

**CITY OF SEABROOK  
RESOLUTION 2019-17**

**DENYING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RATE CASE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS FINDING THAT CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S REQUESTED INCREASE TO ITS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RATES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 5, 2019, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint" or "Company"), pursuant to PURA §§ 33.001 and 36.001 filed with the City of Seabrook ("City") a Statement of Intent to change electric delivery rates in all municipalities exercising original jurisdiction within its service area, effective May 10, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is an electric utility customer of CenterPoint and a regulatory authority with exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates and charges of CenterPoint within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities ("GCCC"), a membership of similarly situated cities served by CenterPoint that have joined together to efficiently and cost-effectively review and respond to electric issues affecting rates charged in CenterPoint's service area; and

**WHEREAS**, GCCC is an intervenor in the parallel proceeding at the Public Utility Commission of Texas to review CenterPoint's filing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, in a reasonably noticed meeting that was open to the public, considered the Company's application; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its exclusive original jurisdiction over CenterPoint's rates and operations within city limits, the City previously suspended the effective date of the Company's requested rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, PURA § 33.023 provides that costs incurred by cities in ratemaking activities are to be reimbursed by the regulated utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's attorneys and consultants recommend that the City deny the application.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. That the rates proposed by CenterPoint in an application submitted to the City by CenterPoint on or about April 5, 2019, are hereby found to be unreasonable, and are denied.

SECTION 2. That the Company shall continue to charge its existing rates for transmission and distribution service to customers with the City.

SECTION 3. That GCCC's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by CenterPoint within 30 days of presentation of an invoice to CenterPoint.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law, and that the public notice was given of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting, as required.

SECTION 5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to CenterPoint, care of Patrick Peters, CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 1005 Congress Avenue, Suite 650, Austin, Texas 78701 (patrick.peters@centerpointenergy.com), and to Chris Brewster at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701 (cbrewster@lglawfirm.com).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

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Thomas G. Kolupski,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Robin Hicks, TRMC  
City Secretary