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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES	§ § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S
SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO THE
TEXAS COAST UTILITIES COALITION**

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.144 and SOAH Order No. 2, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Houston" or "the Company") requests that the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition ("TCUC") by and through its representatives of record, provide, within eight business days, the information requested in the attached Exhibit A.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 24, 2024, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.



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EXHIBIT A

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The singular herein includes the plural and vice versa; the words “and” and “or” shall be construed as “and/or” in order to bring all information within the scope of the Request. The words, “each,” “all,” and “any,” mean “any and all” or “each and every.”

“TCUC” means Texas Coast Utilities Coalition.

“CenterPoint Houston” or “Company” means CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.

“Communication” shall include all meetings, telephone calls, conversations, discussions, letters, memoranda, notes, and other forms of communication.

“Document” or “Documents” is used in the broadest sense possible and shall mean every writing or record of every type and description, such as drafts, corrections, memoranda, letters, tapes, stenographic or handwritten notes, studies, publications, work papers, books, pamphlets, diaries, desk calendars, interoffice communications, records, reports, analyses, bills, receipts, checks, check stubs, checkbooks, invoices, requisitions, papers and forms filed with a court or governmental body, notes, transportation and expense logs, work papers, contracts, statistical and financial statements, corporate records of any kind, charts, graphs, pictures, photographs, photocopies, films, voice recordings, and any other written, recorded or graphic material, however denominated, by whomever prepared, and to whomever addressed, which are in your possession, custody or control. The term “document” also includes all electronic and magnetic data, including e-mail. The term “document” includes all copies of every such writing or record that are not identical copies of the original or that contain any commentary, notes, or markings that do not appear on the original.

“Including” means “including but not limited to” and “including without limitation.”

“Identify” means to state as much information as you now have or that is now subject to your control, or that you may hereafter come to have or that hereafter becomes subject to your control, including the following:

- a. when used in reference to a natural person, state the person’s full name, title, present (or last known) address, telephone number, occupation, present business affiliation or employer, business address, and exact duties and responsibilities of such individual;
- b. when used in reference to an entity, state the full name of the company, organization, association, partnership, or other business enterprise; and
- c. when used in reference to a document, state the date and title of the document and, if already produced in this case, the Bates-number of such document.

“Relate” or “relating to” includes referring to, mentioning, reflecting, containing, pertaining to, evidencing, involving, describing, discussing, responding to, supporting, opposing, constituting or being a draft, copy or summary of, in whole or in part.

“You” and “Your” refers to the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition or TCUC and any of the attorneys or law firms that purport to represent you in this case.

II. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each request herein extends to any documents or information in your possession and the possession of any of the attorneys or law firms that purport to represent you in this case.
2. Each and every non-identical copy of a document, whether different from the original because of indications of the recipient(s), handwritten notes, marks, attachments, marginalia, or any other reason, is a separate document that must be produced.
3. If you object to any portion of a request on the ground of privilege, answer the nonprivileged portion of the request by providing such non-privileged information as is responsive.
4. If you object to any portion of a request on any ground other than privilege, you should still provide documents responsive to the remaining non-objectionable portion.
5. Separately for each request to which you object in whole or in part, describe in detail and itemize each basis of your objection.
6. If the basis of an objection to any request, or any portion thereof, is a statute, contract or other agreement, or any other obstacle to production that you claim is based in the law, please identify the basis of that purported obstacle with specificity.
7. Each request herein shall be construed independently, and no request shall be viewed as limiting the scope of any other request. Please indicate where any portion of your document production in response to a request has been covered in your production in response to another request, and please specify the request numbers at issue.
8. If you claim that any document responsive to any request is lost or destroyed, (a) identify and describe such document, (b) describe how the document was lost or destroyed, and (c) identify when the document was lost or destroyed.
9. If you claim that any documents responsive to any request are already in the possession of CenterPoint Houston, please identify the document with sufficient specificity to allow CenterPoint Houston to locate the document.
10. The requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require additional answers if, after answering such requests, you obtain information upon the basis of which you determine that the answer was incorrect when made, or you become aware that the answer, though correct when made, is no longer true, and the circumstances are such that failure to amend the answer is in substance a knowing concealment.
11. Any document that is withheld from production pursuant to a claim of attorney/client, work product, party communication or investigative privilege shall be identified and shall be segregated and maintained for in camera submission, and a list identifying such withheld documents shall be furnished at the time and place of production. Such list shall state with

