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VS 3-1:

Please refer to the response to VS 1-27, Attachment 1. For each retail customer class listed, please provide the total kWh sales for the calendar years 2016-2019.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 5-22.

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VS 3-2:

Please refer to WP/Q-7, page 70 of 76. The heading indicates that the page is copied from the "FERC Form-1, 2015." Please provide same information in a legible form for the years 2016-2020.

RESPONSE:

The heading in WP/Q-7, page 70 of 76, indicates the incorrect period, "FERC Form-1, 2015" instead of "FERC Form-1, 2020".

See VS 3-2 Attachment 1 for the requested pages from EPE's FERC Form-1 for the years 2016-2020.

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2	Type of Constr (Conventional, Outdoor, Boiler, etc)	Indoor and Outdoor		Outdoor			
3	Year Originally Constructed	1929		2013			
4	Year Last Unit was Installed	1972		2013			
5	Total Installed Cap (Max Gen Name Plate Ratings-MW)	266.00		132.00			
6	Net Peak Demand on Plant - MW (60 minutes)	212		92			
7	Plant Hours Connected to Load	7113		2666			
8	Net Continuous Plant Capability (Megawatts)	233		88			
9	When Not Limited by Condenser Water	238		93			
10	When Limited by Condenser Water	233		88			
11	Average Number of Employees	52		0			
12	Net Generation, Exclusive of Plant Use - KWh	596450000		169051000			
13	Cost of Plant: Land and Land Rights	100946		0			
14	Structures and Improvements	6482252		22092666			
15	Equipment Costs	56641123		73909961			
16	Asset Retirement Costs	76983		0			
17	Total Cost	63301304		96002627			
18	Cost per KW of Installed Capacity (line 17/5) Including	237.9748		727.2926			
19	Production Expenses: Oper, Supv, & Engr	731549		0			
20	Fuel	23218717		5104486			
21	Coolants and Water (Nuclear Plants Only)	0		0			
22	Steam Expenses	1626669		0			
23	Steam From Other Sources	0		0			
24	Steam Transferred (Cr)	0		0			
25	Electric Expenses	150421		0			
26	Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Power Expenses	1132844		148			
27	Rents	0		0			
28	Allowances	0		0			
29	Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	757631		0			
30	Maintenance of Structures	179159		5847			
31	Maintenance of Boiler (or reactor) Plant	2038748		0			
32	Maintenance of Electric Plant	2387557		1341696			
33	Maintenance of Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Plant	720218		30806			
34	Total Production Expenses	32943513		6482983			
35	Expenses per Net KWh	0.0552		0.0383			
36	Fuel: Kind (Coal, Gas, Oil, or Nuclear)	Gas	Oil		Gas	Oil	
37	Unit (Coal-tons/Oil-barrel/Gas-mcf/Nuclear-indicate)	Mcf	BBL		Mcf	BBL	
38	Quantity (Units) of Fuel Burned	7217242	0	0	1552934	0	0
39	Avg Heat Cont - Fuel Burned (btu/indicate if nuclear)	1054000	0	0	1056700	0	0
40	Avg Cost of Fuel/unit, as Delvd f.o.b. during year	3.217	0.000	0.000	3.287	0.000	0.000
41	Average Cost of Fuel per Unit Burned	3.217	0.000	0.000	3.287	0.000	0.000
42	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per Million BTU	3.052	0.000	0.000	3.111	0.000	0.000
43	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per KWh Net Gen	0.039	0.000	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.000
44	Average BTU per KWh Net Generation	12753.000	0.000	0.000	9707.000	0.000	0.000

