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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMMISSION STAFF'S CORRECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ORDER

On March 6, 2024, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint) filed an application for authority to change rates in accordance with PURA¹ Chapter 36, Subchapter C and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.243(b).

On February 10, 2025, the Office of Policy and Docket Management filed a Proposed Order (PO), directing the parties to file corrections or exceptions to the PO by February 24, 2025. Therefore, Staff's corrections are timely filed.

I. PROPOSED CORRECTIONS

The Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) respectfully proposes the following corrections to the PO:

- Revise Finding of Fact No. 27 to correct the date that the unopposed agreement was filed.
 On January 289, 2025, an unopposed agreement was filed by CenterPoint Houston.
- 2. Add as Finding of Fact No. 48 to list Staff's testimony in support of the agreement.
 - 48. On February 10, 2025, Commission Staff filed the testimony in support of the agreement of Darryl Tietjen.
- Revise Finding of Fact No. 57 to correct the date that the unopposed agreement was filed.
 57. On January 289, 2025, an unopposed agreement was filed by CenterPoint Houston.
- 4. Revise Finding of Fact No. 62 to correct a minor typographical error.
 - 62. None of the parties who are not signatories has ve objected to the agreement.
- 5. Revise Finding of Fact No. 65 for clarity and consistency.
 - 65. The signatories agreed that the agreed-upon revenue requirement will be allocated as follows: \$653,511.40 will be directly allocated to the retail transmission

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 11.001-66.016. (PURA).

customer class, and the remaining value, \$45,924,013, will be allocated among retail customer classes and wholesale transmission such that each retail customer class and wholesale transmission receives the same percentage decrease from the revenue collected from present rates as set out in exhibit B to the agreement. For each retail customer class, CenterPoint Houston's proposed customer and meter charges will be adopted. The distribution charge for each class will be designed so that the total revenue collected from the class's customer, meter, and distribution charges would reflect the total revenue reduction allocated to that class as set forth in exhibit B to the agreement.

- 6. Revise Finding of Fact No. 98 to correct a minor typographical error.
 - 98. The signatories agreed to a \$145,000 reduction to CenterPoint Houston's rate-case expenses as recommended in the direct testimony of Commission Staff witness Vonetta Jackson. In addition, for expenses incurred after December 31, 2023, CenterPoint Houston must apply an equivalent percentage of 16.4% to determine the reduction amount for those expenses. The signatories agreed that rider RCE is appropriate to use for recovery of CenterPoint Houston's and Cities' rate-case expenses.
- 7. Revise Finding of Fact No. 137 for clarity.
 - Commission Staff recommended approval of the <u>petitionapplication</u> as amended by the agreement.
- 8. Revise Ordering Paragraph No. 29 to correct a minor typographical error.
 - CenterPoint Houston must discontinue rounding the AFUDC rate up to the next 0.25%, effective January 1, 202-5.

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission modify the PO as described above.

Date: February 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on February 24, 2025, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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