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Mayor and City Council
City of Deer Park
Deer Park, Texas

Re: Statement of Intent to Change Rates for CenterPoint Texas' Texas Division

Ladies and Gentlemen:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint Texas" or the "Company") files the attached Statement of Intent to Change Rates ("Statement of Intent") with the Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission")¹ and all municipalities in CenterPoint Texas' proposed Texas Division. CenterPoint Texas is a gas utility as defined by the Gas Utility Regulatory Act ("GURA"),² and the cities within the Texas Division, including the City of Deer Park (the "City"), have exclusive original jurisdiction to set rates for the Company pursuant to § 103.001 of GURA.

Within the Texas Division, CenterPoint Texas provides service to approximately 1,900,000 customers. Of this total, CenterPoint Texas serves approximately 9,646 residential customers, 441 small commercial customers and 3 large volume customers in the City. By this Statement of Intent, CenterPoint Texas notifies the City of its intent to change its rates effective December 4, 2023, which is 35 days from the date of this filing.

CenterPoint Texas is proposing to adopt rates for the Texas Division based on the cost of providing service to all customers within the division, inclusive of both incorporated and unincorporated areas. The Company's filing demonstrates that the need for a rate change is primarily driven by continuing investment needs that ensure the safety and reliability of its system. The proposed change will permit CenterPoint Texas a reasonable opportunity to recover its operating costs and earn a fair return on its investment.

Accordingly, pursuant to GURA § 104.102, CenterPoint Texas files this Statement of Intent with attached Rate Schedules containing the proposed revisions to the Company's rates and terms and conditions of service applicable in your City. Specific changes to tariffs and the proposed Rate Schedules are contained in the attached filing. The effect of the Company's proposed new rate schedules and tariff changes is to increase CenterPoint Texas' net annual non-gas revenues in the Texas Division by approximately \$37.4 million per year. The changes represent a total increase to the Company's division-wide aggregate revenues of approximately 3.1% with gas cost and 5.8% without gas cost.

¹ The Commission filing also includes municipalities that have ceded their original jurisdiction over rates to the Commission.

² TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. §§ 101.001, *et seq.*