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Re: *Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to
Change Rates; PUC Docket No. 56211*

Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

Texas Industrial Energy Consumers (TIEC) takes no position on CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's (CenterPoint's) request to withdraw its rate case application. However, TIEC is aware that allowing CenterPoint to unilaterally withdraw its case could create precedent that simply filing and later withdrawing an application is sufficient to comply with the rate case scheduling requirements in 16 TAC § 25.247 and PURA § 36.157.

If the Commission desires to grant CenterPoint's request to withdraw its application, the Commission should include language in its order explaining that unilateral withdrawals of required rate case filings are generally not permissible, but that the Commission finds there is good cause in this instance to allow CenterPoint to withdraw. The Commission is empowered to grant such a good cause exception pursuant to PURA § 36.157(d), 16 TAC § 22.181(g)(2), and 16 TAC § 25.3(b). Specifying that any withdrawal of CenterPoint's rate case application is being granted pursuant to a good cause exception will avoid any implication that utilities can make an end run around the rate case requirements in 16 TAC § 25.247 and PURA § 36.157 simply by withdrawing required rate case applications.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Parties of Record