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3	Year Originally Constructed	1929		2013			
4	Year Last Unit was Installed	1972		2013			
5	Total Installed Cap (Max Gen Name Plate Ratings-MW)	256.50		131.80			
6	Net Peak Demand on Plant - MW (60 minutes)	216		92			
7	Plant Hours Connected to Load	8557		2286			
8	Net Continuous Plant Capability (Megawatts)	233		88			
9	When Not Limited by Condenser Water	238		93			
10	When Limited by Condenser Water	233		88			
11	Average Number of Employees	50		0			
12	Net Generation, Exclusive of Plant Use - KWh	681456000		146038000			
13	Cost of Plant: Land and Land Rights	100945		0			
14	Structures and Improvements	7048817		22092666			
15	Equipment Costs	57277081		74082093			
16	Asset Retirement Costs	76983		0			
17	Total Cost	64503826		96174759			
18	Cost per KW of Installed Capacity (line 17/5) Including	251.4769		729.7023			
19	Production Expenses: Oper, Supv, & Engr	783727		0			
20	Fuel	33185157		5287336			
21	Coolants and Water (Nuclear Plants Only)	0		0			
22	Steam Expenses	1672760		0			
23	Steam From Other Sources	0		0			
24	Steam Transferred (Cr)	0		0			
25	Electric Expenses	178383		0			
26	Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Power Expenses	1234057		197			
27	Rents	0		0			
28	Allowances	0		0			
29	Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	827258		0			
30	Maintenance of Structures	542690		12605			
31	Maintenance of Boiler (or reactor) Plant	1831339		0			
32	Maintenance of Electric Plant	1274331		857871			
33	Maintenance of Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Plant	836163		19344			
34	Total Production Expenses	42365865		6177353			
35	Expenses per Net KWh	0.0622		0.0423			
36	Fuel: Kind (Coal, Gas, Oil, or Nuclear)	Gas	Oil		Gas	Oil	
37	Unit (Coal-tons/Oil-barrel/Gas-mcf/Nuclear-indicate)	Mcf	BBL		Mcf	BBL	
38	Quantity (Units) of Fuel Burned	8111313	0	0	1337146	0	0
39	Avg Heat Cont - Fuel Burned (btu/indicate if nuclear)	1056400	0	0	1056600	0	0
40	Avg Cost of Fuel/unit, as Delvd f.o.b. during year	4.091	0.000	0.000	3.954	0.000	0.000
41	Average Cost of Fuel per Unit Burned	4.091	0.000	0.000	3.954	0.000	0.000
42	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per Million BTU	3.873	0.000	0.000	3.742	0.000	0.000
43	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per KWh Net Gen	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.036	0.000	0.000
44	Average BTU per KWh Net Generation	12575.000	0.000	0.000	9675.000	0.000	0.000

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5	Total Installed Cap (Max Gen Name Plate Ratings-MW)	266.50		131.80			
6	Net Peak Demand on Plant - MW (60 minutes)	192		92			
7	Plant Hours Connected to Load	6289		1358			
8	Net Continuous Plant Capability (Megawatts)	233		88			
9	When Not Limited by Condenser Water	238		93			
10	When Limited by Condenser Water	233		88			
11	Average Number of Employees	51		0			
12	Net Generation, Exclusive of Plant Use - KWh	542586000		86580000			
13	Cost of Plant: Land and Land Rights	100945		0			
14	Structures and Improvements	7048817		22092666			
15	Equipment Costs	57277081		74082093			
16	Asset Retirement Costs	76983		0			
17	Total Cost	64503826		96174759			
18	Cost per KW of Installed Capacity (line 17/5) Including	242.0406		729.7023			
19	Production Expenses: Oper, Supv, & Engr	821379		429844			
20	Fuel	16448434		2388082			
21	Coolants and Water (Nuclear Plants Only)	0		0			
22	Steam Expenses	1287350		0			
23	Steam From Other Sources	0		0			
24	Steam Transferred (Cr)	0		0			
25	Electric Expenses	220348		0			
26	Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Power Expenses	965484		17			
27	Rents	0		0			
28	Allowances	0		0			
29	Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	628879		5327			
30	Maintenance of Structures	393338		4479			
31	Maintenance of Boiler (or reactor) Plant	2018253		0			
32	Maintenance of Electric Plant	4950979		851135			
33	Maintenance of Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Plant	876075		23605			
34	Total Production Expenses	28610519		3702489			
35	Expenses per Net KWh	0.0527		0.0428			
36	Fuel: Kind (Coal, Gas, Oil, or Nuclear)	Gas	Oil		Gas	Oil	
37	Unit (Coal-tons/Oil-barrel/Gas-mcf/Nuclear-indicate)	Mcf	BBL		Mcf	BBL	
38	Quantity (Units) of Fuel Burned	6563793	0	0	794835	0	0
39	Avg Heat Cont - Fuel Burned (btu/indicate if nuclear)	1058100	0	0	1058600	0	0
40	Avg Cost of Fuel/unit, as Delvd f.o.b. during year	2.506	0.000	0.000	3.005	0.000	0.000
41	Average Cost of Fuel per Unit Burned	2.506	0.000	0.000	3.005	0.000	0.000
42	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per Million BTU	2.368	0.000	0.000	2.838	0.000	0.000
43	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per KWh Net Gen	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.000	0.000
44	Average BTU per KWh Net Generation	12799.000	0.000	0.000	9718.000	0.000	0.000

