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**APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT           §     BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC       §                                   OF  
FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES   §     ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**May 14, 2024**

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
**PUC DOCKET NO. 56211**  
**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-01**

**QUESTION:**

**Rate Base:**

Please refer to CEHE's calculation of its cash working capital requirement at WP II-B-9 and confirm that the requested amount of \$12,226,038 includes an amount of cash working capital associated with deferred federal income taxes. Please also confirm that Exhibit TSL-2 to the testimony of Timothy Lyons presents net(lead)/lag days of zero for deferred income taxes. If confirmed, please explain why the inclusion of a cash working capital amount for deferred income taxes is appropriate.

**ANSWER:**

The Company's calculation of the cash working capital requirement does not include an amount related to deferred federal income taxes.

While the Company's workpaper WP II-B-9 includes an adjusted test year amount related to deferred federal income taxes of \$134.0 million, the amount does not contribute to the Company's cash working capital requirement because the revenue lag and expense lead days are zero, consistent with the Commission's Substantive Rule §25.231(c)(2)(B)(iii)(IV)(-a-) that excludes all non-cash items including deferred taxes. Specifically, the Rule states, "[t]he lead-lag study will use the cash method; all non-cash items, including but not limited to depreciation, amortization, deferred taxes, prepaid items, and return (including interest on long-term debt and dividends on preferred stock), will not be considered."

**SPONSOR:**

Tim Lyons

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-02**

**QUESTION:**

**Rate Base:**

Please refer to the testimony of Kristie Colvin at page 43 and Workpaper II-B-11 and provide a detailed explanation and justification for removing \$37 million of customer advances for construction from rate base. The justification provided should include an explanation for how the customer contributions are reflected or taken into consideration in CEHE's requested revenue requirement.

**ANSWER:**

As explained in the response to OPUC-RF101-05, Schedule II-B-11; Other Rate Case Items Line No. 8 "Cust Adv Constr-Oth Jobs-Refund" is composed of two categories of interest-bearing deposits:

1. Deposits related to ERCOT standard generation interconnection agreements are refunded after the commercial operation date, when switching to a non-cash alternative (such as a letter of credit), or if the project fails to meet objectives detailed in the agreements (less amounts retained per the agreements).
2. Deposits related to 50% build out requirements for developers are refunded if 50% of the lots are energized with permanent meters within 24 months. The deposit may also be refunded when switching to a non-cash alternative.

Per Electric Substantive Rule §25.231 Cost of Service, "customer deposits and other sources of cost-free capital" are deducted from rate base. These deposits are not a source of cost-free capital, so they are not a deduction from rate base.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-03**

**QUESTION:**

**COVID-19 Regulatory Asset:**

Please refer to the testimony of Kristie Colvin at page 49, line 5 through page 51, line 6 and provide a schedule detailing the incremental COVID-19 expenses that comprise the \$8.1 million COVID-19 regulatory asset by expense type and by period of deferral.

**ANSWER:**

Please see the following files for detailed support for the COVID-19 regulatory asset balance of \$8,104,605:

PUC-RFI04-03\_COVID-19\_Confidential.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-03\_Absence Other Paid 2020\_Confidential.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-03\_Absence Other Paid 2021\_Confidential.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-03\_Absence Other Paid 2022\_Confidential.xlsx

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This is information was also provided in response to OPUC RFI01-17.

The attachments are confidential highly sensitive and are being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 56211.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-03\_COVID-19\_Confidential.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-03\_Absence Other Paid 2020\_Confidential.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-03\_Absence Other Paid 2021\_Confidential.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-03\_Absence Other Paid 2022\_Confidential.xlsx

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-04**

**QUESTION:**

**COVID-19 Regulatory Asset**

Did CEHE offset any of the deferred incremental COVID-19 expenses with expense reductions also associated with COVID-19? If yes, please provide a schedule detailing the expense reductions by type of expense and period of deferral. If no, please provide a detailed explanation and justification for why incremental COVID-19 expenses were not offset by expense reductions associated with COVID-19.

**ANSWER:**

The Company did not offset COVID-19 expenses with expense reductions associated with COVID-19.

Project No. 50664, Order Related to Accrual of Regulatory Assets, March 26, 2020, "authorizes each electric, water, and sewer utility to record as a regulatory asset expenses resulting from the effects of COVID-19, including but not limited to non-payment of qualified customer bills as specified by separate order issued on this same date." The order did not require utilities offset expenses resulting from the effects of COVID-19 with expense reductions resulting from the effects of COVID-19. Further, full analysis of COVID-19 impacts would be incomplete if other factors such as changes in revenues were not included. This level of analysis was not required by the order in Project 50664, so the scope of the Company's COVID-19 regulatory asset has been limited to "expenses resulting from the effects of COVID-19" as stated in the order.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-05**

**QUESTION:**

**COVID-19 Regulatory Asset**

Please separately identify and quantify by expense type and by year all expense reductions associated with COVID-19.

**ANSWER:**

The Company did not identify and quantify all of the data necessary to determine expense reductions associated with COVID-19.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-06**

**QUESTION:**

**COVID-19 Regulatory Asset**

If not identified in the response to Staff 4-5, above, please separately provide by year both the direct and allocated employee travel, meal, and training expenses for the period 2017 through 2022. To the extent there were reductions in such expenses in 2020 and thereafter, identify any reductions not attributable to COVID-19 and the reason for the reduction.

**ANSWER:**

Please see PUC RFI04-06 Attachment 1.xlsx for primary (non-allocated) expenses for employee travel, meals, and training.

The Company has not performed the analysis required to identify the allocated amounts requested. PUC RFI04-06 Attachment 1.xlsx provides the TOTAL employee travel, meals, and training expenses directly incurred at CenterPoint Energy Service Company before any allocations to business units, including CenterPoint Houston.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-06 Attachment 1.xlsx

**Employee Travel, Meals and Training****Direct Expenses - CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric**

Line No		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
1	522010 Employ Rel Exp-Employee Travel	\$ 2,933,845	\$ 1,116,885	\$ 938,360	\$ 135,347	\$ 184,067	\$ 500,439
2	522020 Employ Rel Exp-Training	709,643	391,273	438,768	181,659	247,070	297,476
3	522060 Employ Rel Exp-Bus Meals	4,247,489	988,713	567,878	85,991	251,070	561,810
4	Total	<u>\$ 7,890,978</u>	<u>\$ 2,496,871</u>	<u>\$ 1,945,007</u>	<u>\$ 402,997</u>	<u>\$ 682,207</u>	<u>\$ 1,359,725</u>

**Direct Expenses - CenterPoint Energy Service Company**

		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
9	522010 Employ Rel Exp-Employee Travel	\$ 2,158,270	\$ 3,323,026	\$ 4,651,043	\$ 736,625	\$ 1,333,455	\$ 2,107,126
10	522020 Employ Rel Exp-Training	574,737	662,623	737,199	428,084	275,947	882,650
11	522060 Employ Rel Exp-Bus Meals	1,525,783	1,812,086	2,031,907	354,092	1,026,324	1,663,541
12	Total	<u>\$ 4,258,790</u>	<u>\$ 5,797,735</u>	<u>\$ 7,420,148</u>	<u>\$ 1,518,801</u>	<u>\$ 2,635,726</u>	<u>\$ 4,653,317</u>

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-07**

**QUESTION:**

**COVID-19 Regulatory Asset**

Please provide a detailed explanation for why the expense amounts for account number 921, Office Supplies and Expense, as reported on CEHE's FERC Form No. 1 filed on the PUC Interchange in Project Number 35588, decreased significantly in 2020 and thereafter:

2017	\$1,742,136
2018	\$1,795,265
2019	\$2,559,487
2020	\$ 767,143
2021	\$ 767,909
2022	\$ 808,992

If CEHE claims any reason other than COVID-19 for the reduction, please provide a detailed explanation and support for the claim.

**ANSWER:**

In 2019, the Company implemented cost flow changes to improve its FERC derivation for operating support activities as well as to improve the allocation of its transportation costs. The changes were implemented at the beginning of fiscal year 2020.

The changes shifted costs between FERC accounts and impacted how affected costs were reported in regulatory filings and as well as GAAP annual reports. As a result, of those changes, certain FERC accounts increased while others decreased. The net impact of these changes on FERC/GAAP income was net zero.

The changes were necessary to help ensure accurate and efficient compliance with GAAP and regulatory reporting requirements and to enhance the clarity of costs previously bundled in the allocation process.

As shown in the PUC RF104-07 Attachment 1.xlsx, the remaining year-over-year change in FERC 9210 after exclusion of the cost flow changes were less significant.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC RF104-07 Attachment 1.xlsx

GL and GL Name	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD
522010 Employ Rel Exp-Employee Travel	39,833.69	33,041.78	35,320.11	12,714.86	10,168.58	22,748.16
532020 M&S Exp-Equipment	251.67	540.72				
530010 M&S Exp - Non-Inventory			265.24	551.01	272.80	374.55
533010 M&S Exp-Computer Hardware			82.26			
533030 M&S Exp-Computer Supplies	297.69					
535010 M&S Exp-Office Supplies	19,289.87	31,293.03	15,095.04	11,326.88	16,668.43	81,061.57
543120 Contr&Svcs Exp-Subscript-Ded	22,673.28	6,981.20	5,299.14	10,537.75	97,021.57	4,165.93
543160 Contr&Svcs Exp-Reimburs Costs		(334.50)	(111.50)	(868.00)	(1,612.00)	(777.00)
545090 Contr&Svcs Exp-Security Electronics	19,371.35	19,814.77	27,868.96	22,188.01	28,056.68	53,243.48
545140 Contr&Svcs Exp-Ofc Machine Maint	197,632.09	195,008.04	191,480.89	127,911.75	98,608.94	91,670.10
545150 Printing Svcs	306,531.30	377,002.74	332,509.82	203,970.24	285,925.62	360,116.78
545160 Contr&Svcs Exp-Software Maint				1.63		
546010 Contr&Svcs Exp-Other Services				3,802.27		
550020 Adm & Gen Exp - Miscellaneous	1,240.00	1,456.00	1,324.45	1,680.00	2,660.00	275.00
550040 A & G Exp-Postage/Courier Svcs	15,528.77	19,693.18	14,270.34	7,177.89	8,046.67	10,574.49
550041 Courier Expense	126,040.63	117,666.57	137,363.19	132,602.75	148,603.53	125,256.40
550100 A & G Exp-Freight		171.03	120.00	317.00	292.97	
572025 Rental Exp-Office Equipment	1,057.76	3,702.16	3,702.16	-		
642017 Entex Delivery Group Allocation			639,067.09			
642103 Allocated Depreciation			187.84			
642608 BU Labor				8,152.17	40,946.87	55,379.57
642618 BU Al. Stru for Misc Business Exp PCE				4.00		1,079.93
642620 BU Al. Structure for Non Lbr PCE/SCE				168,020.09	32,248.51	3,823.52
646381 Reg Ops-Fleet Admin	992,387.25	989,227.90	1,155,641.77			
646608 SC Labor				54,979.44		
646620 SC Al. Structure for Non Lbr PCE/SCE				2,072.54		
<b>* 9210 Office Supplies &amp; Ex</b>	<b>1,742,135.35</b>	<b>1,795,264.62</b>	<b>2,559,486.80</b>	<b>767,142.28</b>	<b>767,909.17</b>	<b>808,992.48</b>

Exclude Reg Ops Fleet 646381

(992,387.25) (989,227.90) (1,155,641.77)

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Normalized after exclusion of 646381

749,748.10 806,036.72 1,403,845.03

767,142.28

767,909.17

808,992.48

Exclude Entex delivery allocation 642017

- - (639,067.09)

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Normalized after exclusion of 642017

749,748.10 806,036.72 764,777.94

767,142.28

767,909.17

808,992.48

Year-over-year change after normalization

56,288.62 (41,258.78)

2,364.34

766.89

41,083.31

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-08**

**QUESTION:**

**Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax**

Please refer to the testimony of Jennifer Story at page 17, lines 3 through 7 and provide the amount of CAMT that CEHE expects to pay in each of the years 2024 through 2029. Please include in your response the total amount of estimated CAMT for the CNP consolidated group each year as well as the amount it expects will be allocated to CEHE. Please also provide the amounts CEHE estimates would be included in its requested CAMT credit carryforward balance each year for the same period if authorized in this application. Please provide all calculations relevant to the response.

**ANSWER:**

Please see PUC-RFI04-08 attachment 1 for the 2024 income tax provision forecast for CNP Consolidated and for CenterPoint Houston. The 2024 corporate alternative minimum tax (CAMT) forecast is shown on row 150. Based on this forecast, the amount of credit carryforward at the end of 2024 would be \$74,970,115.

Please see PUC-RFI04-08 attachment 2 for the most recent CAMT forecast for 2025-2029 from the corporate planning model. See row 131 of the attachment for the min tax forecast. The CAMT forecast was only prepared at the CNP Consolidated group level in the model and has not been allocated to CenterPoint Houston. The credit carryforward for CenterPoint Houston has not been forecasted for 2025-2029.

**The attachments are confidential and are being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 56211.**

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-08 attachment 1 (confidential).xlsx

PUC-RFI04-08 attachment 2 (confidential).xlsx

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-09**

**QUESTION:**

**Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax**

Please refer to the testimony of Jennifer Story at page 17, lines 8 through 17, and provide CEHE's anticipated additional borrowings required to fund its portion of the CAMT for each of the years 2024 through 2029.

**ANSWER:**

Anticipated future borrowings for CEHE and sources of funding are fungible and not isolated by specific uses. The proportionate share of future CAMT allocated to CEHE is anticipated to be funded in line with CEHE's consolidated financing needs aligned with its capital structure.

**SPONSOR:**

Jackie Richert

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-10**

**QUESTION:**

**Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax**

Other than affiliate transactions allowed as capital costs or expenses under PURA §36.058, please provide a detailed explanation for how any other revenues, expenses or invested capital of CEHE's parent and affiliates are included in CEHE's regulated rates or rate base.

**ANSWER:**

Other than affiliate transactions allowed as capital costs or expenses under PURA §36.058, no other revenues, expenses or invested capital of the Company's parent and affiliates are included in the Company's regulated rates or rate base.

PURA § 36.060(a) provides that electric utility rates should reflect income tax expense calculated on a stand-alone basis using only the electric utility's income and expenses and the income tax rates that would apply to the utility's stand-alone net income. As a result, the income, gains, losses, and deductions of the Company's parent and affiliates, including the federal income tax consequences of such income, gains, losses, and deductions, will not affect the Company's cost of service and rates charged for utility service.

The Company is considered an applicable corporation in regards to the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (CAMT). Please see the Company's response to GCCC02-07 and GCCC02-09. For the description of how the stand-alone calculation is computed, please see GCCC02-08.

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-11**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Please provide a copy of the Texas Franchise Tax Form due to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts on May 15, 2024, when available. If an extension is requested for the Texas Franchise Tax Form due on May 15, 2024, please provide a copy of any prepared draft of the form and calculation of the estimate of the taxes due along with any workpapers supporting the calculation when available. Please provide the calculated franchise tax amount on a total consolidated and CEHE basis.

**ANSWER:**

The Texas Franchise Tax Return due May 15, 2024 has not been filed. The Company intends to file an extension for this return prior to the May 15 deadline which will extend the return until August 15, 2024 and also intends to file a second extension on or before August 15, 2024 extending the return until November 15, 2024. The Company will provide a confidential copy of the first extension and the requested calculation when the extension is filed.

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-12**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Please provide CEHE's FICA Form 941 for all quarters during and subsequent to the test year.  
Please update this response as additional quarterly reports are filed.

**ANSWER:**

Please see PUC-RFI04-12 Attachment 1.pdf for CEHE's FICA form 941 for all quarters during and subsequent to the test year.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-12 Attachment 1.pdf

Form **941 for 2023: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return**  
(Rev. March 2023) Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

950122  
OMB No. 1545-0029

Employer identification number (EIN): 22-3865106		
Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC		
Trade name (if any)		
Address 1111 Louisiana		
Number	Street	Suite or room number
Houston	TX	77002
City	State	ZIP code
Foreign country name Foreign province/county Foreign postal code		

**Report for this Quarter of 2023**  
(Check one.)

- ☒ 1: January, February, March  
☐ 2: April, May, June  
☐ 3: July, August, September  
☐ 4: October, November, December

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form941](http://www.irs.gov/Form941) for instructions and the latest information.

Read the separate instructions before you complete Form 941. Type or print within the boxes.

**Part 1: Answer these questions for this quarter.**

1	Number of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay period including: Mar. 12 (Quarter 1), June 12 (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or Dec. 12 (Quarter 4)	1	2,734
2	Wages, tips, and other compensation	2	114,998,012.02
3	Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation	3	18,092,475.54
4	If no wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medicare tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check and go to line 6.
<div>Column 1</div> <div>Column 2</div>			
5a	Taxable social security wages*	117,775,029.76 × 0.124 =	14,604,103.69
5a (i)	Qualified sick leave wages*	× 0.062 =	
5a (ii)	Qualified family leave wages*	× 0.062 =	
5b	Taxable social security tips	× 0.124 =	
5c	Taxable Medicare wages & tips	122,069,651.71 × 0.029 =	3,540,019.90
5d	Taxable wages & tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding	3,293,063.13 × 0.009 =	29,637.57
5e	Total social security and Medicare taxes. Add Column 2 from lines 5a, 5a(i), 5a(ii), 5b, 5c, and 5d	5e	18,173,761.16
5f	Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions)	5f	
6	Total taxes before adjustments. Add lines 3, 5e, and 5f	6	36,266,236.70
7	Current quarter's adjustment for fractions of cents	7	(.35)
8	Current quarter's adjustment for sick pay	8	
9	Current quarter's adjustments for tips and group-term life insurance	9	
10	Total taxes after adjustments. Combine lines 6 through 9	10	36,266,236.35
11a	Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities. Attach Form 8974	11a	
11b	Nonrefundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021	11b	
11c	Reserved for future use	11c	

\*Include taxable qualified sick and family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021, on line 5a. Use lines 5a(i) and 5a(ii) only for taxable qualified sick and family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken after March 31, 2020, and before April 1, 2021.

You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 1:** Answer these questions for this quarter. (continued)

11d	Nonrefundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021 . . . . .	11d	<input type="text"/>
11e	Reserved for future use . . . . .	11e	<input type="text"/>
11f	Reserved for future use . . . . .		<input type="text"/>
11g	Total nonrefundable credits. Add lines 11a, 11b, and 11d . . . . .	11g	<input type="text"/>
12	Total taxes after adjustments and nonrefundable credits. Subtract line 11g from line 10 . . . . .	12	<input type="text" value="36,266,236.35"/>
13a	Total deposits for this quarter, including overpayment applied from a prior quarter and overpayments applied from Form 941-X, 941-X (PR), 944-X, or 944-X (SP) filed in the current quarter . . . . .	13a	<input type="text" value="36,266,236.35"/>
13b	Reserved for future use . . . . .	13b	<input type="text"/>
13c	Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021 . . . . .	13c	<input type="text"/>
13d	Reserved for future use . . . . .	13d	<input type="text"/>
13e	Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021 . . . . .	13e	<input type="text"/>
13f	Reserved for future use . . . . .	13f	<input type="text"/>
13g	Total deposits and refundable credits. Add lines 13a, 13c, and 13e . . . . .	13g	<input type="text" value="36,266,236.35"/>
13h	Reserved for future use . . . . .	13h	<input type="text"/>
13i	Reserved for future use . . . . .	13i	<input type="text"/>
14	Balance due. If line 12 is more than line 13g, enter the difference and see instructions . . . . .	14	<input type="text"/>
15	Overpayment. If line 13g is more than line 12, enter the difference <input type="text"/> Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to next return. <input type="checkbox"/> Send a refund.		

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Tax liability: Month 1	<input type="text"/>
Month 2	<input type="text"/>
Month 3	<input type="text"/>
Total liability for quarter	<input type="text"/>

Total must equal line 12.

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You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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<b>22</b> Reserved for future use . . . . .	<b>22</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>23</b> Qualified sick leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021	<b>23</b>	<input type="text"/>
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Print your title here

Manager AP & Payroll

Date **04/07/2023**

Best daytime phone **(812) 491-4084**

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Preparer's name	<input type="text"/>	PTIN	<input type="text"/>
Preparer's signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed)	<input type="text"/>	EIN	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		ZIP code	<input type="text"/>

Form **941 for 2023: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return**  
(Rev. March 2023) Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

950122  
OMB No. 1545-0029

Employer identification number (EIN): 22-3865106		
Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC		
Trade name (if any)		
Address 1111 Louisiana		
Number	Street	Suite or room number
Houston	TX	77002
City	State	ZIP code
Foreign country name Foreign province/county Foreign postal code		

**Report for this Quarter of 2023**  
(Check one.)

- ☐ 1: January, February, March  
☒ 2: April, May, June  
☐ 3: July, August, September  
☐ 4: October, November, December

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**Part 1: Answer these questions for this quarter.**

1	Number of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay period including: Mar. 12 (Quarter 1), June 12 (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or Dec. 12 (Quarter 4)	1	2,824
2	Wages, tips, and other compensation	2	71,870,099.33
3	Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation	3	9,601,924.52
4	If no wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medicare tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check and go to line 6.
<b>Column 1</b>			
5a	Taxable social security wages*	76,089,667.41	× 0.124 = 9,435,118.76
5a (i)	Qualified sick leave wages*		× 0.062 =
5a (ii)	Qualified family leave wages*		× 0.062 =
5b	Taxable social security tips		× 0.124 =
5c	Taxable Medicare wages & tips	77,512,229.56	× 0.029 = 2,247,854.66
5d	Taxable wages & tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding	1,061,430.50	× 0.009 = 9,552.87
5e	Total social security and Medicare taxes. Add Column 2 from lines 5a, 5a(i), 5a(ii), 5b, 5c, and 5d	5e	11,692,526.29
5f	Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions)	5f	
6	Total taxes before adjustments. Add lines 3, 5e, and 5f	6	21,294,450.81
7	Current quarter's adjustment for fractions of cents	7	.91
8	Current quarter's adjustment for sick pay	8	
9	Current quarter's adjustments for tips and group-term life insurance	9	
10	Total taxes after adjustments. Combine lines 6 through 9	10	21,294,451.72
11a	Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities. Attach Form 8974	11a	
11b	Nonrefundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021	11b	
11c	Reserved for future use	11c	

\*Include taxable qualified sick and family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021, on line 5a. Use lines 5a(i) and 5a(ii) only for taxable qualified sick and family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken after March 31, 2020, and before April 1, 2021.

You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 1:** Answer these questions for this quarter. (continued)

11d Nonrefundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021 . . . . .	11d	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
11e Reserved for future use . . . . .	11e	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
11f Reserved for future use . . . . .		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
11g Total nonrefundable credits. Add lines 11a, 11b, and 11d . . . . .	11g	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
12 Total taxes after adjustments and nonrefundable credits. Subtract line 11g from line 10 . . . . .	12	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right;">21,294,451.72</div>
13a Total deposits for this quarter, including overpayment applied from a prior quarter and overpayments applied from Form 941-X, 941-X (PR), 944-X, or 944-X (SP) filed in the current quarter . . . . .	13a	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right;">21,294,451.72</div>
13b Reserved for future use . . . . .	13b	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
13c Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021 . . . . .	13c	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
13d Reserved for future use . . . . .	13d	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
13e Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021 . . . . .	13e	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
13f Reserved for future use . . . . .	13f	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
13g Total deposits and refundable credits. Add lines 13a, 13c, and 13e . . . . .	13g	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right;">21,294,451.72</div>
13h Reserved for future use . . . . .	13h	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
13i Reserved for future use . . . . .	13i	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
14 Balance due. If line 12 is more than line 13g, enter the difference and see instructions . . . . .	14	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
15 Overpayment. If line 13g is more than line 12, enter the difference . . . . .		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to next return. <input type="checkbox"/> Send a refund. </div>

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☐ You were a monthly schedule depositor for the entire quarter. Enter your tax liability for each month and total liability for the quarter, then go to Part 3.

Tax liability:	Month 1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
	Month 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
	Month 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	
	Total liability for quarter	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Total must equal line 12.

☒ You were a semiweekly schedule depositor for any part of this quarter. Complete Schedule B (Form 941), Report of Tax Liability for Semiweekly Schedule Depositors, and attach it to Form 941. Go to Part 3.

You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 3: Tell us about your business. If a question does NOT apply to your business, leave it blank.**

17 If your business has closed or you stopped paying wages . . . . . ☐ Check here, and enter the final date you paid wages ; also attach a statement to your return. See instructions.

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19 Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified sick leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021	19	<input type="text"/>
20 Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021	20	<input type="text"/>
21 Reserved for future use . . . . .	21	<input type="text"/>
22 Reserved for future use . . . . .	22	<input type="text"/>
23 Qualified sick leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021	23	<input type="text"/>
24 Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified sick leave wages reported on line 23	24	<input type="text"/>
25 Amounts under certain collectively bargained agreements allocable to qualified sick leave wages reported on line 23 . . . . .	25	<input type="text"/>
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☐ Yes. Designee's name and phone number

Select a 5-digit personal identification number (PIN) to use when talking to the IRS.

☒ No.

**Part 5: Sign here. You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign your name here

*Amanda Blake*

Print your name here

Amanda Blake

Print your title here

Manager AP & Payroll

Date 07/12/2023

Best daytime phone (812) 491-4084

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Check if you're self-employed . . . ☐

Preparer's name	<input type="text"/>	PTIN	<input type="text"/>
Preparer's signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed)	<input type="text"/>	EIN	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		ZIP code	<input type="text"/>

Form  
(Rev. March 2023)**941 for 2023: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return**

Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

950122

OMB No. 1545-0029

Employer identification number (EIN): <u>22-3865106</u>		
Name (not your trade name) <u>Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC</u>		
Trade name (if any) _____		
Address <u>1111 Louisiana</u>		
Number	Street	Suite or room number
<u>Houston</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>77002</u>
City	State	ZIP code
Foreign country name	Foreign province/county	Foreign postal code

**Report for this Quarter of 2023**  
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**Part 1: Answer these questions for this quarter.**

<b>1</b>	Number of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay period including: Mar. 12 (Quarter 1), June 12 (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or Dec. 12 (Quarter 4)	<b>1</b>	<u>2,788</u>
<b>2</b>	Wages, tips, and other compensation	<b>2</b>	<u>85,590,101.90</u>
<b>3</b>	Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation	<b>3</b>	<u>11,436,237.50</u>
<b>4</b>	If no wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medicare tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Check and go to line 6.	
		<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
<b>5a</b>	Taxable social security wages*	<u>85,256,613.05</u> × 0.124 =	<u>10,571,820.02</u>
<b>5a (i)</b>	Qualified sick leave wages*	□ × 0.062 =	□
<b>5a (ii)</b>	Qualified family leave wages*	□ × 0.062 =	□
<b>5b</b>	Taxable social security tips	□ × 0.124 =	□
<b>5c</b>	Taxable Medicare wages & tips	<u>91,510,689.76</u> × 0.029 =	<u>2,653,810.00</u>
<b>5d</b>	Taxable wages & tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding	<u>2,499,116.17</u> × 0.009 =	<u>22,492.05</u>
<b>5e</b>	Total social security and Medicare taxes. Add Column 2 from lines 5a, 5a(i), 5a(ii), 5b, 5c, and 5d	<b>5e</b>	<u>13,248,122.07</u>
<b>5f</b>	Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions)	<b>5f</b>	□
<b>6</b>	Total taxes before adjustments. Add lines 3, 5e, and 5f	<b>6</b>	<u>24,684,359.57</u>
<b>7</b>	Current quarter's adjustment for fractions of cents	<b>7</b>	<u>(.02)</u>
<b>8</b>	Current quarter's adjustment for sick pay	<b>8</b>	□
<b>9</b>	Current quarter's adjustments for tips and group-term life insurance	<b>9</b>	□
<b>10</b>	Total taxes after adjustments. Combine lines 6 through 9	<b>10</b>	<u>24,684,359.55</u>
<b>11a</b>	Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities. Attach Form 8974	<b>11a</b>	□
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ISA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the back of the Payment Voucher.

Form **941** (Rev. 3-2023)

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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Sign your name here

*Amanda Blake*

Print your name here

Amanda Blake

Print your title here

Manager AP & Payroll

Date 10/04/2023

Best daytime phone (812) 491-4084

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Check if you're self-employed . . . ☐

Preparer's name	<input type="text"/>	PTIN	<input type="text"/>
Preparer's signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed)	<input type="text"/>	EIN	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		ZIP code	<input type="text"/>

Form **941 for 2023: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return**  
(Rev. March 2023) Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

950122  
OMB No. 1545-0029

Employer identification number (EIN): 22-3865106		
Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC		
Trade name (if any)		
Address 1111 Louisiana		
Number	Street	Suite or room number
Houston	TX	77002
City	State	ZIP code
Foreign country name Foreign province/county Foreign postal code		

**Report for this Quarter of 2023**  
(Check one.)

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1	Number of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay period including: Mar. 12 (Quarter 1), June 12 (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or Dec. 12 (Quarter 4)	1	2,786																												
2	Wages, tips, and other compensation	2	79,272,477.37																												
3	Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation	3	10,180,961.78																												
4	If no wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medicare tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check and go to line 6.																												
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5f	Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions)	5f																													
6	Total taxes before adjustments. Add lines 3, 5e, and 5f	6	20,531,029.48																												
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\*Include taxable qualified sick and family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021, on line 5a. Use lines 5a(i) and 5a(ii) only for taxable qualified sick and family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken after March 31, 2020, and before April 1, 2021.

You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 1:** Answer these questions for this quarter. (continued)

11d Nonrefundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021 . . . . .	11d	.
11e Reserved for future use . . . . .	11e	.
11f Reserved for future use . . . . .		.
11g Total nonrefundable credits. Add lines 11a, 11b, and 11d . . . . .	11g	.
12 Total taxes after adjustments and nonrefundable credits. Subtract line 11g from line 10 . . . . .	12	20,531,028.67
13a Total deposits for this quarter, including overpayment applied from a prior quarter and overpayments applied from Form 941-X, 941-X (PR), 944-X, or 944-X (SP) filed in the current quarter . . . . .	13a	20,532,028.67
13b Reserved for future use . . . . .	13b	.
13c Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021 . . . . .	13c	.
13d Reserved for future use . . . . .	13d	.
13e Refundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021 . . . . .	13e	.
13f Reserved for future use . . . . .	13f	.
13g Total deposits and refundable credits. Add lines 13a, 13c, and 13e . . . . .	13g	20,532,028.67
13h Reserved for future use . . . . .	13h	.
13i Reserved for future use . . . . .	13i	.
14 Balance due. If line 12 is more than line 13g, enter the difference and see instructions . . . . .	14	.
15 Overpayment. If line 13g is more than line 12, enter the difference . . . . .		1,000.00

Check one: ☒ Apply to next return. ☐ Send a refund.

**Part 2:** Tell us about your deposit schedule and tax liability for this quarter.

If you're unsure about whether you're a monthly schedule depositor or a semiweekly schedule depositor, see section 11 of Pub. 15.

16 Check one: ☐ Line 12 on this return is less than \$2,500 or line 12 on the return for the prior quarter was less than \$2,500, and you didn't incur a \$100,000 next-day deposit obligation during the current quarter. If line 12 for the prior quarter was less than \$2,500 but line 12 on this return is \$100,000 or more, you must provide a record of your federal tax liability. If you're a monthly schedule depositor, complete the deposit schedule below; if you're a semiweekly schedule depositor, attach Schedule B (Form 941). Go to Part 3.

☐ You were a monthly schedule depositor for the entire quarter. Enter your tax liability for each month and total liability for the quarter, then go to Part 3.

Tax liability:	Month 1	.
	Month 2	.
	Month 3	.

Total liability for quarter . Total must equal line 12.

☒ You were a semiweekly schedule depositor for any part of this quarter. Complete Schedule B (Form 941), Report of Tax Liability for Semiweekly Schedule Depositors, and attach it to Form 941. Go to Part 3.

**You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.**

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 3: Tell us about your business. If a question does NOT apply to your business, leave it blank.**

17 If your business has closed or you stopped paying wages . . . . . ☐ Check here, and enter the final date you paid wages ; also attach a statement to your return. See instructions.

18 If you're a seasonal employer and you don't have to file a return for every quarter of the year . . . . . ☐ Check here.

19	Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified sick leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021	19	<input type="text"/>
20	Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021	20	<input type="text"/>
21	Reserved for future use . . . . .	21	<input type="text"/>
22	Reserved for future use . . . . .	22	<input type="text"/>
23	Qualified sick leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021	23	<input type="text"/>
24	Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified sick leave wages reported on line 23	24	<input type="text"/>
25	Amounts under certain collectively bargained agreements allocable to qualified sick leave wages reported on line 23 . . . . .	25	<input type="text"/>
26	Qualified family leave wages for leave taken after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021	26	<input type="text"/>
27	Qualified health plan expenses allocable to qualified family leave wages reported on line 26	27	<input type="text"/>
28	Amounts under certain collectively bargained agreements allocable to qualified family leave wages reported on line 26 . . . . .	28	<input type="text"/>

**Part 4: May we speak with your third-party designee?**

Do you want to allow an employee, a paid tax preparer, or another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See the instructions for details.

☐ Yes. Designee's name and phone number

Select a 5-digit personal identification number (PIN) to use when talking to the IRS.

☒ No.

**Part 5: Sign here. You MUST complete all three pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign your name here

*Amanda Blake*

Print your name here

Amanda Blake

Print your title here

Manager AP and Payroll

Date 01/08/2024

Best daytime phone (812) 491-4084

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Check if you're self-employed . . . ☐

Preparer's name	<input type="text"/>	PTIN	<input type="text"/>
Preparer's signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed)	<input type="text"/>	EIN	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
		ZIP code	<input type="text"/>

Form  
(Rev. March 2024)

# 941 for 2024: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return

Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

950124  
OMB No. 1545-0029

Employer identification number (EIN) <u>22-3865106</u>		
Name (not your trade name) <u>Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC</u>		
Trade name (if any) _____		
Address <u>1111 Louisiana</u>		
Number	Street	Suite or room number
<u>Houston</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>77002</u>
City	State	ZIP code
Foreign country name Foreign province/county Foreign postal code		

## Report for this Quarter of 2024 (Check one.)

- ☒ 1: January, February, March  
☐ 2: April, May, June  
☐ 3: July, August, September  
☐ 4: October, November, December

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form941](http://www.irs.gov/Form941) for instructions and the latest information.

Read the separate instructions before you complete Form 941. Type or print within the boxes.

**Part 1:** Answer these questions for this quarter. Employers in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico can skip lines 2 and 3, unless you have employees who are subject to U.S. income tax withholding.

1	Number of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay period including: Mar. 12 (Quarter 1), June 12 (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or Dec. 12 (Quarter 4)	1	<u>2,778</u>
2	Wages, tips, and other compensation	2	<u>115,994,314.77</u>
3	Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation	3	<u>17,656,141.85</u>
4	If no wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medicare tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check here and go to line 6.
<div>Column 1</div>			
5a	Taxable social security wages	<u>118,779,383.81</u>	$\times 0.124 =$ <u>14,728,643.59</u>
5b	Taxable social security tips	<u>■</u>	$\times 0.124 =$ <u>■</u>
5c	Taxable Medicare wages & tips	<u>124,131,203.19</u>	$\times 0.029 =$ <u>3,599,804.89</u>
5d	Taxable wages & tips subject to Additional Medicare Tax withholding	<u>4,692,419.38</u>	$\times 0.009 =$ <u>42,231.77</u>
5e	Total social security and Medicare taxes. Add Column 2 from lines 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d	5e	<u>18,370,680.25</u>
5f	Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions)	5f	<u>■</u>
6	Total taxes before adjustments. Add lines 3, 5e, and 5f	6	<u>36,026,822.10</u>
7	Current quarter's adjustment for fractions of cents	7	<u>.47</u>
8	Current quarter's adjustment for sick pay	8	<u>■</u>
9	Current quarter's adjustments for tips and group-term life insurance	9	<u>■</u>
10	Total taxes after adjustments. Combine lines 6 through 9	10	<u>36,026,822.57</u>
11	Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities. Attach Form 8974	11	<u>■</u>
12	Total taxes after adjustments and nonrefundable credits. Subtract line 11 from line 10	12	<u>36,026,822.57</u>
13	Total deposits for this quarter, including overpayment applied from a prior quarter and overpayments applied from Form 941-X, 941-X (PR), or 944-X filed in the current quarter	13	<u>36,026,822.57</u>
14	Balance due. If line 12 is more than line 13, enter the difference and see instructions	14	<u>■</u>
15	Overpayment. If line 13 is more than line 12, enter the difference	<u>■</u>	Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to next return. <input type="checkbox"/> Send a refund.

You MUST complete both pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Form **941** (Rev. 3-2024)

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Name (not your trade name) Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 2: Tell us about your deposit schedule and tax liability for this quarter.**

If you're unsure about whether you're a monthly schedule depositor or a semiweekly schedule depositor, see section 11 of Pub. 15.

- 16 Check one: ☐ Line 12 on this return is less than \$2,500 or line 12 on the return for the prior quarter was less than \$2,500, and you didn't incur a \$100,000 next-day deposit obligation during the current quarter. If line 12 for the prior quarter was less than \$2,500 but line 12 on this return is \$100,000 or more, you must provide a record of your federal tax liability. If you're a monthly schedule depositor, complete the deposit schedule below; if you're a semiweekly schedule depositor, attach Schedule B (Form 941). Go to Part 3.
- ☐ You were a monthly schedule depositor for the entire quarter. Enter your tax liability for each month and total liability for the quarter, then go to Part 3.

Tax liability: Month 1	<input type="text"/>	■
Month 2	<input type="text"/>	■
Month 3	<input type="text"/>	■
Total liability for quarter	<input type="text"/>	■

Total must equal line 12.

- ☒ You were a semiweekly schedule depositor for any part of this quarter. Complete Schedule B (Form 941), Report of Tax Liability for Semiweekly Schedule Depositors, and attach it to Form 941. Go to Part 3.

**Part 3: Tell us about your business. If a question does NOT apply to your business, leave it blank.**

- 17 If your business has closed or you stopped paying wages . . . . . ☐ Check here and enter the final date you paid wages ; also attach a statement to your return. See instructions.
- 18 If you're a seasonal employer and you don't have to file a return for every quarter of the year . . . . ☐ Check here.

**Part 4: May we speak with your third-party designee?**

Do you want to allow an employee, a paid tax preparer, or another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See the instructions for details.

