

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF _____
SUSPENDING THE APRIL 10, 2008, EFFECTIVE DATE OF
CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A
CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT
ENERGY TEXAS GAS (CENTERPOINT) REQUESTED
RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY
THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE
RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE GULF
COAST COALITION OF CITIES AND OTHER CITIES IN
THE CENTERPOINT AREA TO HIRE LEGAL AND
CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH
THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY
LITIGATION AND APPEALS; RATIFYING THE
SELECTION OF LLOYD GOSSELINK AS LEGAL
COUNSEL; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES'
RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING
AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING
NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY
AND LEGAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2008, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas ("CenterPoint" or "Company"), pursuant to Gas Utility Regulatory Act § 104.102 filed with the City of _____ a Statement of Intent to change gas rates in all municipalities exercising original jurisdiction within its Texas Coast Division service area effective April 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable for the City of _____ to maintain its involvement in the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities ("GCCC") and to cooperate with the other similarly situated city members in conducting a review of the Company's application and to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants and to prepare a common response and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Gas Utility Regulatory Act § 104.107 grants local regulatory authorities the right to suspend the effective date of proposed rate changes for ninety (90) days; and

WHEREAS, the Gas Utility Regulatory Act § 103.022 provides that reasonable costs incurred by Cities in ratemaking activities are to be reimbursed by the regulated utility; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2008 simultaneous with the filing with the City, CenterPoint filed a Statement of Intent to change gas rates for the Texas Coast environs with the Railroad Commission of Texas referred to as Gas Utility Docket ("GUD") No. 9791.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, TEXAS:

1. That the April 10, 2008, effective date of the rate request submitted by CenterPoint on or about Mach 6, 2008, be suspended for the maximum period allowed by law to permit adequate time to review the proposed changes and to establish reasonable rates.
2. That the City is authorized to cooperate with GCCC and its member cities in the Texas Coast Division service area to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants, negotiate with the Company, make recommendations to the City regarding reasonable rates and to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of a rate ordinance and the rate case filed with the City or Railroad Commission.
3. That the selection of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink to represent the GCCC and its members in this matter is ratified.
4. That the City is authorized to intervene and participate in GUD No. 9791, Statement of Intent of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas to Increase Rates in the Unincorporated Areas of CenterPoint's Texas Coast Division, in order to protect the interests of the City.
5. That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by CenterPoint.
6. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.
7. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to CenterPoint, care of Denise Hardcastle, Director of Regulatory Activities and Compliance, CenterPoint Energy, P.O. Box 2628, Houston, Texas 77252-2528 and to Thomas Brocato, at Lloyd Gosselink, P.C., 816 Congress, Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

Mayor Pro Tem, City of _____

ATTEST:

