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OPUC 6-1:

Please refer to the Direct Testimony of Ms. Lisa Budtke, page 15, lines 19-29. Please confirm or deny that Sun Jupiter has both debt and equity funding sources from which to provide funding infusions to El Paso Electric ("EPE"). If confirm, provide the amount of available funding by source for Sun Jupiter as of the end of the test year. If deny, provide a detailed explanation.

RESPONSE:

Per the agreement with counsel for the Office of Public Utility Counsel, this question has been withdrawn.

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OPUC 6-2:

Please refer to EPE Response to OPUC RFI No. 3-4. Please provide an explanation as to why EPE cannot obtain or review the financial information of its parent company. Please include in your response copies of any documentation or agreements between EPE and Sun Jupiter that govern the accessibility of data and information sharing between the two entities.

RESPONSE:

Per the agreement with counsel for the Office of Public Utility Counsel, this question has been withdrawn.

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OPUC 6-3:

Please refer to the Direct Testimony of Ms. Lisa Budtke, pages 15 and 19. Please explain why EPE needed to expand its borrowing limits on the Revolving Credit Fund, given the availability of funding from Sun Jupiter that Ms. Budtke testifies as having “less risk.”

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company (“EPE” or “Company”) exercised its option to increase the size of its Revolving Credit Facility (“RCF”) in March 2020 to ensure the Company had sufficient liquidity to meet its working capital requirements, fund general corporate expenses, and finance nuclear fuel. EPE increased its RCF at a time of great uncertainty with respect to obtaining increased capital in the debt markets at reasonable rates and at a time of great financial hardship experienced by our customers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. EPE did not have access to the more efficient and less risky equity capital described in EPE witness Lisa D. Budtke’s direct testimony until after EPE’s Merger Transaction was consummated on July 29, 2020. Subsequent to the close of the Merger Transaction, EPE received additional capital in the form of equity infusions from its parent, Sun Jupiter Holdings LLC, in the amount of \$125 million and \$105 million on September 24, 2020, and on March 26, 2021, respectively. Sun Jupiter owns 100% of EPE’s equity capital and will continue to provide equity capital to EPE in the future. EPE will also continue to obtain debt capital from the capital markets.

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