

**RESOLUTION 19-R-19**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, SUSPENDING THE MAY 10, 2019 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES' RATE CASE EXPENSES; 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 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) §§33.001 and 36.001 filed with the City of Alvin, Texas (“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 a member of the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities (“GCCC”) and will cooperate with the other similarly situated city members and other city participants in conducting a review of the Company’s application and to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants to prepare a common response and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, GCCC’s member cities have previously authorized intervention in electric utility rate case proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, GCCC has previously authorized the hiring of Thomas Brocato and Chris Brewster of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., to negotiate with the Company, make recommendations regarding reasonable rates, and to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of a rate ordinance and the rate case filed with the City or Public Utility Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, PURA §36.108 grants local regulatory authorities the right to suspend the effective date of proposed rate changes for ninety (90) days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. That the May 10, 2019, effective date of the rate request submitted by CenterPoint on or about April 5, 2019, be suspended for the maximum period allowed by law to permit adequate time to review the proposed changes and to establish reasonable rates.

2. That the City is authorized to cooperate with GCCC to coordinate efforts to protect the interests of the City and protect the interests of CenterPoint's end-use customers residing and conducting business within municipal limits.

3. That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by CenterPoint on a timely basis.

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.

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** on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2019.

**CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS**

**ATTEST**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul A. Horn, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dixie Roberts, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Suzanne L. Hanneman, City Attorney