

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03**

AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR GAS SERVICE PROPOSED BY **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS**, AS REFLECTED IN THE ORIGINAL "STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE GAS UTILITY RATES" FILED BY **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS**, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 27, 2015, WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF THE **CITY OF BEACH CITY**; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS** CONTAINING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 27, 2015 **CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS** ("CenterPoint Texas") filed with the CITY OF BEACH CITY (City) a "Statement of Intent to Increase Gas Utility Rates" ("Rate Filing") under which proposed increased rates charged by CenterPoint Texas would go into effect in the City on May 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates proposed in CenterPoint Texas' Rate Filing with the City would result in an increase per month of approximately \$1.20 for the average residential customer imposed by CenterPoint Texas in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the public interest will be best served by denying the New Rates, and maintaining in effect the Current Rates because they promote the adequate and efficient provision of service, are just and reasonable and are in compliance with all applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEACH CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

**SECTION 1**

The proposed rate increase for gas service proposed by CenterPoint Texas, as reflected in the original "STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCREASE GAS UTILITY RATES" filed by CenterPoint Texas, on or about March 27, 2015 is hereby DENIED.

**SECTION 2**

All of the declarations and findings contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are made a part hereof and shall be fully effective as part of the ordained subject matter of this Ordinance.

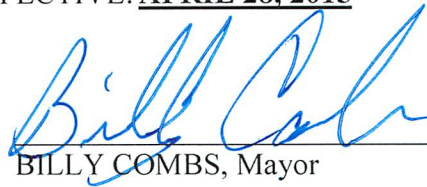
**SECTION 3**

If any portion, section or part of a section of this Ordinance is subsequently declared invalid, inoperative or void for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions, sections or parts of sections of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect and shall not in any way be impaired or affected by such decision, opinion or judgment.

**SECTION 4**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption. The City Secretary is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to CenterPoint Texas, care of Randal M. Pryor, at 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-5231 P.O. Box 2628 Houston, TX. 77252-2628.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE: APRIL 28, 2015

  
BILLY COMBS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
EVONNE DONNELLY, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
DANIEL R. JACKSON, City Attorney