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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT §  
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC §  
FOR APPROVAL TO AN ADJUSTMENT §  
TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST §  
RECOVERY FACTOR §

BEFORE THE  
STATE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC02-01**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to the direct testimony of Shea Richardson, Page 54 of the Application regarding the reasonableness of CenterPoint Energy's R&D and Administrative Costs for the 2021 program year.

- a. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the administrative, research, and development costs outlined for the 2021 program year; and
- b. Please provide copies of applicable invoices and contracts for administrative expenses included in the application for the 2021 program year.

**ANSWER:**

Please see the attached documents containing detail on the CenterPoint Houston's 2021 administrative and R&D costs as outlined on workpapers SARWP6 and SARWP7 to the application.

- a. PUC02-01 Confidential - Administrative Expenses\_RD costs\_contracts.pdf contains detail regarding CenterPoint Houston's 2021 administrative and R&D costs.
- b. PUC02-01 Confidential - Administrative Expenses\_RD costs\_contracts.pdf contains applicable invoices for CenterPoint Houston's 2021 administrative expenses. Copies of contracts related to administrative expenses are also included in attachment PUC02-01 Confidential - Administrative Expenses\_RD costs\_contracts.pdf.

**The attachments are confidential and are being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 53677.**

**The requested information is voluminous and will be provided only in electronic format to Protective Order issued in Docket No. 53677.**

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**SPONSOR (PREPARER):**  
Shea Richardson

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**  
PUC02-01 Confidential - Administrative Expenses\_RD costs\_contracts.pdf

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC02-02**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to Page 91 of the Application, Table 6, regarding Proposed Annual Budget Broken Out by Program for Each Customer Class. As it relates to Table 6, please provide the following information:

- a. A detailed breakdown of the research and development costs proposed for the 2022 and 2023 program years; and
- b. All copies of applicable contracts relating to research and development for the 2022 and 2023 program years.

**ANSWER:**

In regards to the proposed budget provided in the Application:

- a. CenterPoint Houston does not have a detailed breakdown for 2022 and 2023 Research and Development costs, but the Company's 2022 R&D project efforts are focused on evaluating potential energy savings for commercial smart thermostat and implementing enhancements to its energy efficiency database technology. CenterPoint Houston's R&D budgets will allow the Company to continue these efforts and pursue future opportunities that support new technologies and EE measures.
- b. CenterPoint Houston does not have any contracts associated with research and development for the 2022 and 2023 program years.

**SPONSOR (PREPARER):**

Shea Richardson

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon all parties of record by email pursuant to Order Suspending Rules - PUC Docket No. 50664.

  
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