

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-__

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, ("CITY") RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., TEXAS COAST DIVISION, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING CENTERPOINT'S PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "TEXAS COAST UTILITIES COALITION" OF CITIES; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS: on or about March 28, 2019 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division ("CenterPoint") filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP"), resulting in a requested increase in the monthly customer charges as shown in the table below:

Rate Schedules	Current Customer Charge	Proposed 2018 Interim Adjustment	Proposed Customer Charge	Increase to Each Bill
R-2096-I-GRIP 2019; R-2096-U-GRIP 2019 Residential	\$15.96 Per customer per month	\$1.15 per customer per month	\$17.11 per customer per month	\$1.15 per customer per month
GSS-2096-I-GRIP 2019; GSS-2096-U-GRIP 2019 General Service Small	\$18.77 Per customer per month	\$1.75 per customer per month	\$20.52 per customer per month	\$1.75 per customer per month
GSLV-627-I-GRIP 2019; GSLV-627-I-GRIP 2019 General Service Large Volume	\$197.27 per customer per month	\$43.10 per customer per month	\$240.37 per customer per month	\$43.10 per customer per month

and

WHEREAS: the City has a responsibility to exercise due diligence with regard to rate increases of monopoly utilities who operate within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS: the application to increase rates by CenterPoint is complex; and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to suspend the effective date for the increase in rates for forty-five days, so that the City can assure itself that the data and calculations in CenterPoint’s rate application are in accordance with the Section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act; and

WHEREAS: the effective date proposed by CenterPoint is May 27, 2019 but a suspension by the City will mean that the rate increase cannot go into effect prior to July 11, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. That the statements and findings set out in the preamble to this resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.

Section 2. The City suspends the requested effective date by CenterPoint for forty-five days pursuant to the authority granted the City under Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code. The City finds that additional time is needed in order to review the data and calculations that provide the basis for the rate increase application.

Section 3. The City shall continue to act jointly with other cities that are part of a coalition of cities known as the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition (“TCUC”) of cities.

Section 4. The City authorizes the law firm of Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC, to act (through Alfred R. Herrera) on its behalf in connection with CenterPoint’s application to increase rates.

Section 5. To the extent allowed by law, CenterPoint is ordered to pay the City’s reasonable rate case expenses incurred in response to CenterPoint’s rate increase application within 30 days of receipt of invoices for such expenses to the extent allowed by law.

Section 6. The meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Section 7. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2019.

PAT HALLISEY
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney