

Court Advisory

Fourth Court of Appeals
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Fourth Court of Appeals to Hear Oral Argument

The Fourth Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in one appeal on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m., before the following panel of justices: Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, Justice Patricia O. Alvarez, and Justice Beth Watkins.

The following appeal will be presented:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. v. Fernando Ramirez and Minerva Ramirez - CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. appeals a judgment entered against it based on a jury verdict. The jury found in favor of Fernando and Minerva Ramirez and awarded them \$6,966,812.08 in damages. On appeal, CenterPoint contends its tariff precludes liability against it for the Ramirezes' claims. Alternatively, CenterPoint contends the evidence is legally and factually insufficient to support the jury's findings on the Ramirezes' negligence and negligent undertaking claims, and the trial court erred in refusing to disregard the jury's finding of negligence per se because it was based on the City of Laredo's building ordinances which cannot support a negligence per se claim against CenterPoint as a matter of law.

The oral arguments will be held in the Fourth Court's Courtroom, Caden-Reeves Justice Center, Third Floor, 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas.