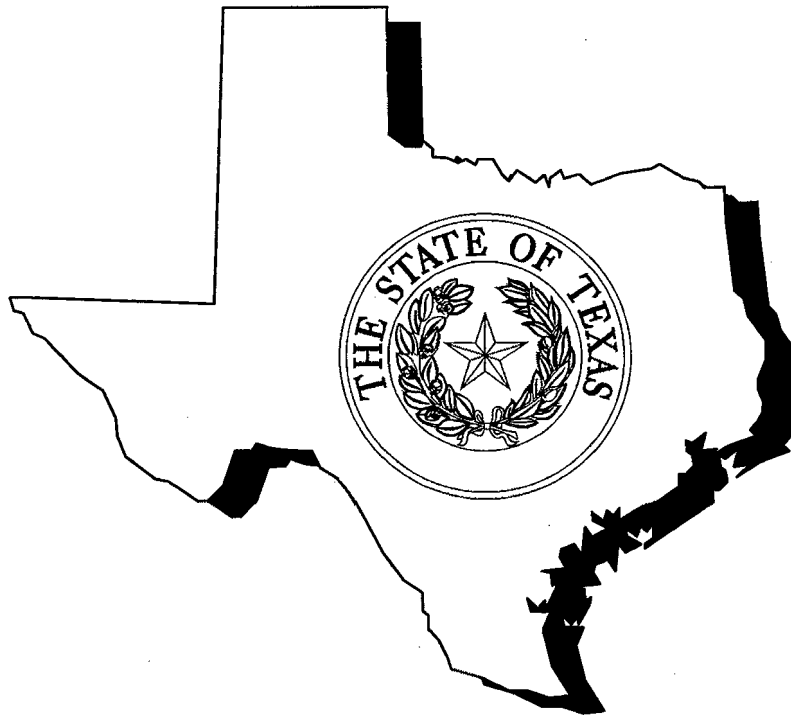




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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
ANNA GIVENS
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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I. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Anna Givens. My business address is 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what position?

A. I am employed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as Director of Financial Review in the Rate Regulation Division.

Q. What are your principal responsibilities at the Commission?

A. My responsibilities include testifying as an expert witness on accounting matters in rate cases and other applications filed with the Commission and participating in the overall examination, review, and analysis of such applications.

Q. Please describe your professional and educational background.

A. In 1991, I received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Texas. I am a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in the State of Texas.

From November 1991 to June 1992, I was employed by McLane Corporation as an Accounts Payable Auditor. From June 1992 to October 1996, I was a Securities Analyst for the State Securities Board. In October of 1996, I began employment with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Since that time, I have reviewed numerous utility filings and attended a variety of utility-related seminars.

Q. Have you previously filed testimony in regulatory proceedings before the Commission?

A. Yes, please see Attachment AG-1 for a list of previously filed testimony.

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY**Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide my recommendation related to the review of rate-case expenses incurred by El Paso Electric Company (EPE) and the City of El Paso (CEP) in Docket Nos. 52195, 52040,¹ 51348,² 50058,³ 49395,⁴ 49148,⁵ and 46831.⁶ My recommendation addresses the following issues from the Commission's Preliminary Order that was filed on June 28, 2021 in this case.

26. What are El Paso Electric's reasonable and necessary rate-case expenses in accordance with PURA § 36.061(b)(2) and 16 TAC § 25.245? Does this amount include any anticipated expenses to appeal this proceeding or a prior rate-case proceeding? Is it appropriate to recover expenses associated with appeals of prior Commission orders before the appeals are completed?

27. What are the intervening cities' reasonable rate-case expenses in accordance with PURA § 33.023(b) and 16 TAC § 25.245? Does this amount include any anticipated expenses to appeal this proceeding or a prior rate-case proceeding?

Q. What is the basis of your recommendation?

A. The basis of my recommendation is my review of EPE's rate filing package, Errata No. 1 and 2, 45-Day Update, responses to requests for information (RFIs), and the testimony filed on behalf of EPE and CEP. I verified the accuracy of schedules in the information submitted and reviewed expenditure categories for reasonableness and necessity.

¹ *Application of El Paso Electric Company for Advanced Metering System Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees*, Docket No. 52040 (Apr. 19, 2021) (pending).

² *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend Its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor*, Docket No. 51348, Order (May 24, 2021).

³ *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Reconcile Fuel Costs*, Docket No. 50058, Order (Apr. 7, 2021).

⁴ *Application of El Paso Electric Company for a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor*, Docket No. 49395, Order (Sep. 27, 2019).

⁵ *Application of El Paso Electric Company for a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor*, Docket No. 49148, Order (Dec. 16, 2019).

⁶ *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates*, Docket No. 46831, Order (Dec. 18, 2017).

1 **Q. What standard do you use to make your determination concerning the overall**
2 **reasonableness of the rate-case expenses?**

3 A. The standard that I rely upon is 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.245(b), which
4 states:

5 Requirements for claiming recovery of or reimbursement for rate-case expenses.

6 A utility or municipality requesting recovery of or reimbursement for its
7 rate-case expenses shall have the burden to prove the reasonableness of such
8 rate-case expenses by a preponderance of the evidence. A utility or
9 municipality seeking recovery of or reimbursement for rate-case expenses
10 shall file sufficient information that details and itemizes all rate-case
11 expenses, including, but not limited to, evidence verified by testimony or
12 affidavit, showing:

13 (1) the nature, extent, and difficulty of the work done by the attorney or
14 other professional in the rate case;

15 (2) the time and labor required and expended by the attorney or other
16 professional;

17 (3) the fees or other consideration paid to the attorney or other professional
18 for the services rendered;

19 (4) the expenses incurred for lodging, meals and beverages, transportation,
20 or other services or materials;

21 (5) the nature and scope of the rate case, including:

22 (A) the size of the utility and number and type of consumers served;

23 (B) the amount of money or value of property or interest at stake;

24 (C) the novelty or complexity of the issues addressed;

25 (D) the amount and complexity of discovery;

26 (E) the occurrence and length of a hearing; and

27 (6) the specific issue or issues in the rate case and the amount of rate-case
28 expenses reasonably associated with each issue.

29 **Q. Do you use an additional standard to make your determination concerning the overall**
30 **reasonableness of the rate-case expenses?**

31 A. Yes. I also relied upon 16 TAC § 25.245(c), which states:

32 Criteria for review and determination of reasonableness.

33 In determining the reasonableness of the rate-case expenses, the presiding
34 officer shall consider the relevant factors listed in subsection (b) of this
35 section and any other factor shown to be relevant to the specific case. The
36 presiding officer shall decide whether and the extent to which the evidence
37 shows that:

(1) the fees paid to, tasks performed by, or time spent on a task by an attorney or other professional were extreme or excessive;
 (2) the expenses incurred for lodging, meals and beverages, transportation, or other services or materials were extreme or excessive;
 (3) there was duplication of services or testimony;
 (4) the utility's or municipality's proposal on an issue in the rate case had no reasonable basis in law, policy, or fact and was not warranted by any reasonable argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of commission precedent;
 (5) rate-case expenses as a whole were disproportionate, excessive, or unwarranted in relation to the nature and scope of the rate case addressed by the evidence pursuant to subsection (b)(5) of this section; or
 (6) the utility or municipality failed to comply with the requirements for providing sufficient information pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?

A. I am testifying on behalf of Commission Staff.

III. DISCUSSION OF EPE'S REQUEST

Q. Please describe EPE's request for recovery of rate-case expenses.

A. In this proceeding, EPE requests \$641,904.96 of its own incurred and paid rate-case expenses.⁷ As shown in Table AG-1 below, the composition of the Docket No. 52195 rate-case expenses in the requested amount of \$641,904.96 consists of the listed disciplines, vendors, and amounts. The components do not include the expenses reimbursed to CEP.

Table AG-1 (Docket No. 52195 Expenses of EPE)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Consultant	Concentric Energy Advisors	\$ 103,421.25 ⁸
Consultant	DGC Consulting	\$ 54,211.25 ⁹

⁷ El Paso Electric Company's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth Request for Information at Staff 6-1 at Attachment 1 (Sep. 7, 2021).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

Consultant	Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC	\$ 8,970.00 ¹⁰
Consultant	TLG Services, Inc.	\$ 3,496.00 ¹¹
Consultant	Wilson Consulting Group	\$ 3,781.25 ¹²
Legal Counsel	Duggins Wren Mann & Romero LP	\$ 464,080.75 ¹³
Subcontractor	Spectrum Technologies	\$ 2,273.28 ¹⁴
Office Supplies	Olmsted-Kirk Paper Company	\$ 1,023.50 ¹⁵
Miscellaneous	Employee and Other Expenses	\$ 647.68 ¹⁶
Total		\$ 641,904.96¹⁷

Q. Does the total that you present in Table AG-1 differ from EPE's request as stated in its response to Staff's Sixth RFI?

A. Yes. The presentation of the total in Table AG-1 differs from EPE's total expenses of \$3,343,550.¹⁸ Table AG-1 does not include EPE's remaining estimated expenses, which are part of its requested \$3,343,550.¹⁹

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ *Id.*

Q. In this proceeding, does EPE seek recovery of rate-case expenses related to Docket No. 46831?

A. Yes. In addition to the amount above, and as part of this proceeding, EPE seeks recovery of \$310,848.43 of its own incurred and paid rate-case expenses associated with Docket No. 46831, as well as the expenses reimbursed to the intervening Cities (City of El Paso, City of San Elizario, Town of Clint, Town of Horizon City, and City of Socorro) in the amount of \$70,886.70.²⁰ The total amount requested with respect to Docket No. 46831 equals \$381,735.13.²¹ The reason EPE seeks recovery of certain expenses associated with its previous base rate proceeding stems from the Commission's Order. The Order in Docket No. 46831, at Ordering Paragraph No. 10, provides:

EPE is authorized to establish a regulatory asset to record any rate-case expenses associated with this proceeding that EPE and the cities incurred after August 31, 2017. EPE shall not accrue any return on this regulatory asset. In EPE's next general base-rate case, EPE and the cities shall seek Commission review and recovery of any rate-case expenses recorded in this regulatory asset or forfeit such expenses.²²

Q. Please describe the expenses incurred by EPE related to Docket No. 46831.

A. Table AG-2 below provides the composition of the Docket No. 46831 EPE rate-case expenses in the requested amount of \$310,848.43, which consists of the listed disciplines, vendors, and amounts.

Table AG-2 (Docket No. 46831 Expenses of EPE)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Duggins Wren Mann & Romero LP	\$ 303,897.86 ²³

²⁰ El Paso Electric Company's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth Request for Information at Staff 6-1 at Attachment 2.

²¹ *Id.*

²² Docket No. 46831, Order at Ordering Paragraph No. 10 (Dec. 18, 2017).

²³ El Paso Electric Company's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth Request for Information at Staff 6-1 at Attachment 2.

Employee Expenses	Employee and Other Expenses	\$ 1,138.07 ²⁴
Consultant	DGC Consulting	\$ 5,812.50 ²⁵
Total		\$ 310,848.43²⁶

Q. Please describe the expenses incurred by the Cities and reimbursed by EPE related to Docket No. 46831.

A. In addition to the amounts above and as part of this proceeding, EPE seeks recovery of the \$70,886.70 related to the expenses incurred by the intervening Cities and reimbursed by EPE.²⁷ Table AG-3 below provides the composition of the Docket No. 46831 Cities' rate-case expenses in the amount of \$70,886.70, which consists of the listed disciplines, vendors, and amounts.

Table AG-3 (Docket No. 46831 Expenses of Cities)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon (City of El Paso)	\$ 62,240.55 ²⁸
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (City of San Elizario)	\$ 1,470.15 ²⁹
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (Town of Clint)	\$ 1,270.50 ³⁰

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Id.*

Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (Town of Horizon City)	\$ 1,270.50 ³¹
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (City of Socorro)	\$ 4,635.00 ³²
Total		\$ 70,886.70³³

Q. Please describe the total expenses incurred by EPE related to Docket Nos. 52195 and 46831 that you considered in your review.

A. Table AG-4 below provides the composition of the total rate-case expenses requested by EPE in this proceeding related to its incurred, reimbursed, and paid amounts.

