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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC	§	
TO ADJUST ITS ENERGY	§	OF TEXAS
EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY	§	
FACTOR	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
QUESTION NOS. STAFF 2-1 THROUGH STAFF 2-2**

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.144 of the Commission's Procedural Rules, the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requests that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC by and through its representative of record, provide the following information and answer the following questions under oath. The questions shall be answered in sufficient detail to fully present all of the relevant facts, within the time limit provided by the Presiding Officer or within 20 days if the Presiding Officer has not provided a time limit. Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. These questions are continuing in nature, and if there is a relevant change in circumstances, submit an amended answer, under oath, as a supplement to your original answer. State the name of the witness in this cause who will sponsor the answer to the question and can vouch for the truth of the answer.

Provide responses to the Requests for Information by filing with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer pursuant to the Second Order Suspending Rules in Project No. 50664.

Dated: July 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on July 12, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kelsey Daugherty
Kelsey Daugherty

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DEFINITIONS

- 1) "CenterPoint Houston" or "you" refers to that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees, or other persons.
- 2) "Document" includes any written, recorded, or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, including but not limited to correspondence, telegrams, contracts, agreements, notes in any form, memoranda, diaries, voice recording tapes, microfilms, pictures, computer media, work papers, calendars, minutes of meetings or other writings or graphic matter, including copies containing marginal notes or variations of any of the foregoing, now or previously in your possession. In the event any documents requested by this Request for Information have been transferred beyond your control, describe the circumstances under which the document was destroyed or transferred and provide an exact citation to the subject document. In the event that documents containing the exact information do not exist, but documents do exist which contain portions of the required information or which contain substantially similar information, then the definition of "documents" shall include the documents which do exist, and these documents will be provided.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(2), Staff requests that answers to the requests for information be made under oath.
- 2) Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. State the name of the witness in this cause who will sponsor the answer to the question and can vouch for the truth of the answer.
- 3) These questions are continuing in nature, and if there is a relevant change in circumstances, submit an amended answer, under oath, as a supplement to your original answer.
- 4) Words used in the plural shall also be taken to mean and include the singular. Words used in the singular shall also be taken to mean and include the plural.
- 5) The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.
- 6) If any document is withheld under any claim of privilege, please furnish a list identifying each document for which a privilege is claimed, together with the following information: date, sender, recipients or copies, subject matter of the document, and the basis upon which such privilege is claimed.
- 7) Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.144(h)(4), if the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.
- 8) Staff requests that each item of information be made available as it is completed, rather than upon completion of all information requested.

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- Staff 2-1** Please refer to the direct testimony of Shea Richardson, Page 26 of 37 of the Application, regarding the reasonableness of CenterPoint Houston's R&D and Administrative Costs for the 2022 program year.
- a. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the administrative, research, and development costs outlined for the 2022 program year; and
 - b. Please provide copies of applicable invoices and contracts for administrative expenses included in the application for the 2022 program year.
- Staff 2-2** Please refer to Exhibit SAR-1, page 26 of 42 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 2023 and 2024 program years; and
 - b. All copies of applicable contracts relating to research and development for the 2023 and 2024 program years.