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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC	§	
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026-2028	§	OF
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION	§	
SYSTEM RESILIENCY PLAN	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI05-01**

QUESTION:

Please refer to Section 5.1.5.5 Vegetation Management (RM-5) on page 86 of the System Resiliency Plan. The company has identified 11,700 circuit miles for a total cost of \$146.1 million over the next three years. Please describe how the scope has changed since the original SRP, Docket No. 56548, at an estimated \$25 million over the three years.

ANSWER:

In the original SRP, Docket No. 56548, a new Targeted Critical Circuit Vegetation Management Resiliency Measure was proposed to proactively trim trees for distribution circuits previously identified by the Company as being relay exempt from the Company's load shed process due to serving critical load public safety customers. Proactive tree trimming for backbone and laterals on those critical distribution circuits would be done on a 3-year trim cycle for approximately 2,000 circuit miles at an estimated cost of \$25M over three years. In the current SRP, the Company is proposing to trim the backbone and laterals for all distribution circuits on a 3-year cycle, rather than just the critical distribution circuits. The 11,700 circuit miles for a total cost of \$146.1M over the next three years are incremental miles and incremental O&M expense to transition all distribution circuits to a 3-year trim cycle.

SPONSOR:

Eric Easton and Randy Pryor

RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI05-02**

QUESTION:

Please refer to Figure SRP-66 on page 114 of the System Resiliency Plan. The plan proposes to complete 12 substations for a total of \$43.8 million. In the original SRP, Docket No. 56548, filing, the Substation Flood Control Measure proposed 9 substations for a total of \$30.6 million. Please explain how the addition of 3 substations raised the cost by \$13.2 million or \$4.4 million per substation as compared to the original filing where the 9 substations averaged \$3.4 million per substation.

ANSWER:

Yes, the average cost per substation does go from \$3.4M (total of 9 substations) to \$3.65M (total of 12 substations) as there are a few additional locational and material inflationary cost adjustments that were accounted for within the list. These locations do consider the 500-yr floodplain, the 100-yr floodplain, the storm surge, and whether the substation has flooded in the past and looks to elevate equipment to at least one foot above the highest level anticipated/seen.

SPONSOR:

Eric Easton

RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:

None

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
REQUEST NO.: PUC-RFI05-03**

QUESTION:

Refer to Substation Flood Control in the original SRI?, Docket No. 56548, and the 9 substations identified in that SRP. Are these 9 substations still included in the 12 substations identified in Figure SRP-66 on page 114 of this System Resiliency Plan, Docket No. 57579, or has the company changed prioritization based on the considerations and data analysis as described on page 116 of the System Resiliency Plan.

ANSWER:

Yes, the 9 substations are included in the new list submitted.

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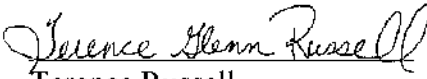
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RESPONSIVE DOCUMENTS:

None

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 7, 2025, 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, filed in Project No. 50664.


Terence Russell