Table AG-4 (Total EPE Requested Rate-Case Expenses)

Docket No.	Amount
Docket No. 52195	\$ 641,904.96
Docket No. 46831	\$ 381,735.13
Total	\$ 1,023,640.09

IV. DISCUSSION OF CEP'S REQUEST

Q. Please describe CEP's request for recovery of rate-case expenses related to its participation in this proceeding.

A. As part of this proceeding, CEP seeks reimbursement from EPE for the legal and consulting expenses that it incurred. As shown in Table AG-5 below, the composition of CEP's

³¹ *Id.*

³² *Id.*

³³ *Id.*

Docket No. 52195 rate-case expenses in the requested amount of \$202,613.60 through September 30, 2021 consists of the listed disciplines, vendors, and amounts.³⁴

Table AG-5 (CEP Docket No. 52195)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon, Attorney at Law	\$ 49,350.00 ³⁵
Consultant	ReSolved Energy Consulting, LLC	\$ 8,982.00 ³⁶
Consultant	CJ Energy	\$ 12,804.00 ³⁷
Consultant	Dan Lawton	\$ 50,600.00 ³⁸
Consultant	Garrett Group Consulting, Inc.	\$ 33,737.60 ³⁹
Consultant	Resolve Utility Consulting	\$ 15,500.00 ⁴⁰
Consultant	Norwood Energy Consulting, L.L.C.	\$ 30,800.00 ⁴¹
Consultant	Law Offices of James Z. Brazell	\$ 840.00 ⁴²
Total		\$ 202,613.60⁴³

³⁴ Direct Testimony of James Z. Brazell at Exhibit 3A (Oct. 22, 2021) (Brazell Direct).

³⁵ *Id.*

³⁶ *Id.*

³⁷ *Id.*

³⁸ *Id.*

³⁹ *Id.*

⁴⁰ *Id.*

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² *Id.*

⁴³ *Id.*

1 **Q. In this proceeding, does CEP seek recovery of rate-case expenses related to Docket**
2 **No. 52040?**

3 A. Yes. As part of this proceeding CEP seeks reimbursement from EPE for the legal and
4 consulting expenses that it incurred as a result of its participation in Docket No. 52040. As
5 shown in Table AG-6 below, the composition of CEP's Docket No. 52040 rate-case
6 expenses in the requested amount of \$5,635.00 consists of the listed discipline, vendor, and
7 amount.⁴⁴

Table AG-6 (CEP Docket No. 52040)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon, Attorney at Law	\$ 5,635.00 ⁴⁵
Total		\$ 5,635.00

8 **Q. In this proceeding, does CEP seek recovery of rate-case expenses related to Docket**
9 **No. 51348?**

10 A. Yes. As part of this proceeding CEP seeks reimbursement from EPE for the legal and
11 consulting expenses that it incurred as a result of its participation in Docket No. 51348. As
12 shown in Table AG-7 below, the composition of CEP's Docket No. 51348 rate-case
13 expenses in the requested amount of \$14,985.00 consists of the listed disciplines, vendors,
14 and amounts.⁴⁶

Table AG-7 (CEP Docket No. 51348)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon, Attorney at Law	\$ 5,985.00 ⁴⁷

⁴⁴ Direct Testimony of James Brazell at Exhibit 4A at Bates p. 130

⁴⁵ *Id.*

⁴⁶ Direct Testimony of James Brazell at Exhibit 4B at Bates p. 131.

⁴⁷ *Id.*

Consultant	Garrett Group Consulting, Inc.	\$ 9,000.00 ⁴⁸
Total		\$ 14,985.00

Q. In this proceeding, does CEP seek recovery of rate-case expenses related to Docket No. 50058?

A. Yes. As part of this proceeding CEP seeks reimbursement from EPE for the legal and consulting expenses that it incurred as a result of its participation in Docket No. 50058. As shown in Table AG-8 below, the composition of CEP's Docket No. 50058 rate-case expenses in the requested amount of \$31,873.81 consists of the listed disciplines, vendors, and amounts.⁴⁹

Table AG-8 (CEP Docket No. 50058)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon, Attorney at Law	\$ 8,469.21 ⁵⁰
Legal Counsel	El Paso City Attorney	\$ 964.60 ⁵¹
Consultant	Norwood Energy Consulting, L.L.C.	\$ 22,440.00 ⁵²
Total		\$ 31,873.81

Q. In this proceeding, does CEP seek recovery of rate-case expenses related to Docket No. 49395?

A. Yes. As part of this proceeding CEP seeks reimbursement from EPE for the legal and consulting expenses that it incurred as a result of its participation in Docket No. 49395. As shown in Table AG-9 below, the composition of CEP's Docket No. 49395 rate-case

⁴⁸ *Id.*

⁴⁹ Direct Testimony of James Brazell at Exhibit 4C at Bates p. 132.

⁵⁰ *Id.*

⁵¹ *Id.*

⁵² *Id.*

1 expenses in the requested amount of \$4,318.40 consists of the listed disciplines, vendors,
2 and amounts.⁵³

Table AG-9 (CEP Docket No. 49395)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon, Attorney at Law	\$ 3,130.40 ⁵⁴
Consultant	ReSolved Energy Consulting, LLC	\$ 1,188.00 ⁵⁵
Total		\$ 4,318.40

3 **Q. In this proceeding, does CEP seek recovery of rate-case expenses related to Docket**
4 **No. 49148?**

5 A. Yes. As part of this proceeding CEP seeks reimbursement from EPE for the legal and
6 consulting expenses that it incurred as a result of its participation in Docket No. 49148. As
7 shown in Table AG-10 below, the composition of CEP's Docket No. 49148 rate-case
8 expenses in the requested amount of \$31,602.76 consists of the listed disciplines, vendors,
9 and amounts.⁵⁶

Table AG-10 (CEP Docket No. 49148)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount
Legal Counsel	Norman J. Gordon, Attorney at Law	\$ 17,264.99 ⁵⁷
Consultant	ReSolved Energy Consulting, LLC	\$ 14,190.00 ⁵⁸

⁵³ Direct Testimony of James Brazell at Exhibit 4D at Bates p. 133.

⁵⁴ *Id.*

⁵⁵ *Id.*

⁵⁶ Direct Testimony of James Brazell at Exhibit 4E at Bates p. 134.

⁵⁷ *Id.*

⁵⁸ *Id.*

Delivery	FedEx	\$ 147.77 ⁵⁹
Total		\$ 31,602.76

Q. Please describe the total expenses incurred by CEP related to Docket Nos. 52195, 52040, 51348, 50058, 49395, and 49148 that you considered in your review.

A. Table AG-11 below provides the composition of the total rate-case expenses requested by CEP in this proceeding that I considered in my review.

Table AG-11 (Total CEP)

Docket No.	Amount
Docket No. 52195	\$ \$202,613.60
Docket No. 52040	\$ 5,635.00
Docket No. 51348	\$ 14,985.00
Docket No. 50058	\$ 31,873.81
Docket No. 49395	\$ 4,318.40
Docket No. 49148	\$ 31,602.76
Total	\$ 291,028.57

V. RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO EPE'S DOCKET NO. 52195 RATE-CASE EXPENSES

Q. What is your recommendation regarding EPE's requested Docket No. 52195 rate-case expenses?

A. I propose a reduction of \$6,561.25 to EPE's requested expenses paid to date. My recommended adjustment is summarized in Table AG-12 below and results in my

⁵⁹ *Id.*

1 recommendation that EPE recover reasonable and necessary rate-case expenses incurred
2 and supported through July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$635,343.71 (\$641,904.96 -
3 \$6,561.25). Additionally, as part of my recommendation, I do not recommend recovery of
4 the estimated remaining expenses unless EPE presents documentation supporting the
5 reasonableness and necessity of the costs it actually incurs.⁶⁰ Later, in Section IX of this
6 testimony, I discuss my recommendation related to rate-case expenses incurred and
7 supported subsequent to July 31, 2021.

Table AG-12 (Staff's Recommended Adjustments)

Discipline	Amount
Consultant	(\$ 2,675.00)
Consultant-DGC Consulting	(\$ 3,886.25)
Total	(\$ 6,561.25)

8 **Q. Based upon your review of the supporting documentation presented in this**
9 **proceeding, please describe your recommended adjustments to EPE's requested rate-**
10 **case expenses?**

11 A. After reviewing the supporting documentation presented in EPE's response to Staff's Sixth
12 and Eleventh RFIs, I recommend an adjustment to the amount requested for one
13 consultant's fees and services in the amount of (\$2,675). The documentation that I
14 reviewed included hourly rates in excess of \$550 per hour.⁶¹ The reason for my adjustment
15 is to remove the amount of hourly fees in excess of \$550 per hour that total \$2,675.
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⁶⁰ El Paso Electric Company's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth Request for Information, at Response to RFI No. Staff 6-1 at Attachment 1.

⁶¹ El Paso Electric Company's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth Request for Information, at Response to RFI No. Staff 6-2 at Attachment 2, Highly Sensitive Protected Materials (Sep. 8, 2021).

1 **Q. Why do you recommend an adjustment to remove hourly fees in excess of \$550 per**
2 **hour?**

3 A. I recommend the use of the \$550 hourly rate referenced in Finding of Fact 64 from the
4 Commission's Order in Docket No. 46831 as a reasonable benchmark for capping the
5 recovery from ratepayers of the hourly rate for EPE's consultants.⁶² In the referenced EPE
6 proceeding, a comprehensive base rate proceeding of this same utility, the Commission
7 found that rate-case expenses that were reasonable and necessary and in compliance with
8 16 TAC § 25.245 were those expenses in which the hourly rate for any service did not
9 exceed \$550. That is, to the extent the hourly rate for any service exceeded \$550, only
10 \$550 was included in the rate-case expenses. For consistency and regulatory certainty, I
11 recommend that the \$550 limit apply to the hourly rates billed by the consultants utilized
12 in this proceeding. Additionally, my recommended adjustment to the hourly rate follows
13 recent guidance provided by the administrative law judge in Docket No. 51415,⁶³ as
14 follows:

15 308. SWEPCO did not meet its burden of proof to show that the nature,
16 extent, and difficulty of the work performed by the attorneys who charged
17 in excess of \$550 per hour justified hourly rates in excess of \$550 in this
18 base rate case.⁶⁴

19 309. The rates SWEPCO paid to outside attorneys in excess of \$550 per
20 hour are excessive and not reasonable.⁶⁵

21 310. The fact that other entities may be willing to pay an attorney a rate in
22 excess of \$550 per hour does not mean that the rate is reasonable and not
23 excessive in the context of a Commission electric utility rate proceeding.⁶⁶

⁶² *Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates*, Docket No. 46831, Order at Finding of Fact No. 64 (Dec. 18, 2017).

⁶³ *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Authority to Change Rates*, Docket No. 51415, Proposal for Decision at Findings of Fact Nos. 308-310 (Aug. 27, 2021).

⁶⁴ *Id.*

⁶⁵ *Id.*

⁶⁶ *Id.*

Although the rates at issue in Docket No. 51415 are associated with hourly legal fees, I recommend that the Commission apply the same rate to the hourly fees of utility consultants.

Q. Do you recommend another adjustment to EPE's requested Docket No. 52195 rate-case expenses?

A. After reviewing EPE's redacted and confidential response to Staff's Eleventh RFI, I determined that the supporting documentation underlying the request for recovery of expenses from the DGC Consulting totaled \$50,325.⁶⁷ The details of the invoices supporting my calculation appear below.

February 1, 2021	\$ 0 ⁶⁸
March 2, 2021	\$ 1,031.25 ⁶⁹
April 1, 2021	\$15,262.50 ⁷⁰
May 3, 2021	\$16,018.75 ⁷¹
June 1, 2021	\$17,806.25 ⁷²
July 1, 2021	<u>\$ 206.25⁷³</u>
Total	\$50,325.00

This amount is \$3,886.25 short of the \$54,211.25 that EPE requests for recovery with respect to this consultant.⁷⁴ I recommend an adjustment of (\$3,886.25) to EPE's request due to the missing supporting documentation.

⁶⁷ EPE's Confidential Response to Commission Staff's Eleventh RFI, at Staff 11-1 (Oct. 1, 2021).

