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To whom it may concern:

In a continuous effort to address safety and maintenance concerns within Utility Easements, CenterPoint Energy, The Greater Houston Builders Association (GHBA), and the City of Houston have allied to further encourage unobstructed easement areas.

Revised Language Effective – May 1, 2015

Members of the following organizations have vetted and approved the final language that will be required on all plats submitted to the City of Houston.

City of Houston
Plat Note – Revised
CenterPoint, COH & GHBA (Dry Utility Task Force thru Developer's Council)

“Absent written authorization by the affected utilities, all utility and aerial easements must be kept unobstructed from any non-utility improvements or obstructions by the property owner. Any unauthorized improvements or obstructions may be removed by any public utility at the property owner’s expense. While wooden posts and paneled wooden fences along the perimeter and back to back easements and alongside rear lots lines are permitted, they too may be removed by public utilities at the property owner’s expense should they be an obstruction. Public utilities may put said wooden posts and paneled wooden fences back up, but generally will not replace with new fencing.”

Previous Language required by COH and CenterPoint – 7/1/14

“Absent written authorization by the affected utilities, all CenterPoint Energy and City of Houston utility easements must be kept unobstructed by the property owner. Any unauthorized improvements or obstructions may be removed by the utility at the property owner’s expense.”

Plats submitted for approval and acceptance by CenterPoint Energy and the City of Houston will be reviewed as normal provided the language above is noted. Neither CenterPoint Energy nor the City of Houston will approve or accept any plats which do not indicate said language.

In addition to the aforementioned plat language change effective May 1, 2015, CenterPoint Energy and the GHBA have agreed on some necessary changes to the standard Public Utility and Aerial Easement (PU & AE) document.

The intention of the PU & AE document is for those easements being dedicated outside the perimeters of platted areas.

No changes to the PU & AE document should be made aside from standard property/easement descriptions and/or the inclusion or exclusion of aerial easement language.

If any changes to the PU & AE document are found, other than those mentioned above, CenterPoint Energy will not move forward with the project associated until the issues are resolved.

A word file of the PU & AE document can be found at:

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/services/andmore/surveyingandrightofway>

These changes will assist all interested parties in better serving our mutual clients and customers. CenterPoint Energy greatly appreciates your continued support and cooperation to ensure safe and reliable utility delivery.

CenterPoint Energy



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