



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: March 10, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Courtney Sladek, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-13 Suspending the April 18, 2026, Effective Date of the Proposal by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. to Implement Interim GRIP Rate Adjustments for Gas Utility Investment in 2025 and Requiring Delivery of this Resolution to the Company and Legal Counsel

BACKGROUND: Council is being asked to consider approval of Resolution R2026-13, which formally suspends the proposed interim GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) rate adjustments filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

On February 17, 2026, CenterPoint filed notice with the City and the Railroad Commission of Texas of its intent to implement interim rate increases effective April 18, 2026. These increases are associated with infrastructure investments made in 2025 and are authorized under Texas Utilities Code § 104.301.

As a regulatory authority over gas utilities operating within city limits, the City of El Campo has both the right and the responsibility to review proposed rate adjustments to ensure compliance with state law and to protect the interests of our ratepayers. The filing proposes increases that would affect all customers served within the applicable geographic rate areas.

The attached resolution suspends the April 18 effective date for the maximum period allowed by statute. This suspension does not deny the request; rather, it provides the City and its legal counsel adequate time to:

- Review the Company's filing and supporting documentation
- Analyze the proposed investment recovery
- Coordinate with other similarly situated municipalities
- Determine whether the proposed rate adjustments are reasonable and compliant

This action is procedural but important. Without a suspension, the rate increase would automatically go into effect on the proposed date.

A copy of the Resolution will be delivered to CenterPoint and to the City's legal counsel at Lloyd Gosselink for further review, as outlined in the document.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R2026-13 Suspending the Proposed GRIP rate adjustment to allow adequate time for review and analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. R2026-13 Centerpoint.pdf](#)