

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

SURETY BOND

EFFECTIVE DATE:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. _____

That _____, as Principal, (hereinafter called "Principal") and _____, a _____ corporation with general offices located at _____, as Surety, (hereinafter called "Surety") are now held and firmly bound unto CenterPoint Energy, its successors and assigns, as Oblige, (hereinafter called "Obligee") in the sum of \$ _____ Dollars, (_____) to be paid to Obligee at its office in Houston, Harris County, Texas for which payment well and truly to be made, Principal and Surety, and each of them, do bind themselves and their respective successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is if principal shall pay Obligee all amounts owed by Principal to Obligee for gas and gas service furnished and rendered to the account of Principal by Obligee at the service address of _____ of in the City of _____, County of _____, Texas from the date such service was commenced through the date such service is terminated, then this obligation shall be void, it being understood that the obligation of the Surety to pay amounts owed to Obligee retroactive to the date such service to the Principal at the aforementioned address commenced so that the amounts owed to Obligee for which Surety can be required to pay include amounts owed for gas and gas service furnished prior to the date of this bond as well as such service rendered from and after the date of the bond; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "Principal" shall include the Principal and any affiliate of the Principal.

Surety may, by giving Obligee 60 days written notice thereof by certified mail addressed to CenterPoint Energy, Post Office Box 2628, Houston Texas 77252-2628 cancel this bond as to amounts owed by Principal as a result of gas or gas service furnished or rendered by Obligee to Principal after the effective date of such cancellation. Upon receipt of such notice of cancellation, Obligee shall have the right, but no the duty, to discontinue service to the Principal's premises hereinabove described without prior notice.

Surety hereby waives notice (i) of the amount owed by Principal to Obligee, (ii) of any extension of time granted by Obligee to principal, and (iii) of any forbearance by Obligee in favor of Principal, Surety further waives its right to require that Obligee institute suit against Principal for any amount owed by Principal to Obligee for gas or gas service furnished or rendered by Obligee to Principal at Principal's premises hereinabove described, it being the intent of this bond that if Principal fails or refuses to pay any such amount to Obligee, Surety will pay same to Obligee upon demand by Obligee. Obligee, at its sole discretion, may grant Surety additional time to furnish said payment, but in no event shall this extension of time exceed 30 days. Amounts paid by Surety to Obligee hereunder shall be credited against Surety's maximum obligation hereunder but shall not otherwise effect Surety's obligations under this bond.

Principal and Surety agree that in any suit successfully prosecuted on this bond by Obligee, Obligee shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any other amount recovered by Obligee, the reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Obligee in prosecuting said suit. Principal and Surety further agree that venue for all suits prosecuted on this bond may be maintained in Harris County, Texas. Principal and Surety further agree that Obligee does not, either by accepting this bond or by accepting any payment from Surety under this bond, waive its rights to discontinue, without prior notice, gas service to Principal's premises hereinabove described in the event Principal fails or refuses to pay any amount owed by Principal to Obligee for gas or gas service furnished or rendered by Obligee to Principal at Principal's premises hereinabove described; provided, however, Obligee shall be under no duty to exercise such rights. EXECUTED this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

PRINCIPAL

By _____

SURETY

By _____

Countersignature
N/A

Texas Registered Agent