☐ Yes. Designee's name and phone number

Select a 5-digit personal identification number (PIN) to use when talking to the IRS.

☒ No.

**Part 5: Sign here. You MUST complete both pages of Form 941 and SIGN it.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign your name here

*Amanda Blake*

Print your name here

Amanda Blake

Print your title here

Manager AP & Payroll

Date 04/04/2024

Best daytime phone (812) 491-4084

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Check if you're self-employed . . . . ☐

Preparer's name

PTIN

Preparer's signature

Date

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed)

EIN

Address

Phone

City

State

ZIP code

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-13**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Please provide a copy of CEHE's most recently filed FUTA tax Form 940.

**ANSWER:**

Please see PUC-RFI04-13 Attachment 1.pdf for CEHE's most recently filed FUTA tax Form 940.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-13 Attachment 1.pdf

Form **940 for 2023: Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return**

Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

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OMB No. 1545-0028

Employer identification number (EIN) <u>22-3865106</u>		
Name (not your trade name) <u>CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC</u>		
Trade name (if any) _____		
Address <u>1111 Louisiana</u>		
Number	Street	Suite or room number
<u>Houston</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>77002</u>
City	State	ZIP code
Foreign country name	Foreign province/county	Foreign postal code

**Type of Return**  
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ a. Amended
- ☐ b. Successor employer
- ☐ c. No payments to employees in 2023
- ☐ d. Final: Business closed or stopped paying wages

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form940](http://www.irs.gov/Form940) for instructions and the latest information.

Read the separate instructions before you complete this form. Please type or print within the boxes.

**Part 1: Tell us about your return. If any line does NOT apply, leave it blank. See instructions before completing Part 1.**

- 1a** If you had to pay state unemployment tax in one state only, enter the state abbreviation . **1a** TX
- 1b** If you had to pay state unemployment tax in more than one state, you are a multi-state employer . . . . . **1b** ☐ Check here. Complete Schedule A (Form 940).
- 2** If you paid wages in a state that is subject to CREDIT REDUCTION . . . . . **2** ☐ Check here. Complete Schedule A (Form 940).

**Part 2: Determine your FUTA tax before adjustments. If any line does NOT apply, leave it blank.**

- 3** Total payments to all employees . . . . . **3** 393,961,528.77
- 4** Payments exempt from FUTA tax . . . . . **4** 18,490,704.33
- Check all that apply: **4a** ☒ Fringe benefits **4c** ☒ Retirement/Pension **4e** ☐ Other
- 4b** ☐ Group-term life insurance **4d** ☒ Dependent care
- 5** Total of payments made to each employee in excess of \$7,000 . . . . . **5** 354,181,955.31
- 6** Subtotal (line 4 + line 5 = line 6) . . . . . **6** 372,672,659.64
- 7** Total taxable FUTA wages (line 3 – line 6 = line 7). See instructions . . . . . **7** 21,288,869.13
- 8** FUTA tax before adjustments (line 7 x 0.006 = line 8) . . . . . **8** 127,733.21

**Part 3: Determine your adjustments. If any line does NOT apply, leave it blank.**

- 9** If ALL of the taxable FUTA wages you paid were excluded from state unemployment tax, multiply line 7 by 0.054 (line 7 x 0.054 = line 9). Go to line 12 . . . . . **9** .
- 10** If SOME of the taxable FUTA wages you paid were excluded from state unemployment tax, OR you paid ANY state unemployment tax late (after the due date for filing Form 940), complete the worksheet in the instructions. Enter the amount from line 7 of the worksheet . . . . . **10** .
- 11** If credit reduction applies, enter the total from Schedule A (Form 940) . . . . . **11** .

**Part 4: Determine your FUTA tax and balance due or overpayment. If any line does NOT apply, leave it blank.**

- 12** Total FUTA tax after adjustments (lines 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 = line 12) . . . . . **12** 127,733.21
- 13** FUTA tax deposited for the year, including any overpayment applied from a prior year . . . . . **13** 127,733.21
- 14** Balance due. If line 12 is more than line 13, enter the excess on line 14.  
• If line 14 is more than \$500, you must deposit your tax.  
• If line 14 is \$500 or less, you may pay with this return. See instructions . . . . . **14** 0.00
- 15** Overpayment. If line 13 is more than line 12, enter the excess on line 15 and check a box below **15** .

You **MUST** complete both pages of this form and **SIGN** it.Check one: ☐ Apply to next return. ☐ Send a refund.

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Name (not your trade name) CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC	Employer identification number (EIN) 22-3865106
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**Part 5: Report your FUTA tax liability by quarter only if line 12 is more than \$500. If not, go to Part 6.**

**16** Report the amount of your FUTA tax liability for each quarter; do NOT enter the amount you deposited. If you had no liability for a quarter, leave the line blank.

**16a** 1st quarter (January 1 – March 31) . . . . . **16a** 117,717.94

**16b** 2nd quarter (April 1 – June 30) . . . . . **16b** 3,917.75

**16c** 3rd quarter (July 1 – September 30) . . . . . **16c** 3,845.11

**16d** 4th quarter (October 1 – December 31) . . . . . **16d** 2,252.41

**17** Total tax liability for the year (lines 16a + 16b + 16c + 16d = line 17) **17** 127,733.21 **Total must equal line 12.**

**Part 6: May we speak with your third-party designee?**

Do you want to allow an employee, a paid tax preparer, or another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See the instructions for details.

☐ **Yes.** Designee's name and phone number

Select a 5-digit personal identification number (PIN) to use when talking to the IRS.

☐ **No.**

**Part 7: Sign here. You MUST complete both pages of this form and SIGN it.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that no part of any payment made to a state unemployment fund claimed as a credit was, or is to be, deducted from the payments made to employees. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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name here

Amanda Blake

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Manager, AP and Payroll

Date

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-14**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

For the tax form provided in Staff 4-13 above, please provide the number of employees for which the FUTA tax was paid.

**ANSWER:**

FUTA tax was paid for 3,070 employees on Tax Form 940 provided in response to PUC-RFI04-13.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-15**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Has CEHE protested any property tax valuations in the past five years? If yes, please provide the results of such protests and any documents related to the result.

**ANSWER:**

The Company has protested its property tax valuations in each of the past 5 years but has not participated in a formal property tax protest hearing during that time.

An explanation of the Texas property tax process as it relates to the appraisal and taxation of utility companies may be beneficial. In each of the 20 counties in which the Company has utility system property, the local county appraisal district (CAD) engages an outside appraisal firm to appraise the Company's utility system property under a unit valuation method (excluding land) and then determine the portion of the unit that should be allocated to each county that has employed the outside firm. For CenterPoint Houston, there are three outside appraisal firms employed by the CADs in its service territory (number of counties represented in parenthesis) : Pritchard & Abbott Inc. (7), Hugh L. Landrum & Associates (5), and Capitol Appraisal Group (8). Pritchard & Abbott represents CADs where approximately 75% of Company's property tax liability is derived from and is the most impactful appraisal that is performed annually in determining the Company's property tax expense.

Under the unit valuation method, the entire utility company operating enterprise or unit is appraised as a going concern and value of the unit is allocated back to each taxing jurisdiction. The method is based on the principle that all assets in the unit must work together to create value in system and that each asset is more valuable as part of unit than as a piecemeal item (example: a substation has no value if not connected to grid). After arriving at a system unit value, deductions from the unit value are made for land (property assessed separately by CADs) and non-taxable property (exempt property and intangible property) to arrive at a calculated market value to be allocated to each county.

Typically, the utility property tax appraisal calendar works as follows:

April – FERC Form 1 and/or PUC EMR filed

April 1 – April 30 – Annual rendition deadline (with extensions) and submission of regulatory reports and supplemental information to appraisal firms to utilize in their unit value appraisals

Late April – Early May – Appraisal firms issue initial appraisal utility unit values to the Company for review, analysis, and comment

Mid-May – Mid-June – Informal negotiations and discussions with appraisal firms regarding values; valuation issues usually settled and unit values agreed upon at this time

Mid- June – July – should a formal appeal be necessary, appeal hearings would be held during this time before the appraisal review boards (ARB) in each of the respective counties.

Depending upon the county and/or appraisal firm timeline on issuing proposed notices of values to taxpayers and the scheduled ARB hearing dates in each county, it may be necessary for the Company to file protests of its valuation to preserve the window to continue negotiations or provide time for the appraisal firms to administratively process the allocation and taxable value calculations for each county after agreement on the system unit value. In the last five years, the Company has

not participated in a formal ARB hearing related to its system valuation.

However, the Company has achieved demonstrated results in its negotiations with the appraisal firms as shown on the attached file PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 1 [Appraisal Negotiation Results], which details the appraisal results achieved with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. on the primary appraisal for determining the Company's property tax valuations.

Also provided are CONFIDENTIAL attachments PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 2 (Confidential) [Pritchard & Abbott Final & Prelim Valuations 2019-2023] and with respect to the 2023 tax year, PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 3 (Confidential) [2023 Protest Documents].

Pursuant to an agreement with Commission Staff to narrow the scope of this RFI, the Company is providing documentation for the 2023 tax year rather than the past five years.

**The attachments "PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 2" and "PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 3" are confidential and are being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 56211**

**Attachment "PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 3" is voluminous and will be provided in electronic format only. Please see index of voluminous material below.**

DATE	TITLE	SPONSOR	NUMBER OF PAGES	PAGE NO(S)
06/02/2023	Austin County Settlement & Waiver of Protest Form - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	5	1 to 5
06/28/2023	Brazoria County Settlement & Waiver of Protest Form - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	8	6 to 13
07/05/2023	Brazoria County Settlement & Waiver of Protest Form - Various Land Accounts	Jennifer Story	1	14 to 14
06/13/2023	Chambers County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	4	15 to 18
06/13/2023	Colorado County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	1	19 to 19
08/16/2023	Fort Bend County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Various Real Property	Jennifer Story	19	20 to 38
06/28/2023	Fort Bend County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	9	39 to 47
06/05/2023	Freestone County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	4	48 to 51
07/07/2023	Galveston County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Leased Generators	Jennifer Story	1	52 to 52
06/09/2023	Galveston County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	11	53 to 63
07/18/2023	Galveston County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Various Land Accounts	Jennifer Story	13	64 to 76

06/09/2023	Grimes County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	2	77 to 78
07/07/2023	Harris County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property Accounts	Jennifer Story	200	79 to 278
07/25/2023	Harris County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Various Real Property Accounts	Jennifer Story	11	279 to 289
07/07/2023	Harris County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Service Center Improvements	Jennifer Story	20	290 to 309
07/25/2023	Harris County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Various Real Property Accounts	Jennifer Story	11	310 to 320
06/05/2023	Leon County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	4	321 to 324
06/09/2023	Liberty County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	2	325 to 326
06/05/2023	Limestone County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	4	327 to 330
06/05/2023	Madison County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	4	331 to 334
06/05/2023	Matagorda County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	4	335 to 338
05/25/2023	Montgomery County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	12	339 to 350
06/13/2023	Robertson County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	1	351 to 351
05/18/2023	Titus County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	2	352 to 353
06/13/2023	Travis County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - Business Personal Property	Jennifer Story	1	354 to 354
06/16/2023	Waller County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	2	355 to 356
06/29/2023	Wharton County Settlement & Waiver of Protest - System Utility Property	Jennifer Story	2	357 to 358

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 1.xlsx

PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 2 (Confidential).pdf

PUC-RFI04-15 Attachment 3 (Confidential).pdf

<b>Houston Electric Property Tax Valuation**</b>	<b>2023 Tax Year</b>	<b>2022 Tax Year</b>	<b>2021 Tax Year</b>	<b>2020 Tax Year</b>	<b>2019 Tax Year</b>
Initial Calculated System Unit Value	7,726,848,000	6,628,178,000	5,469,151,000	4,909,121,000	4,480,296,000
Final Calculated System Unit Value	6,198,292,000	6,137,024,000	5,093,957,000	4,682,753,000	4,231,529,000
Initial Calculated Market Value to Allocate (excluding Land)	6,409,763,017	5,222,829,737	447,933,849	4,039,392,029	3,808,313,296
Final Calculated Market Value to Allocate (excluding Land)	5,051,470,190	4,445,366,787	4,133,450,276	3,853,050,035	3,596,734,439
Total Taxable System Assessed Value (including Land)	5,562,364,257	4,910,110,745	4,250,162,771	3,958,421,790	3,732,144,811

\*\* Figures are from appraisal of Houston Electric by Pritchard & Abbott, Inc., the primary outside appraisal firm for the county appraisal districts within the Company's service territory

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-17**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Is CEHE's CWIP subject to any ad valorem taxes? If so, please state whether the taxes are expensed or capitalized. Please also provide the amount of requested ad valorem tax associated with any CWIP balances and identify where the associated amount is included in the revenue requirement by FERC account.

**ANSWER:**

The Company's CWIP is typically not subject to ad valorem tax. Tax is not typically assessed nor paid on CWIP balances at the end of each year.