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5	Total Installed Cap (Max Gen Name Plate Ratings-MW)	266.50			131.80		
6	Net Peak Demand on Plant - MW (60 minutes)	255			92		
7	Plant Hours Connected to Load	8120			3735		
8	Net Continuous Plant Capability (Megawatts)	235			88		
9	When Not Limited by Condenser Water	245			90		
10	When Limited by Condenser Water	235			88		
11	Average Number of Employees	51			0		
12	Net Generation, Exclusive of Plant Use - KWh	662275000			263806000		
13	Cost of Plant: Land and Land Rights	100946			0		
14	Structures and Improvements	9305422			22158131		
15	Equipment Costs	63043122			77341084		
16	Asset Retirement Costs	76983			0		
17	Total Cost	72526473			99499215		
18	Cost per KW of Installed Capacity (line 17/5) Including	272.1444			754.9258		
19	Production Expenses: Oper, Supv, & Engr	734991			458832		
20	Fuel	8735489			2937799		
21	Coolants and Water (Nuclear Plants Only)	0			0		
22	Steam Expenses	1441691			0		
23	Steam From Other Sources	0			0		
24	Steam Transferred (Cr)	0			0		
25	Electric Expenses	241757			0		
26	Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Power Expenses	1097548			7177		
27	Rents	0			0		
28	Allowances	0			0		
29	Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	680597			43131		
30	Maintenance of Structures	281825			24487		
31	Maintenance of Boiler (or reactor) Plant	1405798			0		
32	Maintenance of Electric Plant	2154875			1180908		
33	Maintenance of Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Plant	869252			77118		
34	Total Production Expenses	17643823			4729452		
35	Expenses per Net KWh	0.0266			0.0179		
36	Fuel: Kind (Coal, Gas, Oil, or Nuclear)	Gas	Oil		Gas	Oil	
37	Unit (Coal-tons/Oil-barrel/Gas-mcf/Nuclear-indicate)	Mcf	BBL		Mcf	BBL	
38	Quantity (Units) of Fuel Burned	7749087	0	0	2515044	0	0
39	Avg Heat Cont - Fuel Burned (btu/indicate if nuclear)	1036600	0	0	1036500	0	0
40	Avg Cost of Fuel/unit, as Delvd f.o.b. during year	1.127	0.000	0.000	1.168	0.000	0.000
41	Average Cost of Fuel per Unit Burned	1.127	0.000	0.000	1.168	0.000	0.000
42	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per Million BTU	1.088	0.000	0.000	1.127	0.000	0.000
43	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per KWh Net Gen	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000
44	Average BTU per KWh Net Generation	12128.000	0.000	0.000	9881.000	0.000	0.000



