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CEP 11-1:

**Rate Base.** Is it correct that EPE experienced a failure on a fuel oil forwarding pump and a fuel oil leak at the Newman Power Plant in November 2019?

RESPONSE:

Yes.

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CEP 11-2:

**Rate Base.** If the answer to the previous question is yes, please

RESPONSE:

Counsel for the City of El Paso has advised that this is an introduction to CEP 11-3 and not a separate question.

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CEP 11-3:

**Rate Base.** Identify the costs incurred in the test year for the fuel oil cleanup that was completed in March 2020?

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company incurred fuel oil cleanup costs of \$27,445 during the test year.

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CEP 11-4:

**Rate Base.** Identify any cleanup costs incurred in 2020 which were adjusted in EPE's claim for Operation and maintenance expenses in this case

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") did not make an adjustment to operations and maintenance expense for Newman oil cleanup costs incurred in 2020.

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Title: Principal Accountant – Regulatory  
Accounting

Sponsor: Jennifer I. Borden  
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Title: Director – Regulatory Accounting  
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CEP 11-5:

**Rate Base.** Identify any cleanup or repair costs related to the failure on the fuel oil forwarding pump at the Newman Power Plant in November 2019 which were capitalized and included in EPE's requested plant in service in this case.

RESPONSE:

No cleanup or repair costs were capitalized and included in El Paso Electric Company's requested plant in service in this case related to the failure of the fuel oil forwarding pump at the Newman Power Plant in November 2019.

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Title: Manager – Plant Accounting

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CEP 11-6:

**Rate Base.** Did EPE adjust Plant in Service and/or rate base in this case to reflect the decision not to repair or replace the aging pumps, pipes and valves of the fuel Oil system at the Newman Power Plant after the failure of the fuel oil forwarding pump and fuel leak in November 2019?

RESPONSE:

There were no adjustments made to plant in service or rate base in this case related to the Newman fuel oil system. El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") plans to convert the fuel oil system into a water storage system in the future. Any cleanup costs for the fuel oil will be charged to EPE's existing asset retirement obligation.

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CEP 11-7:

**Rate Base.** Has EPE written off the cost of that fuel oil?

- a. If so, please identify the place(s) in the filing package testimony and/or schedules where the adjustment was made, including the components of such adjustment.
- b. If not please explain why not

RESPONSE:

- a. Yes. El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") wrote off the cost of the November 2019 Newman fuel oil spill in February 2020. The write-off is reflected on Schedule E – 3.01 – Fuel Oil Burns for the Newman Generating Station in February 2020.

The \$19,940 charged against fuel oil inventory in February 2020, as reflected in Schedule E – 3.01, includes 649 BBL of oil burned for \$7,749 and 1,021 BBL of oil for other adjustments such as spillage, evaporation, and temperature fluctuations for \$12,191. The \$7,749 for oil burned was passed on to customers through fuel costs in February 2020. The remaining \$12,191 was not passed through to customers.

- b. N/A

Preparer: Emily Chacon

Title: Accountant – Energy Accounting & Credit

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CEP 11-8:

**Rate Base.** If the answer to the previous question is yes, please identify when the write-off took place and the treatment of any carrying costs of the fuel oil written off.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 11-7. There were no carrying costs related to the write-off.

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CEP 11-9:

**Rate Base.** When did EPE transfer the fuel oil inventory in storage at the Newman Power Plant?

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company has not begun transferring the fuel oil out of inventory at Newman Power Station.

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Sponsor: David C. Hawkins

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CEP 11-10:

**Rate Base.** What was the price EPE received for the removal?

RESPONSE:

As part of the 2021 RFP for Newman Generating Station Fuel Oil Removal, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") received and selected a bid to remove the fuel oil at no cost to EPE, and the vendor will take ownership of the fuel.

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CEP 11-11:

**Rate Base.** What costs will EPE incur for any additional cleanup after the removal of the fuel inventory?

RESPONSE:

Any additional cleanup cost incurred by El Paso Electric Company will be charged to its existing asset retirement obligation.

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CEP 11-12:

**Rate Base.** What was the value of the fuel inventory at cost of the fuel inventory at Newman Station as of 12-30-3030?

RESPONSE:

The Counsel for the City of El Paso clarified that the date is 12/31/2020. Please refer to Schedule E – 2.03 Fuel Inventories, page 1.

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CEP 11-13:

**Rate Base.** How has EPE treated the loss in value of that fuel inventory in this case?

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "Company") has awarded the bid to remove the fuel oil at the Newman Generation Station at no cost to EPE. EPE is still currently negotiating the contract terms and no fuel oil has been removed. The Company will write off the value of the fuel oil inventory.

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CEP 11-14:

**Rate Base.** What accounting treatment has EPE utilized for the value of the fuel inventory which was sold?

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 11-13.

