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STAFF 1-1:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the administrative, and research and development costs outlined in Exhibit CAE-01, Table 10, at 23 for the 2019 program year. Provide copies of applicable invoices and contracts.

RESPONSE:

Please see Staff 1-1 Attachment 1-CONFIDENTIAL for a summary of the administrative, and research and development costs outlined in Exhibit CAE-01, Table 10, at page 23 for the 2019 program year. Please see Staff 1-1 Attachment 2-CONFIDENTIAL for the detailed breakdown of the administrative, and research and development costs outlined in Exhibit CAE-01, Table 10, at page 23 for the 2019 program year. Please see Staff 1-1 Attachment 3-HIGHLY SENSITIVE PROTECTED MATERIALS for the applicable invoices. Please see Staff 1-1 Attachment 4-HIGHLY SENSITIVE PROTECTED MATERIALS for the applicable contracts.

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STAFF 1-2:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the research and development costs proposed for the 2020 and 2021 program years outlined in Exhibit CAE-01, Table 6, at 18. Provide copies of any applicable contracts.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") budgeted its research and development costs proposed for the 2020 and 2021 program years outlined in Exhibit CAE-01, Table 6, at only a high level, and does not have a detailed breakdown of the research and development costs proposed for the 2020 and 2021 program years. As stated in the direct testimony of EPE witness Crystal A. Enoch, EPE anticipates needing R&D for the development of new measures such as Level II Electric Vehicle Chargers and midstream Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning for commercial and residential applications. Currently, EPE does not have any applicable contracts for 2020 or 2021.

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Exhibit CAE-01, at 9, states that EPE's Large Commercial and Industrial Solutions Program MTP is offered to commercial customers. However, Exhibit CAE-01, Table 2 at 8 indicates the target audience of the program is large commercial and industrial customers. Please confirm or deny that that EPE makes this program available only to customers in eligible customer classes under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.181(a).

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company confirms that the Large Commercial and Industrial Solutions Program is only available to customers in eligible customer classes under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.181(a).

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STAFF 1-4:

Explain the difference between EPE's projected kW savings from its Commercial Load Management Program and its reported and verified kW savings in 2019.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company's ("EPE") Commercial Load Management Standard Offer Program ("Program") is a pay for performance voluntary load curtailment program, there is no guarantee of a definite demand reduction. As such, EPE must enroll participants who can provide ample curtailable load to obtain the projected goal. In 2019, while the Program remained within budget, participating customers in the Program reduced their load significantly more than anticipated.

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