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COMMISSION STAFF'S PETITION TO ESTABLISH A SECONDARY CAP ON	§ §	BEFORE THE
PERFORMANCE BONUSES UNDER 16 TAC § 25.182(E) FOR THE 2024	§ 8	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
PROGRAM YEAR	§	

CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC's STATEMENT OF POSITION

Pursuant to 16 T.A.C. § 22.124, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Energy" or the "Company") submits this statement of position. As outlined in the Company's comments filed on November 7, 2024, in this proceeding—which are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference—CenterPoint Energy acknowledges Staff's concerns regarding the potential impact of performance bonuses on future cost recovery and overall program effectiveness. However, the Company maintains that implementing a secondary cap on performance bonuses is unnecessary.

CenterPoint Energy continues to support a framework that allows each utility the flexibility to design programs and allocate budgets in a manner that aligns with the specific needs of its customers and the unique conditions of its service area, while remaining in compliance with the cost cap and cost-effectiveness requirements set forth in 16 TAC §§ 25.181 and 25.182.

At this time, CenterPoint Energy does not intend to present or cross-examine witnesses or submit exhibits during the Hearing on the Merits scheduled to begin on April 15, 2025. Nonetheless, the Company will attend the hearing and reserves the right to actively participate and take positions on issues as they arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding by facsimile transmission, hand delivery, electronic mail, overnight delivery or United States first class mail on the 10th day of April 2025.