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# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS **HEARINGS DIVISION**

April 9, 2020

To: County Judges and Mayors

GUD No. 10920, consolidated: Statement of Intent filed by CenterPoint RE: Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas, to Increase Rates in the Beaumont/East Texas Division

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 April 7, 2020, and is being provided to you, as the governing body of an affected county or municipality, in accordance with the Texas Utilities Code.1

Sincerely,

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Dee Marlo Chico Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure

<sup>1</sup> 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.").

## Service List for Mayors and County Judges in Each County in the Beaumont/East Texas Division

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I certify that on April 9, 2020, a true and correct copy of the Notice to Hearing and the cover letter to the governing bodies of affected municipalities in the proposed Central-Gulf Service Area has been sent to each municipality on this Service List by mail to the addresses listed above.

Signed on April 9, 2020

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Dee Marlo Chico Administrative Law Judge Hearings Division Railroad Commission of Texas

## 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.7 (Ex Parte Communications):

- (a) Ex parte communications are prohibited in contested cases as provided in the APA and other applicable rules including the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (b) Each party shall provide all other parties with a copy of all documents submitted to an examiner.
  - (1) The attachment of a certificate of service stating that a document was served on a party creates a rebuttable presumption that the named party was provided a copy.
- (2) Failure to provide a copy to all other parties may result in rejection and return of the document

### BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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### **HEARINGS DIVISION**

GUD NO. 10920, CONSOLIDATED

## NOTICE OF HEARING

Summary of the Proceeding and Factual Matters Asserted. On November 14, 2019, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a/ CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint), filed with the Commission a statement of intent to increase gas utility rates within the incorporated and unincorporated areas in the Beaumont/East Texas Division (the "SOI"). Contemporaneously with its SOI, CenterPoint filed statements of intent to increase rates with the municipalities retaining original jurisdiction in the Beaumont/East Texas Division (together with the SOI, and to the extent the Commission acquires jurisdiction over these actions, the "Consolidated Requested Relief").

The Commission has original jurisdiction over the environs in the Beaumont/East Texas Division and the 49 cities that ceded original jurisdiction to the Commission. The Commission also has appellate jurisdiction over the 49 cities that denied rate increases at the municipal level and 11 cities that approved the rate increases by operation of law.

On January 24, 2020, the issue of rate cases expense recovery was severed and docketed as GUD No. 10937.

On March 2, 2020, the parties notified the Examiners they had reached an agreement on principle that resolved all issues in the proceeding. On March 3, 2020, all deadlines in the exiting procedural schedule was abated. On March 26, 2020, the parties filed a Unanimous Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement") and accompanying documents, which resolved all issues.

Intervening Parties. Intervenors in this case include the East Texas Coalition of Cities ("ETCC"), Staff of the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Staff"), the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities – Beaumont/East Texas Division ("ACM"), and the Cities of Beaumont and Sour Lake. The ETCC is a coalition comprised of the cities of Lindale, Tyler, Maud, Livingston, and Red Lick. The ACM includes the cities of Atlanta, Center, Crockett, Daingerfield, Jacksonville, Kilgore, Lone Star, Longview, Lufkin, Marshall, Mineola, Mount Pleasant, Nacogdoches, Rusk, and White Oak.

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's Consolidated Requested Relief. The scope of the hearing may be limited to the parties' settlement.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction. The Commission has, or may have, jurisdiction over CenterPoint and the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to GURA Sections

102.001 (Railroad Commission Jurisdiction), 103.003 (Surrender of Municipal Jurisdiction to Railroad Commission; Reinstatement of Jurisdiction), 103.051 (Appeal by Party), 103.052 (Appeal by Residents), 103.053 (Appeal by Ratepayers Outside Municipality), and 104.001 (Authorization to Establish and Regulate Rates), and pursuant to GURA Sections 121.051 (Gas Utility: Public Interest and Jurisdiction of Railroad Commission), 121.052 (Pipelines: Monopolies Subject to Railroad Commission), and 121.151 (Railroad Commission Regulation of Gas Pipelines).

The presiding Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") shall conduct the hearing pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 2001 (Administrative Procedure) of the Texas Government Code and pursuant to Title 16, Part 1 (Railroad Commission of Texas), of the Texas Administrative Code, and other applicable authority.

**Particular Statutes and Rules Involved**. The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- All sections in GURA Chapters 101 (General Provisions and Office of Public Utility Counsel), 102 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Railroad Commission and Other Regulatory Authorities), 103 (Jurisdiction and Powers of Municipality), 104 (Rates and Services), and 121 (Gas Pipelines); and
- 2. Title 16, Part 1 (Railroad Commission of Texas), of the Texas Administrative Code, including Chapters 1 (Practice and Procedure) and 7 (Gas Services Division).

*Time, Place, and Nature of Hearing.* IT IS DIRECTED that the hearing on the merits shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020 via Skype. Please check with Docket Services at docketservices@rrc.texas.gov on how to participate by Skype. If the hearing is not concluded on the day it commences, the hearing will be continued from day to day, as announced, until concluded.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that all parties desiring to present sworn testimony, documentary and demonstrative evidence, and argument regarding any issue of law or fact at the final hearing on the merits shall appear in person or by an attorney. For good cause shown, the ALJ may permit part of the proceeding to be conducted telephonically pursuant to Commission Rule § 1.112 (Proceedings by Telephony).

**Written Transcript of the Hearing**. The record of the hearing will be made by recording device or by stenographic transcription by the court reporter. Any party that desires a written transcription of the hearing should contact the court reporter at (512) 282-0313. The Commission may assess the cost of the transcript or expedited transcript to one or more parties pursuant to Section 2001.059 (Transcript) of the Texas Government Code.

Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability. Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in the hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the hearing by notifying the Human Resources Department of the Commission

by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512) 463-6981 or TDD No. (800) 735-2989.

Contact for Additional Information – In accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2001.061 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.6, ex parte communications with the Administrative Law Judges, Examiners, and Commissioners are prohibited. Any persons or entities desiring additional information may contact the Commission by writing to the Director, Hearings Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, and Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Any persons or entities having clerical questions, such as questions regarding the number of copies of filings, the service list or reviewing the record, may contact, Docket Services, at (512) 463-6848.

Signed on April 7, 2020.

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DEE MARLO CHICO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE