

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-256**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS FINDING THAT THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO CHANGE RATES FILING 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**, the City of Hilshire Village, Texas ("City") is a gas utility customer of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint" or "Company") within the unincorporated areas of the Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions, and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates and charges of CenterPoint; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas ("Cities") (such participating cities are referred to herein as "Cities"), a coalition of similarly situated cities served by CenterPoint that have joined together to efficiently and cost effectively review and respond to natural gas issues affecting rates charged in the Houston, Texas Coast, Beaumont/East Texas, and South Texas Divisions; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 30, 2023, CenterPoint filed with the City a Statement of Intent to Increase Rates seeking to increase natural gas rates by \$37.4 million annually and to all customers residing in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities is coordinating its review of CenterPoint's Statement of Intent filing with designated attorneys and consultants to resolve issues in the Company's filing; and

**WHEREAS**, through review of the application, Cities' consultants determined that CenterPoint's proposed rates are excessive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities' members and attorneys recommend that Cities members deny the Statement of Intent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That the rates proposed by CenterPoint to be recovered through its gas rates charged to customers located within the City limits, are hereby found to be unreasonable and shall be denied.

**Section 2.** That the Company shall continue to charge its existing rates to customers within the City.

**Section 3.** That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed in full by CenterPoint within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution.

**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 the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

**Section 5.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Keith L. Wall, CenterPoint Energy, at P.O. Box 2628, Houston, Texas 77252-2628, and to Jamie Mauldin, General Counsel to the Cities Served by CenterPoint Gas at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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Mayor Robert F. Buesinger

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Cassie Stephens

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney