



AGENDA REQUEST FORM-CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: (Fill in Description)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent item | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion item |
| X Discussion and possible action | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |

Discussion and possible action on ORDINANCE NO. 2009-O-9A, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS (“CITY”) REJECTING THE REQUESTED RATE INCREASE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX (“CENTERPOINT”); FINDING CERTAIN COSTS TO BE UNREASONABLE; SETTING AND ESTABLISHING RATES AND TARIFFS; ORDERING THE REFUND OF BASE RATE INCREASES IMPLEMENTED ON AUGUST 1, 2009; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW RATES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE TOPICS SET FORTH IN THIS CAPTION.

Requested by: Greg Smith

Budgeted amount: Not applicable. **Funds requested:** Not applicable.

Attachments: (Attachment description)

Ordinance No. 2009-O-9A with attachments.

Summary Statement:

After you suspended CenterPoint’s request to increase gas rates for 90 days until October 30, 2009, they disregarded your Suspension Resolution and put their rates into effect on August 1 of this year. Since that time, the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition of Cities (TCUC) hired Diversified Utility Consultants, who indicated in their reports that a good portion of CenterPoint’s rate increase was unjustified. This Ordinance is consistent with a similar ordinance passed by Baytown, another member of TCUC. The Ordinance declares CenterPoint’s base rate increase put in effect on August 1, 2009 unlawful, requires it to refund the increase between July 31 and October 29, 2009, adopts tariffs, includes a penalty not to exceed \$500 for violations and makes other findings.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends you adopt the Ordinance.