## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

STATEMENT OF INTENT OF §
CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES §
CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY § GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 10567
ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY §
TEXAS GAS TO INCREASE RATES IN §
THE HOUSTON DIVISION AND TEXAS §
COAST DIVISION §

## **SUSPENSION ORDER**

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time provided by law pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. Chapter 551.

On November 16, 2016, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint") filed with the Railroad Commission a "Statement of Intent" to increase gas utility rates within its Houston Division and Texas Coast Division, and to combine those divisions into a new single Texas Gulf Division.

The Commission has the authority to suspend the proposed rates for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the rates otherwise would become effective, under Tex. UTIL. Code Ann. § 104.107(a)(2). The Commission requires further time to consider the propriety of the proposed rate change. A Commission order is necessary to suspend the operation of the proposed rate schedules for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days from the date on which the schedules would otherwise become effective.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS that the date on which CenterPoint's proposed rate change would become effective is hereby **SUSPENDED** for a period of one hundred fifty (150) days.

SIGNED this 6th day of December, 2016

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

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SECRETARY