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CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. (“CERC”), d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (“CenterPoint Texas” or the “Company”), files this Application for Approval of Its Energy Conservation Program Portfolio (“Application”).

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II. JURISDICTION

The Railroad Commission of Texas (“Commission”) has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to the Gas Utility Regulatory Act (“GURA”)¹ § 104.402 and 403.

III. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

In 2023, the Texas Legislature amended GURA to permit natural gas local distribution companies, such as CenterPoint Texas, to offer energy conservation programs² and the Commission has subsequently adopted 16 Texas Administrative Code § 7.480 (“Rule 7.480”) relating to Energy Conservation Programs. Consistent with the requirements of GURA §§ 104.402 and 403 and Rule 7.480 the Company’s filing includes: (1) its proposed 2025 Energy Conservation Program Portfolio, which provides a summary of CenterPoint Texas’ proposed energy conservation programs, a description of each proposed program, the proposed budget for each program and the projected consumption reduction estimated for each program and (2) CenterPoint Texas’ proposed Energy Conservation Program Rate tariff. The Company’s proposed 2025 Energy Conservation Program Portfolio and Energy Conservation Program Rate tariff are attached to this Application at Exhibits A and B respectively.

CenterPoint Texas proposes to begin its Energy Conservation Program Portfolio with nine targeted programs that will deliver cost-effective energy savings, promote awareness of energy conservation, and provide customers with opportunities to reduce natural gas usage in their homes

¹ GURA §§ 101.001 *et seq.*

² GURA § 104.402 and 403.

and businesses throughout the entirety of the Company's Texas service territory. CenterPoint Energy, Inc. has long delivered demand side management programs in its various regulatory jurisdictions. The Company utilized its prior experience and expertise in developing the proposed design of its proposed 2025 Energy Conservation Program Portfolio, which is projected to deliver approximately 1.8 million in annual Ccf savings and net benefits of approximately \$4.3 million for Texas customers.

The proposed budget for CenterPoint Texas' 2025 Energy Conservation Program Portfolio is \$12,500,725, which when collected through the Company's proposed Energy Conservation Program Rate tariff, will result in a volumetric charge of approximately \$0.016 per Ccf for Texas residential customers beginning with the January 1, 2025 billing month. Pursuant to Rule 7.480, the Company's Energy Conservation Program Portfolio costs will be subject to review by the Commission for reasonableness and prudence in the Company's next statement of intent rate proceeding.

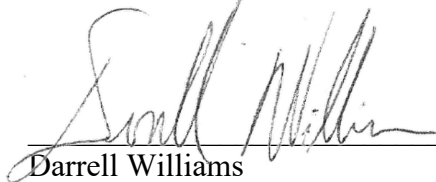
IV. NOTICE

Consistent with Rule 7.480's requirements related to notice, CenterPoint Texas proposes to notify customers of its proposed Energy Conservation Program Rate through a one-time bill insert. Attached to this Application as Exhibit C is CenterPoint Texas' proposed Form of Notice along with Exhibit D, an Affidavit attesting to the Company's plan for notice. CenterPoint Texas asks that Gas Services review and approve this form of notice prior to the Company beginning service of the bill insert. Upon receiving approval and after compliance with all notice requirements, the Company will serve Gas Services with a proof of notice affidavit.

V. PRAYER

CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas requests that this Application be granted, that the proposed program portfolio and tariff be approved effective with the commencement of the Company's January 2025 billing month.

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CenterPoint Energy Texas Natural Gas Energy Conservation Program Portfolio



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1. Introduction

1.1. Program Overview

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (“CenterPoint Texas” or the “Company”) is pleased to submit a proposal to implement a portfolio of Energy Conservation Programs (“ECP Portfolio”) in Texas. This proposal contains CenterPoint Texas’ plan to deliver the following programs.

- High Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program
- Home Conservation Improvement Products Program
- New Home Construction Program
- Affordable Housing Weatherization Program
- Commercial Foodservice Program
- Commercial Boiler Program
- Commercial Solutions Program
- CenterPoint Energy Education Program
- Natural Gas Generator Program

1.1.1 Objective

Through the proposed ECP Portfolio, CenterPoint Texas intends to introduce targeted program offerings that will deliver cost-effective energy savings, promote awareness of energy conservation, and provide customers with opportunities to reduce natural gas usage in their homes and businesses.

Specific objectives associated with the ECP Portfolio are to:

- Reduce end-use natural gas consumption in a cost-effective manner to minimize the long-term cost of utility service and to conserve resources;
- Provide environmental benefits by influencing the use of energy efficient equipment and technology that reduces carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases;

- Promote energy-conscious attitudes and behaviors that support energy conservation and sustainability;
- Support energy resiliency.

1.1.2 Program Development

CenterPoint Energy currently delivers demand side management programs in six states including natural gas programs in Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Ohio, as well as electric energy efficiency programs in Indiana and Texas. These programs continue to achieve energy savings and environmental benefits and provide value to customers through a variety of programs that are cost-effective and comprehensive. The Company believes an excellent opportunity exists to leverage its experience delivering demand side management programs and expand natural gas energy efficiency offerings to a targeted group of customers in its Texas service territory. In the development of the ECP Portfolio, CenterPoint Energy utilized this experience to evaluate the following factors:

- Measure level energy savings;
- Cost projections;
- Program cost-effectiveness; and
- Evaluation of the most effective marketing and delivery channels

The ECP Portfolio was designed with a ready-to-implement approach and offers programs that can be implemented with minimal complexity and cost-effective energy-savings opportunities to customers.

1.1.3 Annual Budget

Table 1.1.3 ECP Budget

Program Name	Portfolio Cost	Administrative Cost	Total Annual Cost
High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates	\$3,001,500	\$265,000	\$3,266,500
Home Conservation Improvement Products	\$354,750	\$53,000	\$407,750
New Home Construction	\$5,230,000	\$300,000	\$5,530,000
Affordable Housing Weatherization	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$300,000
Commercial Foodservice	\$353,000	\$65,000	\$418,000
Commercial Boiler	\$275,000	\$53,000	\$328,000
Commercial Solutions	\$796,475	\$101,000	\$897,475
CenterPoint Energy Education	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Natural Gas Generator Program	\$1,170,000	\$83,000	\$1,253,000
Total	\$11,530,725	\$970,000	\$12,500,725

1.1.4 Energy Savings Methodology

For the measure level technical assumptions such as deemed savings calculations, and estimated useful life, CenterPoint Energy utilized both the Arkansas Technical Reference Manual (TRM) Version 8.1 as well as the Texas TRM Version 8.0. Deemed savings algorithms for natural gas

measures from the Arkansas TRM were applied using Texas specific weather assumptions found in the Texas TRM.

1.1.5 Projected Energy Savings

Table 1.1.5 Projected Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)

Program Name	Projected Ccf Savings
High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates	340,920
Home Conservation Improvement Products	235,818
New Home Construction	490,460
Affordable Housing Weatherization	90,000
Commercial Foodservice	177,830
Commercial Boiler	104,396
Commercial Solutions	388,935
CenterPoint Energy Education	NA
Natural Gas Generator Program	NA
Total	1,828,359

1.1.6 Benefit-Cost Analysis

CenterPoint Texas utilized the Total Resource Cost Test (TRC) as the primary tool for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of its ECP Portfolio. The TRC provides a holistic view of the benefits of energy efficiency programs by comparing program administrator and customer costs to utility resource savings.

CenterPoint Texas applied the TRC to each program in its ECP Portfolio to calculate the net present value of the benefits and costs. Overall, the Company's ECP Portfolio is projected to deliver more than \$4.3M in net economic value.