⁶⁸ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Eleventh RFI, at Staff 11-1 at Bates p. 43.

⁶⁹ *Id.* at Bates p. 48.

⁷⁰ *Id.* at Bates p. 51.

⁷¹ *Id.* at Bates p. 55.

⁷² *Id.* at Bates p. 60.

⁷³ *Id.* at Bates p. 65.

⁷⁴ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth RFI, at Staff 6-1 at Attachment 1.

**VI. RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO DOCKET NO. 46831 RATE-CASE
EXPENSES**

A. EPE Adjustments

Q. Please explain the adjustments that you recommend to EPE's request for recovery of deferred rate-case expenses related to Docket No. 46831.

A. EPE requests recovery of \$303,897.86 in legal fees associated with Duggins, Wren Mann & Romero, LLP for services provided during the pendency of Docket No. 46831, but subsequent to August 31, 2017.⁷⁵ Based upon my review of the documentation that EPE submitted in response to Staff's Eleventh RFI, I recommend an adjustment of (\$237,436.51) to remove expenses for which underlying supporting documentation is missing. In the RFI response, EPE provides the summary invoice, but does not provide the details such as dates services were performed, tasks performed, name of billing attorney, or the hourly rate. Because the documentation provided in Staff RFI 11-1 does not meet the standards of 16 TAC § 25.245, I recommend a disallowance to remove the expenses associated with the following invoices.

October 11, 2017	\$150,598.71 ⁷⁶
January 11, 2018	\$ 37,197.40 ⁷⁷
February 13, 2018	<u>\$ 49,640.40⁷⁸</u>
Total	\$237,436.51

⁷⁵ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth RFI, at Response to RFI No. Staff 6-1 at Attachment 2.

⁷⁶ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Eleventh RFI, at Response to RFI No. Staff 11-1 at Bates p. 400.

⁷⁷ *Id.* at Bates p. 392.

⁷⁸ *Id.* at Bates p. 401.

B. Adjustment to Amount Reimbursed to the Cities

Q. Please explain the adjustment you recommend to EPE's request for recovery of expenses that EPE reimbursed the Cities with respect to Docket No. 46831.

A. The invoices produced by EPE in its response to Staff's Eleventh RFI demonstrate that some of the Cities' expense relate to the time before August 31, 2017. The Commission's order in Docket No. 46831 only authorized EPE to establish a regulatory asset to record any rate-case expenses associated with that proceeding that EPE and the Cities rendered after August 31, 2017. Because the supporting documentation provided refers to services performed before August 31, 2017, I recommend the following adjustments.

TABLE AG-13 (Adjustments to Docket No. 46831 Cities' Reimbursement)

Discipline	Vendor	Amount not supported
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (City of San Elizario)	\$ 1,470.15 ⁷⁹
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (Town of Clint)	\$ 1,270.50 ⁸⁰
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (Town of Horizon City)	\$ 1,270.50 ⁸¹
Legal Counsel	Bojorquez Law Firm, PLLC (City of Socorro)	\$ 675 ⁸²
Total Unsupported		\$ 4,686.15

⁷⁹ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth RFI, at Response to RFI No. Staff 6-1 at Attachment 2.

⁸⁰ *Id.*

⁸¹ *Id.*

⁸² *Id.*

VII. RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO CEP'S RATE-CASE EXPENSES

Q. Please provide your recommendation with respect to your review of the rate-case expenses for which CEP incurred in this proceeding, as well as Docket Nos. 52040, 51348, 50058, 49395, and 49148.

A. Based upon my review of the supporting documentation presented, I recommend several reductions to the rate-case expenses for which CEP seeks reimbursement for its participation in the proceedings identified above. Table AG-14 below provides the composition of the total rate-case expense adjustments to CEP's request that I recommend.

TABLE AG-14 (CEP Docket No. 52195 Adjustments)

Docket No.	Vendor	Amount	Reason	Brazell Direct Bates Page
52195	Garrett Group Consulting, Inc.	(\$1,017.40)	Unsupported	95
52195	Garrett Group Consulting, Inc.	(\$ 280.20)	Unsupported	101
50058	El Paso City Attorney	(\$ 964.60)	Internal Expense	263-268
49395	Norman J. Gordon	(\$3,130.40)	Missing Invoice	301-302
49148	Expenses	(\$ 72.99)	Missing Receipt	374
Total		(\$5,465.59)		

The predominant reason for my recommended reduction to CEP's request is due to inadequate supporting documentation. The other reason for my adjustment is to remove wages associated with the Assistant City Attorney for the City of El Paso in the amount of \$964.60. The documentation provided by CEP does not indicate whether the amount requested is incremental to the individual's base pay or if the services are subsumed within

1 the City of El Paso's annual payroll. In order to avoid double recovery, I recommend
2 removing the wages from CEP's request.

3 **VIII. SURCHARGE RECOMMENDATION**

4 **Q. Please describe your recommendation regarding a surcharge to allow EPE to recover**
5 **its reasonable and necessary rate-case expenses.**

6 A. EPE included its rate-case expenses related to its 2017 rate case and its 2021 rate case as
7 components of its Regulatory Commission expenses presented in Schedule G-U14. Rather
8 than include the recovery of rate-case expenses in EPE's base rates, I recommend that the
9 Commission approve recovery through a rate-case expense surcharge rider and that the
10 recovery occur over a four year surcharge period. The four year surcharge period aligns
11 with the provisions of PURA § 36.212 that require electric utilities operating solely outside
12 of ERCOT to initiate a comprehensive base rate proceeding on or before the fourth
13 anniversary of the date of the final order in the electric utility's most recent comprehensive
14 base rate proceeding. In order to prevent recovery of rate-case expenses through base rates
15 as well as a surcharge, I recommend that the Commission remove the amounts provided in
16 Schedule G-U14 as case processing expenses associated with the 2017 rate case and the
17 2021 rate case from EPE's requested revenue requirement. The amount associated with
18 the 2017 rate case equals \$95,513 and the amount associated with the 2021 rate case equals
19 \$1,058,763 or a total revenue requirement reduction of \$1,154,276.⁸³

20 **Q. Please summarize the amount that you recommend for inclusion in a rate-case**
21 **expense surcharge by docket number.**

22 A. My recommendation produces rate-case expense recovery as shown in Table AG-15 below
23 in the total amount of \$1,060,519.16, including reimbursement to CEP for its reasonable
24 expenses.

⁸³ Application at Schedule G-14.

Table AG-15 (Recoverable Rate-Case Expenses)

Docket No.	EPE's Expenses	Staff Adjustment to EPE	CEP's Expenses	Staff Adjustment to CEP	Total Rate-Case Expenses to Surcharge
52195	\$ 641,904.96 ⁸⁴	(\$ 6,561.25)	\$ 202,613.60 ⁸⁵	(\$ 1,297.60)	\$ 836,659.71
52040	\$ 0		\$ 5,635.00 ⁸⁶	\$ 0	\$ 5,635.00
51348	\$ 0		\$ 14,985.00 ⁸⁷	\$ 0	\$ 14,985.00
50058	\$ 0		\$ 31,873.81 ⁸⁸	(\$ 964.60)	\$ 30,909.21
49395	\$ 0		\$ 4,318.40 ⁸⁹	(\$ 3,130.40)	\$ 1,188.00
49148	\$ 0		\$ 31,602.76 ⁹⁰	(\$ 72.99)	\$ 31,529.77
46831	\$ 381,735.13 ⁹¹	(\$ 242,122.66)			\$ 139,612.47
Total	\$1,023,640.09	(\$ 248,683.91)	\$ 291,028.57	(\$ 5,465.59)	\$1,060,519.16

IX. ONGOING RATE-CASE EXPENSES

Q. Please describe your recommendation related to the recovery of the rate-case expenses incurred and supported subsequent to September 30, 2021.

A. Because EPE continues to incur rate-case expenses related to this proceeding, I recommend that EPE provide an update to the rate-case expense reporting along with its reply brief to support the amount of rate-case expenses incurred during the hearing on the merits and

⁸⁴ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth RFI, at Response to RFI No. Staff 6-1 at Attachment 1.

⁸⁵ Brazell Direct at Exhibit 3A.

⁸⁶ Brazell Direct at Exhibit 4A.

⁸⁷ Brazell Direct at Exhibit 4B.

⁸⁸ Brazell Direct at Exhibit 4C.

⁸⁹ Brazell Direct at Exhibit 4D.

⁹⁰ Brazell Direct at Exhibit 4E.

⁹¹ EPE's Response to Commission Staff's Sixth RFI, at Response to RFI No. Staff 6-1 at Attachment 2.

1 post hearing briefing. This reporting will allow the presiding officer to consider the final
2 rate case expense updates in the Proposal for Decision to be issued in this docket. With
3 respect to the presentation of future updates to rate-case expenses, I recommend that the
4 presentation of the information begin with the spreadsheet provided in the Response to
5 Staff's Sixth RFI and include updates to each category for all additional expenses
6 requested, including those incurred by CEP. Further, EPE and CEP will need to provide
7 supporting documentation related to all remaining expenses requested.

8 **Q. What is your recommendation related to the rate-case expenses EPE incurs after it**
9 **files its post-hearing briefing?**

10 A. I recommend that EPE record a regulatory asset for its rate-case expenses incurred after it
11 files its post-hearing briefing, along with the expenses incurred by CEP. I recommend that
12 the Commission allow EPE to request recovery of the trailing expenses included in this
13 regulatory asset in its next full base rate case and require it to provide supporting
14 documentation at that time. Because the requirements of PURA § 36.212 instruct EPE to
15 file another rate change application within four years, intergenerational inequity issues may
16 exist. However, I believe that capturing the rate-case expenses to be recovered through
17 post-hearing briefing in this proceeding limits the amount of the trailing expenses and the
18 regulatory asset that EPE can record, and in turn, lessens the magnitude of the amount of
19 rate-case expenses that might be borne by future ratepayers.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

21 A. Yes.

ANNA GIVENS
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LIST OF PREVIOUS TESTIMONY

Docket No. 21384

Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. to Implement an Interim Fuel Surcharge
Testimony on Under-recovered Fuel Balance filed October 1999

Docket No. 22352

Application of Central Power and Light Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service
Rate Pursuant to PURA §39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344
Testimony on Cost of Service filed November 2000

Docket No. 22349

Application of Texas New Mexico Power Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service
Rate Pursuant to PURA §39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule 25.344
Testimony on Cost of Service filed February 2001

Docket No. 25421

Application of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Change Rates for Transmission and
Transformation Utility Cost of Service
Testimony on Cost of Service filed October 2002

Docket No. 26942

Petition of Texas-New Mexico Power Company for Approval of Regulatory Asset Treatment of
Expenses Related to System Benefit Fund Payments
Testimony on Deferred Accounting Treatment filed April 2003

Docket No. 27576

Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company for Final Reconciliation of Fuel Costs Under
PUC Subst. Rule 25.236(g)
Testimony of Over-recovered Fuel Balance filed July 2003
Supplemental Testimony of Cities' Rate Case Expenses filed August 2003

Docket No. 28906

Application of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Change Rates
Testimony on Cost of Service filed May 2004

Docket No. 31544

Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for Recovery of Its Transition to Competition Costs
Testimony on Transition Expenses filed February 6, 2006

Docket No. 32766

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates;
Reconciliation of Its Fuel Costs for 2004 and 2005; Authority to Revise the Semi Annual
Formulae Originally Approved in Docket No. 27751 Used to Adjust Its Fuel Factors; and Related
Relief
Testimony on Cost of Service filed January 12, 2007

Docket No. 34800

Application of Entergy Gulf States, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates and to Reconcile Fuel Costs

Testimony on Cost of Service filed April 18, 2008

Docket No. 35763

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates, to Reconcile Fuel and Purchased Power Costs for 2006 and 2007, and to Provide a Credit for Fuel Cost Savings

Testimony on Cost of Service filed October 21, 2008

Docket No. 36918

Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC for Determination of Hurricane Restoration Costs

Testimony on Recovery of Hurricane Ike System Restoration Costs filed July 7, 2009

Docket No. 37744

Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates and Reconcile Fuel Costs

Testimony on Cost of Service filed June 16, 2010

Docket No. 39896

Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates and Reconcile Fuel Costs and Obtain Deferred Accounting Treatment

