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Chairman DeAnn T. Walker  
Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea  
Commissioner Shelly Botkin  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
PO Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

RE: Docket No. 49421, *Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Authority to Change Rates*

Dear Chairman Walker, Commissioner D'Andrea, and Commissioner Botkin:

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Houston") files this letter to inform you that CenterPoint Houston, Commission Staff, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, the City of Houston and Houston Coalition of Cities, the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities, the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition, and Texas Industrial Energy Consumers have been engaged in discussions regarding a possible stipulation addressing the issues in this docket. These parties believe that additional time would be beneficial to continue the discussions with all parties.

For this reason, these parties respectfully request that the Commission defer further consideration of this docket until the January 16, 2020 open meeting. CenterPoint Houston will file settlement terms or a status update with the Commission by next Friday, December 20, 2019. CenterPoint Houston will also extend the effective date of the proposed rates in this matter to January 16, 2020 to allow the settlement discussions to continue.

Representatives of CenterPoint Houston will attend your open meeting tomorrow and be available to address any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. H. Peters III".

Patrick H. Peters III

cc: All parties of Record