Table 1.1.6 Analysis of ECP Cost-Effectiveness

Program Name	Total Resource Cost Test	
	Net Benefits	Benefit/Cost Ratio
High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates	\$1,146,407	1.45
Home Conservation Improvement Products	\$1,176,795	5.47
New Home Construction	\$1,619,758	1.37
Affordable Housing Weatherization	\$155,251	1.69
Commercial Foodservice	\$193,364	1.17
Commercial Boiler	\$616,587	1.99
Commercial Solutions	\$958,920	1.81
CenterPoint Energy Education	-\$100,000	0.00
Natural Gas Generator Program	-\$1,453,000	0.00
Total ECP Portfolio	\$4,314,080	1.36

1.1.7 Plan for Cost Recovery

CenterPoint Energy will seek to recover program costs through an Energy Conservation Program Rate (ECP Rate). The ECP Rate will be a volumetric charge for each customer class designed to collect revenues to match the Company’s total energy efficiency expenses, and will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{ECP Rate} = (\text{CCR Per Class} + \text{BA per Class}) / \text{Projected Volume per Class per Program Year}$$

- CCR, Current Cost Recovery, is all projected costs attributable to CenterPoint Texas’ ECP Portfolio.
- BA, Balance Adjustment, is the computed difference between CCR collections by class and expenditures by class, including the pro-rata share of common administrative costs for each class for the program year and collection of the over/under recovery during the prior program year. The Balance Adjustment will be zero for CenterPoint Texas’ initial ECP Portfolio.
- Class is the customer class to which the ECP Rate will apply.

The following rate classes will initially be charged an ECP Rate and will be eligible to participate in CenterPoint Texas’ ECP Programs:

- Residential
- General Service – Small
- General Service - Large

Table 1.1.7 Calculation of CenterPoint Texas’ ECP Rate at 14.65 pressure base:

Customer Class	CCR \$	BA \$	Projected Volume Ccf	ECP Rate \$/Ccf
Residential	\$ 10,555,991	\$ -	663,624,296	\$0.01591
General Service - Small	\$ 1,406,526	\$ -	194,690,219	\$0.00722
General Service - Large	\$ 538,208	\$ -	72,334,697	\$0.00744

1.1.8 Recoupment of Lost Marginal Revenues

Texas Utilities Code §104.403 states that the Railroad Commission may allow recovery of lost marginal revenues due to lower sales or demand resulting from an energy conservation portfolio. When re-determining the ECP Rate, if CenterPoint Energy's earnings for the preceding calendar year did not exceed the rate of return established in the latest effective rates approved by the Railroad Commission, the Company will:

- Provide an earnings monitoring report demonstrating the established rate of return was not exceeded during the preceding year; and
- Request an adjustment to the ECP Rate to recover costs equivalent to the reduction in Lost Marginal Revenues attributable to energy savings delivered through the ECP Portfolio during the preceding year.

Lost Marginal Revenues (LMR) will be calculated as follows:

$LMR = \text{Preceding Year Energy Savings per Class} * \text{Approved Volumetric Commodity Charge per Class}$.

If recovery of Lost Marginal Revenues is requested, the ECP Rate will be calculated as follows:

$ECP \text{ Rate} = (\text{CCR Per Class} + \text{BA per Class} + \text{LMR Per Class}) / \text{Projected Volume per Class per Program Year}$

2. Program Descriptions

2.1. High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates

2.1.1 Intent of Program

Description

The High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates program is designed to promote energy-efficient space heating and water heating solutions for residential and commercial customers. Incentives will be offered to consumers to encourage the purchase and installation of new high-efficiency natural gas water heaters, furnaces, and ENERGY STAR qualified thermostats as well as tune-ups for existing HVAC equipment.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible residential and commercial consumers must:

- Commit to natural gas service from CenterPoint Energy;
- Have a new, qualified natural gas appliance installed at a location served by CenterPoint Energy;
- Complete the appropriate rebate application form and return to CenterPoint Energy, including purchaser information, equipment information (including brand, model number, serial number, and equipment efficiency rating), dealer information and/or installer information; and
- Provide a copy of the dated invoice from the retail equipment dealer or installer.

Incentives

CenterPoint Energy will offer rebates to encourage the purchase and installation of equipment that will reduce natural gas consumption. This rebate is designed to offset a portion of the incremental cost of purchasing and installing qualified high-efficiency gas equipment.

Table 2.1.1 High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates

Equipment	Efficiency	Customer Rebate	Trade Ally Incentive
Natural Gas Force Air Furnace	90% - 94.9% AFUE	\$300	\$50
Natural Gas Force Air Furnace	95% AFUE or Higher	\$400	\$50
Natural Gas Furnace Tune-Up	NA	\$75	-
Natural Gas Storage Tankless Heater ($\leq 75,000$ Btu); or Natural Gas Storage Tank Water Heater (≤ 55 Gallon);	.81 UEF - .91 UEF	\$350	\$50
Natural Gas Storage Tank Water Heater ($\leq 75,000$ Btu); or Natural Gas Storage Tank Water Heater (≤ 55 Gallon);	$\geq .92$ UEF	\$450	\$50

2.1.2 Target Market

CenterPoint Energy will promote the Natural Gas Equipment Program to residential and small commercial and industrial consumers through local publications, bill inserts, various media avenues, and direct contact with customers and trade allies, such as equipment dealers. CenterPoint Energy will update its website to include information about rebates available for qualifying natural gas equipment, information on how to secure those rebates, and all applicable forms.

CenterPoint Energy will also work with dealers and retail businesses to promote this program by providing collateral material to help such dealers and businesses educate their consumers on the benefits of high-efficiency water heaters and how to qualify for rebates.

2.1.3 State of the Market

CenterPoint Energy's rebates are designed to offset the following standard installations:

Table 2.1.3 Equipment Baseline Comparison

Equipment	Baseline Comparison
Natural Gas Force Air Furnace	.80 AFUE Natural Gas Furnace
Natural Gas Tankless & Storage Tank Water Heater	40 Gallon Standard Efficiency Gas Storage Tank

2.1.4 Budget

Table 2.1.4 High-Efficiency Equipment Program Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$2,601,500
Marketing & Delivery	\$400,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$3,001,500

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$265,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$265,000

Total Program Costs	\$3,266,500
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2.2. Home Conservation Improvement Products

2.2.1 Intent of Program

Description

CenterPoint Energy's Home Conservation Improvement Products program will provide free energy - saving low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators to the Company's customers. The showerheads (rated at 1.5 gallons per minute) and aerators (rated at 1.0 gallons per minute) will be available to residential customers who reside within the Company's Texas service territory and who receive individual natural gas bills from CenterPoint Energy.

Customers will be given the option to request multiples of each low-flow unit type, within prescribed limits, to enable each household shower or faucet to perform up to the same energy - saving potential.

2.2.2 Target Market

CenterPoint Energy will primarily promote the program through its website and other electronic communications, steering customers to a fulfillment website where orders can be placed. The customer will then be mailed the requested number of low-flow units, along with comprehensive installation directions.

2.2.3 State of the Market

Water conservation is a particularly important element of energy efficiency programs. When water conservation is addressed through efficient showerheads and faucet aerators, two goals, the conservation of water and of energy, are simultaneously accomplished. The program is designed to help customers make more efficient choices. The low-flow showerhead and faucet aerator measures are designed to offset the following standard installations:

Table 2.2.3 Equipment Baseline

Equipment	Baseline Comparison
Low Flow Showerhead - 1.5 GPM	Existing 2.5 GPM
Kitchen Faucet Aerator - 1.5 GPM	Existing 2.2 GPM
Bathroom Faucet Aerator - 1.0 GPM	Existing 2.2 GPM

2.2.4 Budget

Table 2.2.4 Home Conservation Improvement Products Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$144,750
Marketing & Delivery	\$210,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$354,750

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$53,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$53,000

Total Program Costs	\$407,750
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2.3. Residential New Home Construction

2.3.1 Intent of Program

Description

The Residential New Home Construction Program will provide financial incentives to encourage builders to construct new homes that are equipped with efficient natural gas appliances.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible residential customers must meet the following requirements:

- New home must have an active natural gas account at a location served by CenterPoint Energy;
- New home must be built with
 - A primary heat source of 90% or greater AFUE natural gas heating;
 - Primary natural gas water heating; and
 - One or more additional natural gas appliances (such as a clothes dryer or cooking range)

A completed rebate application form must be returned to CenterPoint Energy, with equipment information (including brand, model number, serial number).

Incentives

CenterPoint Energy will offer rebates to encourage builders to construct homes with efficient natural gas appliances.

Table 2.3.1.1 – Base Rebate for High Efficiency New Construction

Required Equipment	Builder/ Customer Rebate
Natural Gas Heating 90% AFUE or Higher; Primary Natural Gas Water Heating; Third Natural Gas Appliance	\$750

In addition to the base rebate shown in Table 2.3.1.1, builders can receive additional incentives for installing primary natural gas water heating that exceeds standard efficiency equipment.