Testimony on Cost of Service filed April 3, 2012

Docket No. 41474

Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate

Testimony on Cost of Service filed October 28, 2013

Docket No. 42042

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Approval of a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor

Testimony on Property Taxes filed May 1, 2014

Docket No. 42448

Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Approval of a Transmission Cost Recovery Factor

Testimony on Rate Case Expenses filed July 31, 2014

Docket No. 42004

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates and to Reconcile Fuel and Purchased Power Costs for the Period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed September 8, 2014

Docket No. 43111

Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.243

Testimony on Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Revenue Requirement filed November 5, 2014

Docket No. 43695

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company For Authority to Change Rates

Testimony on Cost of Service filed May 22, 2015

Docket No. 44612

Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company to Adjust Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Related Relief

Testimony on Incentive Compensation filed June 11, 2015

Docket No. 44677

Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval to Revise its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Request to Establish Revised Cost Cap

Testimony on Rate Case Expenses filed July 31, 2015

Docket No. 44698

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company to Adjust its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor

Testimony on Incentive Compensation and Rate Case Expenses filed July 31, 2015

Docket No. 44941

Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates

Testimony on Cost of Service filed December 18, 2015

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed April 22, 2016

Docket No. 44498

Review of Rate Case Expenses Incurred by Southwestern Public Service Company and Municipalities in Docket No. 43695

Testimony on Rate-Case Expenses filed May 9, 2016

Docket No. 45928

Application of AEP Texas North Company to Adjust Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Related Relief

Testimony on Incentive Compensation and Rate Case Expenses filed July 25, 2016

Docket No. 45929

Application of AEP Texas Central Company to Adjust Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Related Relief

Testimony on Incentive Compensation and Rate Case Expenses filed July 25, 2016

Docket No. 46831

Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates

Testimony on Cost of Service filed June 30, 2017

Testimony in Support of Stipulation and Agreement filed November 2, 2017

Docket No. 47461

Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorization and Related Relief for the Wind Catcher Energy Connection Project

Testimony on Certain Fuel Expense Treatments for Planned Investments in Wind Generation Facilities filed December 11, 2017

Docket No. 47527

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates

Testimony on Cost of Service filed May 2, 2018

Docket No. 48401

Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company for Authority to Change Rates

Testimony on Cost of Service filed August 20, 2018

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed November 12, 2018

Docket No. 48929

Joint Report and Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company L.L.C., Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., Sharyland Utilities, L.P., and Sempra Energy for Regulatory Approvals Under PURA §§ 14.101, 37.154, 39.262, and 39.915

Testimony on Regulatory Recommendations filed March 22, 2019

Docket No. 49494

Application of AEP Texas, Inc. For Authority to Change Rates

Testimony on Cost of Service filed August 1, 2019

Docket No. 48591

Review of Rate Case Expenses Incurred by Texas-New Mexico Power Company and Municipalities in Docket Nos. 48401, 35038, and 41901.

Testimony on Rate-Case Expenses filed August 5, 2019

Docket No. 50733

Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend Its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed May 27, 2020

Docket No. 49916

Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Authority to Reconcile Fuel and Purchased Power Costs

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed June 11, 2020

Docket No. 50685

Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval of Accounting Treatment for Temporary Reassignment of Jurisdictional Energy

Testimony on Reassignment of Fuel Costs filed August 20, 2020

Docket No. 51100

Application of the City of Lubbock, By and Through Lubbock Power and Light, for Authority to Establish Initial Wholesale Transmission Rates and Tariffs

Testimony on Revenue Requirement filed November 12, 2020

Docket No. 49351

Ratepayers' Appeal of the Decision by Bear Creek Special Utility District to Change Rates

Supplemental Testimony on Rate Case Expenses filed January 20, 2021

Docket No. 50944

Application of Monarch Utilities I L.P. for Authority to Change Rates

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed July 16, 2021

Docket No. 51802

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company for Authority to Change Rates

Testimony on Rate-Case Expenses filed August 20, 2021

Supplemental Testimony on Rate-Case Expenses filed October 13, 2021

Docket No. 52194

Application of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC to Adjust Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor

Testimony in Support of Stipulation filed October 7, 2021

Docket No. 52397

Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company to Implement a Net Interim Fuel Surcharge

Testimony on Under-Collected Fuel Balance filed October 13, 2021

Docket No. 52210

Application of Southwestern Public Service Company to Implement an Interim Net Surcharge for Under-Collected Fuel Costs

Testimony on Under-Collected Fuel Balance filed October 15, 2021

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STAFF 6-1:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide for EPE:

- a) a summary schedule of total rate case expenses by vendor within each discipline (legal, engineering, accounting, etc.) with subtotals for each month: estimated expenses, expenses incurred and paid to date, expenses incurred and not paid to date, remaining estimated expenditures, and specific areas of work by vendor;
- b) an explanation of the basis for any estimated rate case expenses requested and when the estimated expenses are expected to be incurred; and,
- c) assurance that the total amounts provided in response to item (a) equal your total requested rate case expenses.

RESPONSE:

- a) Please refer to Staff 6-1 Attachment 1 for the summary schedule of total rate case expenses and specific areas of work by vendor in Docket No. 52195. Please refer to Staff 6-1 Attachment 2 for the summary schedule of total rate case expenses and specific areas of work by vendor for Docket No. 46831, EPE's last base rate case, incurred after August 31, 2017. Pursuant to agreement, expenses for Docket No. 51780 (EPE's request for a waiver of Schedule S audit) have been excluded.

- b) EPE estimates total rate case expenses that would occur for the duration of the case, and the estimates were not broken down to specific time periods for when they would be incurred. The rate case expenses were estimated based on prior case costs and utilizing increases based on inflation or vendor hourly rate increases.
- c) The total amounts provided in response to item (a) equal the total requested rate case expenses shown in Schedule G-14.1.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Expenses paid through July 31, 2021										
Discipline	Vendor Name	Estimated Expenses	202103	202104	202105	202106	202107	Expenses paid to date through July 31, 2021	Expenses incurred and not paid to date	Remaining estimated expenses
NON-PAYROLL EMPLOYEE EXPENSES		\$ 66,550.00						\$ 647.68		\$ 65,902.32
	House Of Pizza Downtown (21 people)					253.38		\$ 253.38		
	Healthy Bite (3 people)					31.80		\$ 31.80		
	Subway (10 people)					80.41		\$ 80.41		
	Taco Cabana (10 people)					30.29		\$ 30.29		
	Rockstar Burger Bar (17 people)					251.80		\$ 251.80		
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$ 2,000.00						\$ 1,023.50		\$ 976.50
	Olmsted-Kirk Paper Co. 1	2,000.00			1,023.50			\$ 1,023.50		976.50
SUBCONTRACTOR CHARGES		\$ 5,000.00						\$ 2,273.28		\$ 2,726.72
	Spectrum Technologies	5,000.00			1,136.64	1,136.64		\$ 2,273.28		2,726.72
OUTSIDE SVCS-CONSULTING		\$ 770,000.00						\$ 173,879.75		\$ 596,120.25
	Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc	435,000.00	8,898.75	49,565.00		38,421.25	6,536.25	\$ 103,421.25		331,578.75
	DGC Consulting	185,000.00	1,031.25	15,262.50	4,812.50	16,018.75	17,086.25	\$ 54,211.25		130,788.75
	Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC	40,000.00		1,040.00		2,360.00	5,570.00	\$ 8,970.00		31,030.00
	TLG Services, Inc	10,000.00				3,496.00		\$ 3,496.00		6,504.00
	Wilson Consulting Group	100,000.00			3,781.25			\$ 3,781.25		96,218.75
DEFERRED LEGAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,500,000.00						\$ 464,080.75		\$ 2,035,919.25
	Duggins Wren Mann & Romero, LLP	2,500,000.00	86,218.50	136,876.50	124,803.00		133,644.75	\$ 481,542.75		2,018,457.25
	Docket No. 51780 Expenses		(2,646.00)	(1,188.00)	(10,910.00)		(2,718.00)	\$ (17,462.00)		
Total		\$ 3,343,550.00	\$ 96,148.50	\$ 202,744.00	\$ 135,556.89		\$ 162,837.25	\$ 641,904.96	\$ -	\$ 5,319,925.76

Amounts may not add or tie to other schedules due to rounding.

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Concentric Energy Advisors Inc	Mr. Daniel Dane prepared a lead-lag study to determine the appropriate amount of cash working capital to be included in cost of service. His testimony and this study was included as part of EPE's filing. Mr. Dane also responded to discovery. Jennifer Nelson provided support for EPE's required rate of return on equity and addressed the Company's requested capital structure and overall rate of return. She provided testimony and responded to discovery in the rate case. Concentric also provided a review of rate case schedules prior to filing.
DGC Consulting	Mr. David Carpenter provided support to EPE witnesses regarding financial, tax and other accounting issues prior to and during the case. He also assisted with testimony and discovery.
Duggins Wren Mann & Romero LLP	DWMR provides legal services including paralegal services and other support services. DWMR invoices also include expenses such as telephone, copying, travel, lodging, etc.
Gannett Fleming Valuation and	Mr. John Spanos supported the 2020 depreciation study conducted under his direction and supervision for El Paso Electric Company. Mr. Spanos provided testimony and responded to discovery that he used the straight line remaining life method of depreciation with the average service life procedure in performing the 2020 study. His testimony details the processes by which he determined service lives, net salvage percentages, and estimated annual depreciation accrual rates.
Non-Payroll Employee Expenses	Non payroll employee expenses related to Docket No. 52195 including air fare, car rentals, taxi, hotels, meals, supplies and miscellaneous expenses.
Olmsted-Kirk Paper Co.	Olmsted-Kirk Paper Co. provides paper to EPE.
Spectrum Technologies	Spectrum Technologies provide printer support. These charges are for 24 hour support during production of the rate case.
TLG Services Inc	Mr. Roderick Knight presented the results of the 2017 decommissioning cost update prepared for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station located in Tonopah, Arizona ("Palo Verde") by TLG. Mr. Knight provided testimony and responded to discovery during this case.
Wilson Consulting Group	Mr. Scott Wilson provided support to EPE witnesses regarding financial and other accounting issues prior to and during the case. He also assisted with testimony and discovery.

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Expenses paid through July 31, 2021													
Discipline	Vendor Name	Estimated Expenses	201712	201802	201803	201804	201805	201806	201808	202102	Expenses paid to date through July 31, 2021	Expenses incurred and not paid to date	Remaining estimated expenses
NON-PAYROLL EMPLOYEE EXPENSES		\$ 1,138.07									\$ 1,138.07		\$ -
	TRAIN/TRAVEL-AIR TRANS												
	SOUTHWES 5268788123280	311.96		311.96							\$ 311.96		
	SOUTHWES 5268788176298	331.96		331.96							\$ 331.96		
	SOUTHWES 5268793336334	194.00		194.00							\$ 194.00		
	TRAIN/TRAVEL-GROUND TRANS												
	EPIA PARKING	10.00		10.00							\$ 10.00		
	SQ *ATX COOP TAXI # 104 G	25.00		25.00							\$ 25.00		
	TRAIN/TRAVEL-LODGING												
	DOUBLETREE SUITES ASTN	219.65		219.65							\$ 219.65		
	TRAIN/TRAVEL-MEALS												
	CASA COLOMBIA (5 people)	45.50		45.50							\$ 45.50		
OUTSIDE SVCS-CONSULTING		\$ 5,812.50									\$ 5,812.50		\$ -
	DGC Consulting	5,812.50	5,812.50								\$ 5,812.50		-
DEFERRED LEGAL EXPENSES		\$ 374,784.56									\$ 374,784.56		\$ -
	City of El Paso	62,240.55		13,717.47	8,670.58	2,519.00	2,005.30			35,328.20	\$ 62,240.55		
	City of San Elizario	1,470.15							1,470.15		\$ 1,470.15		
	Town of Clint	1,270.50							1,270.50		\$ 1,270.50		
	Town of Horizon City	1,270.50							1,270.50		\$ 1,270.50		
	City of Socorro	4,635.00			4,635.00						\$ 4,635.00		
	Duggins Wren Mann & Romero LLP	303,897.86	56,142.79	198,114.67	49,640.40						\$ 303,897.86		
Total		\$ 381,735.13	\$ 61,955.29	\$ 212,970.21	\$ 62,945.98				\$ 4,011.15	\$ 35,328.20	\$ 381,735.13	\$ -	\$ -

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DGC Consulting	Mr. David Carpenter provided support to EPE witnesses regarding financial, tax and other accounting issues prior to and during the case. He also assisted with testimony and discovery.
Duggins Wren Mann & Romero LLP	DWMMR provides legal services including paralegal services and other support services. DWMMR invoices also include expenses such as telephone, copying, travel, lodging, etc.
City of El Paso	Payments to municipalities requesting reimbursement for rate-case expenses pursuant to PURA §33.023(b).
City of San Elizario	Payments to municipalities requesting reimbursement for rate-case expenses pursuant to PURA §33.023(b).
Town of Clint	Payments to municipalities requesting reimbursement for rate-case expenses pursuant to PURA §33.023(b).
Town of Horizon City	Payments to municipalities requesting reimbursement for rate-case expenses pursuant to PURA §33.023(b).
City of Socorro	Payments to municipalities requesting reimbursement for rate-case expenses pursuant to PURA §33.023(b).