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-18**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Does CEHE's request for ad valorem taxes include taxes on property deemed imprudent by the Commission? If so, please identify the amount of taxes by FERC account and the associated plant balance by FERC account.

**ANSWER:**

The Company does not have any ad valorem taxes on investment deemed imprudent by the commission.

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-19**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Does CEHE's request for ad valorem taxes include taxes on property that is not used and useful in providing utility service? If so, please identify the amount of taxes by FERC account. Additionally, please identify the associated plant balance by FERC account.

**ANSWER:**

The Company does not have any ad valorem taxes on property which is not used and useful.

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-20**

**QUESTION:**

**Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:**

Does CEHE take advantage of all ad valorem tax discounts available? If not, why not?

**ANSWER:**

The Company is not aware of any of its taxing jurisdictions that offer any ad valorem tax discounts for early payment of taxes. As such, the company does not take advantage of any ad valorem tax discounts.

**SPONSOR:**

Jennifer Story

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
**PUC DOCKET NO. 56211**  
**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-21**

**QUESTION:**

Please identify all changes in accounting policy since CEHE's last rate case in Texas and please provide any internal documentation of such policy changes. For each change, please identify the dollar impact in each year, by FERC account, since the change in accounting policy took place.

**ANSWER:**

The Company has addressed the following accounting policy changes since its last base rate proceeding, Docket No. 49421, in DCRF filings made in Docket Nos. 53442, 54825, and 55993. Please refer to Mary Kirk's direct testimony in Docket No. 53442 and Jeff Garmon's direct testimony in Docket Nos. 54825 and 55993.

<b>Accounting Change</b>	<b>Year of Change</b>
Park in Town Travel EZ Tag	2020
Cloud Computing Implementation	2020
Wood Pole Treatment	2021
A&G Overhead Construction Costs	2021
A&G Non-Payroll Overhead Construction Costs	2022
Grid Resiliency	2022
Inventory Cycle Counts	2023
Workers Compensation	2023

Please see PUC-RF104-21 Attachment 1.xlsx for the dollar impact by year for each of the items as already submitted with the DCRF filings, updated through December 2023. The dollar impacts do not include any attendant effects. The Company has not performed an analysis to update these amounts for 2024.

In addition, the Company made the following accounting change, effective in the test year, but after the time period that was the subject of Docket No. 55993.

**Line Transformers**

Please refer to Ms. Colvin's testimony at p.798 for a discussion of an adjustment made to materials and supplies for line transformers. An initial entry was made to move existing inventory to plant in service in the amount of \$97.7m, in December 2023.

In addition, the Company has made two changes effective January 1, 2024.

**Benefits Burden Rate**

Non-service benefit costs will now be recorded to the benefits cost center and allocated as part of the payroll burden overhead. With this change, costs now follow incurred labor dollars because they are allocated on the basis of labor. Because they now follow labor costs, a portion is capitalized in instances where labor costs are capitalized. The Company has not quantified the effect of this change. Please see PUC-RF104-21 Attachment 2.pdf for the Benefits Burden Rate Policy identifying this policy change.

**Actuarial Professional Fees**

Professional fees related to actuarial services are recorded to the benefit cost center, beginning January 2024. They are being allocated to expense/capital consistent with residual benefit costs. The Company has not quantified the effect of this change. Please see PUC04-21 Attachment 2.pdf for the Benefits Burden Rate Policy identifying this policy change.

**SPONSOR:**  
Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**  
PUC-RFI04-21 Attachment 1.xlsx  
PUC-RFI04-21 Attachment 2.pdf

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC****Park/In Town Travel and EZ tag****January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Total</b>
Distribution	\$ -	\$ 328,165	\$ 318,789	\$ 414,802	\$ 475,961	\$ 1,537,716
Transmission	-	110,531	171,272	120,102	326,391	728,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 438,695</b>	<b>\$ 490,061</b>	<b>\$ 534,904</b>	<b>\$ 802,352</b>	<b>\$ 2,266,012</b>

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
**Cloud Computing Costs**  
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023

**WBS : S/156200/CP, Cost Element 545167**

Line	Billing Object	2021	2022	2023	Cumulative Total
1	S/156200/CP/ENTB008-FP	\$ -	\$ 34,099		\$ 34,099
2	S/156200/CP/ENTB008-TMAT	-	315		315
3	S/156200/CP/ENTD171	-	134,017	245,074	379,091
4	S/156200/CP/FIND052	-	132,408		132,408
5	S/156200/CP/ITB006-SIT	86,533	35,959	44,063	166,555
6	S/156200/CP/ITB114-22	-	166,706	214,714	381,420
7	S/156200/CP/ITB142	-	128,352	(53,521)	74,831
8	S/156200/CP/ITB148	-	18,201,084		18,201,084
9	S/156200/CP/ITB149	-	7,285,000		7,285,000
10	S/156200/CP/ITD171	-	14,646		14,646
11	S/156200/CP/ITD172	-	896,693	1,280,528	2,177,221
12	S/156200/CP/ITD173	-	31,779		31,779
13	S/156200/CP/ENTD159-RE	8,289	-		8,289
14	S/156200/CP/HEDAMS-MDMU	12,755	-		12,755
15	S/156200/CP/ITD176			3,764,961	3,764,961
16	S/156200/CP/FIND056			80,082	80,082
17	S/156200/CP/HRD014			1,081,272	1,081,272
18	<b>Total Incurred S/156200/CP</b>	<b>\$ 107,577</b>	<b>\$ 27,061,057</b>	<b>\$ 6,657,176</b>	<b>\$ 33,825,809</b>
19					
20	Implementation Cost for Cloud Computing	\$ 8,289	\$ 8,952,381	\$ 2,668,270	\$ 11,628,940
21	REMOVE - Not Unitized		568,962	2,569,799	3,138,761
22		8,289	8,383,419	98,471	8,490,179
23	Settlement Amount to CEHE	19.84%	33.08%	40.51%	
24	CEHE Total	1,645	2,773,416	39,888	2,814,948
25	Amount to Distribution	98.25%	98.00%	98.00%	
26	<b>Distribution Amount</b>	<b>\$ 1,616</b>	<b>\$ 2,717,948</b>	<b>\$ 39,090</b>	<b>\$ 2,758,653</b>
27	Amount to Transmission	1.75%	2.00%	2.00%	
28	<b>Transmission Amount</b>	<b>\$ 29</b>	<b>\$ 55,468</b>	<b>\$ 798</b>	<b>\$ 56,295</b>

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
**Wood Pole Treatment**  
**January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023**

**WBS : S/101550/CE/AB49, Responsible Cost Center CA701975**

<b>FERC</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Category</b>
36401	584,297 \$	7,307,651 \$	2,067,644 \$	9,959,592	Distribution

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
A&G Labor Overhead  
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023

Orders 11043188 - 11043190

	2022 and Prior			2023			Cumulative		
Total Incurred	\$ (15,949,066)			\$ (23,277,591)			\$ (39,226,657)		
Total Allocated									
Billing Object	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Labor	Non-Labor	Total
* 11043188 Service Co A&G Distribution COH IO	(5,990,026)	(62,066)	(6,052,094)	(8,020,216)	(740,301)	(8,760,517)	(14,010,244)	(802,367)	(14,812,611)
* 11043189 Service Co A&G Transmission COH IO	(5,854,470)	(74,298)	(5,928,768)	(8,134,264)	(809,314)	(8,943,578)	(13,888,734)	(889,612)	(14,778,346)
* 11043190 Service Co A&G Substation COH IO	(3,930,031)	(38,173)	(3,968,204)	(5,113,974)	(458,522)	(5,572,496)	(9,044,005)	(497,695)	(9,541,700)
-- Credit	(15,774,629)	(174,537)	(15,949,066)	(21,268,454)	(2,009,137)	(23,277,591)	(37,042,983)	(2,185,675)	(39,228,657)

Summary Service Co A&G Overhead Amounts:

	Distribution	Transmission	Total Labor A&G	Distribution	Transmission	Total Labor A&G	Distribution	Transmission	Total Labor A&G
Substation Split	35.78%	64.22%		35.78%	64.22%		35.78%	64.22%	
COH-Substation	1,405,994	2,524,037	3,930,031	1,829,557	3,284,416	5,113,974	3,235,552	5,808,453	9,044,005
COH-Transmission	-	5,854,470	5,854,470	-	8,134,264	8,134,264	-	13,988,734	13,988,734
COH-Distribution	5,990,026	-	5,990,026	8,020,216	-	8,020,216	14,010,244	-	14,010,244
Total COH	7,396,022	8,378,507	15,774,529	9,849,774	11,418,680	21,268,454	17,245,796	19,797,187	37,042,983

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
A&G Non Labor Overhead  
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023

Orders 11043188 - 11043190

	2022 and Prior			2023			Cumulative		
Total Incurred	\$ (15,949,066)			\$ (23,277,591)			\$ (39,226,657)		
Total Allocated									
Billing Object	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Labor	Non-Labor	Total
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Summary Service Co A&G Overhead Amounts:

	Total Non Labor			Total Non Labor			Total Non Labor		
	Distribution	Transmission	A&G	Distribution	Transmission	A&G	Distribution	Transmission	A&G
Substation Split	35.78%	64.22%		35.78%	64.22%		35.78%	64.22%	
COH-Substation	13,657	24,517	38,173	164,397	296,125	460,522	178,054	319,642	497,695
COH-Transmission		74,298	74,298		809,314	809,314		883,612	883,612
COH-Distribution	62,066	-	62,066	740,301	-	740,301	802,367	-	802,367
Subtotal COH	75,723	98,815	174,537	904,698	1,104,439	2,009,137	980,420	1,203,254	2,183,675
Add: Other Non-Labor Cost Elements	1,263,737	548,598	1,812,335	2,966,942	1,885,361	4,852,303	4,230,678	2,233,959	6,464,638
Total	1,339,459	647,413	1,986,872	3,871,640	2,989,801	6,861,440	5,211,099	3,437,213	8,648,312

FERC Account

Various / 1075

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
**GRID Resiliency Program**  
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023

Retirement Unit (RU)	RU Description	Installation	Removal	2022 Total	Installation	Removal	2023 Total	Installation	Removal	Cumulative Total	Category
3647000	FIBERGLASS CROSSARMS	\$ 21,184	\$ 4,399	\$ 25,582	\$ 31,534	\$ 1,065	\$ 32,599	\$ 52,717	\$ 5,464	\$ 58,181	Distribution
3647001	STEEL CROSSARM	22,095	2,018	24,113	82,180	9,551	91,731	104,275	11,569	\$ 115,844	Distribution
3647002	FIBERGLASS BRACKET	75,063	6,645	81,707	55,147	3,419	58,567	130,210	10,064	\$ 140,274	Distribution
3657020	POLYMER INSULATOR	161,609	23,708	185,317	97,287	7,256	104,543	258,896	30,964	\$ 289,860	Distribution
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 279,950</b>	<b>\$ 36,769</b>	<b>\$ 316,719</b>	<b>\$ 266,149</b>	<b>\$ 21,291</b>	<b>\$ 287,440</b>	<b>\$ 546,099</b>	<b>\$ 58,060</b>	<b>\$ 604,159</b>	

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC****Inventory Cycle Counts****January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023**

	<b>2023 Write (Back)/Down</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Transmission</b>
Inventory Adjustment	\$ 699,542	56.41%	43.59%
CapEx %	93.40%		
<b>CapEx Adjustment</b>	<b>\$ 653,362</b>	<b>\$ 368,561</b>	<b>\$ 284,800</b>
FERC Account	Various/1070		

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
**Workers Compensation**  
**January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Transmission</b>
Workers Comp Actuary Accrual	\$ 2,062,159	72.15%	27.85%
CapEx %	54.50%		
<b>CapEx Amount</b>	<b>1,123,877</b>	<b>\$ 810,838</b>	<b>\$ 313,039</b>

FERC Account 9250 / 1070



Accounting and Control Policies

Policy Number: 41

**Benefits Burden Rate Policy**

**Policy** This policy sets standards for the determination of the benefits burden rate used for the allocation of benefits costs applicable for all Company Codes that have assigned employees.

The benefits burden rate is calculated annually during the planning process for the upcoming year. The benefits burden rate reflects the percentage of benefits to be allocated associated with labor costs.

Benefits costs (and their associated G/L account) included in the numerator are the sum of:

<b>Benefits Cost</b>	<b>CenterPoint G/L Account</b>
Retirement Plan - Service Cost	518011
Retirement Plan - Non-Service Cost	718011
Benefit Restoration Plan - Service Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	518016
Benefit Restoration Plan - Non-Service Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	718016
Postretirement - Service Cost	518032
Postretirement - Non-Service Cost	718032
Health and Welfare	518020
Savings Plan	518070
Postemployment	518090
Workman's Compensation Insurance	518130
FICA & Medicare taxes	722160
Unemployment taxes	722170
Professional Fees associated with benefit plans	543010

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes costs associated with the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, which is allowed for rate recovery in OH and IN jurisdictions.

Labor costs included in the denominator are the sum of:

<b>Labor Cost</b>	<b>CenterPoint G/L Account</b>
Salary non-productive	515050, 515052 thru 515056
Salary regular	517991, 517995 and 517999
Overtime	517989, 517990, 517994, 517997 and 517998
Bonus	515040, 515042 and 515044
Commissions	517987



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**Benefits Burden Rate Policy**

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Benefits costs allocated are recorded in a company-specific, dedicated benefits burden cost center. As a result, non-burden related costs (e.g. stock-based compensation, deferred compensation, other executive benefits, etc.) are not permitted to be recorded to these benefits burden cost centers.

All Company Codes with assigned employees will use the benefit burden rate as calculated per this policy to clear the benefit burden cost centers to the individual Company cost centers based upon the applicable labor dollars.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Benefits Burden Rate Policy is to develop a process to allocate benefits costs in a systematic and consistent manner for all CNP entities.

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**Responsibilities**

This table lists the responsibilities for this Policy:

Position	Responsibility
Chief Accounting Officer and Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administering this Policy</li></ul>
Financial Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide labor costs and headcount to be used in burden rate calculation</li><li>• Review and advisement of policy</li><li>• Input of Burden Rate into the financial accounting system</li></ul>
Benefits Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recording the benefits costs to be allocated under this policy</li><li>• Computing the benefits burden rate</li><li>• Providing the burden rate for each SBU to Financial Planning for entry into the financial accounting system</li></ul>

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## Benefits Burden Rate Policy

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### Definitions

This table provides definitions of terms used in the policy:

Term	Definition
Company	CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
Company Code	A stand-alone entity established within the financial accounting system for the measurement and analysis of financial results
SAP	The system used to record and report Company financial data
Financial accounting system	SAP
Benefits Accounting	The Department responsible for recording the benefits costs to be allocated under this policy and for computing the benefits burden rate

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<b>Authorization</b>	The Benefits Accounting Manager and Financial Planning review and approve the applicable benefits and compensation costs, respectively, used in the calculation of the benefits burden rate for each Company Code.
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<b>Documentation Requirements</b>	The Benefits Accounting department creates, maintains and archives all supporting documentation related to the calculation of the benefits burden rate.
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<b>Compliance</b>	All employees responsible for the allocation cycles for Company Codes with assigned employees must comply with this Policy for the allocation of benefits costs. Failure to comply with this Policy may result in disciplinary action.
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Accounting and Control Policies  
**Benefits Burden Rate Policy**

**Policy Number: 41**

## Document History

**Introduction** This policy was implemented in March 2007.

**Document** Below is a history of revision to this policy and document.

Date	By	Description
08/2014	Manager, Accounting Research	Included workers compensation account in the burden rate
05/2018	Manager, Payroll and Benefits Accounting	Included new Benefits general ledger accounts and identify general ledger accounts included in the benefits burden rate as a result of new accounting changes under ASU 2017-07
12/2018	Accounting Integration Team	Modified policy to incorporate changes related to integration of legacy Vectren companies
07/2021	Benefits Accounting	Modified policy to incorporate changes related to enterprise integration
01/2023	Financial Planning	Included total workers compensation costs in the burden rate
01/2024	Benefits Accounting & Financial Planning	Modified policy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- re-include Professional Fees associated with benefit plans in the burden rate calculation.</li> <li>- include all Non-Service Costs (NSC) associated with burden related costs in the burden rate calculation.</li> <li>- Updated responsible parties</li> </ul>

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-22

**QUESTION:**

Please provide the most recent payroll annualized by FERC account separately for CEHE's direct payroll and for the payroll amounts allocated to CEHE by affiliates. Please include a detailed explanation of supporting calculations.

**ANSWER:**

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For the Company's most recent annualized salaries for direct payroll by FERC account, please see PUC-RFI04-22 Attachment 1 (Confidential).xlsx. The amounts presented in the attachment reflects an annualization of the Company's April 26, 2024 payroll for direct regular salaries.

For the Company's most recent annualized salaries by FERC account allocated from Affiliates, please see PUC-RFI04-22 Attachment 2 (Confidential).xlsx. The amounts represented in the attachment generally reflect an annualization of the month of April 2024 for regular pay by FERC Account allocated to the Company from Affiliates.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-22 Attachment 1 (Confidential).xlsx

PUC-RFI04-22 Attachment 2 (Confidential).xlsx

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-23

**QUESTION:**

Please provide by FERC account, the dollar amount of direct payroll expensed separately for the months of January through March 2024 and for the month of April 2024 when available. Please show separately union vs. non-union payroll.

**ANSWER:**

For amounts of direct regular payroll expensed by FERC Account and separated by union versus non-union for the months of January through March 2024 please see PUC-RFI04-23 Attachment 1.xlsx and PUC-RFI04-23 Attachment 2 (Confidential).xlsx for April 2024.

*The requested information for April 2024 contains financial information which is not public and is not expected to be released to the public until the Company's second quarter 2024 earnings call. Trading in securities of the Company while in possession of such information before it is publicly disseminated is a violation of the federal securities laws. Disclosure of this information to others or trading in securities of other public companies prior to its public dissemination could be a violation of the federal securities laws. As such, **the attachment is confidential and is being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 56211.** The Company will file a public version of this response after the Company's second quarter 2024 earnings call.*

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-23 Attachment 1.xlsx

PUC-RFI04-23 Attachment 2 (Confidential).xlsx

## CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC

## Direct Regular Payroll Expense by FERC Account and Month

For January - March 2024

FERC Account	FERC Account Name	001/2024			002/2024			003/2024			Grand Total
		Union	Non-Union	Total	Union	Non-Union	Total	Union	Non-Union	Total	
5600	Oper Supv & Eng	94,214	201,026	295,241	92,102	163,080	255,182	72,048	190,446	262,495	812,917
5611	LoadDispatch-Reliability	-	3,234	3,234	-	2,503	2,503	-	3,171	3,171	8,909
5612	LdDsptch-Mntr&OpTransSyst	-	193,819	193,819	-	158,366	158,366	-	175,002	175,002	527,187
5613	LdDsptch-TransSrvcs&Sched	-	8,958	8,958	-	6,937	6,937	-	8,780	8,780	24,676
5614	Schd,SystCntrl&DsptchSrv	-	51,714	51,714	-	43,728	43,728	-	47,786	47,786	143,228
5615	Reliably,Plng&StndrdsDev	-	89,596	89,596	-	76,318	76,318	-	85,506	85,506	251,420
5617	GeneratnIntrcnctnStudies	-	43,123	43,123	-	36,891	36,891	-	40,087	40,087	120,100
5620	Station Exp	62,073	10,523	72,595	60,349	8,713	69,063	44,755	9,652	54,407	196,065
5630	Overhead Line Exp	54,258	47,951	102,209	53,075	39,109	92,183	41,561	44,327	85,889	280,281
5660	Misc Transmission Ex	113,982	155,031	269,013	110,701	126,410	237,110	85,442	143,217	228,660	734,783
5690	Maint of Structures	88,485	39,775	128,260	85,786	32,669	118,456	63,500	36,568	100,068	346,784
5700	Maint of Sta Equip	270,603	115,104	385,707	262,469	94,699	357,168	194,341	106,290	300,631	1,043,505
5710	Maint of Ovrhd Lines	126,602	111,501	238,102	123,841	90,921	214,762	96,977	103,068	200,045	652,909
5730	Maint of Misc Trans	-	13,859	13,859	-	11,295	11,295	-	13,134	13,134	38,288
5800	Oper Supv & Eng	377,056	466,730	843,786	382,278	380,645	762,924	292,453	447,177	739,631	2,346,340
5810	Load Dispatching	28,113	126,716	154,829	29,750	104,318	134,068	23,837	115,577	139,414	428,312
5820	Station Exp	224,168	50,326	274,494	217,874	41,753	259,627	161,541	46,270	207,811	741,931
5830	Ovrhd Line Exp	393,582	155,720	549,303	403,954	126,592	530,545	310,824	149,491	460,315	1,540,163
5840	Undrgr Line Exp	549,863	167,088	716,952	528,078	133,781	661,859	388,411	155,330	543,741	1,922,552
5850	St Light & Signal Ex	-	15,465	15,465	-	11,233	11,233	-	15,427	15,427	42,125
5860	Meter Exp	660,137	388,613	1,048,750	650,549	310,658	961,207	501,302	378,379	879,681	2,889,638
5870	Cust Installat Exp	100,582	85,731	186,313	103,093	64,600	167,693	79,178	85,713	164,891	518,898
5880	Misc Distrib Exp	283,616	322,725	606,341	282,119	258,576	540,695	214,713	315,669	530,382	1,677,418
5900	Maint Supv & Eng	23,716	327,443	351,159	24,087	261,878	285,965	18,906	310,657	329,563	966,687
5910	Maint of Structures	8,677	24,554	33,231	8,195	20,014	28,209	5,959	22,579	28,537	89,977
5920	Maint of Sta Equip	304,072	214,565	518,636	294,077	175,980	470,057	217,324	197,820	415,144	1,403,837
5930	Maint of Ovrhd Lines	784,050	408,385	1,192,436	796,311	333,607	1,129,917	608,296	392,072	1,000,367	3,322,720
5940	Maint of Undrg Lines	153,438	118,771	272,209	155,719	96,166	251,885	119,095	114,540	233,635	757,729
5960	Maint St Lite & Sig	43,731	62,540	106,271	44,605	46,193	90,798	34,027	62,087	96,114	293,183
5980	Maint of Misc Distr	-	376	376	-	319	319	-	346	346	1,040
9030	Cust Records & Colle	87,463	281,764	369,226	89,210	212,997	302,207	68,054	267,865	335,919	1,007,353
9070	Supervision	-	1,078	1,078	-	920	920	-	1,117	1,117	3,115
9080	Cust Assistance Exp	-	152,595	152,595	-	123,737	123,737	-	133,329	133,329	409,661
9090	Info & Instruc Adv	-	6,503	6,503	-	5,337	5,337	-	6,134	6,134	17,974
9200	Admin & Gen Salaries	-	46,372	46,372	-	37,122	37,122	-	44,462	44,462	127,956
9250	Injuries & Damages	92,605	33,425	126,030	89,909	27,222	117,132	66,842	31,688	98,529	341,691

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.  
Direct Regular Payroll Expense by FERC Account and Month  
For January - March 2024

FERC Account	FERC Account Name	001/2024			002/2024			003/2024			Grand Total
		Union	Non-Union	Total	Union	Non-Union	Total	Union	Non-Union	Total	
9302	Misc General Exps	-	185,580	185,580	-	150,520	150,520	-	181,598	181,598	517,697
	Total	4,925,087	4,728,275	9,653,362	4,888,130	3,815,811	8,703,941	3,709,388	4,482,358	8,191,746	26,549,049

Source : SAP (GLs 515052, 515052, 515054, 517991, 517995, 517999)

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SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-24

**QUESTION:**

Plases provide by FERC account, the dollar amount of affiliate or allocated payroll expensed separately for the months of January through March 2024 and for the month of April 2024 when available.

**ANSWER:**

For the requested information for January through March 2024, please see PUC-RFI04-24 Attachment 1.xlsx.

For the requested information for April 2024, please see PUC-RFI04-24 Attachment 2 (Confidential).xlsx.

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**SPONSOR:**

Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-24 Attachment 1.xlsx

PUC-RFI04-24 Attachment 2 (Confidential).xlsx.

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric  
Allocated Regular Pay By Affiliate by FERC  
For the Months January through March 2024

Service Company			
FERC	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
5600	246,131	123,828	178,101
5615	-	-	168
5620	-	-	1
5690	-	-	2
5700	-	-	39
5800	616,547	310,168	445,885
5820	-	-	5
5850	402	(17)	-
5880	101	(4)	1
5920	-	-	39
5960	1,508	(64)	-
9020	27,207	13,705	19,696
9030	591,795	501,444	480,464
9302	2,688,943	2,648,289	2,751,170
	\$ 4,172,633	\$ 3,597,350	\$ 3,875,572

CERC			
FERC	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
5840	19,390	10,302	22,471
9200	19,148	15,108	29,051
9302	683	523	794
	\$ 39,222	\$ 25,932	\$ 52,315

VUH			
FERC	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
5880	\$ 2,881	\$ (1,924)	\$ 8,722
9302	241	197	269
	\$ 3,122	\$ (1,727)	\$ 8,991

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-25**

**QUESTION:**

Does CEHE's requested revenue requirement include amounts for executive perquisites such as financial planning and tax gross-ups? If so, please provide an explanation of the types of perquisites included, a copy of CEHE's policies regarding the payment of such perquisites, and the amount of such payments by FERC account included in the requested revenue requirement.