Table 2.3.1.2 – Bonus Rebates for High Efficiency New Construction

Equipment	Rebate Amount
Base New Home Construction Rebate;	\$750
If Primary Natural Gas Exceeds Standard Efficiency – Tier One	Bonus Rebate Amount
Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater ($\leq 75,000$ Btu) .81 UEF - .91 UEF; or Natural Gas Storage Tank Water Heater (≤ 55 Gallon) .81 UEF - .91 UEF	\$350
Total New Home Construction Rebate	\$1,100
If Primary Natural Gas Exceeds Standard Efficiency – Tier Two	Bonus Rebate Amount
Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater ($\leq 75,000$ Btu) $\geq .92$ UEF; or Natural Gas Storage Tank Water Heater (≤ 55 Gallon) $\geq .92$ UEF	\$450
Total New Home Construction Rebate	\$1,200

2.3.2 Target Market

CenterPoint Energy will promote the Residential New Home Construction Program to builder/developers through local publications, bill inserts, various media avenues, and direct contact with customers, builders and developers. CenterPoint Energy will also update its website to include information about rebates available for qualifying efficient natural gas equipment, information on how to secure those rebates, and all applicable forms.

2.3.3 Budget

Table 2.3.3 Residential New Home Construction Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$4,900,000
Marketing & Delivery	\$330,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$5,230,000

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$300,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$300,000

Total Program Costs	\$5,530,000
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2.4. Affordable Housing Weatherization

2.4.1 Intent of Program

Description

The Affordable Housing Weatherization Program is designed to provide free Weatherization Kits with do-it-yourself energy efficiency measures to qualifying residential customers. The target customers are qualifying affordable housing customers where energy efficiency measures are often limited. The kit includes low flow devices and weatherization measures to help customers to conserve water, reduce energy usage, and lower energy bills. The free Weatherization Kit will include:

- 1.5 GPM showerhead
- 1.5 GPM kitchen aerator
- 1.0 GPM bathroom aerator
- Teflon tape to install low flow devices
- Rope caulk for sealing around doors and window
- High-performance EPDM (ethylene propylene diene monomer) weather-stripping
- Outlet/switchplate foam gasket covers (24 pack)
- Water heater temperature gauge card with instructions on how to test the temperature of a water heater and adjust the setting

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible households must have incomes below either 50 percent of the state median income or 200 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines, whichever is higher.

2.4.2 Target Market

The program is designed to deliver free energy efficiency improvements to customers who reside in affordable housing. The primary venue is to promote the program through community outreach and special events. We will seek the opportunity to coordinate with local entities such as housing

authorities and community action agencies to target certain areas as applicable. Upon request, the Weatherization Kit, along with comprehensive installation directions, will be mailed to customers. CenterPoint Energy will promote the benefits of the program to customers, which include natural gas energy savings along with water conservation and a lower impact on critical water distribution infrastructure.

2.4.3 Budget

Table 2.4.3 Affordable Housing Weatherization Program Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$75,000
Marketing & Delivery	\$175,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$250,000

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$50,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$50,000

Total Program Costs	\$300,000
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2.5. Commercial Foodservice

2.5.1 Intent of Program

Description

The CenterPoint Energy Commercial Foodservice Program is designed to promote energy-efficiency solutions for commercial foodservice applications. Rebates will be offered to foodservice operators to encourage the purchase and installation of new, qualifying natural gas kitchen equipment.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible commercial foodservice operators must:

- Take service under a Commercial rate tariff;
- Have new qualified natural gas foodservice equipment installed at a location eligible for service from CenterPoint Energy;
- Complete the appropriate commercial foodservice rebate application form and return to CenterPoint Energy, including purchaser information, equipment information (including brand and model number), dealer information, and installer information; and
- Provide a copy of the dated invoice from the foodservice equipment dealer and distributors.

Incentives

CenterPoint Energy will offer rebates to encourage the purchase and installation of more efficient natural gas foodservice equipment. This rebate is designed to offset a portion of the incremental cost of purchasing and installing qualified higher efficiency foodservice equipment. Rebates will only be awarded for the purchase of new, qualified natural gas equipment.

Table 2.5.1 Commercial Foodservice Rebates

Equipment	Customer Rebate	Trade Ally Incentive
Combi Oven	\$1,000	\$50
Convection Oven	\$500	\$50
Conveyer Oven	\$750	\$50
Fryer - Tier 1 = 50% FSTC or ES	\$500	\$50
Fryer - Tier 2 = 51% or greater FSTC or ES	\$750	\$50
Fryer – Tier 3 = 60% or greater	\$1,000	\$50
Rotating Rack Ovens – Single	\$500	\$50
Rotating Rack Ovens – Double	\$1000	\$50

2.5.2 Target Market

CenterPoint Energy will promote the Commercial Foodservice Program to commercial foodservice operators and dealers through local publications, various media avenues, and direct contact. CenterPoint Energy will update its website to include information about rebates available for qualifying natural gas equipment, information on how to secure those rebates, and all applicable forms.

CenterPoint Energy will work with dealers and retail businesses to promote this program by providing collateral material to help educate consumers on the benefits of high efficiency commercial foodservice equipment and how to qualify for rebates. Dealers or retailers will receive an incentive for each qualifying piece of foodservice equipment they submit because they are the primary influencer on a customer’s decision to install high efficiency equipment, and therefore they are the primary delivery mechanism for this program.

2.5.3 State of the Market

The objective of the Commercial Foodservice Program is to assist foodservice operators in lowering their overall energy use and to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. The foodservice market segment traditionally has high start-up and operational costs and higher energy intensity per square foot as compared to other commercial market segments. The increased costs associated with high-efficiency equipment presents an almost insurmountable burden for many foodservice operators and business owners; therefore, many purchase the least expensive equipment available. The foodservice rebates for high-efficiency equipment will help offset the initial purchase cost and will provide overall operational savings for the customer. Our rebate program measures are designed to offset the following standard installation measures:

Table 2.5.3 Equipment Baseline

Equipment	Baseline Comparison
Combi Oven	Steamer
Convection Oven	Standard Deck Oven
Conveyer Oven	Pizza Deck Oven
Fryers: Tier 1 (50%), Tier 2 (51% or greater), Tier 3 (60% or greater)	Standard Fryer
Rotating Rack Ovens: Single, Double	Base Deck Oven

2.5.4 Budget

Table 2.5.4 Commercial Foodservice Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$228,000
Marketing & Delivery	\$125,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$353,000

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$65,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$65,000

Total Program Costs	\$418,000
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2.6. Commercial Boiler

2.6.1 Intent of Program

Description

The Commercial Boiler Program is designed to promote efficient heating and/or water heating solutions to commercial customers. Rebates will be offered to consumers to encourage the purchase and installation of new high efficiency natural gas boiler equipment.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible commercial foodservice operators must:

- Take service under a Commercial rate tariff.
- Have new qualified natural gas boiler equipment installed at a location eligible for service from CenterPoint Energy;
- Complete the appropriate commercial boiler rebate application form and return to CenterPoint Energy, including purchaser information, equipment information (including manufacturer brand, model number, serial number, Btu/hr input, boiler efficiency rating, and equipment cost), date of installation, quantity, dealer information, and installer information; and
- Provide a copy of the dated invoice from the equipment dealer.

Incentives

CenterPoint Energy will offer rebates to encourage the purchase and installation of more efficient natural gas boilers and related equipment. This rebate is designed to offset a portion of the incremental cost of purchasing and installing a qualified higher AFUE natural gas boiler. CenterPoint Energy will also add a tune-up rebate for the Commercial Boiler Program. Rebate incentives will only be awarded for the purchase of new, qualified natural gas boilers installed at a location eligible for service from CenterPoint Energy.

Table 2.6.1 Boiler Equipment Rebates

Equipment	Efficiency	Customer Rebate
Boilers	85% up to 92%	\$1,400 per 1 MMBTU, up to 25% of equipment cost
Boilers	92% or Higher	\$2,000 per 1 MMBTU, up to 25% of equipment cost
Burner Replacements	Fully or 6 step modulation	\$1,000 per 1 MMBTU, up to 25% of equipment cost

2.6.2 Target Market

CenterPoint Energy will promote the Commercial Boiler Program to commercial customers through local publications, various media avenues, and direct contact with dealers. CenterPoint Energy will update its website to include information about rebates available for qualifying natural gas equipment, information on how to secure those rebates, and all applicable forms.