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STAFF 6-2:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a detailed schedule of, and justification for, each individual whose hourly billing rate is \$500 an hour or greater. The schedule should include the vendor name, individual's name, individual's title, number of hours billed, and specific work areas. Please attach applicable invoices and receipts.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company's ("EPE") rate case expenses include only one individual who charges more than \$500 per hour. EPE believes this individual's rate is justified because of their extensive experience in a very specialized field. Please see Staff 6-2, Attachments 1 and 2 – Highly Sensitive Protected Materials.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

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STAFF 6-3:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide an affidavit signed by each consultant stating that the rate charged is the normal hourly billing rate charged by the consultant, is comparable to the hourly rate charged by other consultants for similar services provided to other Texas utilities, and is the normal hourly billing rate charged by the consultant for services to non-regulated entities.

RESPONSE:

Please see STAFF 6-3, Attachments 1 through 5.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HOOD

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared David G. Carpenter, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

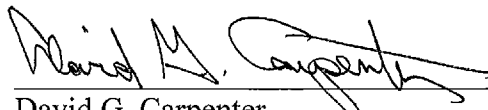
My name is David G. Carpenter. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am of sound mind and competent to testify as to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and they are true and correct.

I am employed as Principal by DGC Consulting, and I was retained as a consultant in Docket No. 52195 on behalf of El Paso Electric Company (EPE).

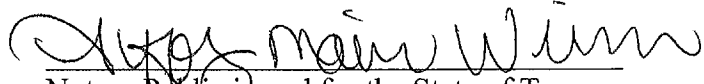
I make this affidavit to respond to Staff Request for Information No. 6-3.

For work I performed in Docket No. 52195, the rate that I charged is at or below the normal hourly billing rate for the firm and are charged to all clients, be they rate-regulated or competitive entities, for the types of services I provided in Docket No. 52195. To the best of my knowledge, my hourly rate for the work I performed related to Docket No. 52195 is comparable to the hourly billing rates currently charged by other consultants of similar experience and expertise to other Texas utilities for similar services.

Further affiant sayeth not.

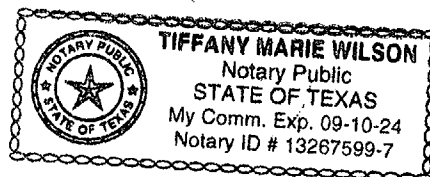

David G. Carpenter

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this 30 day of August 2021.


Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires:

09-10-2024



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STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Daniel S. Dane, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

My name is Daniel S. Dane. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am of sound mind and competent to testify as to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and they are true and correct.

I am employed as Senior Vice President by Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc., and I was retained as a consultant in Docket No. 52195 on behalf of El Paso Electric Company (EPE)..

I make this affidavit to respond to Staff Request for Information No. 6-3.

For work I performed in Docket No. 52195, the rate that I charged is at or below the normal hourly billing rate for the firm and are charged to all clients, be they rate-regulated or competitive entities, for the types of services I provided in Docket No. 52195. To the best of my knowledge, my hourly rate for the work I performed related to Docket No. 52195 is comparable to the hourly billing rates currently charged by other consultants of similar experience and expertise to other Texas utilities for similar services.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Daniel Dane

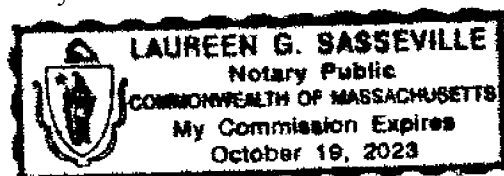
DANIEL S. DANE, Senior Vice President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of MASSACHUSETTS, this 31st day of AUGUST 2021.

Laureen Sasseville

Notary Public in and for the State of Massachusetts

My commission expires:
October 19, 2023



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS §
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COUNTY OF WORCESTER §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jennifer E. Nelson, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

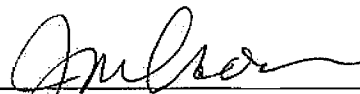
My name is Jennifer E. Nelson. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am of sound mind and competent to testify as to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and they are true and correct.

I am employed as Assistant Vice President by Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc., and I was retained as a consultant in Docket No. 52195 on behalf of El Paso Electric Company (EPE).

I make this affidavit to respond to Staff Request for Information No. 6-3.

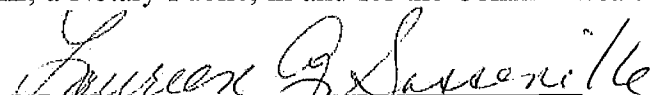
For work I performed in Docket No. 52195, the rate that I charged is at or below the normal hourly billing rate for the firm and are charged to all clients, be they rate-regulated or competitive entities, for the types of services I provided in Docket No. 52195. To the best of my knowledge, my hourly rate for the work I performed related to Docket No. 52195 is comparable to the hourly billing rates currently charged by other consultants of similar experience and expertise to other Texas utilities for similar services.

Further affiant sayeth not.

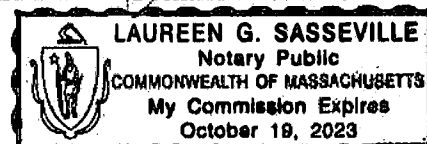


Jennifer E. Nelson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this 31st day of August 2021.



Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts



My commission expires:

October 19, 2023

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STATE OF ARIZONA §
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COUNTY OF MARICOPA §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Todd A. Horton, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

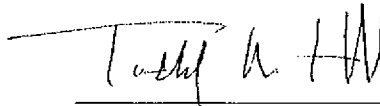
My name is Todd A. Horton. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am of sound mind and competent to testify as to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and they are true and correct.

I am employed as Senior Vice President – Site Operations by Arizona Public Service Company, and I was retained as a consultant in Docket No. 52195 on behalf of El Paso Electric Company (EPE).

I make this affidavit to respond to Staff Request for Information No. 6-3.

For work I performed in Docket No. 52195, the rate that I charged is at or below the normal hourly billing rate for the firm and are charged to all clients, be they rate-regulated or competitive entities, for the types of services I provided in Docket No. 52195. To the best of my knowledge, my hourly rate for the work I performed related to Docket No. 52195 is comparable to the hourly billing rates currently charged by other consultants of similar experience and expertise to other Texas utilities for similar services.

Further affiant sayeth not.



Todd A. Horton

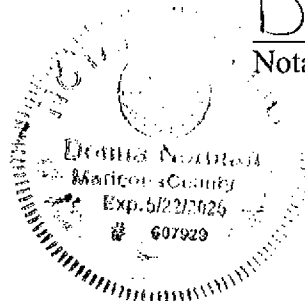
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Arizona, this 2nd day of Sept 2021.



Notary Public in and for the State of Arizona

My commission expires:

5/22/2026



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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA §
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COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared John J. Spanos, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

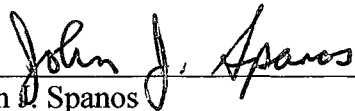
My name is John J. Spanos. I am over the age of twenty-one years and am of sound mind and competent to testify as to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and they are true and correct.

I am employed as President by Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC, and I was retained as a consultant in Docket No. 52195 on behalf of El Paso Electric Company (EPE).


I make this affidavit to respond to Staff Request for Information No. 6-3.

For work I performed in Docket No. 52195, the rate that I charged is at or below the normal hourly billing rate for the firm and are charged to all clients, be they rate-regulated or competitive entities, for the types of services I provided in Docket No. 52195. To the best of my knowledge, my hourly rate for the work I performed related to Docket No. 52195 is comparable to the hourly billing rates currently charged by other consultants of similar experience and expertise to other Texas utilities for similar services.

Further affiant sayeth not.

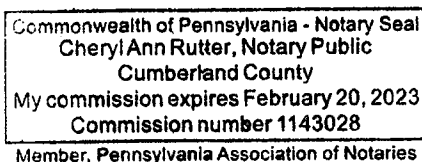

John J. Spanos

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 7th day of September 2021.


Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania

My commission expires:

February 20, 2023



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STAFF 6-4:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a detailed schedule of, and justification for, any charges included in requested rate case expenses which result from a single person billing in excess of 12 hours per day.

RESPONSE:

As of this filing, there are no charges included in the requested rate case expenses which result from a single person billing in excess of 12 hours per day.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-5:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a detailed schedule of, and justification for, any charges included in requested rate case expenses which result from a hotel or lodging rate in excess of \$100 per night. Please attach applicable invoices and receipts.

RESPONSE:

As of this filing, no charges included in the requested rate case expenses for Docket No. 52195 have resulted from a hotel or lodging rate in excess of \$100 per night.

In Docket No. 46831, expenses after August 31, 2017, there was a charge for one night at the Doubletree Hotel which in excess of \$100 per night. Please see El Paso Electric Company's ("EPE") response to Staff 6-1, Attachment 2. EPE personnel regularly stay at the Doubletree Hotel when in Austin due to its central location to the Commission offices, State Office of Administrative Hearings office, EPE's Austin office, and the offices of EPE's external attorneys. The Doubletree is within walking distance of these three locations and many restaurants in the close vicinity as well. This negates the need for a rental car while in Austin, reducing costs for rate proceedings. There are other hotels in the same general area as the Doubletree, but EPE also receives a corporate discounted rate, reducing costs. The other hotels in the area are higher priced. To find a hotel in Austin that is less than \$100 per night is difficult and would result in a remote location that would require the use of taxis or rental cars to go to the different locations listed above.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-6:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a schedule of, and justification for, any charges included in requested rate case expenses which result from the use of non-commercial aircraft. Also, please provide a detailed narrative comparing the total cost per person flying on non-commercial aircraft to the cost per person for commercial airfare (based on the same travel date and itinerary). Please attach applicable invoices and receipts.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company did not have any charges in requested rate case expenses which result from the use of non-commercial aircraft.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-7:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a schedule of, and justification for, any charges included in requested rate case expenses which result from first class air travel. Please attach applicable invoices and receipts.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") did not have any charges in requested rate case expenses which result from first class air travel.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-8:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a schedule of, and justification for, any charges included in requested rate case expense which result from luxury items, such as limousine services, sporting events, alcoholic drinks, hotel movies, or other entertainment. Please attach applicable invoices and receipts.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company is not including in its rate case expenses items that Staff suggests are luxury items.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-9:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please provide a schedule of, and justification for, any charges included in requested rate case expenses resulting from meals which cost in excess of \$25 per person per meal. Please attach applicable invoices and receipts.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") is not including any charges in requested rate case expenses resulting from meals which cost in excess of \$25 per person per meal.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-10:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please describe in detail your selection procedure for consultants. For each category of consultant (legal, accounting, engineering, etc.), state whether your selection procedures include provisions for:

- a) review of the prior work products of each consultant;
- b) determination that the rate does not exceed the normal hourly billing rate charged by the vendor to other clients;
- c) an analysis of the rates charged by comparable consultants for similar services provided to other Texas utilities; and,
- d) competitive bidding for each contract--If competitive bidding is used, please describe the factors considered in evaluation and acceptance of bids.

