

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2022

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF CLUTE, TEXAS, ("CITY") REGARDING 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'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION 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 3, 2021, 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 Schedule	Current Customer Charge	Proposed 2022 Interim Rate Adjustment	Adjusted Charge	Increase Per Bill
R-2096-I-GRIP 2022; R-2096-U-GRIP 2022 Residential	\$18.62 per customer per month	\$1.32 per customer per month	\$19.94 per customer per month	\$1.32 per customer per month
GSS-2096-I-GRIP 2022; GSS-2096-U-GRIP 2022 General Service Small	\$22.81 per customer per month	\$2.12 per customer per month	\$24.93 per customer per month	\$2.12 per customer per month
GSLV-627-I-GRIP 2022; GSLV-627-U-GRIP 2022 General Service Large Volume	\$295.14 per customer per month	\$70.32 per customer per month	\$365.46 per customer per month	\$70.32 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 CenterPoint's proposed effective date of May 2, 2022, for its 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 2, 2021, but a suspension by the City will mean that the rate increase cannot go into effect prior to June 16, 2021.

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

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 its participation 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 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.

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 14th day of April 2022.



CALVIN SHIFLET, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ROSIE POITEVINT, CITY CLERK