



FAQs

Texas Tax Reform Filings

What filings did CenterPoint Energy make?

- In order to pass on to customers additional benefits associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the “TCJA”), on August 1, 2019, CenterPoint Energy (“CNP”) filed with the Texas Railroad Commission and its municipal regulatory authorities rate reduction filings in its Houston and Texas Coast Divisions. The filings follow similar rate reduction filings made by the Company in 2018 to reflect benefits associated with the new federal corporate income tax rate. The rates proposed in the August 1, 2019 filings also include necessary costs to restore service following Hurricane Harvey.

Why did CenterPoint Energy make supplemental filings?

- After the August 1, 2019 filings were prepared, CNP discovered that additional Hurricane Harvey insurance proceeds should have been included in its August 1st filings. The August 2019 supplemental filings included the additional proceeds and increases the refund amount.
- In October 2019, CNP made additional supplemental filings for its Houston and Texas Coast Divisions to remove Hurricane Harvey costs from its August supplemental filings. CNP may request recovery of the Hurricane Harvey costs in its next statement of intent filing in these divisions.

What authorized the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate?

- On December 22, 2017, the TCJA was signed into law. The TCJA reduced the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%.

How does the TCJA affect a customer’s gas bill?

- The TCJA refund will be reflected in a customer’s bill as follows:
 - As a monthly refund over 3 years. Customers will see a separate line item on their bill called Tax Refund. This refund will begin with bills rendered on or after January 1, 2020.