RESPONSE:

The selection of legal counsel is based upon their knowledge and experience with electric utility regulation in Texas and experience with electric utility ratemaking in particular. In addition, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "Company") has had a long-standing relationship with its outside regulatory counsel and values the knowledge that its regulatory

legal counsel has of the Company and its prior regulatory filings. EPE does not have specific selection procedures that include the provisions identified above. Although EPE considers the hourly billing rates charged to the Company and is generally familiar with rates charged by comparable regulatory counsel in Texas, EPE does not perform specific comparisons of rates nor does the Company utilize a competitive bidding process. EPE's regulatory legal counsel, Duggins Wren Mann & Romero, LLP, charges EPE discounted billing rates for certain regulatory filings.

The selection of other consultants is based upon their knowledge and experience with electric utility regulation in Texas and their knowledge and experience relative to the areas on which they will be asked to consult in the rate case. In addition, EPE values the knowledge that its consultants have of specific aspects of the Company or its operations relative to the areas on which they will be asked to consult. EPE does not have specific selection procedures that include the provisions identified above. Although EPE considers the hourly billing rates charged to the Company and is generally familiar with rates charged by comparable consultants in Texas, EPE does not perform specific comparisons of rates nor does the Company utilize a competitive bidding process. Negotiated billing rates are incorporated as attachments to all consulting agreements.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-11:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Prior to submission of rate case expenses to the Commission, has the Company performed a detailed review of all rate case expenses (including internal expenses, as well as outside consultants' expenses) to:

- a) determine that invoice terms and amounts are in agreement with contract specifications?
- b) determine that contract limits have not been exceeded?
- c) determine that adequate supporting documentation was provided for each charge for professional or secretarial services, travel expenses, and miscellaneous expenses (consistent with documentation requirements specified above)?
- d) verify the mathematical accuracy of each invoice?
- e) determine that the calculation of the charges is correct?
- f) determine that the individual charges and rates are reasonable?
- g) determine that the amount of each service (e.g., number of hours billed) is reasonable?
- h) determine that there is no double-billing of charges?

- i) determine that each invoice was approved for payment by an appropriate person before payment was actually made?

For each item listed above, please describe in detail the procedures for making such a determination.

RESPONSE:

Yes, all invoices are subject to the type of review outlined in a.) through i.) above with a three-tiered level of review. When invoices are received, they are reviewed by El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") personnel and accounting codes are assigned. The invoices are then sent to the appropriate executive for review and approval. After executive approval, the invoice is sent to EPE's Accounts Payable for further review, and ultimately, payment. Before rate case expenses are submitted to the Commission, outside counsel conducts an additional review to ensure compliance with PUCT precedent for rate case expense recovery.

Preparer: Curtis Hutcheson

Title: Manager – Regulatory Case Management

Sponsor: James Schichtl

Title: Vice President – Regulatory &
Governmental Affairs

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STAFF 6-12:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Prior to submission of rate case expenses to the Commission, was a detailed review of all rate case expenses (including internal expenses, as well as outside consultants' expenses) performed to:

- a) determine that none of the charges included in requested rate case expenses have been included in other cost of service amounts included in the Rate Filing Package?
- b) determine that none of the charges included in requested rate case expenses should have been directly assigned to other jurisdictions?
- c) determine that any allocation of charges between jurisdictions is reasonable?
- d) determine that none of the charges included in requested rate case expenses have been recovered through reimbursement for other expenses?

For each item listed above, please describe in detail the procedures for making such a determination.

RESPONSE:

Please see EPE's response to STAFF 6-11.

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Vendor ID	Invoice No.	Explanation of Exception	How Cleared
DGC Consulting	21-4	\$250 related to Docket No. 51780, EPE's request for waiver of certain rate filing package schedules. EPE agreed to not include the costs of that case in the rate case expenses for this case.	This amount is excluded from the rate case expense request.
Duggins Wren Mann & Romero LLP	35492, 35633, 35802, 35933, 36145	\$17,462 related to Docket No. 51780, EPE's request for waiver of certain rate filing package schedules. EPE agreed to not include the costs of that case in the rate case expenses for this case.	This amount is excluded from the rate case expense request.

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01/26/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Research re waiver of RFP Schedule S audit / PUCT/Overall Case Strategy		T-GCaseStr	1.50	420.00	\$ 630.00
01/28/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Research re RFP waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.60	420.00	252.00
01/29/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Work on waiver request re RFP / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	1.10	420.00	462.00
01/29/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Research re EMR waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Strategy		T-GCaseAdm	0.70	420.00	294.00
01/18/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate issues waiver of audit requirement / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.90	420.00	378.00
01/18/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/M. Behrens re waiver of audit requirement / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.20	420.00	84.00
01/29/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review application for waiver of rate filing schedules / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.30	420.00	126.00
02/05/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review SOAH order re request for RFP schedule waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.20	420.00	84.00
02/01/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review request for waiver of audit / PUCT/Policy Issues		T-GPol	0.60	420.00	252.00
02/05/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review order requiring Staff recommendation in audit waiver filing / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
03/08/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review notice affidavit re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.50	420.00	210.00
03/04/2021	WCW	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Correspond w/J. Parsons re waiver of RFP schedules / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.20	480.00	96.00
03/22/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate scenarios re status of Schedule S waiver docket / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.30	420.00	126.00
03/04/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review order in waiver proceeding / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
03/04/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate notice issues re request for waiver of Schedule S / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.80	420.00	336.00
03/04/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/J. Parsons re notice issues re waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00

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03/08/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review proof of notice for waiver request filing / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.40	420.00	168.00
03/17/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review Staff recommendation re sufficiency of filing and notice re waiver of Schedule S / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
04/14/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case TC J. Parsons and team re Staff position on Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.60	420.00	252.00
04/14/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate alternatives to Staff position on Schedule S / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.40	420.00	168.00
04/14/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Research re Schedule S issues / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	1.00	420.00	420.00
04/15/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Research re Schedule S issue / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	1.80	420.00	756.00
04/15/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review table re proposed RFP schedules to audit / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.30	420.00	126.00
04/26/2021	KCO	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review issues relating to Schedule S audit waiver request / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.80	290.00	232.00
04/27/2021	KCO	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Analyze issues relating to Schedule S audit waiver request / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.50	290.00	145.00
04/30/2021	KCO	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Analyze Schedule S audit waiver issues / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	2.10	290.00	609.00
04/26/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Work on proposed order re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.30	420.00	126.00
04/26/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review correspondence re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.40	420.00	168.00
04/29/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate Schedule S waiver strategy / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.40	420.00	168.00
04/30/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review communication re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.50	420.00	210.00
04/23/2021	LBK	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Draft notice of approval for Schedule S for Docket 51780 / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.30	300.00	90.00
04/26/2021	LBK	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Draft notice of approval for Schedule S in Docket 51780 / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.30	300.00	90.00

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04/27/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate plans for Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.30	420.00	126.00
04/14/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate potential settlement options for Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	2.40	420.00	1,008.00
04/14/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Conference call w/J. Parsons and others re Schedule S waiver case / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.70	420.00	294.00
04/14/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case TC Staff re Schedule S waiver case / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.10	420.00	42.00
04/15/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review FERC audit re potential Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.80	420.00	336.00
04/15/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate potential settlement options for Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	1.90	420.00	798.00
04/15/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.90	420.00	378.00
04/16/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re schedule for call re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
04/19/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Conference call w/Staff re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.40	420.00	168.00
04/26/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review Staff proposal re waiver of Schedule S / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.70	420.00	294.00
04/27/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate strategies re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	1.50	420.00	630.00
04/27/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re extension of deadline re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
04/28/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re further extension of Staff recommendation re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
04/28/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Draft request for extension of Staff deadline for recommendation re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.90	420.00	378.00
04/29/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re status of waiver request proposal / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00

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04/29/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate potential settlement options re waiver request / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.80	420.00	336.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Conference call w/KPMG re Staff issues w/Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.90	420.00	378.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case TC M. Behrens re Staff's proposal re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate counter proposal to Staff re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.60	420.00	252.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communications w/Staff re filing of second extension request for waiver case / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.70	420.00	294.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Draft second extension request for waiver case / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.80	420.00	336.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate potential settlement options re waiver request / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	1.90	420.00	798.00
04/30/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/N. Gordon re status of waiver case / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.20	420.00	84.00
05/05/2021	CAB	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Work on draft proposed notice of approval for Docket No. 51780 / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.60	350.00	210.00
05/05/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Work on notice of approval of waiver of Schedule S / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.30	420.00	126.00
05/05/2021	LBK	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Revise notice of approval for Docket No. 51780 / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.40	300.00	120.00
05/06/2021	LBK	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Revise notice of approval of waiver / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.40	300.00	120.00
05/13/2021	MSH	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review Staff's draft order re Schedule S waiver / PUCT/RFP Schedules		T-GRFP	0.30	420.00	126.00
05/04/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Draft request for extension for agreed notice of approval in waiver case / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.40	420.00	168.00
05/04/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communications w/Staff re status of waiver request / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.20	420.00	84.00

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05/05/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communications w/Staff re extension in waiver request case / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.20	420.00	84.00
05/05/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Evaluate Staff proposal re waiver request / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.20	420.00	84.00
05/05/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review draft notice of approval of waiver request / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.20	420.00	84.00
05/06/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communications w/J. Schichtl and M. Behrens re draft notice of approval of waiver / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.30	420.00	126.00
05/06/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re draft notice of approval of waiver / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.10	420.00	42.00
05/12/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review draft affidavit in support of waiver / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.30	420.00	126.00
05/13/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Draft cover letter and joint motion for waiver case / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	1.70	420.00	714.00
05/13/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Review Staff's revisions to notice of approval of waiver request / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.70	420.00	294.00
05/13/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re revisions of notice of approval of waiver request / PUCT/General Accounting Issues		T-GAcct	0.20	420.00	84.00
05/14/2021	BJS	000018-000234/ El Paso Electric El Paso Electric - 2021 TX Rate Case Communicate w/Staff re filing agreed notice of approval of waiver request / PUCT/Overall Case Administration		T-GCaseAdm	0.30	420.00	126.00
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STAFF 6-14:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Are payments to outside consultants delayed or invoices rejected if adequate supporting documentation is not provided? Please explain.

RESPONSE:

Yes. Payments can be delayed or rejected by the approving department if the invoice provides insufficient detail of the work performed or service provided or that is not otherwise in compliance with El Paso Electric Company's billing guidelines. Payment to any outside consultants cannot be made until an invoice is received, approved by management, and paid by Accounts Payable.

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STAFF 6-15:

Rate Case Expenses

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Is any amount or retainer withheld from payments to outside consultants? If yes, please provide details. Please explain.

RESPONSE:

No amounts or retainers are withheld from payments to outside consultants.

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STAFF 6-16:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Have any outside parties (e.g., independent auditors) or internal auditors performed a review of the requested rate case expenses? If so, please describe the review performed and provide copies of the working papers prepared during this review.

RESPONSE:

To date, no such audits have been performed on the requested rate case expenses by independent or internal auditors. El Paso Electric Company's ("EPE") believes that an independent audit would result in unnecessary expense for EPE's customers. EPE's books and records are routinely audited by an independent auditor. Any rate application EPE files would be based on those books and records. However, as EPE's response to STAFF 6-11 explains, EPE's outside counsel also performs a review of rate case expenses.

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STAFF 6-17:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Do you have the contractual right to perform audits of consultant's expenses? If you do have this right, have you audited any consultants currently included in rate case expenses? If so, please identify the consultants audited, the procedures performed and the results of the audit.

RESPONSE:

Regardless of whether there is an audit clause, the Company reviews all invoices and objects to charges or expenses that it deems improper under the contract.

To date no formal audits of consultant expenses have been performed. However, as EPE's response to STAFF 6-11 explains, EPE's outside counsel and EPE perform a review of rate case expenses.

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STAFF 6-18:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Do you have any procedures for evaluating total costs for rate case expenses (actual vs. budgeted costs)? If so, please describe these procedures.

RESPONSE:

During the course of the preparation and filing of a rate case, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") reviews the invoices as they are received as stated in EPE's response to Staff 6-11. Additionally, EPE periodically reviews the estimated costs provided in the filing versus the actual costs incurred during the case.

