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

JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint Houston” or the “Company”) together with the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission Staff”) respectfully file this joint response to Order No. 1, whereby the Commission Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) instructed that Commission Staff and CenterPoint Houston clarify whether the requirements under 16 Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”) § 25.102 have been met in this proceeding, and if not, make a recommendation on how to meet those requirements. As the Order notes, under 16 TAC § 25.102(d), “the [C]ommission shall place the secretary of the Coastal Coordination Council [(“Council”)] on the service list for any proceeding involving an application subject to the Coastal Management Program [(“CMP”)].” Commission Staff and CenterPoint Houston have consulted and agree to the following:

- The Council underwent review by the Texas Sunset Commission (“Sunset Commission”) in 2010. After the review, the Sunset Commission recommended the abolition of the Council and transferring administration of the CMP to the General Land Office (“GLO”). In response to the Sunset Commission's review, the 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor of Texas signed into law a bill (Senate Bill 656 (May 2011)¹) implementing the Sunset Commission's recommendation to abolish the Council and transfer the Council’s duties to the GLO.
- On July 17, 2025, CenterPoint Houston provided, via email, access to copies of the application, Order No. 1, and all documents filed on the Commission’s interchange in this docket to GLO personnel.

¹ For a copy of Senate Bill 656, please see:
<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LcgSess=82R&Bill=SB656>

- Based on discussions between CenterPoint Houston and GLO personnel, the GLO identified Federal Consistency Coordinator, Leslie Koza, as the appropriate contact, at Federal.Consistency@glo.texas.gov.
- Commission Staff and CenterPoint Houston agree that (1) 16 TAC § 25.102(d), on its face, requires that the Council must receive notice, but the Council has been abolished and its responsibilities have been transferred to the GLO, (2) the GLO has been provided with access to the filings in this docket and is being provided with an opportunity to file comments in this proceeding, and (3) upon completion of such opportunity to file comments, the requirements under 16 TAC § 25.102 will have been reasonably addressed.

In light of the preceding, CenterPoint Houston and Commission Staff recommend that the ALJ: (a) issue an order providing the GLO with 14 days following issuance of the order to file comments, if any, regarding this proceeding, and (b) serve the GLO point of contact identified above with a copy of the order.

Further, CenterPoint Houston and Commission Staff request that, upon successful completion of the comment period, the ALJ issue a notice of approval in this docket consistent with the proposed notice of approval filed by the parties on June 27, 2025, and the information provided above, and grant such further relief to which the parties are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 23, 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.


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