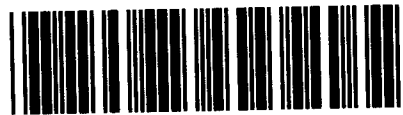




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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 2

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this response to Order No. 2.

I. BACKGROUND

On September 30, 2010, El Paso Electric Company (EPE) filed a Petition seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct an 87 Megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired unit at EPE's existing Rio Grande Generation Station in the City of Sunland Park, in southeast New Mexico. On October 22, 2010, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 2 requiring the parties to propose a procedural schedule by November 22, 2010. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff has conferred with all parties and the parties propose that the following schedule be approved:

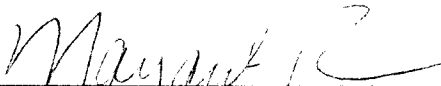
Deadline for Requesting a Hearing	December 8, 2010
Deadline to file a Joint Proposed Order or file Proposed Procedural Schedule(s) if a hearing is requested	December 21, 2010

Dated: November 22, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy Division Director
Legal Division

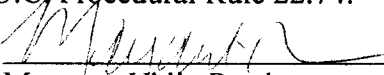


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 22nd day of November, 2010 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.



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