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STAFF 6-19:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

For all requested rate case expenses, please provide details of any instances in which more than one law firm or other consultant was engaged to provide similar services for the same aspect of the rate case. Please provide evidence that such charges did not result from a duplication of services.

RESPONSE:

There were no instances in which more than one law firm or other consultant was engaged to provide similar services for the same aspect of this rate case. In instances where more than one law firm or other consultant was engaged with regard to the same aspect of the case, for example, organizational meetings or the review of a particular piece of testimony, they were serving a different purpose or providing a different perspective and not duplicating their services. For example, EPE's attorney who represents EPE in FERC matters was asked to review aspects of the case which concern FERC jurisdictional matters. The standards expected by the Commission require no less.

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STAFF 6-20:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please list individually by entity, person, and amount any salaries, wages, employee benefits, or other payroll-related items which are included in requested rate case expenses.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company did not include any such expenses in its requested rate case expenses.

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STAFF 6-21:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Has the Company excluded all expenses which are included in another component of requested cost of service for this Docket (such as payroll or lease expense) from its requested rate case expenses? If not, please provide a schedule listing the expenses and a detailed explanation.

RESPONSE:

Yes. El Paso Electric Company has excluded all expenses which are included in another component of the requested cost of service (such as payroll or lease expense included in the historic test year) from its requested rate case expenses.

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PUC DOCKET NO. 52195

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ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE	§	OF
RATES	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
COMMISSION STAFF'S SIXTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
QUESTION NOS. STAFF 6-1 THROUGH STAFF 6-24

STAFF 6-22:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Are any charges included in requested rate case expenses for legal or other services provided by your employees? If yes, provide a schedule by employee showing the total amount included in rate case expenses, and a detailed description of how the amount was determined (e.g., based on actual salary, based on comparable outside consultants' billing rates, etc.). Provide justification for any charges in excess of your actual costs.

RESPONSE:

There are no requested rate case expenses in this case for legal or other services that are provided by El Paso Electric Company employees.

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STAFF 6-23:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Are any Company or consultant internal overhead charges included in requested rate case expenses? If yes, provide a schedule by type of overhead expense showing the total amount included in rate case expenses, and a detailed description of how the amount was determined (e.g., based on actual costs, based on market prices, etc.). Provide justification for any charges in excess of your actual costs.

RESPONSE:

As of this filing, no Company or consultant internal overhead charges are included in requested rate case expenses.

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STAFF 6-24:

Rate Case Expenses

Please provide the following information regarding all requested rate case expenses for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) through July 31, 2021. If provided previously, please provide a cross-reference identifying the specific RFI response or other Commission filing that contains this information. Please update each of the requested schedules monthly for additional rate case expenses incurred.

Please identify and list any charges included in the requested rate case expenses which are contingent upon a certain outcome. For example, any payments, bonuses or incentives based on a specific event or result would be included in this schedule. Conversely, any reimbursements the Company will receive due to a negative outcome would also be included.

RESPONSE:

There are no requested rate case expenses which are contingent upon any specified outcome in the case.

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CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT UNDER
SECTION 4 OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

The undersigned attorney for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) submits this statement under the section 4 of the Protective Order entered in this case. Information provided in the response to STAFF 6-2, Attachment 1 HSPM and Attachment 2 HSPM is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to sections 552.101 and 552.110 of the Public Information Act (PIA). The information contained in the documents concern business operations that are commercially sensitive and not otherwise readily available to the public and that if released could cause substantial competitive harm to the owner of the information. The undersigned counsel for EPE has reviewed the information described above sufficiently to state in good faith that the information is exempt from disclosure under the PIA and merits the confidential designation given to it.

Respectfully submitted,

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EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
COMMISSION STAFF'S ELEVENTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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QUESTION NO. STAFF 11-1

STAFF 11-1:

Please refer to EPE' s response to Staff's Sixth Request for Information, Staff 6-1. Please provide supporting documentation, including but not limited to paid invoices, receipts, etc., to support the amount of expenses presented in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2. Please provide the proper supporting documentation with the monthly updates for the requested schedules for additional rate case expenses incurred.

RESPONSE:

Please see Staff 11-1, Attachment 1-Voluminous, and Staff 11-1, Attachment 1-Confidential-Voluminous for the invoices related to Staff 6-1, Attachment 1.

Please see Staff 11-2, Attachment 2-Voluminous, for the invoices related to Staff 6-1, Attachment 2.

Expenses for Docket No. 51780 (EPE's request for a waiver of Schedule S audit) that have been excluded from this case are highlighted in Staff 11-1, Attachment 1-Confidential-Voluminous.

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HOUSE OF PIZZA
DOWNTOWN
THANK YOU

05/24/2021 12:19PM 01
000000#9982 CRISTINA

MISC	\$7.95
ANTI	\$8.50
CHEF	\$8.50
GREEK	\$8.50
MDSE ST	\$33.45
TAXI	\$2.76

ITEMS 40
CHARGE \$36.21

HOUSE OF PIZZA DOWNTOWN
208 N STANBURN ST
EL PASO, TX 79901
955 433 4824

Term 100 304 Net 10 010

Sale

XXXXXXXXXXXX4343
VISA Entry Method: Manual

05/24/21 09:26:21
Inv #: 000011 Appr Code: 003393
Approved: Online Batch#: 000700
V-Code: 11

Amount: \$ 36.21
Tip: 5.00
Total: 41.21

Thank you

Texas Rate Case
Regulatory Case Management

HOUSE OF PIZZA
DOWNTOWN
THANK YOU

05/27/2021 12:55PM 01
000000#0230 CRISTINA

MISC	\$7.95
ANTI	\$8.50
GREEK	\$8.50
LG HOUSE	\$24.95
MDSE ST	\$49.90
TAX1	\$4.12

ITEMS 4Q
CHARGE \$54.02

HOUSE OF PIZZA
DOWNTOWN
THANK YOU

05/27/2021 12:55PM 01
000000#0230 CRISTINA

Sale

VISA

05/27/21 10:00:26

Inv #: 000024

Approved: Online

V Code: N

Batch#: 000000

Handed: \$54.02

Tip: 6.50

Total: 60.52

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HOUSE OF PIZZA
DOWNTOWN
THANK YOU

05/28/2021 12:18PM 01
000000#0280 CRISTINA

LG ONE	\$14.95
LG HOUSE	\$24.95
LG HOUSE	\$24.95
MISC	\$7.95
MISC	\$7.95
MISC	\$11.95
ANTI	\$8.50
ANTI	\$8.50
CHEF	\$8.50
GREEK	\$8.50
MDSE ST	\$126.70
TAX1	\$10.45

ITEMS 100
CHARGE \$137.15

5462911
HOUSE OF PIZZA DOWNTOWN
200 N STATION ST
EL PASO, TX 79901
915-573-1924

Term ID: 001 Ref ID: 013

Sale

XXXXXXXXXX4343
VISA Entry Method: Manual

05/28/21 12:18:21
Inv #: 000013 Appr Code: 025946
nsrsvd: Online batch#: 000704
V-Code: M

Amount: \$ 137.15
Tip: 15.00
Total: 152.15

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From: [Healthy Bite via Square](#)
To: [Hutcheson, Marvin C](#)
Subject: Receipt from Healthy Bite
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:06:22 PM

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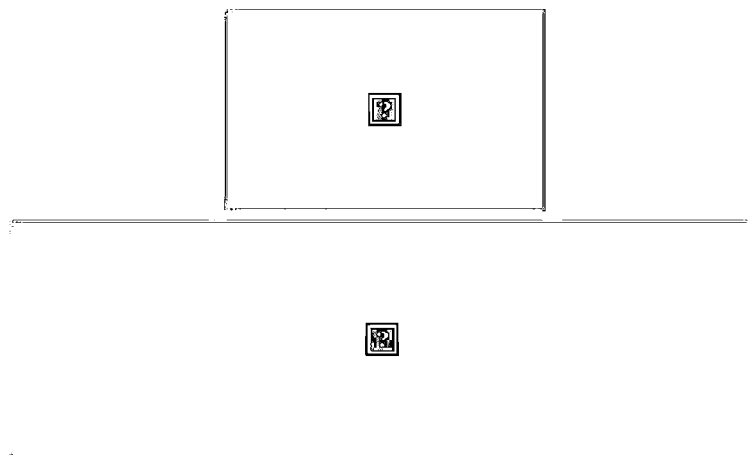
\$31.80

Custom Amount	\$7.79
Custom Amount	\$7.50
Custom Amount	\$7.50
Custom Amount	\$2.75

Purchase Subtotal	\$25.54
Sales Tax (8.25%)	\$2.11
Tip	\$4.15

Total

\$31.80



Healthy Bite
205 Mills Ave
EL PASO, TX 79901

Visa 4343 (Swipe)

May 25 2021 at 1:01 PM



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Subway#28060-0 Phone 915-838-7385
105 N. Stanton
El Paso, TX, 79901
Served by: 39 5/30/2021 1:31:48 pm
Term. ID-Trans# 1/A-325605

Qty	Size	Item	Price
2	6"	Meatball Sub	8.98
4	6"	Tuna Sub	19.96
1	6"	Ham Sub	4.49
1	6"	Cold Cut Combo Sub	4.49
1	6"	B.M.T. Sub	5.09
1	6"	Chicken Teriyaki Sub	5.99
10		Chips	12.90

Sub Total	61.90
Tax (8.25%)	5.11
Total (Eat In)	67.01
Tips	13.40
Total (With Tips)	80.41
Credit Card	80.41
Change	0.00

Let us know your comments @
Subway.com/contactus/howcanwehelp
or call us at 915-838-7385.

Approval No: 018979
Reference No: 5th3001622403102007
Card Issuer: Visa
Account No: *****4343
Acquired: ICC
ICVM: SignatureCapture
Amount: \$80.41
Application: VISA CREDIT
AID: A0000000031010
MID: 420429002226327
TID: 75287409
Date/Time: 05/30/2021 14:31:42
APPROVED

CUSTOMER COPY

Host Order ID: 3726224031090735

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global.subway.com and we'll send
you a sweet offer.

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*** Ticket re-routed from Receipt #



7870 N. Mesa
El Paso, TX 79932
Store# 20225 Phone# (915) 581-6091
Guest Services Toll Free # (855) 890-8226

Reg 4.- DRIVE THRU
Order 404586 5/29/2021 7:42:24 AM
Employee: 431470 Name: Cynthia Va

DZN Taco	
2 @ 13.99	27.98
SubTotal	27.98
Sales Tax	2.31
Total	30.29
Visa	30.29
Change	0.00

Acct: xxxxxxxxxxxx4343
Authorization: 078359

ORDER# 486-----

Barcode valid for 3 days after purchase.
Download MY TC! Loyalty App Today!
or signup at www.tacocabana.com/loyalty



Scan Barcode on MY TC! App to earn points!

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WE CATER!

