



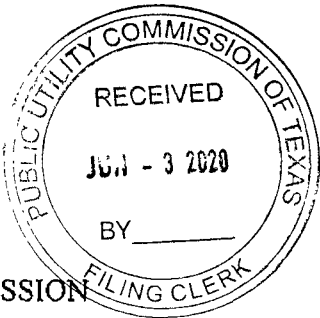
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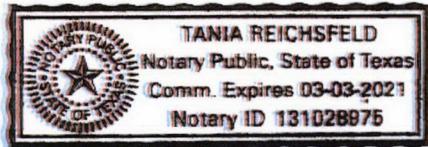
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Curtis Hutcheson, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

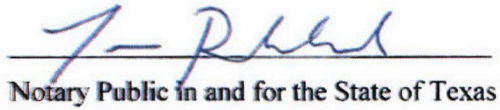
1. My name is Curtis Hutcheson. I am at least 21 years of age and am fully competent to make this statement. Additionally, I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. I am Supervisor-Regulatory Case Management for El Paso Electric 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, 2020, 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 (Commission) Docket No. 50806.
4. On May 6, 2020, I sent by email or mail a copy of the notice of EPE's filing in Docket No. 50806 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. 49496). I also sent by email a copy of the notice to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which is the state agency responsible for administering the federal weatherization program.
5. Commission Staff counsel was mistakenly omitted from the email notice sent on May 6, 2020, however, the application was filed with the Commission on May 1, 2020.
6. Attachment A to my affidavit is a copy of the notice that was sent to the parties and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

7. Attachment B to my affidavit is the email sent to the parties and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

  
CURTIS HUTCHESON

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME**, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this  
3 day of May, 2020.



  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires:

3-3-2021

**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, 2020, 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. 50806 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 2021 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 2021 energy efficiency goal.

In its Application, EPE requested to recover through its 2021 EECRF approximately \$5,977,584 in energy efficiency costs, reflecting the following five components:

- 1) \$4,685,552 in projected energy efficiency program costs for 2021;
- 2) a \$1,175,558 performance bonus based on the Company's 2019 energy efficiency program performance;
- 3) EPE's prior year EECRF proceeding expenses of \$56,641;
- 4) a \$2,455 true-up adjustment representing EPE's net under-recovery of 2019 program costs actually incurred, including interest; and,
- 5) Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification (EM&V) costs of \$57,378.

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 the same on average per month as the EECRF approved in EPE's last EECRF proceeding, PUCT Docket No. 49496. The Company's requested EECRF rates are as follows:

Description	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor	\$/kWh
Residential Service Rate	\$	0.001010
Small Commercial Service Rate	\$	0.000933
Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	(\$	0.000002)
Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	\$	0.000302
Governmental Traffic Signal Service	\$	0.000422
Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	\$	0.000017
Water Heating	(\$	0.000035)
Irrigation Service Rate	\$	0.000037
General Service Rate	\$	0.000928
Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	\$	0.001585
Cotton Gin Service Rate	\$	0.000482
City and County Service Rate	\$	0.003493
Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$	0.000482
Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$	0.000482

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. 50806. 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. Additionally, due to issues related to COVID-19, persons should include in their requests to intervene their email addresses, fax numbers if available, or other information that can provide to the Commission a means of electronic service. 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. 50806.

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Good afternoon,

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Thank you,

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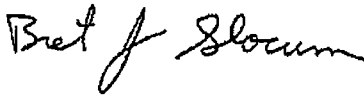


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and correct copy of this document was served by email or 1st Class U.S. Mail on all parties of record in this proceeding on June 3, 2020.



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Bret J. Slocum