

ORDINANCE NO. 20171214-053

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A RATE INCREASE PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO CENTERPOINT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation filed a “Statement of Intent” with the City of Austin and the other Central-Texas municipalities to increase its rates for natural gas service.

PART 2. The City is authorized under Section 104.107 of the Texas Utilities Code to suspend the effective date of an increase in gas rates for 90 days in order to evaluate the effect of such a rate increase and to determine, by conducting hearings if necessary whether the rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable to all classes of ratepayers.

PART 3. In accordance with Section 104.107 of the Texas Utility Code, the Council suspends the effective date of the proposed increase for 90 days, so that the City may analyze information provided by CenterPoint and evaluate the proposed rate increase.

PART 4. The Council directs the city manager to: work in coalition with the other affected Central-Texas municipalities and the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities South Texas Division in the review and evaluation of whether the proposed rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable; and, if necessary, intervene as a necessary party in the Railroad Commission of Texas consideration of the CenterPoint’s rate filing as it affects the customers in the unincorporated areas of the Central-Texas region.

PART 5. In accordance with Section 103.022, CenterPoint is directed to reimburse all municipal rate case expenses incurred by the City in relation to the filing.

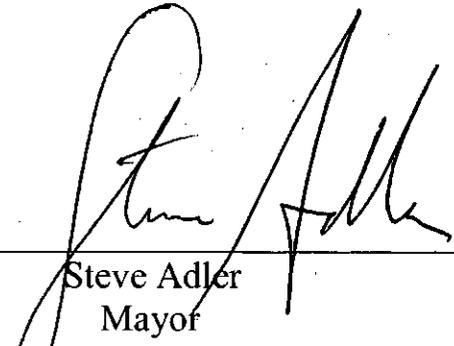
PART 6. Notice of this ordinance is hereby provided to CenterPoint.

PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on December 25, 2017.

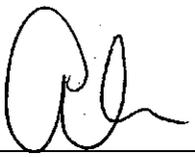
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December 14, 2017

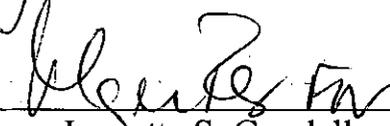
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Mayor

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