* Parties by Taco Cabana *
* Tacocabana.com or *
* 855-4MY-TACO to ORDER! *

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Rockstar Burger Bar
217. N Stanton St
El Paso, TX 79901
915-881-4475

Take Out

Toto 484-444-5484

Server: AMADA R
Check #4 Table #12
Ordered: 05/26/21 12:12 PM

Chicken Rockstar Sandwich \$12.00
Fries
Chipotle Burger \$12.50
MEDIUM
Side Chipotle Sauce
Fries
Classic Burger \$12.00
MEDIUM
House Salad
Blood Orange
Ranch
Lettuce Wrap
Green Chile En Lado

Classic Burger \$12.00
WELL DONE
House Salad
Blood Orange
Ranch
Ponle Green Chile Adentro \$0.40
Lettuce Wrap
Chicken Rockstar Sandwich \$12.00
No Hatch Green Chile
Fries
Subtotal \$60.90
Tax \$5.02
Total \$65.92

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VISA CREDIT xxxxxxxx4343
Time 12:39 PM

Transaction Type Sale
Authorization Approved
Approval Code 012640
Payment ID zkMYczdzFWqg
Application ID A0000000031010
Application Label VISA CREDIT
Terminal ID
Card Reader MAGTEK_EDYNAMO

Amount \$65.92
+ Tip: 10.00
= Total: 75.92

X _____
CURTIS HUTCHESON

Customer Copy

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Rockstar Burger Bar
217. N Stanton St
El Paso, TX 79901
915-881-4475

Server: EDUARDO C
Check #8 Table 15
Guest Count: 1
Ordered: 05/29/21 12:45 PM

12 Classic Burger \$144.00
Subtotal \$144.00
Tax \$11.88
Total \$155.88

Input Type C (EMV Chip Read)
VISA CREDIT xxxxxxxx4343
Time 1:08 PM

Transaction Type Sale
Authorization Approved
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Terminal ID
Card Reader MAGTEK_EDYNAMO

Amount \$155.88

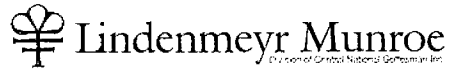
+ Tip: 20.00

= Total: 175.88

x Hutcherson
CURTIS HUTCHESON

Customer Copy

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*** THIS IS YOUR INVOICE ***

Date 4/30/21 Page 1
Request 4/27/21
Invoice 4/30/21 4645946

ACCT.# 10940 ORDER# 3M16P/00

SHIP TO
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY
100 N STANTON ST
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
EL PASO TX 79902
000-000-0000

SOLD TO
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
100 N. STANTON STREET
EL PASO TX 79902
000-000-0000

INSIDE SALES
SALES TERR. MAMOR
TIME 57158
08:13

STOP
ROUTE

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

CARRIER: 57T01-EL PASO TRUCK 1

FOB:

PACKING UNIT	SHIP QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	POUNDS	TERMS	COD-PAYMENT ON DELIV	B/O	PRICE	AMOUNT
15	C	75,000	MULTIPURPOSE COPY PAPER 20T 92 8 1/2X11 10M WHT 2328.MP851120 DELIVER FRIDAY@BASEMENT	750.0				6.40000 64.00000/CWT	480.00
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4/30/21 7:13:06 Visa
CARD#: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX6464 APP CODE: 056244
CARD HOLDER NAME: ROBERT LUCERO

967.0 LBS

SUBTOTAL: 945.50

SALES TAX 78.00

TOTAL: 1023.50

*** COD ***
RECEIVED BY: *****
NAME: (PRINT) _____
DATE RECEIVED: _____

* COMPLETE *

Please remit payment to: P.O. Box 841037 Dallas, TX 75284-1037

"The terms and conditions of any sale by Lindenmeyr Munroe are printed on the back of this sheet and your attention is directed thereto."

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Remit To: 5900 Gateway East El Paso, TX 79905-1912
P: (915)781-2000 F: (915)781-2100

INVOICE

Invoice Number: 1172279
Invoice Date: 4/30/2021
Account Number: 990663
Balance Due: \$525.00

Bill To: EP Electric Company - Accounts Payable
Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

Ship To: EP Electric Company - Accounts Payable
Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

Sales Order No	P. O. Number	Ship Method	Payment Terms		Payment Due				
		PREMIER	Net 30 Days 0%		5/30/2021				
Remarks				Sales Person					
"24-7" Weekly Plan: For the fourteen (14) day period From the Starting Date 4/30/21@5:00 PM and Ending Date of 5/14/21@5:00 PM Service is provided by our on-call Technical Support Engineer 24 hours per day for Canon Varloprint 130/140.									
Item No	Description	Serial No	Order	Ship	BkO	UM	Price	Disc	Amount
Misc Labor	Service Activation fee for After Hour Agreement		1.0	1.0	0.0	Hours	\$525.00		\$525.00

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INVOICE

Invoice Number: 1172280
Invoice Date: 4/30/2021
Account Number: 990663
Balance Due: \$525.00

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Item No	Description	Serial No	Order	Ship	BkO	UM	Price	Disc	Amount
Misc Labor	Service Activation fee for After Hour Agreement		1.0	1.0	0.0	HOURS	\$525.00		\$525.00

New Invoice Attached. Please process for payment.

Subtotal	\$525.00
Discount	\$0.00
Freight	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Invoice Total	\$525.00
Balance Due	\$525.00

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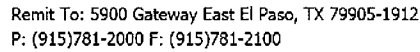
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Remarks			Sales Person						
"24-7" Weekly Plan: For the fourteen (14) day period From the Starting Date 4/30/21@5:00 PM and Ending Date of 5/14/21@5:00 PM Service is provided by our on-call Technical Support Engineer 24 hours per day for Canon Color imagePRESS C850									
Item No	Description	Serial No	Order	Ship	BkO	UM	Price	Disc	Amount
Misc Labor	Service Activation fee for After Hour Agreement		1.0	1.0	0.0	HOURS	\$525.00		\$525.00

New Invoice Attached. Please process for payment.

Subtotal	\$525.00
Discount	\$0.00
Freight	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Invoice Total	\$525.00
Balance Due	\$525.00

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Invoice No: 1176968
Date: 5/18/2021
Account No: 990663

Ship To: EP Electric Company - Accounts Payable
Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

PLEASE PAY FROM THIS INVOICE
OVERDUE ACCOUNTS WILL BE CHARGED A LATE PAYMENT FEE OF 1
1/2% PER MONTH OR TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

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INVOICE

Invoice No: 1176969

Date: 5/18/2021

Account No: 990663

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Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

Ship To: EP Electric Company - Accounts Payable
Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

Sales Order No	P. O. Number	Ship Method	Payment Terms				Payment Due		
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Remarks							Sales Person		
"24-7" Weekly Plan: For the fourteen (14) day period From the Starting Date 5/18@5:00 PM and Ending Date of 6/1/2021 @5:00 pm Service is provided by our on-call Technical Support Engineer 24 hours per day for Canon Varioprint 130/140.									
Item No	Description	Serial No	Order	Ship	BkO	UM	Price	Disc	Amount
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Sales Order No	P. O. Number	Ship Method	Payment Terms				Payment Due		
		None	Net 30 Days 0%				6/17/2021		
Remarks							Sales Person		
"24-7" Weekly Plan: For the fourteen (14) day period From the Starting Date 5/18/2021@ 5:00 PM and Ending date 6/1/2021 @5:00 PM Service is provided by our on-call Technical Support Engineer 24 hours per day for Canon Color ImagePRESS C850									
Item No	Description	Serial No	Order	Ship	BKO	UM	Price	Disc	Amount
Misc Labor	Service Activation fee for After Hour Agreement		1.0	1.0	0.0	Hours	\$525.00		\$525.00

Remit To: 5900 Gateway East El Paso, TX 79905-1912 (915)781-2000



Remit To: 5900 Gateway East El Paso, TX 79905-1912
P: (915)781-2000 F: (915)781-2100

INVOICE

Invoice No: 1176969

Date: 5/18/2021

Account No: 990663

Bill To: EP Electric Company - Accounts Payable
Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

Ship To: EP Electric Company - Accounts Payable
Attn: Robert Lucero
P.O. Box 982
El Paso, TX 79960-0982

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		None	Net 30 Days 0%				6/17/2021		
Remarks							Sales Person		
"24-7" Weekly Plan: For the fourteen (14) day period From the Starting Date 5/18@5:00 PM and Ending Date of 6/1/2021 @5:00 pm Service is provided by our on-call Technical Support Engineer 24 hours per day for Canon Varloprint 130/140.									
Item No	Description	Serial No	Order	Ship	BKO	UM	Price	Disc	Amount
Misc Labor	Service Activation fee for After Hour Agreement		1.0	1.0	0.0	Hours	\$525.00		\$525.00

Invoice



March 22, 2021
Engagement No: 03933.00
Invoice No: 0014188

James Schichtl
El Paso Electric Co
100 N Station
PO Box 982
EL Paso, TX 79901

Engagement 03933.00 EPE 2021 Texas Rate Case
Professional Services from February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021

Phase 01 Pre-filing

Professional Personnel

			Amount	
Senior VP			2,437.50	
Assistant VP			831.25	
Project Manager			4,510.00	
Analyst			1,120.00	
Totals			8,898.75	
Total Labor				8,898.75
		Total this Phase		\$8,898.75
		Total this Invoice		\$8,898.75

Billings to Date

	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	8,898.75	0.00	8,898.75
Totals	8,898.75	0.00	8,898.75

For billing inquiries or to request electronic payment instructions,
please contact us at: accounting@ceadvisors.com

Taxpayer ID: 01-0568063

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Engagement	03933.00	EPE 2021 Texas Rate Case	Invoice	0014188
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Billing Backup

Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc.

Invoice 0014188 Dated 3/22/2021

Monday, March 22, 2021

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Engagement	03933.00	EPE 2021 Texas Rate Case
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Phase	01	Pre-filing
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Professional Personnel

			Amount
Senior VP			
Dane, Daniel	2/16/2021		650.00
EPE TX Rate Case - Initial data request			
Dane, Daniel	2/18/2021		487.50
El Paso Electric TX Lead-Lag analysis - prep for kick-off			
Dane, Daniel	2/19/2021		650.00
El Paso Electric TX Lead-Lag analysis kick-off			
Dane, Daniel	2/23/2021		650.00
El Paso Electric TX Lead-Lag analysis benefits discussion			
Assistant VP			
Therrien, Gregg	2/19/2021		475.00
Texas lead-lag study client kickoff meeting.			
Therrien, Gregg	2/23/2021		356.25
Payroll and employee benefits client team call.			
Project Manager			
Stone, Meredith	2/16/2021		615.00
Update Data Request for TX rate case			
Stone, Meredith	2/18/2021		410.00
Finalize and send data request, review PPT for kickoff			
Stone, Meredith	2/19/2021		820.00
Prep for and kickoff meeting			
Stone, Meredith	2/22/2021		615.00
Project management - set up meetings, communication with EPE			
Stone, Meredith	2/23/2021		820.00
Lead-lag breakout meetings, project management			
Stone, Meredith	2/24/2021		820.00
Data organization, discuss study with A. Frank, communications with EPE			
Stone, Meredith	2/25/2021		410.00
Data review call with Company, sort through data request responses			
Analyst			
Frank, Austin	2/24/2021		1,120.00
Project touch point meeting with Meredith Stone. Document review.			
Totals			8,898.75
Total Labor			8,898.75
	Total this Phase		\$8,898.75
	Total this Engagement		\$8,898.75
	Total this Report		\$8,898.75

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Invoice



March 22, 2021
Engagement No: 03771.00
Invoice No: 0014186

James Schichtl
El Paso Electric Co
100 N Station
PO Box 982
EL Paso, TX 79901

Engagement 03771.00 EPE 2020 NM Rate Case
Professional Services from February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021

Phase	03	Post-filing			
Professional Personnel					
Senior VP				Amount	
Project Manager				2,600.00	
				1,025.00	
Totals				3,625.00	
Total Labor					3,625.00
Reimbursable Expenses					
Other Client Billable Expenses				40.80	
Total Reimbursables				40.80	40.80
Total this Phase					\$3,665.80
Total this Invoice					\$3,665.80

Outstanding Invoices

Number	Date	Balance
0014097	3/2/2021	10,835.00
Total		10,835.00

Billings to Date

	Current	Prior	Total
Labor	3,625.00	187,317.00	190,942.00
Expense	40.80	3,135.13	3,175.93
Totals	3,665.80	190,452.13	194,117.93

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Taxpayer ID: 01-0568063

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Engagement	03771.00	EPE 2020 NM Rate Case	Invoice	0014186
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Billing Backup

Monday, March 22, 2021

Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc.

Invoice 0014186 Dated 3/22/2021

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Engagement	03771.00	EPE 2020 NM Rate Case
Phase	03	Post-filing

Professional Personnel

			Amount
Senior VP			
Dane, Daniel	2/12/2021		1,300.00
Review and comment on brief			
Dane, Daniel	2/22/2021		1,300.00
Review and comment on reply brief			
Project Manager			
Stone, Meredith	2/10/2021		820.00
Review lead-lag section of post-hearing brief			
Stone, Meredith	2/22/2021		205.00
Review City's post-hearing brief and provide comments			
Totals			3,625.00
Total Labor			3,625.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Other Client Billable Expenses			
AP 0012513	2/28/2021	Public Utilities Commission -California / Lead-Lag Research Documents	40.80
Total Reimbursables			40.80
Total this Phase			\$3,665.80
Total this Engagement			\$3,665.80
Total this Report			\$3,665.80