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5	Total Installed Cap (Max Gen Name Plate Ratings-MW)	266.50		131.80			
6	Net Peak Demand on Plant - MW (60 minutes)	253		86			
7	Plant Hours Connected to Load	7522		4271			
8	Net Continuous Plant Capability (Megawatts)	228		88			
9	When Not Limited by Condenser Water	238		90			
10	When Limited by Condenser Water	228		88			
11	Average Number of Employees	48		0			
12	Net Generation, Exclusive of Plant Use - KWh	600872		282149			
13	Cost of Plant: Land and Land Rights	100946		0			
14	Structures and Improvements	10498836		22158131			
15	Equipment Costs	67944882		77561809			
16	Asset Retirement Costs	76983		0			
17	Total Cost	78621647		99719940			
18	Cost per KW of Installed Capacity (line 17/5) Including	295.0156		756.6005			
19	Production Expenses: Oper, Supv, & Engr	842574		437742			
20	Fuel	9802176		3006088			
21	Coolants and Water (Nuclear Plants Only)	0		0			
22	Steam Expenses	1577841		0			
23	Steam From Other Sources	0		0			
24	Steam Transferred (Cr)	0		0			
25	Electric Expenses	314600		0			
26	Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Power Expenses	1099846		1184			
27	Rents	0		0			
28	Allowances	0		0			
29	Maintenance Supervision and Engineering	613293		21247			
30	Maintenance of Structures	216917		1823			
31	Maintenance of Boiler (or reactor) Plant	2307591		0			
32	Maintenance of Electric Plant	1634670		1037640			
33	Maintenance of Misc Steam (or Nuclear) Plant	896275		255794			
34	Total Production Expenses	19305783		4761518			
35	Expenses per Net KWh	32.1296		16.8759			
36	Fuel: Kind (Coal, Gas, Oil, or Nuclear)	Gas	Oil		Gas	Oil	
37	Unit (Coal-tons/Oil-barrel/Gas-mcf/Nuclear-indicate)	Mcf	BBL		Mcf	BBL	
38	Quantity (Units) of Fuel Burned	7042800	0	0	2777022	0	0
39	Avg Heat Cont - Fuel Burned (btu/indicate if nuclear)	1028800	0	0	1027400	0	0
40	Avg Cost of Fuel/unit, as Delvd f.o.b. during year	1.392	0.000	0.000	1.083	0.000	0.000
41	Average Cost of Fuel per Unit Burned	1.392	0.000	0.000	1.083	0.000	0.000
42	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per Million BTU	1.353	0.000	0.000	1.054	0.000	0.000
43	Average Cost of Fuel Burned per KWh Net Gen	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000
44	Average BTU per KWh Net Generation	12058.000	0.000	0.000	10112.000	0.000	0.000

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Refer to WP/Q-7, page 55 of 76. Provide the source of the "Target Revenue" shown on line 1 of the work paper.

RESPONSE:

Refer to WP/Q-7, page 11 of 76. In that page, in the row labeled Interruptible Service, the source of the Current Non-Fuel Revenue shown is Schedule Q-7, page 9 of 17, line 455, and the source of the Target Non-Fuel Revenues Increase is Exhibit MC-4, page 3 of 6, line 10 of the Direct Testimony of El Paso Electric Company witness Manuel Carrasco.

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VS 3-4:

Please refer for the direct testimony of David Hawkins, page 5, lines 1-4. What specific “new generation resources” would be reduced or deferred through the use of interruptible load capabilities.

RESPONSE:

As denoted in Exhibit DCH-2 line 1.9, El Paso Electric Company (“EPE”) lists interruptible load as a resource to meet its load and planning reserve margin requirements. If the 43 megawatts (“MW”) of interruptible load were not available, EPE would need to secure an additional 43 MW of a capacity resource.

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VS 3-5:

Refer to the direct testimony of James Schichtl, page 7, lines 26-27. EPE is not proposing a GCRR (Generation Cost Recovery Rider) in this case. When does EPE expect to apply for a GCRR?

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") plans to file an application for cost recovery through a GCRR prior to the expected commercial operation date (March 2023) of EPE's newest combustion turbine addition, Newman Unit 6.

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