CenterPoint Energy will work with dealers in the promotion of this program by providing collateral material to educate consumers on the benefits of high efficiency commercial boilers and how to qualify for rebates.

2.6.3 State of the Market

The objective of the Commercial Boiler Program is to assist consumers in lowering their overall energy use and to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. The long equipment life, high capital cost, and the reality that commercial boiler systems are not being fixed until broken lead most customers to install standard efficiency boiler equipment; therefore, incentives are necessary to encourage the installation of high-efficiency commercial heating equipment.

The Commercial Boiler Program will provide incentives to commercial customers who replace, install or retrofit their boiler system with high-efficiency options to buy down the incremental cost of this equipment. Our rebate program measures are designed to offset the following standard installation measures:

Table 2.6.3 Boiler Equipment Baseline

Equipment	Baseline Comparison
Boiler .85 to .91 EF	0.80 EF Gas Fired Boiler
Boiler .92 EF or Higher	0.80 EF Gas Fired Boiler
Burner Replacements	70% Measure Baseline combustion efficiency

2.6.4 Budget

Table 2.6.4 Commercial Boiler Program Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$150,000
Marketing & Delivery	\$125,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$275,000

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$53,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$53,000

Total Program Costs	\$328,000
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2.7. Commercial Solutions

2.7.1 Intent of Program

Description

The purpose of the Commercial Solutions Program is to encourage customers to use natural gas efficiently by installing cost-effective energy efficient equipment, adopting energy efficient designs and using energy efficient operations at their facilities.

The Natural Gas Commercial Solutions Program will install or provide financial incentives to commercial customers installing or implementing cost-effective energy efficiency measures through Direct-Install or the Custom measures components of the program. The following components will provide a comprehensive program appealing to all commercial customer sectors:

Direct-Install Measures will target small to mid-sized customers. Direct-Install is a turn-key equipment replacement program designed to reduce energy usage customer costs. Equipment will include low flow showerheads, aerators, spray valves, and weatherization materials. The equipment described will be directly installed by the program's third-party contractors.

Custom Measures will target commercial and industrial customers. Projects identified will be eligible for custom incentives based on the final project savings, after applying documentable calculated savings values. The program will be implemented through third-party contractors.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible participants include CenterPoint Energy natural gas customers, owners, or tenants with appropriate owner consent, of commercial facilities receiving natural gas service from CenterPoint Energy under a commercial rate tariff.

2.7.2 Target Market

The Commercial Solution Program will focus on small to mid-sized customers for the direct install measures and mid-sized to large customers for the custom measures. This will be accomplished by developing marketing messages and materials and determining the most effective marketing channels to generate customer interest and participation. Further, the program will capitalize on all customer touch points, and the implementation of the direct installed measures will provide access to smaller and harder-to-reach customers like restaurants and small businesses, creating a network of customers to whom other savings opportunities may be marketed.

The program will target any eligible CenterPoint Energy natural gas commercial and industrial customer, owner, or tenant (with appropriate owner consent) of a commercial or industrial facility receiving natural gas service from CenterPoint. Company will primarily use its website and other electronic channels to promote the program to commercial customers.

2.7.3 State of the Market

Many commercial customers do not undergo energy efficiency projects due to a variety of barriers such as a lack of understanding about energy efficiency opportunities, technical expertise needed to effectively implement a project, or the availability of capital needed for efficiency upgrades. This program is a good introduction to the energy efficiency options for commercial customers. In addition, through customer contact with the Natural Gas Commercial Solutions Program, it is also expected that opportunities will be identified for commercial customers to participate in CenterPoint Energy’s other prescriptive programs.

2.7.4 Budget

Table 2.7.4 Commercial Solutions Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$406,475
Marketing & Delivery	\$390,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$796,475

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$101,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$101,000

Total Program Costs	\$897,475
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2.8. CenterPoint Energy Education Program

2.8.1 Intent of Program

Description

The CenterPoint Energy Education Program (“CEEP”) will educate customers to help them understand their natural gas energy usage and learn about ways to conserve energy.

Eligibility Requirements

There are no eligibility requirements associated with CEEP as the program is a multi-faceted media campaign designed to educate customers on their energy use and highlight cost-effective methods to reduce overall energy consumption. There are no direct incentives provided to customers or energy savings associated with CEEP. With limited customers participating in energy efficiency programs in Texas, CenterPoint Energy believes there is a need for more information and awareness of energy efficiency. The CEEP is a multi-faceted media campaign designed to educate customers on their energy use and highlight cost-effective methods to reduce overall energy consumption.

2.8.2 Target Market

The CEEP program is intended to promote general awareness and customer education and will also help promote the overall awareness of CenterPoint Energy’s energy efficiency program offerings. The program will provide residential, and commercial customers with educational materials that will help them understand their natural gas energy usage and learn about ways to help conserve that energy. The educational materials for customers include fact sheets on energy usage, tips for saving energy, and other information to promote the general awareness of energy conservation. In addition, CenterPoint Energy will update its website to include information about various energy efficiency programs available, applicable rebates available for qualifying natural gas equipment, information on how to secure those rebates, and all applicable forms. While it is difficult to estimate direct savings associated with participating in this program, CenterPoint Energy believes the program will provide the following benefits:

- Increased awareness of energy efficiency benefits;
- Improved affordability of energy for customers;
- Energy cost savings for the customers

- Environmental benefits; and
- Economic development benefits.

2.8.3 Budget

Table 2.8.3 CEEP Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$0
Marketing & Delivery	\$100,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$100,000

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$0
Total Administrative Costs	\$0

Total Program Costs	\$100,000
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2.9. Natural Gas Generator Program

2.9.1 Intent of Program

Description

The Natural Gas Generator Program is intended to support resiliency and provide customers incentives for securing backup generators that provide reliable energy when power outages occur due to severe weather or electric grid interruptions.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible customers must:

- Have a new, permanent natural gas generator installed at a residential home served by CenterPoint Energy;
- Complete the appropriate rebate application form and return to CenterPoint Energy, including purchaser information, equipment information (including brand, model number, serial number, and equipment efficiency rating), dealer information and/or installer information; and
- Provide a copy of the dated invoice from the retail equipment dealer or installer.

Incentives

CenterPoint Energy will offer a \$1,000 rebate to customers for the purchase and installation of a natural gas backup generator.

2.9.2 Budget

Table 2.9.2 Natural Gas Generator Program Budget

Portfolio Costs	Budget
Incentives	\$1,000,000
Marketing & Delivery	\$170,000
Total Portfolio Costs	\$1,170,000

Administrative Costs	Budget
Program Administration	\$83,000
Total Administrative Costs	\$83,000

Total Program Costs	\$1,253,000
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3. Portfolio Summary

CenterPoint Energy believes this Energy Conservation Program Portfolio will deliver cost-effective energy savings for all customer classes. The proposed programs will educate customers, support energy resiliency and provide customers with opportunities to reduce their natural gas usage by delivering:

- Prescriptive rebates for high efficiency equipment;
- Rebates for custom projects;
- No-cost energy saving equipment

Table 3.1.1 Energy Efficiency Portfolio Projections

CenterPoint Energy Texas Energy Conservation Program Portfolio	
Total Energy Savings - Ccf	1,828,359
Cost Effectiveness - TRC	1.36
Net Present Value - TRC	\$4,314,080

