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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HEARINGS DIVISION

March 6, 2024

The Honorable Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon, III
Waller County Judge
836 Austin St., Rm 203
Hempstead, TX 77445

Re: **OS-23-00015513, consolidated:** Statement of Intent Filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas to Change Rates in the Unincorporated Areas and Municipalities That Have Ceded Original Jurisdiction Within the Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions

Dear Judge Duhon, III:

Enclosed is the Notice of Hearing for the above-referenced gas utility docket at the Railroad Commission of Texas. This Notice of Hearing was issued on February 27, 2024, and is being provided to you, as governing body of an affected county/municipality, in accordance with the Texas Utilities Code.¹

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Brennan J. Foley".

Brennan J. Foley
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure

¹ See Tex. Util. Code § 104.105(c) ("The regulatory body shall give reasonable notice of the hearing, including notice to the governing body of each affected municipality and county.").

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

STATEMENT OF INTENT OF §
CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES §
CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY §
ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY §
TEXAS GAS TO CHANGE RATES IN THE §
UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND § HEARINGS DIVISION
MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE CEDED § OS-23-00015513, *consolidated*
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION WITHIN THE §
HOUSTON, TEXAS COAST, §
BEAUMONT/EAST TEXAS, AND SOUTH §
TEXAS DIVISIONS §

NOTICE OF HEARING

Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted. On October 30, 2023, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (“CenterPoint Texas”) filed with the Commission a statement of intent (“SOI”) to change gas utility rates within its proposed Texas Division. The SOI was docketed as OS-23-00015513. As part of its rate filing, CenterPoint Texas requests that the Commission: (1) approve the tariffs and rate schedules attached to its SOI to become effective for bills rendered on and after December 4, 2023; (2) approve the consolidation its existing Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, and Beaumont/East Texas Divisions into the new Texas Division; (3) approve the prudence of capital investment made in the proposed Texas Division through September 30, 2023; (4) approve new depreciation rates; (5) approve its requested accounting changes and treatments; (6) approve a surcharge to recover reasonable rate case expenses or otherwise sever consideration of rate case expenses into a separate docket; and (7) grant CenterPoint Texas such further relief to which it may be entitled by law.

CenterPoint Texas also filed statements of intent to increase rates with the municipalities that have original jurisdiction over rates within a municipality and municipalities that have ceded original jurisdiction to the Commission.

On November 15, 2023, the Commission suspended the effective date of CenterPoint Texas’s rate change for 150 days, pursuant to Section 104.107 (Rate Suspension; Deadline) of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act (“GURA”) of the Texas Utilities Code.

On February 13, 2024, all issues related to rate case expenses were severed into a separate proceeding and docketed as OS-24-00016343.

Intervening Parties. Intervenors in this case include the Staff of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas, the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities, the City of Houston, and the Steering Committee of Cities.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing will be held, at the time and place set out below, to consider all issues of fact and law raised in or relevant to CenterPoint Texas’s statement of intent to change rates.