

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-38**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, ("CITY") REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., SOUTH TEXAS DIVISION, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING CENTERPOINT'S PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "ALLIANCE OF CENTERPOINT MUNICIPALITIES;" DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS:** on or about March 3, 2022 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., South Texas Division ("CenterPoint") filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP"), resulting in a requested increase in the monthly customer charges as shown in the table below:

<b>Rate Schedule</b>	<b>Current Customer Charge</b>	<b>Proposed 2022 Interim Rate Adjustment</b>	<b>Adjusted Charge</b>	<b>Increase Per Bill</b>
R-2097-I-GRIP 2022; R-2097-U-GRIP 2022 Residential	\$24.92 per customer per month	\$2.11 per customer per month	\$27.03 per customer per month	\$2.11 per customer per month
GSS-2097-I-GRIP 2022; GSS- 2097-U-GRIP 2022 General Service Small	\$37.05 per customer per month	\$4.37 per customer per month	\$41.42 per customer per month	\$4.37 per customer per month
GSLV-628-I-GRIP 2022; GSLV- 628-U-GRIP 2022 General Service Large Volume	\$174.04 per customer per month	\$36.29 per customer per month	\$210.33 per customer per month	\$36.29 per customer per month

and

**WHEREAS:** The City has a responsibility to exercise due diligence with regard to rate increases of monopoly utilities who operate within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS:** The application to increase rates by CenterPoint is complex; and

**WHEREAS:** It is necessary to suspend CenterPoint's proposed effective date of May 2, 2022, for its increase in rates for forty-five days so that the City can assure itself that the data and calculations in CenterPoint's rate application are in accordance with the Section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act; and

**WHEREAS:** The effective date proposed by CenterPoint is May 2, 2022 but a suspension by the City will mean that the rate increase cannot go into effect prior to June 16, 2022.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROPP, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** That the statements and findings set out in the preamble to this resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.

**Section 2.** The City suspends the requested effective date by CenterPoint for forty-five days pursuant to the authority granted the City under Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code. The City finds that additional time is needed in order to review the data and calculations that provide the basis for the rate increase application.

**Section 3.** The City shall continue its participation with other cities that are part of a coalition of cities known as the Alliance of CenterPoint Municipalities.


**Section 4.** The City authorizes the law firm of Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC, to act on its behalf in connection with CenterPoint's application to increase rates.

**Section 5.** To the extent allowed by law, CenterPoint is ordered to pay the City's reasonable rate case expenses incurred in response to CenterPoint's rate increase application within 30 days of receipt of invoices for such expenses.

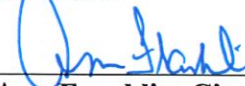
**Section 6.** The meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**Section 7.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
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Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ann Franklin, City Secretary