
- Attachment C, Relied Upons: Replace ETI's Response to Cities' RFI 1-3, Addendum 1 with ETI's Response to Cities' RFI 1-3, Addendum 2.

Respectfully submitted, LAWTON LAW FIRM, P.C.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, by email, First Class, U.S. Mail, facsimile transmission, or hand delivery.

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**JULY 21, 2021** 

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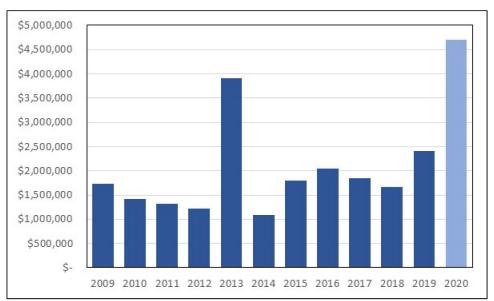
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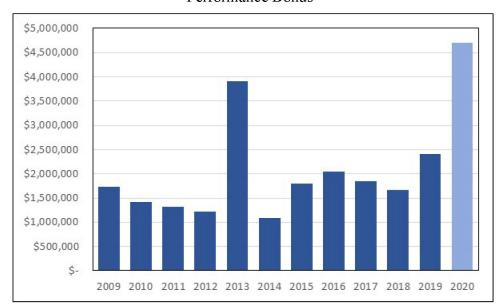
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# **Program Year 2020**

# **Energy Efficiency Performance Bonus Calculator**

	kW	kWh
Demand and Energy Goals	15,500	27,156,000
Actual Demand and Energy Savings	20,008	44,885,306
Reported/Verified Hard-to-Reach	1,768	
Program Costs (excluding bonus) \$6,732,278		2,278
Program Costs (including bonus)	\$8,405,485	
Performance Bonus	\$2 16	6 381

# **Directions:**

Fill in blue cell and performance bonus will calculate.

All green cells will auto-populate

All inputs must be accounted for the in the "Fixed Inputs," "Admin Allocation," and "Results Calculator" tabs in order to correctly calculate bonus.

Performance Bonus	\$2,166,381
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11%	Hard-to-Reach Goal Met?
	Bonus Calculation Details
129%	Percentage of Demand Reduction Goal Met (Reported kW/Goal kW)
165%	Percentage of Energy Reduction Goal Met (Reported kWh/Goal kWh)
TRUE	Met Requirements for Performance Bonus?
\$30,069,296	Total Avoided Costs
\$8,405,485	Total Program Costs (including bonus)
\$21,663,812	Net Benefits
\$3,150,022	Calculated Bonus (((Achieved Demand Reduction/Demand Goal - 100%) / 2) * Net Benefits)
\$2,166,381	Maximum Bonus Allowed (10% of Net Benefits)



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# RESPONSE OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. TO CITIES FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: **CITIES 1:3 – ADDENDUM 2**

Entergy Texas, Inc. ("Entergy Texas" or "the Company") files its Response to Cities First Request for Information. The response to such request is attached and is numbered as in the request. An additional copy is available for inspection at the Company's office in Austin, Texas.

Entergy Texas believes the foregoing response is correct and complete as of the time of the response, but the Company will supplement, correct or complete the response if it becomes aware that the response is no longer true and complete, and the circumstance is such that failure to amend the answer is in substance misleading. The parties may treat this response as if it were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika N. Garcia

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Attachments: CITIES 1:3 ADDENDUM 2

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Response of Entergy Texas, Inc. to Cities First Request for Information has been sent by either hand delivery, electronic delivery, facsimile, overnight delivery, or U.S. Mail to the party that initiated this request in this docket on this the 3rd day of August 2021.

> Erika N. Garcia Erika N. Garcia

# ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 52067

Response of: Entergy Texas, Inc.

Prepared By: Phong Nguyen/Andrew

Dornier

to the First Set of Data Requests

Sponsoring Witness: N/A

of Requesting Party: CITIES

Beginning Sequence No. TH48

Ending Sequence No. TH49

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Question No.: CITIES 1-3 Part No.: Addendum: 2

Question:

Please provide the avoided cost of capacity and avoided cost of energy in Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Zone 9 (Entergy) in 2020.

Response:

ETI has filed an objection to this request.

### Addendum 1:

The avoided cost of capacity in Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. ("MISO") can be measured by MISO's calculation of the cost of new entry ("CONE"), which for Load Resource Zone ("LRZ") 9 was \$81.64 kW-year for the 2019/2020 planning year (June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020) and \$86.35 kW-year for the 2020/2021 planning year (June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021). These values are provided on page 8 of the "Cost of New Entry PY 2020/21, Resource Adequacy Subcommittee, 11 September 2019," which is publicly available on MISO's website at: 20190911 RASC Item 04a CONE 2020-2021380208.pdf (misoenergy.org)

ETI is not in possession of the avoided cost of energy for MISO LRZ 9. For purposes of this response, ETI used the information within its possession, which includes the retail and wholesale loads (where applicable) of ETI, Entergy New Orleans, LLC ("ENO"), and Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), to determine the load-weighted average of the ETI, ENO, and ELL load zone settlement point prices (the locational margin prices at which these load zones settled in the day-ahead and real time markets) for the peak periods (as defined in 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.181(c)(46)) covering the 2020 winter and summer peaks. For these areas of MISO LRZ 9, ETI calculated an avoided cost of energy of \$39.25/MWh in 2020.

### Addendum 2:

In ETI's Addendum 1, the load-weighted average of the ETI, ENO, and ELL load zone settlement point prices for the 2020 peak periods did not properly account for the load of ELL's wholesale customer Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency ("SRMPA") due to a

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formula error. When this error is corrected and the energy cost of the SRMPA load is appropriately accounted for, ETI calculated an avoided cost of energy of \$47.31/MWh or \$0.04731/kWh for the retail and wholesale loads of the Entergy Operating Companies in LRZ 9 (i.e., ETI, ENO, and ELL) in 2020.

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