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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC	§	
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO	§	OF
REBUILD A 138-KV TRANSMISSION	§	
LINE IN GAVESTON COUNTY	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC’S
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint Houston”) respectfully files this Proposed Procedural Schedule. CenterPoint Houston has conferred with Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission Staff”) as well as the intervenors, Mr. Michael Engelhart and Mr. Irwin Dreyfus. CenterPoint Houston and Commission Staff have agreed to the schedule and additional provisions set out below. Mr. Engelhart did not agree with the proposal, and Mr. Dreyfus has not responded to CenterPoint Houston’s communications regarding the schedule.

CenterPoint Houston proposes the modifications to discovery deadlines set out below to facilitate timely responses that support the condensed schedule necessitated by the statutory 180-day deadline in this proceeding. These adjustments are in line with past practice in other Certificate of Convenience and Necessity proceedings. These adjustments are intended to ensure that all parties receive responses to their requests with sufficient time to incorporate them into their testimony or preparations for the hearing on the merits. Their asymmetry reflects the time between the deadlines and testimony due dates and the greater scale of discovery typically propounded upon applicants like CenterPoint Houston. Accordingly, CenterPoint Houston, Commission Staff and intervenors respectfully request that the Administrative Law Judge enter an order establishing such schedule and adopting the provisions below.

Event	Deadline
Application filed	Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Prehearing Conference	Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Deadline for Staff to file comments on sufficiency of the Application	Wednesday, May 21, 2025
CenterPoint Houston's response to Staff's sufficiency comments	Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Deadline to intervene	Friday, May 30, 2025
Deadline for filing testimony or position statement challenging route adequacy (if any) and request for route adequacy hearing	Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Application deemed sufficient, if not addressed	Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Objections to CenterPoint Houston's direct testimony	Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Responses to objections to CenterPoint Houston's direct testimony	Friday, June 6, 2025
Responses to challenges to adequacy of routes	Friday, June 6, 2025
Deadline for serving discovery on CenterPoint Houston's direct testimony	Friday, June 6, 2025
Hearing on route adequacy (if any)	Monday, June 9, 2025
Deadline for filing intervenor direct testimony or statement of position	Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Objections to intervenor direct testimony	Thursday, June 12, 2025
Intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Thursday, June 12, 2025
Staff direct testimony	Monday, June 16, 2025
Deadline to file notice of deposition of intervenor witnesses that are unavailable during hearing on the merits	Monday, June 16, 2025
Objections to Staff direct testimony	Monday, June 16, 2025
Deadline to submit discovery on intervenor direct testimony, Staff direct testimony, and intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Monday, June 16, 2025
Settlement Conference	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Responses to objections to intervenor direct testimony	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Objections to intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
CenterPoint Houston's rebuttal testimony	Friday, June 20, 2025
Objections to CenterPoint Houston's rebuttal testimony	Monday, June 23, 2025
Responses to objections to Staff direct testimony	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Responses to objections to intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Responses to objections to CenterPoint Houston's rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, June 24, 2025

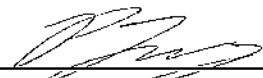
Event	Deadline
Prehearing submissions (e.g., exhibit list, intervenor witness cross-examination list) filed on Commission Interchange. Exhibits and exhibit lists uploaded to Electronic Repository by 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Final prehearing conference	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Hearing on the merits start	Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Hearing on the merits end	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Initial briefs	Friday, July 11, 2025
Reply Briefs (with proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Ordering Paragraphs)	Friday, July 18, 2025
PFD filed with Commission	Thursday, September 18, 2025
Open Meeting	Thursday, October 23, 2025
Statutory Deadline	Monday, October 27, 2025

1. For written discovery on CenterPoint Houston direct testimony:
 - a. Responses are due within ten business days of the RFI;
 - b. Objections are due within five business days of the RFI;
 - c. Motions to compel are due within three business days of an objection; and
 - d. Responses to motions to compel are due within three business days of the motion to compel.
2. For written discovery on intervenor and Staff direct testimony:
 - a. Responses are due within three business days of the RFI;
 - b. Objections are due within three business days of the RFI;
 - c. Motions to compel are due within two business days of an objection; and
 - d. Responses to motions to compel are due within two business days of the motion to compel.
3. For written discovery on CenterPoint Houston rebuttal testimony and Staff and intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony:
 - a. Responses are due within three business days of the RFI;
 - b. Objections are due within three business days of the RFI;
 - c. Motions to compel are due within two business days of an objection; and
 - d. Responses to motions to compel are due within two business days of the motion to compel.

4. Service will be by the PUC Interchange System; however, if a filing requires the action of another party, service on that party is required.
5. Email service is a valid method of service on a party from which action is required.
6. CenterPoint Houston will provide an electronic document repository for the parties' prehearing submissions. Uploading hearing exhibits to CenterPoint Houston's document repository system constitutes sufficient service of the exhibits to all parties. The parties are not required to serve every party with their exhibits.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on May 22, 2025, a true and correct copy of this document was served via electronic mail on all parties of record in this proceeding, in accordance with the *Second Order Suspending Rules* issued in Project No. 50664.



Patrick Leahy