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NO. 46831 §

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This Order addresses El Paso Electric Company’s application to implement a second updated refund tariff for a federal income tax rate decrease in compliance with Docket No. 46831.¹ EPE proposes no change to the existing federal tax refund factors, but does propose the inclusion of additional tariff language to clarify that the refund factors do not apply to riders, such as the transmission cost recovery factor or the distribution cost recovery factor. EPE states that the riders already incorporate the lower corporate income tax rate. EPE requests approval of the language change with interim or final approval, effective April 1, 2020.

EPE proposes to provide a copy of this filing to the parties to its last rate proceeding in Docket No. 46831. However, EPE does not propose provision of this filing to existing customers as they will be unaffected by the addition of the tariff language.

By March 17, 2020, Commission Staff must file comments regarding EPE’s application and notice and propose an appropriate method for processing this proceeding.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 25th day of February 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


HUNTER BURKHALTER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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¹ Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates. Docket No. 46831, Order (Dec. 18, 2017).