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APPLICATION OF EL PASO § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
ELECTRIC COMPANY TO ADJUST §
ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST § OF TEXAS
RECOVERY FACTOR AND §
ESTABLISH REVISED COST CAP §

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR A HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Hearing. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On May 1, 2019, El Paso Electric Company (EPE), filed an application to revise its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF) and establish a revised cost cap pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 25.181-182. On May 2, 2019, the Commission issued an Order of Referral, referring this matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Under 16 TAC §§ 25.182(d)(9)(E), if a hearing is requested "within 30 days of the filing of the application, the presiding officer shall set a procedural schedule that will enable the commission to issue a final order in the proceeding within 180 days after a sufficient application was filed." In addition, the aforementioned rule states that if a hearing is requested, the "hearing will be held no earlier than the first working day after the 45th day after a sufficient application is filed." EPE filed its application on May 1, 2019. Since this request for a hearing is filed within thirty days of the application's filing, the request, if granted, will be guided by the requirements established in 16 TAC §§ 25.182(d)(9)(E). Staff now timely requests that a hearing be held in this proceeding.

II. REQUEST FOR A HEARING

Staff requests a hearing in this proceeding so that a factual record may be further developed by the parties.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that its request for a hearing in this proceeding be granted.

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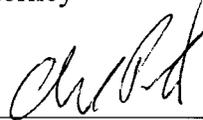
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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on May 22, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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