**ANSWER:**

Yes, amounts for executive perquisites such as executive physicals, financial planning and estate planning are included in the requested revenue requirement. All CenterPoint Energy officers are eligible to participate in the Executive Health Assessment Program. CenterPoint Energy provides its officers the opportunity for reimbursement for financial planning services. Senior officers are provided the opportunity to receive comprehensive financial counseling services from Ayco Company. The following attachments contain summaries of the benefits provided to officers and senior officers:

- PUC-RFI04-25 Financial Planning Program Benefits for Officers 2023 (confidential).pdf
- PUC-RFI04-25 Financial Planning Program Benefits for Senior Officers 2022 (confidential).pdf
- PUC-RFI04-25 2023 Kelsey-Seybold Executive Health Booklet (confidential).pdf

**The attachments are confidential and are being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 56211.**

The direct executive perquisites payment included in the revenue requirement is \$2,500 in FERC Account 9080 and \$495 in FERC Account 9260.

The allocated Affiliate executive perquisites included in the revenue requirement by FERC is as follows:

1070	\$	308
5600	\$	186
5800	\$	466
9020	\$	33
9030	\$	8
9260	\$	807
9302	\$	8,911

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin, Darren Storey, Bertha Villatoro

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-25 Financial Planning Program Benefits for Officers 2023 (confidential).pdf  
PUC-RFI04-25 Financial Planning Program Benefits for Senior Officers 2022 (confidential).pdf  
PUC-RFI04-25 2023 Kelsey-Seybold Executive Health Booklet (confidential).pdf

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-26**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to the testimony of Kristie Colvin at page 46, and the testimony of Bertha Villatoro, also at page 46. Are CEHE's contributions to its defined contribution plan based on an actuarial or other similar study or are they determined solely based on the prescribed percentages of employee salaries? If based on actuarial or other similar study, please provide such studies for the years 2020 through 2023.

**ANSWER:**

Similar to the actuarial study for pension expenses, the Company's contributions to the defined contribution plan are calculated based on employee hire date and percentage of eligible compensation. That contribution level is based on a recent market study. Refer to Confidential Exhibit BRV-10 referenced on pages 46-47 of Bertha Villatoro's direct testimony for the study.

In addition, see attachment PUC-RFI04-26 02017 CNP Pension Harmonization Design Options (confidential).pdf for the benchmarking study for plan year 2020.

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**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Bertha Villatoro

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-26 02017 CNP Pension Harmonization Design Options (confidential).pdf

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-27**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to the testimony of Kristie Colvin at page 47, lines 8-10, which states "The amounts shown in Table 2 above for qualified defined benefit pension plan and OPEB are the expense amounts requested in the Company's test year as requested in the RFP workpapers." Does this mean that the amounts requested as the PURA § 36.065 baseline amounts for the qualified defined contribution plan shown in Table 2 at page 47 reflects an amount other than the defined contribution plan expense in CEHE's requested revenue requirement in this case? If yes, please provide the amount of the defined contribution plan expense requested in CEHE's revenue requirement in this case.

**ANSWER:**

No, the amount requested as the PURA § 36.065 baseline for the qualified defined contribution plan is the same as the expense being requested in the Company's revenue requirement.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-28**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to WP II-B-14, and provide the amount associated with CEHE's defined contribution pension plan included in each amount reported on the workpaper. Please also provide the amount of the defined contribution plan included in the PURA § 36.065 baseline set in Docket No. 49421.

**ANSWER:**

Amounts for the Company's defined contribution pension plan is not included in WP II-B-14. The Company began offering a qualified defined contribution plan with a nonmatching contribution by the Company equal to 3% of an employee's eligible compensation for employees hired after January 1, 2020. The Company did not request to include defined contribution plan amounts in the PURA § 36.065 baseline set in Docket No. 49421.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-29**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to the testimony of Bertha Villatoro at pages 45 and 47 and provide separately for the Benefit Restoration Plan and the Savings Restoration Plan the amounts included in CEHE's requested revenue requirement by FERC account. Please also provide the amounts capitalized and included in CEHE's requested rate base in this proceeding by plan and by FERC account for each year 2019 through 2023.

**ANSWER:**

**Benefit Restoration Plan - Expense:**

Please refer to RFP WP/II-D-2 Adj 6.1 for the Benefit Restoration expense amounts included in the test year revenue requirement.

- For the *direct* amount of \$152,934 (in FERC account 9260), see Column J, Line Nos. 3 and 4.
- For the amounts *allocated* to the Company of \$844,126 (\$843,859 in FERC account 9260 and \$267 in FERC account 9302), see Column J, Line Nos. 12 and 13.

**Savings Restoration Plan - Expense:**

- The Company did not include *direct* Savings Restoration Plan expense in the revenue requirement.
- The amount *allocated* to the Company for Savings Restoration Plan expense in the revenue requirement is \$387,705 (\$13 in FERC account 5880, \$385,037 in FERC account 9260, and \$2,655 in FERC account 9302).

**Benefits Restoration Plan and Savings Restoration Plan – Capital:**

Please see the table below for the Company's capital amounts related to the Benefit Restoration Plan and Savings Restoration Plan included in CenterPoint Houston's requested rate base for the years 2019 through 2023.

Plan	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Benefits Restoration Plan – Direct	\$ 497,183	\$ 371,128	\$ 299,417	\$ 247,907	\$ 275,012
Savings Restoration Plan - Direct	\$ 31,146	\$ 20,002	\$ 162,749	\$ 13,792	\$ 95,658
Benefits Restoration Plan – Allocated	\$ 17,001	\$ 9,644	\$ 17,020	\$ 12,704	\$ 18,153
Savings Restoration Plan - Allocated	\$ 56,817	\$ 8,769	\$ 54,451	\$ 43,289	\$ 148,128

Please also refer to schedule II-B-7 for the Benefit Restoration Plan accrued liability amount of \$5,278,000 in FERC account 2283 that reduces rate base.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-30**

**QUESTION:**

Does CEHE's requested revenue requirement include any amounts for moving allowances, signing bonuses, or severance packages? If so, please specify by type, amount, and FERC account.

**ANSWER:**

Yes.

For Direct moving allowances, signing bonuses and severance package, please see response to PUC-RF104-31.

Amounts allocated to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric in the test year are as follows:

- Moving allowances of \$431,515 in FERC Account 9302
- Signing bonuses of \$165,403 in FERC Account 9302
- Severances of \$1,695,687 in FERC Account 9302 and \$7,714 in FERC Account 9030

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC**  
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-31**

**QUESTION:**

Please reference CEHE's response to Staff 4-30. Please provide the level of moving allowances, signing bonuses, and severance payments for the previous three calendar years and the current calendar year to date.

**ANSWER:**

Please see PUC-RFI04-31 Attachment 1.xlsx for the Company's direct moving allowances, signing bonuses, and severance expense for the previous three calendar years and year to date March 2024.

The amounts allocated to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric are as follows:

	2021	2022	2023	YTD Mar 2024
Moving allowances	\$586,212	\$71,947	\$431,515	\$10,370
Signing bonuses	\$267,113	\$216,822	\$165,403	\$79,875
Severances	\$967,473	\$3,459,536	\$1,703,401	\$80,346

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin/Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-31 Attachment 1.xlsx

**CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.**  
**Direct Severance by FERC Account**  
**Calendar Years 2021 - 2024**

FERC						YTD March
Account	FERC Account Name	2021	2022	2023		2024
9302	Misc General Exps	180,834	545,588	72,273		-

Source : SAP GL 515070

**Note**

Information for 2023 is in the Company's requested revenue requirement.

**CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.**  
**Direct Moving Allowance by FERC Account**  
**Calendar Years 2021 - 2024**

FERC Account	FERC Account Name	2021	2022	2023	YTD March 2024
5600	Oper Supv & Eng	3,959	17,616	4,011	-
5612	LdDsptch-Mntr&OpTransSyst	-	143	-	-
5614	Schd,SystCntrl&DsptchSrv	1,523	-	-	-
5630	Overhead Line Exp	-	331	-	-
5660	Misc Transmission Ex	-	552	(13)	-
5700	Maint of Sta Equip	-	-	37	-
5710	Maint of Ovrhd Lines	-	772	28	-
5730	Maint of Misc Trans	-	-	(0)	-
5800	Oper Supv & Eng	22,265	124,947	29,411	-
5810	Load Dispatching	684	64	-	-
5830	Ovrhd Line Exp	3,046	2,030	0	-
5860	Meter Exp	-	2,207	2,212	-
5880	Misc Distrib Exp	85,242	1,766	37,545	30,961
5900	Maint Supv & Eng	5,920	170	1	-
5920	Maint of Sta Equip	-	-	41	-
5930	Maint of Ovrhd Lines	5,297	3,531	674	-
5940	Maint of Undrg Lines	2,251	1,501	502	-
5950	Maint of Line Transf	-	-	1	-
5960	Maint St Lite & Sig	-	-	22	-
5970	Maint of Meters	-	-	32	-
9070	Supervision	-	4	-	-
9080	Cust Assistance Exp	-	203	120,093	-
9302	Misc General Exps	12,028	30,150	88,300	-
		142,215	185,987	282,897	30,961

Source : SAP GL 522100

**Note**

Information for 2023 is in the Company's requested revenue requirement.

**CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.**  
**Direct Signing Bonus by FERC Account**  
**Calendar Years 2021 - 2024**

FERC		YTD March			
Account	FERC Account Name	2021	2022	2023	2024
5600	Oper Supv & Eng	0	195	0	260
5660	Misc Transmission Ex	(2)	-	(3)	-
5700	Maint of Sta Equip	14	-	7	-
5710	Maint of Ovrhd Lines	19	-	5	-
5800	Oper Supv & Eng	0	435	1,500	580
5830	Ovrhd Line Exp	-	1,380	2,650	-
5840	Undrgr Line Exp	-	-	7,000	-
5860	Meter Exp	9	-	1,201	-
5870	Cust Installat Exp	-	-	400	-
5880	Misc Distrib Exp	13	1,200	6,107	1,500
5900	Maint Supv & Eng	0	870	0	1,160
5920	Maint of Sta Equip	24	-	8	-
5930	Maint of Ovhd Lines	304	2,400	5,631	-
5940	Maint of Undrg Lines	134	1,020	1,647	-
5960	Maint St Lite & Sig	(2)	-	204	-
5970	Maint of Meters	13	-	6	-
9030	Cust Records & Colle	-	-	400	-
9070	Supervision	-	420	-	100
9080	Cust Assistance Exp	-	20,580	-	4,900
9250	Injuries & Damages	-	7,000	-	-
9302	Misc General Exps	32	20,000	12	-
		560	55,500	26,778	8,500

Source : Benefits Administration Accounting

**Note**

Information for 2023 is in the Company's requested revenue requirement.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-32**

**QUESTION:**

Please refer to WP Employee Expense Adj (Voluminous), at line 596. For the vendor "Centerpoint Energy-EBY Accrual" please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$1,181,711.80 of the employee expenses in the same detail as for CEHE's direct employee expenses in the remainder of the workpaper. Please identify total expense amounts and excluded amounts to the extent applicable.

**ANSWER:**

Energized by You (EBY) is a total-company awards program, managed by Human Resources, that recognizes employees who go above and beyond the normal course of business. This program disburses awards to employees using points. The points allow the employees to purchase various items in the EBY system.

Please see PUC-RFI04-32 Attachment 1.xlsx for the detail of the \$1,181,711.80 of employee expenses included in WP Employee Expense Adj (Voluminous) for vendor "CenterPoint Energy - EBY Accrual." These amounts are all accruals for points awarded under the EBY Program.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-32 Attachment 1.xlsx

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC  
Employee Expense - ENERGIZE BY YOU (EBY) 2023 Accrual Line Details  
For the Year Ended 12/31/2023

Line No	Vendor/Merchant	Business Purpose	Posting Date	Amount	Y/N EXCLUDE	Excluded Amt
1	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	\$ 2,447	N	-
2	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,451	N	-
3	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	344	N	-
4	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,496	N	-
5	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,445	N	-
6	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,434	N	-
7	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,846	N	-
8	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,682	N	-
9	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,277	N	-
10	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	208	N	-
11	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	300	N	-
12	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,270	N	-
13	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,293	N	-
14	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,663	N	-
15	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,282	N	-
16	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,885	N	-
17	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	617	N	-
18	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,041	N	-
19	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	896	N	-
20	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,670	N	-
21	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,077	N	-
22	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,047	N	-
23	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	993	N	-
24	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	100	N	-
25	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,387	N	-
26	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	536	N	-
27	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	330	N	-
28	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	24	N	-
29	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	421	N	-
30	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,102	N	-
31	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,892	N	-
32	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	968	N	-
33	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	130	N	-
34	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	500	N	-
35	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,189	N	-
36	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	393	N	-
37	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,852	N	-
38	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,596	N	-
39	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	13,735	N	-
40	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	493	N	-
41	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	619	N	-
42	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,764	N	-
43	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,404	N	-
44	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,605	N	-
45	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,106	N	-
46	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,576	N	-
47	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,615	N	-
48	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	10,379	N	-
49	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,567	N	-
50	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,848	N	-
51	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9,410	N	-
52	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,941	N	-
53	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,149	N	-
54	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	15,509	N	-
55	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,599	N	-
56	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,800	N	-
57	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,658	N	-
58	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	19,985	N	-
59	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,728	N	-
60	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,874	N	-
61	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,712	N	-
62	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9,771	N	-
63	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	132,963	N	-
64	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	19,763	N	-
65	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,381	N	-
66	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,701	N	-
67	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	284	N	-
68	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	10,457	N	-
69	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	14,187	N	-
70	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,757	N	-
71	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	46,690	N	-
72	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,942	N	-
73	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	17,501	N	-
74	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,108	N	-
75	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	15,291	N	-
76	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	70,674	N	-
77	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	25,831	N	-
78	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	16,831	N	-
79	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	962	N	-
80	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,051	N	-