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CEP 11-15:

**Cost Allocation-Rate Design.** Reference the testimony of EPE witness Carrasco at page 70-71 please provide the compilation of reproduction cost data discussed on lines 28-31 and the complete development of the analysis for rate design.

RESPONSE:

The compilation of reproduction cost data for the lighting classes is provided in workpaper WP/Q-7(b), pages 4, 7, and 13 of 15. Workpaper WP/Q-7(b), in its entirety, presents the complete development of the rate design for both street and private area lighting rate classes.

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Title: Manager – Rate Research

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CEP 11-16:

**Cost Allocation Rate Design.** Reference the testimony of EPE witness Carrasco at page 70-71, please identify any rate classes other than lighting classes for which reproduction cost data was utilized in the rate design, and the analysis for those classes.

RESPONSE:

Reproduction cost data was not utilized in the rate design for any rate class other than lighting classes.

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Title: Manager – Rate Research

Sponsor: Manuel Carrasco

Title: Manager – Rate Research

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CEP 11-17:

**Cost Allocation Rate Design.** Reference the testimony of EPE witness Carrasco at page 72-73, please provide the number and cost of all non-LED Lamps stocked items in EPE's inventory.

RESPONSE:

As of September 17, 2021, there are 6,350 non-LED lamp stocked items (bulbs/lamps, photocontrols, luminaires, ballasts, etc.) in El Paso Electric Company's inventory for the Texas jurisdiction. The cost of those items is \$193,203.50. Those items can be used for area or street lighting installations and replacements.

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CEP 11-18:

**Cost Allocation Rate Design.** Does EPE maintain an inventory of non-LED Lamps that are assigned to any rate class other than Area Lighting, Rate Schedule No. 28?

- a. Identify the number of such lamps
- b. Total cost of such lamps
- c. Rate class (s) to which such costs are allocated or assigned.
- d. Cell and sheet references in EPE's Regulatory Case Working Model which show the assignment or allocation of such items.

RESPONSE:

Yes. Please see El Paso Electric's response to CEP 11-17.

- a. The number of lamps/bulbs in EPE's inventory for the Texas jurisdiction is 2,347. This excludes the number of other appurtenances that are installed along with the lamps.
- b. The total cost of just the lamps/bulbs is \$39,531.81.
- c. See response to part d. All rate classes get a share based on their distribution plant allocation.
- d. See Excel row 1125 in "Rate Class Allocation" tab to see how the materials and supplies account related to distribution is allocated to each rate class.

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CEP 11-19:

**GCRF-Factor Request.** Reference the Settlement Agreement between EPE and Chaparral Community Coalition for Health and Environment and Sierra Club in SOAH Docket No. 582-21-1740 (TCEQ Docket No 2021-0314-AIR) executed by EPE on August 16, 2021. ("Agreement")

- a. Will EPE be requesting recovery of any portion of the \$500,000 to be paid pursuant to Paragraphs 3.5 or 3.6 of the agreement from Texas ratepayers in any fashion?
- b. Will EPE be requesting recovery of any portion of the \$400,000 to be paid to a charitable fund (Community Project fund in Section 3.6 of the Agreement from Texas ratepayers in any fashion?
- c. Will EPE be requesting any portion of the \$40,000 paid to Protestants as identified in paragraph 3.8 of the Agreement from Texas ratepayers in any fashion?

RESPONSE:

- a. El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") does not expect to file for GCRR approval for Newman Unit 6 until late 2022 and has not as yet made any determination as to what will be included in the proposed cost recovery mechanism for the new unit when it begins commercial operation. EPE is not seeking the recovery of any Newman Unit 6 costs in this Docket No. 52195 Rate Case.
- b. See response to (a).
- c. See response to (a).

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Sponsor: James Schichtl

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CEP 11-20:

**Accounting.** For each executive officer with a salary of \$50,000 or more, please provide the following information:

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 11-21.

Preparer: Magdalena Rodriguez

Title: Supervisor – Payroll

Sponsor: Cynthia S. Prieto

Title: Vice President – Controller

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CEP 11-21:

**Accounting.** For each executive officer with a salary of \$50,000 or more, please provide the following information:

- a. Please provide the name, title and annual salary of each such officer with costs included in test year expense. Please provide the amount of the annual salary included in test year expense and the amount capitalized. Also, please provide the amount of short-term, long-term, and other compensation included in test year expense for each officer.
- b. Please provide the name, title and annual salary of each such officer that will be included in operating expense in the rate effective (rate year). Please provide the amount of the annual salary included in rate year expense and the amount capitalized. Also, please provide the amount of short-term, long-term, and other compensation included in the rate year expense for each officer.
- c. Please provide the name, title and annual salary level of each such officer on the payroll immediately before the merger took place.
- d. Please provide the name, title and salary of each such officer currently in those positions.
- e. Please provide the name, title and annual salary level of each interim officer and the time period over which the officer served.

