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APPLICATION OF EL PASO	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE	§	OF
RATES	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL’S
EIGHTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”) § 22.144, the Office of Public Utility Counsel (“OPUC”) submits this Eighth Request for Information to El Paso Electric Company (“EPE”). OPUC requests that EPE provide answers to the request for information under oath as required by 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(2)(F) within the timeframe specified in the procedural schedule in this proceeding. OPUC further requests that EPE provide an answer to the questions and sub-questions in the order listed below with sufficient detailed information to provide a complete and accurate answer to each question and sub-question.

Definitions

1. “EPE,” the “Company,” “Applicant,” “You,” and “Your” refer to El Paso Electric Company and its affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees, or other persons.
2. “Document” and “documents” include any written, recorded, filmed, or graphic matter, whether produced, reproduced, or on paper, cards, tape, film, electronic facsimile, computer storage device, or any other media, including, but not limited to, electronic mail (e-mail), memoranda, notes, analyses, minutes, records, photographs, correspondence, telegrams, diaries, bookkeeping entries, financial statements, tax returns, checks, check stubs, reports, studies, charts, graphs, statements, notebooks, handwritten notes, applications, contracts, agreements, books, pamphlets, periodicals, appointment calendars, records and recordings of oral conversations, work papers, observations, commercial practice manuals, reports, summaries of interviews, reports of consultants, appraisals,

forecasts, tape recordings, or any form of recording that is capable of being transcribed into written form.

Instructions

1. The Definitions, Instructions, and Claim of Privilege sections set forth in this request for information apply to these questions.
2. In providing an answer to each question, please furnish all of the information that is in your possession, custody, or control, as defined by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure (Tex. R. Civ. Proc.) 192.7(b), including information in the possession, custody, or control of your affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees, or other persons.
3. Please answer each question based upon your knowledge, information, or belief, and state whether each answer is based upon your knowledge, information, or belief.
4. If you have possession, custody, or control, as defined by Tex. R. Civ. Proc. 192.7(b), of an original requested document, please produce the original requested document or a complete copy of the original requested document and all copies that are different in any way from the original requested document, whether by interlineation, receipt stamp, or notation.
5. If you do not have possession, custody, or control of an original requested document, please produce copies of the document, however made, in your possession, custody, or control. If any requested document is not in your possession, custody, or control, please explain why the document is not in your possession, custody, or control and provide the current location and custodian of the requested document or any copy, summary, or other form of the requested document thereof.
6. If there is any confusion about a question, please contact the undersigned counsel for clarification.
7. In providing your response to a question, please start each response on a separate page and type, at the top of the page, the question that is being answered by the response.
8. As part of the response to each question, please state, at the bottom of the answer to the question, the name and job position of each person(s) who participated in any way, other than by providing clerical assistance, in the preparation of the answer to the question. If

the question has sub-parts, please identify each person(s) by name and job position that participated in any way, other than by providing clerical assistance, in the preparation of the answer for each sub-part of the question.

9. Please state the name of the witness in this docket who will sponsor the answer to the question and/or sub-part of the question and who will swear to the truthfulness of the answer to the question and/or sub-part of the question.
10. Please provide individual responses to questions as each response becomes available, rather than waiting to provide all of the responses to the questions at the same time.
11. These questions are continuing in nature. If there is a change in circumstances or facts or if you receive or generate additional information that changes your answer to a question between the time of your original response and the time of the hearing, then you should submit, under oath, a supplemental response to your earlier answer to the question.
12. If you consider any question to be unduly burdensome, or if the response would require the production of a voluminous amount of material, please contact the undersigned counsel, as soon as possible, to discuss the situation and try to resolve the issue. Furthermore, if you object to any question on the grounds that the question seeks confidential information, or on any other grounds, please contact the undersigned counsel, as soon as possible, to discuss the situation and try to resolve the issue.
13. If the response to any question is voluminous, please make available all of the voluminous material at a designated location in Austin. Please provide a detailed index for the voluminous material with your response to the question to enable efficient review of the material. The index should include information sufficient to locate each individual document by page, file, and box number, date of each document, title of each document, description of each document if no document title exists, name of the preparer of each document, and length of each document.
14. If the requested information is included in previously furnished exhibits, workpapers, or responses to other discovery inquiries or otherwise, in hard copy or electronic format, please furnish specific references thereto, including Bates Stamp page citations and detailed cross-references to the previously furnished information.

15. If a question requests the production of copyrighted material, you may provide a list of such material, including the title, publisher, author, edition, and page references relied on or otherwise relevant to the question.

Claim of Privilege

If any document is withheld under any claim of privilege, please provide a list that identifies each document for which a privilege is being claimed, including the date, sender, recipient(s) of the privileged document, recipient(s) of copies of the privileged document, subject matter of the privileged document, and the basis upon which a privilege is being claimed by the Company.

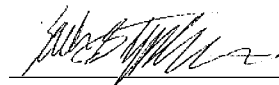
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- 8-1. Please refer to EPE Response to Commission Staff RFI No. 5-1. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the EPE labor costs charged to the COVID-19 regulatory asset for the test year and separately as estimated in the adjustment to the test year. Please identify the labor costs as base payroll expense, base payroll expense capitalized, overtime expense, and overtime expense capitalized. Please provide this information for each month in the test year through the most recent month available.
- 8-2. Please refer to EPE Response to Commission Staff RFI No. 5-1. Given that employees were directed to charge labor related expenses to the regulatory asset, please confirm or deny that the Company added cost components for bonuses, benefits, payroll taxes and/or other labor loading factors to the COVID-19 regulatory asset. If confirm, please provide the total amount of payroll loading by month that was charged to the COVID-19 regulatory asset during the test year through the most recent monthly information.
- 8-3. Please refer to EPE Response to OPUC RFI No. 2-14. Please provide the payroll capitalization ratios by month for the period January 2019 through the most recent month available.
- 8-4. Please provide in working Excel format, EPE's system hourly loads for the calendar years of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, separately.
- 8-5. Please provide the following information for each radial transmission line that delivers power to EPE's wholesale delivery points:
 - a. Identification of the transmission line;
 - b. Voltage at which the transmission line is operated;
 - c. Type and size of conductor and circuit miles by type and size, if multiple types or sizes are used; and
 - d. Any specific demand or energy loss calculations or estimates for the transmission line, including a complete description of the calculations and reasons the calculations were performed.
- 8-6. Please provide the following information from the 2020 system peak load flow for each of the transmission lines that delivers power to EPE's wholesale delivery points:
 - a. Loading at the source (i.e. where the radial line connects with either a generator or the rest of EPE's transmission system);
 - b. Loading at each substation or customer, other than the wholesale customer, connected directly to the radial transmission line; and
 - c. Loading at the metering point for the wholesale customer.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 1st day of September 2021 by facsimile, electronic mail, and/or first class, U.S. Mail.



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