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**BEFORE THE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS**

**APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON
ELECTRIC, LLC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO REBUILD A 138-KV
TRANSMISSION LINE IN GALVESTON COUNTY**

SOAH ORDER NO. 4

**AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND RESETTING HEARING**

Having considered the objections and requested amendments to the procedural schedule filed by Hijo de Playa, LLC,¹ and the joint response in opposition filed by CenterPoint Houston and Staff, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) GRANTS the amendments Hijo de Playa requests. Further, in the absence of any proposals from CenterPoint Houston or Staff for adjusting the prehearing

¹ No other objections were filed by the deadline of 3 p.m. on May 30, 2025. *See* SOAH Order No. 2 at 4 (May 23, 2025); 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.71(h).

schedule to accommodate these changes,² the ALJ will make them himself. The ALJ has determined that the changes can be reasonably accommodated simply by moving all dates subject to modification and that have not yet expired, including the hearing dates, back by one week, except for the ALJ's deadline for filing his PDF with the Commission and anticipated date of the Commission's open meeting (and, of course, the ALJ is not purporting to change the 180-day statutory deadline emphasized in the response). The ALJ emphasizes, however, that the changes being made are based upon the specific arguments and circumstances presented in this case and should not be considered practice or precedent that will be followed in future CCN cases.

Additionally, in reviewing the procedural schedule, the ALJ noticed an apparent error or anomaly in the deadlines previously proposed and adopted in regard to Staff's direct testimony—the deadlines for objecting to and serving discovery on Staff's direct testimony were set on the same date as Staff's deadline for filing that testimony (originally all on Monday, June 16, 2025). Consistent with the procedural schedule's treatment of other deadlines of this sort, the ALJ has adjusted these objection and discovery deadlines to be two days after the date the testimony is due.

As thus amended, the procedural schedule governing remaining events in this case is now as follows:

² Compare SOAH Order No. 3 at 2 (May 28, 2025) (“The response should also alternatively propose any other adjustments to the procedural schedule that the party believes warranted in the event the Administrative Law Judge were to grant Hijo de Playa’s proposed scheduling amendments.”).

Event	Deadline/Date
Deadline to intervene	Friday, May 30, 2025 (statutory and unchanged)
Deadline to file any testimony or position statement challenging route adequacy and request route-adequacy hearing ³	Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Deadline to file any objections to CenterPoint Houston's direct testimony	Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Deadline for responding to any objections to CenterPoint Houston's direct testimony	Friday, June 13, 2025
Deadline for responding to any challenges to adequacy of routes	Friday, June 13, 2025
Deadline for serving discovery on CenterPoint Houston's direct testimony	Friday, June 13, 2025
Hearing on route adequacy (if any)	Monday, June 16, 2025
Deadline for filing Intervenor direct testimony or statement of position	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Deadline for objecting to Intervenor direct testimony	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Deadline for Intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Deadline for filing Staff direct testimony	Monday, June 23, 2025

³ When filing its objections to the original procedural schedule, Hijo de Playa also requested a route-adequacy hearing, although has not elaborated as to any underlying reasons.

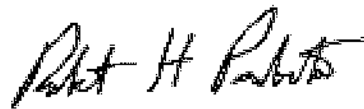
Deadline to file notice of deposition of Intervenor witnesses that are unavailable during hearing on the merits	Monday, June 23, 2025
Deadline to submit discovery on Intervenor direct testimony and Intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Monday, June 23, 2025
Settlement conference	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Deadline for responses to objection to Intervenor direct testimony	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Deadline for objections to Intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Deadline for objecting to Staff direct testimony	Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Deadline to submit discovery on Staff direct testimony	Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Deadline for CenterPoint Houston's rebuttal testimony	Friday, June 27, 2025
Deadline for objections to CenterPoint Houston's rebuttal testimony	Monday, June 30, 2025
Pre-hearing submissions (as prescribed in Part VI.B. of SOAH Order No. 2)	Monday, June 30, 2025
Deadline for responding to objections to CenterPoint Houston's rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, July 1, 2025
Deadline for responding to objections to Intervenor cross-rebuttal testimony	Tuesday, July 1, 2025
Final prehearing conference (if needed)	Tuesday, July 1, 2025
Hearing on the merits (access information provided in SOAH Order No. 2)	Wednesday, July 2 through Thursday, June 3, 2025
Deadline to file Initial Briefs	Friday, July 18, 2025

Deadline to file reply briefs, accompanied by proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Ordering Paragraphs ⁴	Friday, July 25, 2025
Deadline to file PFD with Commission	Thursday, September 18, 2025 (unchanged)
Commission Open Meeting	Thursday, October 23, 2025 (unchanged) ⁵
Statutory Deadline	Monday, October 27, 2025 (unchanged)

Other terms and procedures prescribed in SOAH Order No. 2 continue to govern.

Signed May 30, 2025

ALJ Signature:



Robert Pemberton

Presiding Administrative Law Judge

⁴ CenterPoint Houston shall, and any other party may, file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs.

⁵ The Commission currently has an open meeting scheduled for this date. However, the Commission will ultimately determine whether this case is set on the agenda for that date or some other date.