
CenterPoint Energy statement on Hurricane Beryl cost determination filing

HOUSTON – May 2, 2025 – Hurricane Beryl was one of the most unpredictable and devastating hurricanes to impact the Greater Houston area in decades, resulting in more than 2.2 million CenterPoint customers without power and an estimated \$7.4 billion in total damage across our communities and electrical infrastructure. In response, CenterPoint mobilized approximately 2,000 frontline personnel and an additional 13,000 mutual aid partners from 30 other states. CenterPoint restored power to more than 2 million customers in 11 days.

Today, CenterPoint filed a cost determination application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and began the regulatory process to recover costs related to Hurricane Beryl preparation, repair and restoration work as well as two other storms (Hurricane Francine and Winter Storm Enzo). The estimated costs related to these three storms is approximately \$1.3 billion. In June, CenterPoint expects to file a separate application with the PUCT related to this recovery to allow CenterPoint to securitize the recoverable costs from today's application. Securitization of these costs is expected to benefit our customers by reducing the overall impact on customer bills by using a mechanism to achieve lower cost financing for this restoration work than traditional utility financing. By utilizing securitization financing with a lower-cost interest charge over a longer period of time, CenterPoint anticipates its proposal will save our 2.8 million customers an estimated nearly \$200 million in interest charges based on current conditions and will be an estimated 90 percent lower cost than if recovery had been sought for one year versus 15 years. As of today, CenterPoint estimates its proposal will result in a surcharge of approximately 6 cents per day for the average residential customer.

Overall, CenterPoint's securitization of the Hurricane Beryl, Hurricane Francine and Winter Storm Enzo costs, coupled with our recent agreement to reduce our base rates by \$50 million per year and the cost savings related to removing 15 large emergency generation units from customer bills to support the State of Texas' energy needs, means that customer bills are expected to remain essentially flat in the coming years. Our proposal reflects our ongoing commitment to customer affordability while we continue to prioritize critical grid investments to achieve our goal of becoming the most resilient coastal grid in the country.

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