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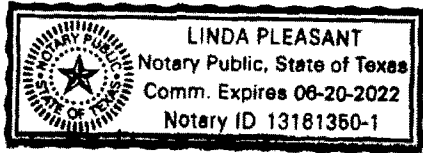
STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF EL PASO)


BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Curtis Hutcheson, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

1. My name is Curtis Hutcheson. I am at least 21 years of age and am fully competent to make this statement. Additionally, I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. I am Supervisor-Regulatory Case Management for El Paso Electric Company's (EPE) Regulatory Affairs Department and am responsible for rate and regulatory filings and compliance with the various regulatory requirements of the jurisdictions in which EPE operates.
3. On May 1, 2019, EPE filed an application entitled "Application of El Paso Electric for Approval to Revise Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Request to Establish Revised Cost Cap." EPE's application was assigned Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 49496.
4. On May 1, 2019, I sent by First Class U. S. mail a copy of the notice of EPE's filing in Docket No. 49496 to all parties that participated in EPE's last base rate proceeding (Docket No. 46831), which includes all of the parties that participated in EPE's last EECRF proceeding (Docket No. 48332). I also sent a copy of the notice by First Class U. S. mail to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which is the state agency responsible for administering the federal weatherization program.
5. On May 1, 2019, EPE hand delivered the notice and a copy of the filing to Norman Gordon (Counsel for the City of El Paso), Karla Neiman (City Attorney for the City of El Paso), and Dee Margo (Mayor for the City of El Paso).
6. Attachment A to my affidavit is the notice sent to the parties.


CURTIS HUTCHESON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this
7th day of May, 2019.




Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My commission expires:
June 20, 2022

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
TO REVISE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND
REQUEST TO ESTABLISH REVISED COST CAP**

On May 1, 2019, El Paso Electric Company (EPE or the Company) submitted to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) its Application for Approval to Revise Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Request to Establish Revised Cost Cap (Application) as permitted under Section 39.905(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) and under 16 Tex. Admin Code § 25.182(d) (TAC) relating to recovery of costs for energy efficiency programs. The filing was assigned Docket No. 49496 by the PUCT. EPE requested that its revised energy efficiency cost recovery factor (EECRF) become effective beginning with the first billing cycle of its January 2020 billing month. All EPE retail electric customers in its Texas service area that fall within the classes subject to the EECRF will be affected by approval of the Company's Application.

EPE's proposed EECRF rates for commercial customers in aggregate is projected to exceed the cost cap prescribed by 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(7). Therefore, pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(2), EPE requested that the Commission find good cause to revise the Company's cost cap to permit the Company to recover energy efficiency costs necessary to achieve the 2020 energy efficiency goal.

In its Application, EPE requested to recover through its 2020 EECRF approximately \$5,485,386 in energy efficiency costs, reflecting the following five components:

- 1) \$4,675,650 in projected energy efficiency program costs for 2018;
- 2) a \$809,281 performance bonus based on the Company's 2018 energy efficiency program performance;
- 3) EPE's prior year EECRF proceeding expenses of \$202,746;
- 4) a \$260,655 true-up adjustment representing EPE's net over-recovery of 2018 program costs actually incurred, including interest; and,
- 5) Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (EM&V) costs of \$58,364.

Under EPE's EECRF request, based on EPE's current base rates and fixed fuel factor (established in PUCT Docket No. 46831), a residential customer using 625 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would be charged \$0.63 per month, which is approximately \$0.03 lower on

average per month than the EECRF approved in EPE's last EECRF proceeding, PUCT Docket No. 48332. The Company's requested EECRF rates are as follows:

Description	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery	
	Factor	\$/kWh
Residential Service Rate	\$	0.001014
Small Commercial Service Rate	\$	0.001172
Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	\$	0.000000
Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	\$	0.000035
Governmental Traffic Signal Service	(\$	0.000072)
Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	(\$	0.000002)
Water Heating	(\$	0.000077)
Irrigation Service Rate	(\$	0.000008)
General Service Rate	\$	0.001019
Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	\$	0.000676
Cotton Gin Service Rate	\$	0.000258
City and County Service Rate	\$	0.002648
Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$	0.000258
Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$	0.000258

Persons with questions or who want more information about EPE's Application may contact the Company at 100 N. Stanton St., El Paso, Texas 79901, or call 1-800-351-1621, then 7, then ext. 4354, during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission will review EPE's Application, establish an intervention date for interested persons, and determine whether EPE's Application should be approved. The Commission's proceeding to review EPE's Application has been assigned Docket No. 49496. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. All communications should refer to Docket No. 49496.