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Mayor and City Council
City of Montgomery
Montgomery, Texas

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Re: Notice of CenterPoint Energy's 2022 GRIP Filing for the Houston Division

Dear Madam or Sir:

This correspondence notifies the City of Montgomery (the "City") that CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint" or the "Company"), has filed tariffs and supporting documents with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") consistent with Section 7.7101 of the Commission's Gas Services Division Rules and Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code to establish the annual gas reliability infrastructure program ("GRIP") interim rate adjustment (the "IRA") for the customers located in the Company's Houston Division, which includes the City. Because the City has ceded its original jurisdiction over CenterPoint's gas utility rates to the Commission pursuant to Section 103.003(a) of the Texas Utilities Code, the Commission will establish the applicable IRA and the City does not need to take any action.

CenterPoint consistently supplies its customers in the Houston Division with safe and dependable natural gas service by prudently investing in additions and upgrades to its delivery system. The Company will continue to prudently invest in its infrastructure in order to improve its natural gas service to its customers and to anticipate and meet their needs under all operating conditions. The GRIP program enables a gas utility such as CenterPoint to begin recovery of its incremental capital investment in the system, subject to a prudence review in its next rate case. This reduces regulatory lag and incentivizes needed investment.

Pursuant to applicable law, the proposed IRA will become effective on May 2, 2022, unless the Commission acts to suspend that date for a period of up to forty-five (45) days. The IRA approved by the Commission will be applied to the current monthly customer charge and will remain in effect until superseded by the earlier of (1) the effective date of the Company's next annual IRA for the Houston Division; or (2) the issuance of a final order in a formal rate-setting proceeding for the Houston Division.

As detailed in the attached schedules and supporting material, the Company invested \$193,152,387 in its Houston Division in calendar year 2021, and the applicable IRA is:

Rate Schedule	Current Customer Charge	Proposed 2022 Interim Rate Adjustment¹	Adjusted Charge	Increase Per Bill
R-2095-I-GRIP 2022; R-2095-U-GRIP 2022 Residential	\$18.38 per customer per month	\$1.36 per customer per month	\$19.74 per customer per month	\$1.36 per customer per month
GSS-2095-I-GRIP 2022; GSS-2095-U-GRIP 2022 General Service Small	\$22.41 per customer per month	\$2.09 per customer per month	\$24.50 per customer per month	\$2.09 per customer per month
GSLV-626-I-GRIP 2022; GSLV-626-U-GRIP 2022 General Service Large Volume	\$247.28 per customer per month	\$42.83 per customer per month	\$290.11 per customer per month	\$42.83 per customer per month

Along with and in support of the proposed IRA, CenterPoint includes an electronic copy of the GRIP filing made with the Commission which includes the following:

- (a) An earnings monitoring report showing the Company’s earnings for the Houston Division during the 2021 calendar year (under the “Earnings Monitoring Report” section of the enclosed electronic copy of the filing).
- (b) An Interim Rate Adjustment Application containing accounting schedules and project reports for the GRIP Adjustment Period including a description of (i) the projects undertaken during the GRIP Adjustment Period (ii) the investment to provide utility service in the Houston Division, which were both completed and placed in service during the GRIP Adjustment Period, (iii) the Company’s prior utility investments in the Houston Division that were either retired or abandoned during the GRIP Adjustment Period, and (iv) the cost, need and customers benefited by those investments and retirements located in IRAs 12, 13, 14 and 15 which are voluminous and are being provided in electronic form only.
- (c) The Company’s calculations of the GRIP Adjustment amount to go into effect on the later of the Planned Effective Date or the end of any suspension period

¹ On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the “TCJA”) was signed into law. The TCJA reduced the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%. The Company has calculated the GRIP Adjustment using the 35% federal corporate income tax rate approved in GUD No. 10567. The Company has also calculated and is seeking approval of the GRIP Adjustment using the 21% federal corporate income tax rate under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The Proposed 2022 Interim Rate Adjustment in the table above has been calculated using the reduced corporate income tax rate of 21%.

imposed (under the “Interim Rate Adjustment Application” section of the enclosed electronic copy of the filing). The Company has calculated the GRIP Adjustment using the 35% federal corporate income tax rate approved in GUD No. 10567. The Company has also calculated and is seeking approval of the GRIP Adjustment using the 21% federal corporate income tax rate under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

(d) Affidavits by Stacey Peterson, Kimberly Middleton and Tal R. Centers, Jr. (under the “Affidavits” section of the enclosed electronic copy of the filing).

- Ms. Peterson’s affidavit verifies (i) that the Houston Division’s books and records are kept in accordance with the rules of the Commission and (ii) that the reports enclosed accurately reflect the Houston Division’s books and records related to the information in those reports.
- Ms. Middleton’s affidavit verifies the notice of the GRIP filing through customer bill inserts.
- Mr. Centers’ affidavit concerns the reimbursement of relocation expenses.

Notice of the Company’s GRIP filing will be provided to affected customers in the Houston Division by bill insert or by separate mailing within 45 days after it is filed with the Commission in accordance with the applicable law.

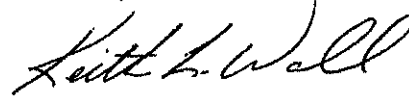
Instead of a binder with a hard copy of the filing, the Company has provided the equivalent in electronic form in the folder called Electronic Copy of Filing.

Although only the unincorporated tariffs are applicable to cities under the Commission’s jurisdiction, the Company has also included in its filing package both incorporated and unincorporated tariffs.

There have been no changes to the IRA forms since the Company’s last filing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



Keith L. Wall
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: Mr. Tal Centers
Mr. Patrick Peters III
Ms. Gracy Rodriguez

DELIVERED TO:

_____, _____ of
NAME OFFICE (Mayor, City Secretary, etc.)

the City of Montgomery on this ____ day of March 2022.

SIGNATURE