Appendix A: ECP Portfolio – Detailed Analysis

High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
90-94.9% AFUE Furnace	Residential	\$ 43,052	\$ 280,000	\$ 28,522	\$ 351,574
95% AFUE Furnace	Residential	\$ 55,353	\$ 360,000	\$ 36,671	\$ 452,024
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential	\$ 61,503	\$ 400,000	\$ 40,746	\$ 502,249
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential	\$ 61,503	\$ 400,000	\$ 40,746	\$ 502,249
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	Residential	\$ 61,503	\$ 400,000	\$ 40,746	\$ 502,249
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	Residential	\$ 76,879	\$ 500,000	\$ 50,932	\$ 627,811
Furnace Tune-Up	Residential	\$ 5,766	\$ 37,500	\$ 3,820	\$ 47,086
90-94.9% AFUE Furnace	General Service Small	\$ 2,691	\$ 17,500	\$ 1,783	\$ 21,973
95% AFUE Furnace	General Service Small	\$ 3,460	\$ 22,500	\$ 2,292	\$ 28,251
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Small	\$ 2,460	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,630	\$ 20,090
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Small	\$ 2,460	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,630	\$ 20,090
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	General Service Small	\$ 3,075	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,037	\$ 25,112
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	General Service Small	\$ 3,075	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,037	\$ 25,112
90-94.9% AFUE Furnace	General Service Large	\$ 2,691	\$ 17,500	\$ 1,783	\$ 21,973
95% AFUE Furnace	General Service Large	\$ 3,460	\$ 22,500	\$ 2,292	\$ 28,251
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Large	\$ 2,460	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,630	\$ 20,090
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Large	\$ 2,460	\$ 16,000	\$ 1,630	\$ 20,090
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	General Service Large	\$ 3,075	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,037	\$ 25,112
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	General Service Large	\$ 3,075	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,037	\$ 25,112
High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates		\$ 400,000	\$ 2,601,500	\$ 265,000	\$ 3,266,500

Home Conservation Improvement Products		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
Residential Low Flow Bathroom Aerator	Residential	\$ 28,290	\$ 19,500	\$ 7,140	\$ 54,930
Residential Low Flow Kitchen Aerator	Residential	\$ 14,145	\$ 9,750	\$ 3,570	\$ 27,465
Residential Low Flow Showerhead	Residential	\$ 167,565	\$ 115,500	\$ 42,90	\$ 325,355
Home Conservation Improvement Products		\$ 210,000	\$ 144,750	\$53,000	\$ 407,750

New Home Construction Program		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
New Home Bundle - 90-94.9% AFUE Furnace; Gas Water Heating; Third Gas Appliance	Residential	\$ 252,551	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 229,592	\$ 4,232,143
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential	\$ 23,571	\$ 350,000	\$ 21,429	\$ 395,000
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential	\$ 23,571	\$ 350,000	\$ 21,429	\$ 395,000
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	Residential	\$ 6,061	\$ 90,000	\$ 5,510	\$ 101,571
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	Residential	\$ 24,245	\$ 360,000	\$ 22,041	\$ 406,286
New Home Construction Program		\$ 330,000	\$ 4,900,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,530,000

Affordable Housing Weatherization Program		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
Affordable Housing Weatherization Kit	Residential	\$ 175,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 300,000
Affordable Housing Weatherization Program		\$ 175,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 300,000

Commercial Foodservice		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
Combi-Oven - Gas < 15 Pan FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 28,783	\$ 52,500	\$ 14,967	\$ 96,250
Combi-Oven - Gas 15-28 Pan FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 17,270	\$ 31,500	\$ 8,980	\$ 57,750
Combi-Oven - Gas > 28 Pan FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 28,783	\$ 52,500	\$ 14,967	\$ 96,250
Convection Oven FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 15,077	\$ 27,500	\$ 7,840	\$ 50,417
Conveyor Oven FSTC	General Service Small	\$ 13,158	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,842	\$ 44,000
Tier 1 Fryer = 50% FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 3,015	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,568	\$ 10,083
Tier 2 Fryer 51% and greater FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 4,386	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,281	\$ 14,667
Tier 3 Fryer 60%+ and greater FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 5,757	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,993	\$ 19,250
Single Rack Oven FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 3,015	\$ 5,500	\$ 1,568	\$ 10,083
Double Rack Oven FSTC or ES	General Service Small	\$ 5,757	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,993	\$ 19,250
Commercial Foodservice		\$ 125,000	\$ 228,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 418,000

Commercial Boilers		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
Boiler .83 to .91	General Service Small	\$ 66,667	\$ 80,000	\$ 28,267	\$ 174,933
Boiler .92 or Higher	General Service Small	\$ 23,333	\$ 28,000	\$ 9,893	\$ 61,227
Burner Replacements	General Service Small	\$ 16,667	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,067	\$ 43,733
Boiler .83 to .91	General Service Large	\$ 8,333	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,533	\$ 21,867
Boiler .92 or Higher	General Service Large	\$ 5,833	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,473	\$ 15,307
Burner Replacements	General Service Large	\$ 4,167	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,767	\$ 10,933
Commercial Boilers		\$125,000	\$ 150,000	\$53,000	\$ 328,000

Commercial Solutions Program		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
Showerhead	General Service Small	\$ 7,412	\$ 7,725	\$ 1,919	\$ 17,056
Pre-Rinse Spray Valve	General Service Small	\$ 43,176	\$ 45,000	\$ 11,181	\$ 99,358
Custom Projects	General Service Small	\$ 191,894	\$ 200,000	\$ 49,696	\$ 441,589
Showerhead	General Service Large	\$ 720	\$ 750	\$ 186	\$ 1,656
Pre-Rinse Spray Valve	General Service Large	\$ 2,878	\$ 3,000	\$ 745	\$ 6,624
Custom Projects	General Service Large	\$ 143,920	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,272	\$ 331,192
Commercial Solutions Program		\$ 390,000	\$ 406,475	\$ 101,000	\$ 897,475

CenterPoint Energy Education Program		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
General Education & Awareness	All Rate Classes	\$ 100,000	-	-	\$ 100,000
CenterPoint Energy Education Program		\$ 100,000	-	-	\$ 100,000

Natural Gas Generator Program		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
Natural Gas Generator	Residential	\$ 170,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 1,253,000
Natural Gas Generator Program		\$ 170,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 1,253,000

Total - TX Energy Conservation Program Portfolio		Portfolio Costs		Administrative Costs	Total Budget
		Marketing & Delivery	Incentives		
		\$ 2,025,000	\$ 9,505,725	\$ 970,000	\$ 12,500,725

Energy Conservation Programs & Measures	Rate Class
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Participation and Energy Savings		
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High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates	
90-94.9% AFUE Furnace	Residential
95% AFUE Furnace	Residential
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	Residential
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	Residential
Furnace Tune-Up	Residential
90-94.9% AFUE Furnace	General Service Small
95% AFUE Furnace	General Service Small
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Small
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Small
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	General Service Small
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	General Service Small
90-94.9% AFUE Furnace	General Service Large
95% AFUE Furnace	General Service Large
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Large
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	General Service Large
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	General Service Large
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	General Service Large
High-Efficiency Equipment Rebates	

Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
800	60,104	1,202,080
800	85,416	1,708,320
1,000	35,050	385,550
1,000	35,050	701,000
800	35,768	393,448
1,000	44,710	894,200
500	13,871	41,612
50	3,757	75,130
50	5,339	106,770
40	1,402	15,422
40	1,402	28,040
40	1,788	19,672
40	1,788	35,768
50	3,757	75,130
50	5,339	106,770
40	1,402	15,422
40	1,402	28,040
40	1,788	19,672
40	1,788	35,768
6,420	340,920	5,887,815

Home Conservation Improvement Products	
Residential Low Flow Bathroom Aerator	Residential
Residential Low Flow Kitchen Aerator	Residential
Residential Low Flow Showerhead	Residential
Home Conservation Improvement Products	

Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
30,000	31,866	318,660
15,000	9,294	92,940
30,000	194,658	1,946,580
75,000	235,818	2,358,180

New Home Construction Program	
New Home Bundle - 90-94.9% AFUE Furnace; Gas Water Heating; Third Gas Appliance	Residential
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .81 - .91	Residential
WH Storage Tank ≤ 55 Gallons; UEF ≥ .92	Residential
Tankless Water Heater UEF ≥ .92	Residential
New Home Construction Program	

Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
5,000	375,650	7,513,000
1,000	35,050	385,550
1,000	35,050	701,000
200	8,942	98,362
800	35,768	715,360
8,000	490,460	9,413,272

Affordable Housing Weatherization Program	
Affordable Housing Weatherization Kit	Residential
Affordable Housing Weatherization Program	

Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
3,000	90,000	630,000
3,000	90,000	630,000

Commercial Foodservice	
Combi-Oven - Gas < 15 Pan FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Combi-Oven - Gas 15-28 Pan FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Combi-Oven - Gas > 28 Pan FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Convection Oven FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Conveyor Oven FSTC	General Service Small
Tier 1 Fryer = 50% FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Tier 2 Fryer 51% and greater FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Tier 3 Fryer 60%+ and greater FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Single Rack Oven FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Double Rack Oven FSTC or ES	General Service Small
Commercial Foodservice	

Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
50	29,400	352,800
30	19,230	230,760
50	38,800	465,600
50	18,200	218,400
30	26,520	318,240
10	4,280	51,360
10	4,450	53,400
10	5,480	65,760
10	10,340	124,080
10	21,130	253,560
260	177,830	2,133,960

Commercial Boilers	
Boiler .83 to .91	General Service Small
Boiler .92 or Higher	General Service Small
Burner Replacements	General Service Small
Boiler .83 to .91	General Service Large
Boiler .92 or Higher	General Service Large
Burner Replacements	General Service Large
Commercial Boilers	

Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
40	41,674	833,480
20	32,727	654,540
20	13,283	159,396
5	5,209	104,185
5	8,182	163,635
5	3,321	39,849
95	104,396	1,955,085

Commercial Solutions Program		Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
Showerhead	General Service Small	515	7,617	76,169
Pre-Rinse Spray Valve	General Service Small	300	116,826	584,130
Custom Projects	General Service Small	4	146,265	1,608,915
Showerhead	General Service Large	50	740	7,395
Pre-Rinse Spray Valve	General Service Large	20	7,788	38,942
Custom Projects	General Service Large	3	109,699	1,206,686
Commercial Solutions Program		892	388,935	3,522,237

CenterPoint Energy Education Program		Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
General Education & Awareness	All Rate Classes	-	-	-
CenterPoint Energy Education Program		-	-	-

Natural Gas Generator Program		Participation	Annual Energy Savings (Ccf)	Lifetime Energy Savings (Ccf)
Natural Gas Backup Generator	Residential	1,000	-	-
Natural Gas Generator Program		1,000	-	-

Total - TX Energy Conservation Program Portfolio		94,668	1,828,359	25,900,550
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Appendix B: Inputs for Cost-Effectiveness Testing

Input 1: The *Gas Commodity Cost* is \$0.58123/Ccf. The Commodity Cost input is multiplied by an annual escalation rate of 3.5 percent. The gas commodity cost value is from CenterPoint Energy Texas' Houston Division Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) rate for August 2024. The annual escalation rate of 3.5 percent is based on the average percent change in the price of natural gas from 2019 to 2050 for all users in the West South-Central Region as estimated in the Energy Information Administration's 2020 *Annual Energy Outlook*.

Input 2: The *Storage Carrying Cost* is \$0.00424/Ccf. The Gas Storage cost value used is from CenterPoint Energy Texas' Houston Division Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) rate for August 2024 and is also multiplied by an annual escalation rate of 3.5 percent.

Input 3: The *Discount Rate* (2.72%) is the rate used to discount the future stream of benefits resulting from avoidance of natural gas. Since environmental costs are not captured and reflected in market prices at this time, it is necessary to impute and impose a societal discount rate for these costs. The *Discount Rate* is equal to the United States Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) 20-year Constant Maturity Rate (CMT) Rate, which averaged 2.72% from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023. The Treasury's 20-year Daily CMT Rate captures the market's expectations regarding inflation, along with a small risk factor.

Input 4: The *ECP Cost* is the sum of all CenterPoint Energy Texas' estimated project costs, including administrative, marketing and delivery and incentives for customers and trade allies.


Input 5: The *Participant Cost* (\$/Participant) is the incremental "out of pocket" expenses that a customer would pay to install the high efficiency conservation measure. For example, the cost to a customer to install a high efficiency furnace is the difference in equipment costs between high efficiency equipment and standard equipment that just meets the energy code.

Input 6: The *Measure Life* is the expected lifetime of a particular energy conservation measure, expressed in number of years. The *Measure Life* is based on the Texas or Arkansas Technical Reference Manuals.

Appendix C: Sample Marketing Materials

The images provided are draft designs of ECP marketing materials based on existing templates developed by CenterPoint Energy to promote energy conservation in other jurisdictions.

Development of final, comprehensive promotional materials for CenterPoint Energy's Texas ECP portfolio will be completed prior to ECP implementation in 2025.




Cut costs and conserve energy

Help reduce your natural gas usage and save money through our incentives program when you purchase and install qualifying high-efficiency natural gas equipment in your home.

Equipment	Efficiency	Customer rebate
Natural gas forced air furnace	≥95% AFUE	\$400
Natural gas forced air furnace	90%-94.9% AFUE	\$300
Natural gas water heater	≥.92 UEF	\$450
Natural gas water heater	.81-.91 UEF	\$350

To see a full list of qualifying equipment and for more information, visit [EnergyStar.gov/Products](https://www.energy.gov/products)





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Offering you incentives

Save money and improve energy efficiency.

Whether your business is a school cafeteria, office building, restaurant, healthcare facility or another type of foodservice operation, we have rebates that can help you reduce energy costs, add efficiency and increase quality. CenterPoint Energy's natural gas equipment rebate program will help you improve your facility's energy efficiency for less.



Equipment	Rebate/unit	Efficiency rating
Combi ovens	\$1,000	CEW & ENERGY STAR®
Convection ovens	\$500	CEW & ENERGY STAR®
Conveyor ovens	\$750	CEW
Fryers ≥60% cooking energy efficiency	\$1,000	CEW & ENERGY STAR®
Fryers 51-59% cooking energy efficiency	\$750	CEW & ENERGY STAR®
Fryers 50% cooking energy efficiency	\$500	CEW & ENERGY STAR®
Rotating rack ovens single	\$500	CEW & ENERGY STAR®
Rotating rack ovens double	\$1,000	CEW & ENERGY STAR®

APPLY NOW

Program dates:
Jan. 1 – Dec. 31



To secure your rebate, applications and dated sales invoices must be **RECEIVED by DEC. 31.**



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Equipment and customer eligibility

- CenterPoint Energy commercial customers who install qualifying equipment in CenterPoint's Texas service territory
- Equipment must meet program specification requirements. For programs listed with California Energy Wise (CEW) or ENERGY STAR ratings, refer to CenterPointEnergy.com/Foodservice
- Rebates apply to new equipment only

Natural gas — the preferred energy choice for cooking

- Precision control for better quality
- High efficiency with lower operating costs
- As a primary fuel, natural gas can be used in its natural state rather than undergoing a conversion process at a power plant, which creates emissions and waste energy
- Annual energy costs for customers using natural gas has been lower than the cost for propane, fuel oil or electricity since 2010—and it's projected to stay low through 2040

How to apply for rebates

Three simple steps to receive a rebate:

1. Use our [online fill-and-print forms](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/Foodservice) to apply for rebates at your convenience.
2. **Mail, email or fax rebate form** so it is **RECEIVED** by Dec. 31. Allow six to eight weeks for rebate processing. See below.
3. Rebate applications must include a dated copy of the paid, itemized invoice(s). Invoice(s) must include brand, complete model number, purchaser's name and installation address.
Texas Commercial Rebate Processing
CenterPoint Energy
PO Box 59038
Minneapolis, MN 55409-0038

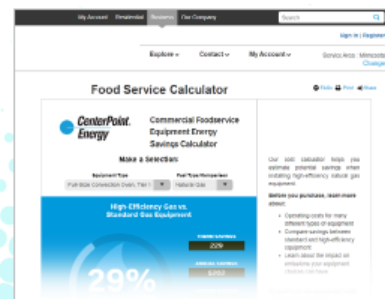
Terms and conditions apply. See detailed qualifications, rules and requirements on the rebate application.

Calculate your potential savings.

Before making your purchase, use the Commercial Foodservice Equipment Energy Savings Calculator to:

- See the operating costs for many different types of equipment and high-efficiency equipment.
- Learn about the emissions impact your equipment choices may have.

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RATE SCHEDULE NO. ECP-I-2025**

APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE

This schedule is applicable to any customer in an incorporated area excluding a city that has ceded jurisdiction to the Commission in the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas taking natural gas service pursuant to the Company’s Residential Service, General Service-Small, or General Service-Large Volume rate schedules. The purpose of the Energy Conservation Program Portfolio (“ECP Portfolio”) Rider is to establish the ECP rate(s) by which CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (“Company”) will recover its energy efficiency program costs including, but not limited to, the annual energy efficiency program costs, a balance adjustment reflecting any prior period over-recovery or under-recovery, and lost marginal revenues as defined below. The ECP rate will be a volumetric charge as shown below.

