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<b>EXPEDITED PETITION OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>ELECTRIC, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>INTERIM LOAD MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>PROGRAMS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CUSTOMERS AND FOR AN</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>ACCOUNTING ORDER</b>	<b>§</b>	

**ORDER NO. 1  
REQUIRING RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMISSION STAFF ON PROCESSING,  
SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION, AND SUFFICIENCY OF PROPOSED NOTICE,  
AND ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**I. Petition**

On October 8, 2021, AEP Texas, Inc. CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and Texas-New Mexico Power Company (Joint TDUs) filed an expedited petition requesting the Commission approve the Joint TUDs (1) designing and operating load management programs for nonresidential customers during the period of December 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 (the Interim Load Management Programs) and (2) recording a regulatory asset for any and all costs associated with the design and operation of the Interim Load Management Programs and for future load management programs for nonresidential customers.

**II. Notice**

The parties that may be potentially affected by the Joint TDUs' request are commercial and industrial customers that may qualify and that may elect to participate in any of the Interim Load Management Programs. Given that the specifically affected parties are unknown at this time and will not be known until the implementation of the Interim Load Management Programs, the Joint TDUs propose that notice of this proceeding be provided via publication in the *Texas Register*.

### **III. Recommendation on Processing, Sufficiency of the Petition and Notice, and Procedural Schedule**

By October 20, 2021, Commission Staff must review the petition and file recommendations or comments on the following.

1. Proper processing of the petition;
2. Sufficiency of the petition
3. Sufficiency of the proposed notice; and
4. A proposed procedural schedule.

### **IV. Other Procedural Matters**

Any proper motion for intervention will be granted unless an objection is filed within five working days from the date of receipt of the motion to intervene. Responses to the objections to intervene must be filed within three working days from the date of receipt of the objection. Rulings will be based upon the written pleadings unless it is determined that a prehearing conference is necessary.

Persons who have filed motions to intervene must have all the rights and obligations of a party pending the presiding officer's ruling on the motion to intervene.

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to requests for information (RFIs) must be filed and served within ten days of receiving the RFI. Objections must include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within five working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel must specify the grounds for the motion.

**Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, the Commission's Second Order Suspending Rules<sup>1</sup> suspended certain service requirements found in 16 TAC § 22.74. As long as the Second Order Suspending Rules remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties**

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<sup>1</sup> *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the Coronavirus Disease*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

**that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange.**

Unless otherwise specified, responses or replies to any motion or other pleading must be filed within five working days after the date on which the motion or other pleading was received by the responding party. Failure to file a timely response will be considered acquiescence to the relief requested.

All parties must provide their current address, **e-mail address**, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be placed on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

Questions concerning this Order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

**Signed at Austin, Texas the 12th day of October 2021.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**