



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 21-3605, **Agenda Item #:** 65.

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### **Posting Language**

Set a public hearing regarding CenterPoint Energy's proposal to change customer natural gas rates and to adopt an Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider. (Suggested date: January 27, 2022, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department - Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Office.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

Approval of Ordinance No. 20150212-037 - CenterPoint gas franchise.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission on January 18, 2022.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

On November 3, 2021, CenterPoint Energy, South Division, filed a proposed Pilot Energy Efficiency Program and corresponding rate increase for its customers in the City of Austin.

CenterPoint is required to offer an energy-efficiency program to customers per their franchise agreement once they exceed 5,000 Austin customers. With currently less than 2,000 Austin customers, CenterPoint has proposed to design, implement, monitor, and evaluate a pilot energy efficiency program sooner than required.

The tariff will require CenterPoint to true-up actual program costs and energy efficiency revenues to reconcile any over/under-collection. The Financial Services Department will work with CenterPoint to evaluate the projected budget, annual energy savings and net economic benefits that CenterPoint is planning to achieve in the first year of the program.

Article XI of the City Charter requires that City Council conduct a public hearing before taking action on the proposed rates.

Staff recommends Council approve setting a public hearing to consider this new tariff with a suggested date of January 27, 2022.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

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