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APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES	§ § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL’S
RESPONSE TO EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY’S
FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The Office of Public Utility Counsel (“OPUC”) submits this response to El Paso Electric Company’s (“EPE”) First Request for Information that was received on November 10, 2021. Pursuant to State Office of Administrative Hearings Order No. 2, OPUC’s response is timely filed within 5 working days of receipt of EPE’s discovery request. OPUC stipulates that all parties may treat this response as if it were filed under oath.

Dated: November 17, 2021

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EPE 1-1:

Refer to page 35 of the direct testimony of OPUC witness Evan D. Evans. Please explain and support the basis for the firm service rate class increase cap of 150% of the Texas retail average base revenue increase, a floor of 50% to any class assigned an increase, and the proposal for no rate class to receive a base rate decrease.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to the Direct Testimony and Workpapers of Evan D. Evans at 32:1 through 36:7 and Attachment EDE-13.


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November 17, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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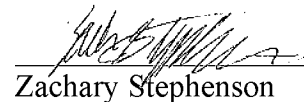


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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 17th day of November 2021 by facsimile, electronic mail, and/or first class, U.S. Mail.



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