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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. 6

**GRANTING REQUESTS TO INTERVENE;
REITERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERVENORS**

The following requests to intervene have been pending more than five working days without objection from CenterPoint Houston:

- Margaret Stroud, filed on June 3, 2025
- Melanie Ekblad, filed on June 3, 2025¹

¹ See 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.78(a) (five-day response period).

Although these filings were received and filed by the Commission after the May 30, 2025, intervention deadline, so as to be considered untimely,² the dates on the forms and other indicia are consistent with attempts to mail them to the Commission prior to the deadline. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) has also ascertained that each requestor is listed among the “directly affected” property owners identified in CenterPoint Houston’s application. In any event, CenterPoint Houston has not objected. The ALJ GRANTS each request and admits Ms. Stroud and Ms. Ekblad as intervenor parties.

This leaves one intervention request still pending: that of Eva Maximous, dated May 29, 2025, but not received and filed by the Commission until June 6, 2025. The ALJ will rule on this remaining request once CenterPoint Houston has had its opportunity to respond, which will expire on June 13, 2025.³

The ALJ emphasizes, however, that any intervenors admitted as parties—including Ms. Maximous, if the ALJ ultimately grants her request—are subject to the same governing statutes, rules, orders, requirements, and procedures as other parties in this case, including the amended procedural schedule adopted in SOAH Order No. 4. That schedule includes, among other important specifications, a deadline of Tuesday, **June 17, 2025**—now less than a week away—for each intervenor to file either written direct testimony or a statement of position. Under

² See 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.71(c).

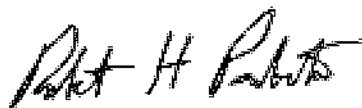
³ See 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.78(a) (five-day response period).

the Public Utility Commission's rules, 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.124(a), parties are required to file either written testimony or a statement of position in this case. **Any intervenor who does not file written testimony or a position statement by that date will be dismissed from this case and prohibited from further participation.** See 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 22.124 and 22.161.

As detailed in other Commission rules, written testimony is sworn-to, is evidence, and is subject to cross-examination, while a statement of position clarifies a party's position but is not sworn-to, is not evidence, and is not subject to cross-examination. **A mere request to intervene is not a statement of position.**

Signed June 11, 2025

ALJ Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Pemberton", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Pemberton

Presiding Administrative Law Judge