respect to each document: (a) the privilege under which the document is being withheld; (b) a description of the type of document; (c) a description of the subject matter and purpose of the document; (d) the date the document was prepared; (e) the author and/or signatory of the document; (f) the identity of the persons to whom the document was sent; and (g) the present custodian of the document.

12. As part of the response to each request for information, please state, at the bottom of the answer, the name and job position of each person who participated in any way, other than providing clerical assistance, in the preparation of the response. Please also state the name of the witness in this docket who will sponsor the answer to the request and may verify the truth of the response.

III. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- 2-1 If not provided with your direct testimony in this case, please provide, in native format, all workpapers and documents supporting the testimony of each witness filing testimony on your behalf in this proceeding.
- 2-2 For each testifying expert that has provided testimony for you in this case, please provide (to the extent not provided earlier):
- a. A list of all cases in which the testifying expert has submitted testimony from 2019 to the present;
 - b. Copies of all prior testimony, articles, speeches, published materials, and peer-review materials written by the testifying expert from 2019 to the present;
 - c. The testifying expert's billing rate for this proceeding; and
 - d. All documents provided to, reviewed by, or prepared by or for the testifying expert in anticipation of the testifying expert filing testimony in this proceeding.
- 2-3 For each consulting expert whose mental impressions or opinions have been reviewed by one or more of your testifying experts in this case, please provide (to the extent not provided earlier):
- a. A list of all cases in which the consulting expert has submitted testimony from 2019 to the present;
 - b. Copies of all prior testimony, articles, speeches, published materials and peer-review materials written by the consulting expert from 2019 to the present;
 - c. The consulting expert's billing rate for this proceeding; and
 - d. All documents provided to, reviewed by, or prepared by or for the consulting expert in anticipation of the testifying expert filing testimony in this proceeding.
- 2-4 Please separately state whether each witness is testifying as an expert witness.
- 2-5 Referring to the Workpapers to the Direct Testimony and Attachments of Scott Norwood, for each tab of the Excel file please identify the part of Mr. Norwood's testimony that the information on the tab supports.
- 2-6 Referring to page 7, line 20 through page 8, line 4 of the Direct Testimony and Attachments of Scott Norwood, please provide all citations and support for the statement "even if such an analysis was possible, it would be virtually impossible to predict the likelihood of that historical weather impact continuing into the future *as is required* to assess whether or not the level of Test Year expense is normal and recurring" (emphasis added).
- 2-7 Referring to page 4, lines 11 through 21 of the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of David J. Garrett, besides the use of a regulatory asset, what are others measures to ensure utilities are not financially harmed by "unintentionally overestimating depreciable lives (i.e., underestimating depreciation rates)"?
- a. Please provide three examples of when the Commission allowed, or other

commissions authorized, any such measure.

- b. Which measure is TCUC proposing if the Commission does not approve the continuation of existing depreciation rates and how would TCUC's proposed method work given mass asset depreciation accounting?
- 2-8 Referring to page 12, lines 6 through 9, page 12, line 23 through page 13, line 1, page 13, lines 12 through 14, and page 14, lines 19 through 20 of the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of David J. Garrett, please provide Mr. Garrett's analysis that shows that CenterPoint Houston is comparable to Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company in terms of any and all factors that would impact operating conditions, useful life, retirements, salvage rates, and anything else that would impact depreciation rates.