The adjustment calculated in this rider shall appear as a line item on the bill entitled, “Energy conservation program portfolio rider”.

ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (“ECP”) RIDER CHARGE

For bills rendered on and after the effective date of this rate schedule, the monthly rate for each customer receiving service under this rate schedule shall be the following:

- (a) ECP rate per Ccf billed at the following pressure bases by class

	14.65 Pressure Base	14.73 Pressure Base	14.95 Pressure Base
Residential Service	\$0.01591	\$0.01600	\$0.01624
General Service- Small	\$0.00722	\$0.00726	\$0.00737
General Service-Large Volume	\$0.00744	\$0.00748	\$0.00759

EFFECTIVE RATE AND TERM

This ECP Portfolio Rider shall be effective on and after the first billing cycle beginning January 1, 2025, and shall continue in effect until modified or terminated by the Railroad Commission of Texas (“RRC”).

ANNUAL RE-DETERMINATION

ECP charges shall be calculated annually as follows:

ECP Rate = (CCR per class + BA per class + LMR per class) / (Projected Volume per Class per Program Year)

- CCR, Current Cost Recovery, is all projected costs attributable to the Company’s ECP Portfolio
- BA, Balance Adjustment, is the computed difference between CCR collections by class and expenditures by class, including the pro-rata share of common administrative costs for each class for the program year and collection of the over/under recovery during the prior program year

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- LMR, Lost Marginal Revenues, if the Company's earnings for the preceding calendar year did not exceed the rate of return established in the latest effective rates approved by the RRC, LMR is calculated as the preceding year energy savings per class times the approved volumetric commodity charge by class.

FILING PROCEDURES

A subsequent application shall be filed 45 days following the end of each program year with the RRC. The Company shall provide to the Texas RRC Staff ("RRC Staff") documentation supporting the data and calculations utilized in re-determining the ECP Rate(s) and a Report set out in each annual submission. Unless disputed by the RRC Staff, the ECP Rate(s) so re-determined shall be effective January 1st and shall then remain in effect until superceded by a subsequent approved ECP Portfolio Rider.

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APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE

This schedule is applicable to any customer in an unincorporated area or city that has ceded jurisdiction to the Commission in the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas taking natural gas service pursuant to the Company’s Residential Service, General Service-Small, or General Service-Large Volume rate schedules. The cities that have ceded jurisdiction to the Commission in the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Areas and unincorporated areas by Geographic Rate Area are listed on the final page of this rate schedule. The purpose of the Energy Conservation Program Portfolio (“ECP Portfolio”) Rider is to establish the ECP rate(s) by which CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (“Company”) will recover its energy efficiency program costs including, but not limited to, the annual energy efficiency program costs, a balance adjustment reflecting any prior period over-recovery or under-recovery, and lost marginal revenues as defined below. The ECP rate will be a volumetric charge as shown below.

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Cities that Ceded Original Jurisdiction to the Commission			
Ames	Floresville	Lumberton	Sandy Oaks
Arcola	Galena Park	Maud	Santa Clara
Avinger	Gilmer	Mineola	Schertz
Beeville	Goliad	Montgomery	Scottsville
Bellaire	Grapeland	Mount Vernon	Seguin
Bevil Oaks	Groveton	Nacogdoches	Selma
Big Sandy	Hallettsville	Naples	Shepherd
Bullard	Hallsville	New Boston	Sinton
Carthage	Hawkins	New Braunfels	Smithville
Center	Henderson	New Waverly	South Houston
China	Hideaway	Noonday	Southside Place
Clear Lake Shores	Hillcrest Village	Nordheim	Talco
Cleveland	Hitchcock	Omaha	Tenaha
Colmesneil	Hooks	Palacios	Timpson
Converse	Hudson	Panorama Village	Trinity
Corrigan	Hughes Springs	Pine Forest	Troup
Crockett	Jacinto City	Pinehurst	Uhland
Cut and Shoot	Jasper	Pleak	Uncertain
Daingerfield	Jefferson	Pleasanton	Van
Danbury	Jones Creek	Poteet	Vidor
Dayton	Kenedy	Poth	Warren City
Diboll	Kirbyville	Queen City	Weimar
Douglassville	Latexo	Richwood	West Orange
Eagle Lake	Leary	Roman Forest	West University Place
East Mountain	Liverpool	Rose City	Weston Lakes
El Campo	Livingston	San Augustine	Whitehouse
El Lago	Lovelady	San Diego	Willis
Elkhart	Lufkin	San Marcos	Willis Point

**CUSTOMER NOTICE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION
PROGRAM RATE
AVISO AL CLIENTE SOBRE LA TARIFA DEL
PROGRAMA PARA EL AHORRO DE ENERGÍA**

Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Sections 104.402 and 104.403, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (the “Company”), filed an application for an Energy Conservation Program Portfolio (“ECP Portfolio”) to recover costs through an Energy Conservation Program Rate (“ECP Rate”) with the Railroad Commission of Texas on August 16, 2024. This proposed ECP Rate applies to all standard sales service customers served by the Company in the cities and unincorporated areas listed below comprising the Company’s Houston, South Texas, Texas Coast, and Beaumont/East Texas geographic rate areas.

Houston Geographic Rate Area: Bellaire, Bunker Hill Village, Conroe, Cut and Shoot, Deer Park, Galena Park, Hedwig Village, Hilshire Village, Houston, Humble, Hunters Creek Village, Jacinto City, Jersey Village, Magnolia, Meadows Place, Missouri City, Montgomery, Nassau Bay, New Caney, New Waverly, Oak Ridge North, Panorama Village, Pasadena, Piney Point Village, Porter, Roman Forest, Shenandoah, South Houston, Southside Place, Spring, Spring Valley Village, Stafford, Tomball, The Woodlands Township, West University Place, Willis, and Woodbranch Village.

South Texas Geographic Rate Area: Agua Dulce, Alice, Aransas Pass, Austin, Banquete, Bastrop, Beeville, Bishop, Blessing, Bloomington, Bruni, Buda, Cibolo, Converse, D’Hanis, Driscoll, Eagle Lake, Edna, Edroy, El Campo, Elgin, Falls City, Floresville, Freer, Ganado, Garden Ridge, Giddings, Goliad, Gregory, Hallettsville, Hebbronville, Hondo, Inez, Ingleside, Ingleside on the Bay, Jourdanton, Karnes City, Kenedy, Kingsville, Kyle, LaCoste, La Grange, Laredo, Lolita, Louise, Marion, Mathis, McQueeney, Mirando City, New Braunfels, Niederwald, Nordheim, Odem, Oilton, Orange Grove, Palacios, Pettus, Placedo, Pleasanton, Point Comfort, Port Lavaca, Portland, Poteet, Poth, Premont, Refugio, Runge, San Diego, San Marcos, Sandy Oaks, Santa Clara, Schertz, Schulenburg, Seadrift, Seguin, Selma, Sinton, Skidmore, Smithville, Taft, Tuleta, Umland, Universal City, Vanderbilt, Victoria, Weimar, and Yorktown.

Texas Coast Geographic Rate Area: Alvin, Angleton, Arcola, Bacliff, Barrett, Baytown, Beach City, Beasley, Boling, Brookshire, Brookside Village, Channel Area, Clear Lake Shores, Clute, Columbia Lakes, Crosby, Damon, Danbury, Dickinson, East Bernard, El Lago, Freeport, Friendswood, Fulshear, Glen Flora, Highlands, Hillcrest Village, Hitchcock, Hungerford, Iago, Iowa Colony, Jones

Creek, Katy, Kemah, Kendleton, La Marque, La Porte, Lake Jackson, League City, Liverpool, Manvel, Mont Belvieu, Morgan's Point, Needville, New Gulf, Old Ocean, Orchard, Oyster Creek, Pearland, Pecan Grove, Pleak, Richmond, Richwood, Rosenberg, Rosharon, San Leon, Santa Fe, Seabrook, Shoreacres, Sienna Plantation, Simonton, Sugar Land, Taylor Lake Village, Teal Run, Texas City, Van Vleck, Wallis, Webster, West Columbia, Weston Lakes, and Wharton.

Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Area: Ames, Anahuac, Arp, Atlanta, Avinger, Beaumont, Beauxart Gardens, Beckville, Bevil Oaks, Big Sandy, Bloomburg, Bridge City, Bronson, Bullard, Buna, Carthage, Center, Central, Cheek, China, Clarksville City, Cleveland, Colmesneil, Corrigan, Crockett, Daingerfield, Dayton, De Berry, De Kalb, Diboll, Dodge, Douglassville, East Mountain, Eastham Farm, Edgewood, Elkhart, Ellis Ferguson Farm, Elysian Fields, Evadale, Fruitvale, Fuller Springs, Gilmer, Gladewater, Goodrich, Grand Saline, Grapeland, Groveton, Hallsville, Hawkins, Henderson, Hideaway, Hooks, Hudson, Hughes Springs, Huntsville, Jacksonville, Jasper, Jefferson, Jonesville, Kilgore, Kirbyville, Latexo, Leary, Leggett, Liberty, Lindale, Linden, Livingston, Lone Star, Longview, Lovelady, Lufkin, Lumberton, Marshall, Maud, Mauriceville, McLeod, Mineola, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Nacogdoches, Naples, Neches, Nederland, New Boston, New London, New Willard, Noonday, North Cleveland, Omaha, Orange, Orangefield, Ore City, Overton, Pine Forest, Pinehurst, Pittsburg, Port Arthur, Price, Queen City, Red Lick, Redland, Riverside, Rose City, Rose Hill Acres, Rusk, San Augustine, Saratoga, Scottsville, Shepherd, Silsbee, Sour Lake, Stowell, Swan, Sylvan-Harmony, Talco, Tatum, Tenaha, Timpson, Trinity, Troup, Tyler, Uncertain, Union Grove, Van, Victory Gardens, Vidor, Warren City, Waskom, West Orange, White Oak, Whitehouse, Wills Point, Winfield, Winnie, and Winnsboro.

The ECP Portfolio includes the following Programs: 1) High Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program 2) Home Conservation Improvement Products Program 3) Residential New Home Construction Program 4) Affordable Housing Weatherization Program 5) Commercial Foodservice Program 6) Commercial Boiler Program 7) Commercial Solutions Program 8) CenterPoint Energy Education Program, and 9) Natural Gas Generator Program.

The Company proposes to increase the customer's monthly bill by the amount listed below. The proposed ECP Rate effective date is January 1, 2025.

TABLE 1 - Impact on Average Bill for Houston Geographic Rate Area

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Proposed ECP Volumetric Rate (per Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Increase	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> Residential-31 Ccf	\$0.01624	\$45.55	\$46.05	\$0.50	1.1%	2.0%
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-166 Ccf	\$0.00737	\$152.81	\$154.03	\$1.22	0.8%	3.0%
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> General Service-Large Volume-2,353 Ccf	\$0.00759	\$2,201.32	\$2,219.18	\$17.86	0.8%	2.9%

TABLE 2 - Impact on Average Bill for South Texas Geographic Rate Area

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Proposed ECP Volumetric Rate (per Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Increase	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> Residential-21 Ccf	\$0.01624	\$49.34	\$49.68	\$0.34	0.7%	1.0%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> Residential-21 Ccf	\$0.01591	\$48.85	\$49.18	\$0.33	0.7%	0.9%
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-164 Ccf	\$0.00737	\$184.95	\$186.16	\$1.21	0.7%	1.6%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-164 Ccf	\$0.00722	\$182.19	\$183.37	\$1.18	0.6%	1.6%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> General Service-Large Volume-3,164 Ccf	\$0.00744	\$2,616.45	\$2,639.99	\$23.54	0.9%	4.5%

TABLE 3 - Impact on Average Bill for Texas Coast Geographic Rate Area

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Proposed ECP Volumetric Rate (per Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Increase	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> Residential-31 Ccf	\$0.01624	\$45.49	\$45.99	\$0.50	1.1%	2.0%
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-127 Ccf	\$0.00737	\$123.84	\$124.78	\$0.94	0.8%	2.5%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> General Service-Large Volume-2,471 Ccf	\$0.00744	\$2,255.33	\$2,273.71	\$18.38	0.8%	3.0%

TABLE 4 - Impact on Average Bill for Beaumont/East Texas Geographic Rate Area

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Proposed ECP Volumetric Rate (per Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Increase	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> Residential-34 Ccf	\$0.01624	\$59.74	\$60.29	\$0.55	0.9%	1.5%
<u>At 14.73 pressure base:</u> Residential-34 Ccf	\$0.01600	\$59.22	\$59.76	\$0.54	0.9%	1.5%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> Residential-34 Ccf	\$0.01591	\$59.04	\$59.58	\$0.54	0.9%	1.5%
<u>At 14.95 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-150 Ccf	\$0.00737	\$158.63	\$159.74	\$1.11	0.7%	1.9%
<u>At 14.73 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-150 Ccf	\$0.00726	\$157.00	\$158.09	\$1.09	0.7%	1.9%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> General Service-Small-150 Ccf	\$0.00722	\$156.40	\$157.48	\$1.08	0.7%	1.9%
<u>At 14.65 pressure base:</u> General Service-Large Volume-2,660 Ccf	\$0.00744	\$2,047.07	\$2,066.86	\$19.79	1.0%	6.8%

Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact the Company at 800-752-8036. A copy of the filing will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the Company's office at 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 or on the Company's website at CenterPointEnergy.com/TXECPFiling.

Any affected person may file written comments concerning this proposed ECP Portfolio with Gas Services by email to MOS@rrc.texas.gov and with the Company at CNPEE@CenterPointEnergy.com. Please reference Case No. 00018173 in your written comment.

De acuerdo con las Secciones 104.402 y 104.403 del Código de Servicios Públicos de Texas, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex y CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas (la "Compañía"), presentó una solicitud para el *Energy Conservation Program Portfolio* ("*ECP Portfolio*") para recuperar costos a través de una Tarifa del Programa para el Ahorro de Energía ("Tarifa ECP") con la Comisión de Ferrocarriles de Texas (*Railroad Commission of Texas*) el 16 de agosto de 2024. La Tarifa ECP propuesta aplica para todos los clientes de servicios de ventas estándar que suministra la Compañía en las ciudades y áreas no incorporadas, abarca las zonas geográficas tarifarias de la Compañía en Houston, Costa de Texas, Sur de Texas y Beaumont/Este de Texas.

El *ECP Portfolio* incluye los siguientes programas: 1) Programa de descuentos en equipos de alta eficiencia 2) Programa de productos para mejorar la conservación del hogar 3) Programa de construcción de viviendas nuevas residenciales 4) Programa asequible de climatización de viviendas 5) Programa comercial de servicio de alimentos 6) Programa comercial de calderas 7) Programa de soluciones comerciales 8) Programa de educación energética de CenterPoint Energy y 9) Programa de generadores de gas natural.

La Compañía propone aumentar la factura mensual del cliente. La tasa ECP propuesta entra en vigor el 1 de enero de 2025.

Las personas que tengan preguntas o deseen obtener más información sobre esta solicitud pueden comunicarse con la Compañía al 800-752-8036. Una copia de la solicitud estará disponible para su inspección durante horarios oficina regulares de la Compañía en 1111 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 o en el sitio web de la Compañía en CenterPointEnergy.com/TXECPFiling.

Cualquier persona afectada puede presentar comentarios por escrito sobre este *ECP Portfolio* ante los Servicios de Gas por correo electrónico a MOS@rrc.texas.gov y ante la Compañía en CNPEE@CenterPointEnergy.com. Por favor haga referencia al Caso No. 00018173 en su comentario escrito.

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AFFIDAVIT OF TERRI WILSON LESTER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Terri Wilson Lester known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed below, and being by me first duly sworn, stated upon oath as follows:

1. "My name is Terri Wilson Lester. I am Director of Customer Billing for CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC, a position I assumed in June 2023. I have 23 years of experience in the natural gas utility industry. I am fully competent to make this affidavit, and each statement of fact herein is true of my own personal knowledge.
2. Notice of the filing in this proceeding will be accomplished for residential, small commercial, and large volume customers by bill insert scheduled to be processed as soon as practicable following Railroad Commission approval of the form of notice."

Terri Wilson Lester
Terri Wilson Lester

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 5 day of August 2024.

Alice S Hart
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires 07/17/27