RESPONSE:

- a. Please see CEP 11-21 Attachment 1, page 1.
- b. Please see CEP 11-21 Attachment 1, page 2.
- c. Please see CEP 11-21 Attachment 1, page 3.

- d. Please see CEP 11-21 Attachment 1, page 4.
- e. Please see CEP 11-21 Attachment 1, page 5.

Preparer: Magdalena Rodriguez  
Robert Almanzan

Title: Supervisor – Payroll  
Senior Director – Human Resources

Sponsor: Cynthia S. Prieto

Title: Vice President – Controller



	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Line No.	Name	Position Title	2020 Annual Salary	Salary Paid in Test Year 2020	Annual Cash Bonus Paid in 2021 for 2020	Long-Term Incentive Compensation in 2020	Other Compensation in 2020 in test year costs	Total Wages in 2020	2020 Wages Expensed	2020 Wages Capitalized (B)
1	Tomblin, K.	CEO	\$ 750,000	\$ 230,769	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 570,000	\$ 1,550,769	\$ 1,186,338	\$ 364,431
2	Rodriguez, A.	Interim CEO, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary	440,000	388,154	-	1,393,140		1,781,294	1,362,690	418,604
3	Ball, E.	SVP & Interim COO	387,000	359,884	-	255,712		615,596	470,931	144,665
4	Hirschi, N.	SVP, CFO	425,000	488,400	202,091	452,277		1,142,768	874,218	268,551
5	Buraczyk, S.	SVP, Operations	360,000	359,597	180,000	297,431		837,028	640,327	196,702
6	Miracle, R.	SVP, Corp Dev & CCO	345,000	344,865	155,189	213,575		713,629	545,926	167,703
7	Henry, C.	VP, General Counsel	250,000	210,882	73,800	-		284,682	217,782	66,900
8	Gibson, R.	VP, Controller	260,000	317,865	71,003	117,771		506,639	387,578	119,060
9	Prieto, C.	VP, Controller	230,000	183,547	45,086	-		228,633	174,904	53,729
10	Doyle, R.	VP, Trans & Distr	272,000	271,757	103,000	157,348		532,105	407,060	125,045
11	Hawkins, D.	VP, Pwr Gen Sys Plan Dispatch	260,000	259,731	98,700	132,161		490,592	375,303	115,289
12	Reinhart, P.	VP, Governmental Affairs	220,000	210,000	-	70,518		280,518	214,596	65,922
13	Schichtl, J.	VP, Regulatory Affairs	253,000	262,477	92,000	117,771		472,248	361,269	110,978
14	Rueda, V.	VP, HR	273,500	273,270	104,000	105,369		482,639	369,219	113,420
15	Gutierrez, E.	VP, Strat Comm, Cust Cmty Egmt	232,000	231,812	81,000	117,771		430,583	329,396	101,187
16	Soza, H.	VP, Compliance & CRO	252,000	251,785	88,000	146,168		485,953	371,754	114,199
17	Turner, R.	VP, Renewables Dev	228,000	236,580	80,000	117,771		434,351	332,278	102,072
18	Lore, K.	(A)	-	-	-	1,372		1,372	1,049	322
19	Silva, G.	(A)	-	-	-	849		849	650	200
20	Stiller, W.	(A)	-	-	-	15,073		15,073	11,531	3,542
21	Totals		\$ 5,437,500	\$ 4,881,375	\$ 2,123,869	\$ 3,712,074	\$ 570,000	\$ 11,287,318	\$ 8,634,799	\$ 2,652,520

(A) Officer left EPE prior to January 1, 2020 but received long-term incentive compensation in 2021 that was expensed in 2020.

(B) For the capitalization ratio, please refer to Schedule G 1.3, line 13 column (c) divided by column (e).