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81	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,789	N	-
82	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,942	N	-
83	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	379	N	-
84	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	18,828	N	-
85	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	21	N	-
86	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,340	N	-
87	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,853	N	-
88	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,295	N	-
89	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	926	N	-
90	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,507	N	-
91	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9,685	N	-
92	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,073	N	-
93	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,961	N	-
94	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	28,270	N	-
95	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	512	N	-
96	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,952	N	-
97	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,539	N	-
98	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,481	N	-
99	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	38	N	-
100	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1	N	-
101	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3	N	-
102	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,987	N	-
103	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	49	N	-
104	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	13,872	N	-
105	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	11,355	N	-
106	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,303	N	-
107	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	845	N	-
108	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,427	N	-
109	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	0	N	-
110	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	24,140	N	-
111	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	13,708	N	-
112	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	14,592	N	-
113	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	11,366	N	-
114	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,275	N	-
115	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,285	N	-
116	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,795	N	-
117	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,073	N	-
118	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,869	N	-
119	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	18,029	N	-
120	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,205	N	-
121	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,400	N	-
122	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,683	N	-
123	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	12,477	N	-
124	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	14,624	N	-
125	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	11,262	N	-
126	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	12,798	N	-
127	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	13,831	N	-
128	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	181	N	-
129	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9,952	N	-
130	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	469	N	-
131	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	45	N	-
132	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,290	N	-
133	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	10,352	N	-
134	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,408	N	-
135	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,170	N	-
136	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,321	N	-
137	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	796	N	-
138	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	547	N	-
139	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,829	N	-
140	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	547	N	-
141	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,961	N	-
142	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,430	N	-
143	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,338	N	-
144	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,342	N	-
145	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	15,189	N	-
146	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9	N	-
147	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,389	N	-
148	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,951	N	-
149	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,180	N	-
150	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,019	N	-
151	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	13,419	N	-
152	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,935	N	-
153	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,880	N	-
154	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	701	N	-
155	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,515	N	-
156	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,460	N	-
157	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,042	N	-

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158	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	354	N	-
159	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,560	N	-
160	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,933	N	-
161	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	7,389	N	-
162	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9,966	N	-
163	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,674	N	-
164	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,705	N	-
165	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	4,102	N	-
166	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	29,298	N	-
167	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,278	N	-
168	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	3,246	N	-
169	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	5,741	N	-
170	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	327	N	-
171	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	6,374	N	-
172	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	10,129	N	-
173	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	20,112	N	-
174	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,110	N	-
175	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,420	N	-
176	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	602	N	-
177	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	2,218	N	-
178	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	1,821	N	-
179	OC TANNER RECOGNITION COMPANY	RECOGNITION AWARDS-Accrual	12/31/2023	9,745	N	-
180	Total			\$ 1,181,712		\$ -

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC  
PUC DOCKET NO. 56211  
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-24-13232**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-33**

**QUESTION:**

Please provide a schedule of any lease agreements which CEHE has amended or cancelled since the end of the test year. Please also provide a list of any new leases which CEHE has contracted after the test year. For any such amendment, cancellation, or new lease, please provide supporting documents.

**ANSWER:**

There were no lease agreements cancelled since the end of the test year.

**The below attachments are Confidential Highly Sensitive Protective Material and are being provided pursuant to the Protective Order issued in Docket No. 56211.**

Lease agreements CenterPoint Houston amended since the end of the test year.

- CenterPoint Energy Service Company sublease to CenterPoint Houston for space known as CNP Tower.
  - PUC04-33 CNPT - Sublease - Service to CEHE Confidential HSPM.pdf
- CenterPoint Energy Service Company sublease to CenterPoint Houston for lease space known as Energy Control and Data Center.
  - PUC04-33 ECDC - Sublease Serv to CEHE Confidential HSPM.pdf
- Texas International Terminals LTD lease to CenterPoint Houston for Harborside right of way.
  - PUC04-33 Harborside Right of Way Agreement Confidential HSPM.pdf

New lease agreement since the end of the test year.

- CenterPoint Houston lease to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. H.O. Clark Training Center.
  - PUC04-33 HOC - Lease Agreement Confidential HSPM.pdf

Amended in calendar year 2024 Mobile Generation Equipment not applicable to Docket No. 56211 proceeding.

- Energy Rental Solutions LLC lease to CenterPoint Houston for Mobile Generation Equipment (expenses associated with the orginial lease were excluded from this rate proceeding Docket No. 56211)
  - PUC04-33 ERS - Lease of Equipment Agreement Confidential HSPM.pdf

**SPONSOR:**

Kristi Colvin/ Steve Greenley

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC04-33 CNPT - Sublease - Service to CEHE Confidential HSPM.pdf  
PUC04-33 ECDC - Sublease Serv to CEHE Confidential HSPM.pdf  
PUC04-33 HOC - Lease Agreement Confidential HSPM.pdf  
PUC04-33 Harborside Right of Way Agreement Confidential HSPM.pdf  
PUC04-33 ERS - Lease of Equipment Agreement Confidential HSPM.pdf

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI04-34**

**QUESTION:**

Please identify any amounts included in the revenue requirement by FERC account for carrying costs associated with affiliate or shared assets that have been charged by an affiliate to CEHE. Please provide the information in its entirety and please separately identify the amounts that are debt based and those considered equity return amounts.

**ANSWER:**

Please see the attachment to this response for the requested information.

**SPONSOR:**

Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

PUC-RFI04-34 Attachment 1.xlsx

**Service Company Return on Assets-Allocation to CNP Houston Electric**

CNP Houston Electric - Total					
FERC Account	IT	Finance	Supply Chain	Human Resource	Total
5600	38,661.15	-	-	-	38,661.15
5800	96,741.55	-	-	-	96,741.55
9020	4,271.05	-	-	-	4,271.05
9030	1,655.22	-	-	7,462.37	9,117.58
9302	6,458.30	75,842.34	16,812.09	25,560.87	124,673.61
	147,787.27	75,842.34	16,812.09	33,023.24	273,464.94

CNP Houston Electric - Debt Based					
FERC Account	IT	Finance	Supply Chain	Human Resource	Total
5600	11,269.73	-	-	-	11,269.73
5800	28,200.16	-	-	-	28,200.16
9020	1,245.01	-	-	-	1,245.01
9030	482.50	-	-	2,175.28	2,657.78
9302	1,882.60	22,108.04	4,900.72	7,450.99	36,342.36
	43,079.99	22,108.04	4,900.72	9,626.27	79,715.03

CNP Houston Electric - Equity Based					
FERC Account	IT	Finance	Supply Chain	Human Resource	Total
5600	27,391.42	-	-	-	27,391.42
5800	68,541.39	-	-	-	68,541.39
9020	3,026.04	-	-	-	3,026.04
9030	1,172.72	-	-	5,287.09	6,459.81
9302	4,575.71	53,734.30	11,911.37	18,109.88	88,331.25
	104,707.28	53,734.30	11,911.37	23,396.97	193,749.91

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**QUESTION:**

Please provide the rate of return, cost of equity, and cost of debt utilized in determining the carrying costs associated with affiliate costs or shared assets that have been charged to CEHE by an affiliate.

**ANSWER:**

The 8.85% rate of return utilized by Service Company for allocation of return on assets is calculated using the following components:

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Tax Gross-Up</b>
Debt	4.94%	52.2%	2.58%	2.58%
Equity	9.63%	47.8%	4.60%	6.27%
Total Return				8.85%

The tax gross-up is based on a tax rate of 26.58%

**SPONSOR:**

Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**QUESTION:**

Has CEHE received prior Commission authorization to recover carrying costs charged by an affiliate? If so, please provide relevant citations.

**ANSWER:**

Commission approval of the Company's affiliate costs in Docket No. 38339 indicates approval of any included affiliate carrying costs.

**SPONSOR:**

Darren Storey

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**REQUEST NO.: PUC-RF104-37**

**QUESTION:**

Please provide a list of internal and external audits performed for CEHE by its internal and external auditors for the last three calendar years.

**ANSWER:**

The following internal audits were performed on behalf of CenterPoint Houston or CenterPoint Energy, Inc. enterprise-wide for the last three calendar years:

- 2020 Short-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results
- 2020 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results
- 2020 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results for Proxy Statement
- 2020 CEHE Bond Companies Compliance Review
- Environmental Program Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- IT Governance Process Review
- Managed Workstations - Business Users
- Contract Services Web Billing System (CSWBS)
- Work Order Closing/Variance Explanation (Electric) Process Review
- Capital Project Framework Assessment - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- CEHE Code of Conduct Program Review
- Software Asset Management Maturity Assessment
- Officer Expenses and Company Plane Review - 2021
- 2021 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results Limited Review
- 2021 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results for Proxy Statement Limited Review
- 2021 Short-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Limited Review
- Environmental, Social and Governance Advisory Review
- 2021 CEHE Bond Companies Compliance Review
- 2021 CEHE Pole Maintenance Program Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- Physical Security - Electric Assets Process Review
- Donations and Contributions to Government and Non-Profit Entities Process Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- Security Hardening Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- SAP Security Review
- CEHE Distribution Control - Switching Procedures Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- Safety Metrics and Reporting Process Advisory Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- IT Disaster Recovery - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- 2022 Short-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Limited Review
- 2022 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results Limited Review
- 2022 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan Achievement Results for Proxy Statement
- 2022 CEHE Bond Companies Compliance Review
- 2022 Vegetation Management Program Review - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- Managed Workstations Follow-up

- CEHE Pole Inspection Program Follow-up - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- Azure Cloud Security Environment - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal
- Digital Delivery Program
- CEHE Program Management Office Progress
- Environmental, Social, and Governance Stakeholder Deep Metric Dive Readiness Assessment
- Cloud, Acceleration, Transformation, and Optimization (CATO) Program
- CEHE Distribution Control - Switching Procedures Follow-up - Privileged and Confidential - Performed at the request and direction of Legal

The following external audits were performed on behalf of CenterPoint Houston for the last three calendar years:

- Financial Statement audit under PCAOB standards by Deloitte & Touche for the year ended December 31, 2021
- Financial Statement audit under PCAOB standards by Deloitte & Touche for the year ended December 31, 2022
- Financial Statement audit under PCAOB standards by Deloitte & Touche for the year ended December 31, 2023

**SPONSOR:**

Stephanie Bundage Juvane/Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**QUESTION:**

Are there any duplications of effort for any of the outside services? If the answer is no, and the same function is performed by two or more vendors, please provide an explanation for why there is no duplication.

**ANSWER:**

1. There are no duplications of effort for any of the outside services included in II-D-2.7.
2. It is standard practice to have multiple vendors per function (manpower services, cell phones, printing, etc.). An example of multiple vendors providing the same services are the vendors such as Adecco USA Inc, Global Force USA, AT&T and Verizon Wireless which provide temporary manpower and telecommunication services, respectively, for the company. While there are multiple vendors per function, they may support different or specific types of services. The practice of using multiple vendors has redundancy purposes as well since it reduces the company's reliance of a single vendor for a single purpose.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**QUESTION:**

Are there any items included in outside services for which CEHE has been reimbursed? If yes, please provide a detailed explanation for why such amount is appropriately included in the requested revenue requirement.

**ANSWER:**

Pursuant to an agreement with counsel for Commission Staff, Staff agreed to limit this RFI to reimbursements in excess of \$250,000. There are no reimbursements above \$250,000 that are excluded from the outside services vendors expenses presented in this case.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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**QUESTION:**

Do any of the outside services relate to rate case expenses that should be amortized or surcharged? If yes, please provide details.

**ANSWER:**

No. None of the outside services on Schedule II-D-2.7 relate to rate case expenses.

**SPONSOR:**

Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

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**QUESTION:**

Do any of the outside services relate to expenses that benefit more than one period or periods after the test year? If so, please provide a detailed explanation and justification for why the expense should not be amortized.

**ANSWER:**

According to the Company's Prepayment Policy, prepayments for individual goods or services which provide a probable and reliably measurable benefit for future periods are booked to the prepayments general ledger accounts and subsequently amortized over the period of the benefits received from the prepayment. Prepayment treatment is required for individual goods and services if the resultant amortization is in excess of \$200,000 per year or \$50,000 per quarter. Amounts less than these thresholds are required to be expensed in the current period.

**SPONSOR:**

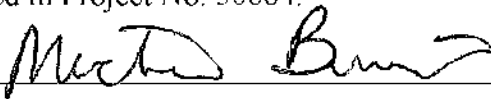
Kristie Colvin

**RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:**

None

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on May 14, 2024, this document was filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 56211, and a true and correct copy of it was served by electronic mail on all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664.

  
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