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<b>APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE</b>
<b>ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF</b>
<b>TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>
<b>CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>A 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>WITHIN CHAMBERS COUNTY</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On August 30, 2023, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy) filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to construct a new double-circuit 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to be built on double-circuit steel lattice structures in Chambers County. The proposed transmission line is designated as the 138-kV Kilgore substation project.

On September 21, 2023, the administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on whether CenterPoint Energy’s notice complied with requirements by September 26, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE**

As detailed in the attached memorandum of John Poole, Infrastructure Division, Staff recommends that CenterPoint Energy’s proof of notice documents and direct and published notices be found compliant with 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.52(a). Therefore, Staff recommends that CenterPoint Energy’s notice be found sufficient.

**III. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully recommends that CenterPoint’s notice be found sufficient.

Date: September 26, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
LEGAL DIVISION**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on September 26, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Margaux Fox  
Margaux Fox

# *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Margaux Fox  
Legal Division

**FROM:** John Poole, P.E.  
Infrastructure Division

**DATE:** September 26, 2023

**RE:** Docket No. 55365, *Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 138-kV Transmission Line Within Chambers County*

On August 30, 2023, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy) filed an application to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to allow them to build a new double-circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to be built on double-circuit steel lattice structures. The new transmission line will begin at one of four cut-ins on the existing CenterPoint Energy LNGSTN to CHEV 138 kV Transmission line and extend in an approximately southeasterly direction approximately 2.27 to 5.66 miles depending on the route selected, to one of two proposed locations for the proposed CenterPoint Energy Kilgore Substation. The first proposed CenterPoint Energy Kilgore Substation location to be built on the east side of Needlepoint Rd and north of the Kilgore Parkway; and the second proposed CenterPoint Energy Kilgore Substation location to be built on the north of Kilgore Parkway and ¼ miles east of Grand Parkway in Chambers County, Texas. I have reviewed the Application for compliance with the notice requirements.

### Compliance of Notice

- I. I have reviewed the notices sent to the landowners, neighboring utilities, pipeline owners, county and municipal authorities, and the Department of Defense Siting Clearing House. These notices were included with the Application as Attachments 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 as well as the proof of notice filed on September 18, 2023. I found no material deficiencies in the proof of notice or in the Application. Therefore, I find the Application in compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.52(a)(2) & (3).

- II. I have reviewed the notice provided to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Office of Public Utility Counsel. These notices were included with the Application as Attachments 14 and 11 along with the proofs of notice filed on September 18, 2023. I found no material deficiencies, and therefore, find them sufficient and to comply with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(1)(E) & (2).
- III. I have reviewed the published notice included in the Application as Attachment 13 as well as the affidavit of publication filed with the proofs of notice filed on September 18, 2023. I found no material deficiencies in the Application or in the proof of notice. Therefore, I find them sufficient and to comply with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(1).