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	
Line No.	Name	Position Title	2021 Annual Salary	Salary estimated to be paid in 2021	Salary included in adjusted test year costs	Annual Cash Bonus in adjusted test year costs	Total Wages in adjusted test year costs	Adjusted test year wages expensed (A)	Adjusted test year wages capitalized
1	Tomblin, K.	CEO	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,124,250	\$ 375,750
2	Ostberg, R.	CFO	375,000	375,000	375,000	202,091	577,091	432,530	144,561
3	Buraczyk, S.	SVP, Operations	370,000	370,000	370,000	180,000	550,000	412,225	137,775
4	Henry, C.	VP, General Counsel	260,000	260,000	260,000	73,800	333,800	250,183	83,617
5	Hawkins, D.	VP Innovation & Sustainability	270,000	270,000	270,000	98,700	368,700	276,341	92,359
6	Doyle, R.	VP, Trans & Distr	280,000	280,000	280,000	103,000	383,000	287,059	95,942
7	Prieto, C.	VP, Controller	233,000	233,000	233,000	116,089	349,089	261,642	87,447
8	Rueda, V.	VP, HR & Safety	288,000	288,000	288,000	104,000	392,000	293,804	98,196
9	Soza, H.	VP, Compliance & CRO	259,500	259,500	259,500	88,000	347,500	260,451	87,049
10	Schichtl, J.	VP, Regulatory & Governmental Affairs	279,000	279,000	279,000	92,000	371,000	278,065	92,936
11	Mele, C. (B)	VP, Customer Care & Corp Communication	248,000	211,832	-	155,189	155,189	116,314	38,875
12	Gutierrez, E.	VP, Strat Comm, Cust Cmty Egmt	244,000	109,354	244,000	81,000	325,000	243,588	81,413
13	Turner, R.	VP, Renewables Dev	235,000	144,712	235,000	80,000	315,000	236,093	78,908
14	Totals		\$ 4,091,500	\$ 3,830,397	\$ 3,843,500	\$ 2,123,869	\$ 5,967,369	\$ 4,472,543	\$ 1,494,826

(A) Payroll expense ratio from WP A-3, Adjustment No. 3 - Salaries and Wages, page 2, line 8, column (d).

(B) For Cheryl Mele, the salary to be paid in 2021 includes her current and previous officer position.

Note: No long-term incentive or other compensation was included in adjusted test year costs.

Officers before merger with IIF:

Line No.	(a) Name	(b) Position Title	(c) 2020 Annual Salary
1	Vacant	CEO	\$ -
2	Hirschi, N.	SVP, CFO	425,000
3	Buraczyk, S.	SVP, Operations	360,000
4	Rodriguez, A.	Interim CEO, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary	440,000
5	Miracle, R.	SVP, Corp Dev & CCO	345,000
6	Ball, E.	SVP & Interim COO	387,000
7	Doyle, R.	VP, Trans & Distr	272,000
8	Hawkins, D.	VP, Pwr Gen Sys Plan Dispatch	260,000
9	Gibson, R.	VP, Controller	260,000
10	Rueda, V.	VP, HR	273,500
11	Soza, H.	VP, Compliance & CRO	252,000
12	Schichtl, J.	VP, Regulatory Affairs	253,000
13	Gutierrez, E.	VP, Strat Comm, Cust Cmty Egmt	232,000
14	Turner, R.	VP, Renewables Dev	228,000
15	Reinhart, P.	VP, Governmental Affairs	220,000
16	Total		<u>\$ 4,207,500</u>

Officers at September 1, 2021:

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Line No.	(a) Name	(b) Position Title	(c) 2021 Annual Salary
1	Tomblin, K.	CEO	\$ 750,000
2	Ostberg, R.	CFO	375,000
3	Buraczyk, S.	SVP, Operations	370,000
4	Henry, C.	VP, General Counsel	260,000
5	Hawkins, D.	VP Innovation & Sustainability	270,000
6	Doyle, R.	VP, Trans & Distr	280,000
7	Prieto, C.	VP, Controller	233,000
8	Rueda, V.	VP, HR & Safety	288,000
9	Soza, H.	VP, Compliance & CRO	259,500
10	Schichtl, J.	VP, Regulatory & Governmental Affairs	279,000
11	Mele, C.	VP, Customer Care & Corp Communication	248,000
12	Total		<u>\$ 3,612,500</u>

Interim officers which served in 2020:

Line No.	(a) Name	(b) Position Title	(c) 2020 Annual Salary	(d) Departure Date
1	Rodriguez, A.	Interim CEO, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary	\$ 440,000	9/1/2020
2	Ball, E.	SVP & Interim COO	387,000	10/2/2020
3	Total		<u>\$ 827,000</u>	

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CEP 11-22:

**Accounting.** Please provide the amount of short-term incentive compensation expense paid to Board of Directors members and included in operating expense for ratemaking purposes.

RESPONSE:

There is no short-term incentive compensation paid to the Board of Directors. The only compensation the Board receives are the fees outlined in WP A-3, Adjustment No. 21 Miscellaneous General Expenses and in El Paso Electric witness Lisa D. Budtke's direct testimony at pages 19 through 20.

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CEP 11-23:

**Accounting.** Please provide the amount of long-term incentive compensation expense paid to Board of Directors members and included in operating expense for ratemaking purposes.

RESPONSE:

There is no long-term incentive compensation paid to the Board of Directors. The only compensation the Board of Directors receives are the fees outlined in WP A-3, Adjustment No. 21 Miscellaneous General Expenses and in El Paso Electric Company witness Lisa D. Budtke's direct testimony at pages 19 through 20.

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