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STAFF 2-1:

Affiliates – Shared Assets

Has the Company included any amounts for carrying costs associated with shared assets that have been charged by an affiliate in its revenue requirement? If so, please provide by FERC account the amount in total, amount that is debt based, and the amount considered equity return.

RESPONSE:

No, El Paso Electric Company has not included any amounts for carrying costs associated with shared assets that have been charged by an affiliate in its revenue requirement.

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<u>STAFF 2-2</u>:

Affiliates – Shared Assets

Please provide the rate of return, cost of equity, and cost of debt utilized in determining the carrying costs associated with shared assets that have been charged to the Company by an affiliate.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company has no shared assets that have been charged to the Company by an affiliate.

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<u>STAFF 2-3</u>:

Affiliates – Shared Assets

Has the Company received prior Commission approval to recover carrying costs charged by any affiliate? If so, please provide the relevant citations.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company has not recorded carrying costs charged by any affiliate and has not requested prior approval for recovery of any such future costs.

Preparer:	James Schichtl	Title:	Vice President – Regulatory and Governmental Affairs
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<u>STAFF 2-4</u>:

Affiliates – Shared Assets

Is the Company aware of any prior Commission precedent approving the recovery of carrying costs charged to a utility by an affiliate? If so, please provide the relevant citations.

RESPONSE:

Not applicable. Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to STAFF 2-2.

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<u>STAFF 2-5</u>:

Incentive Compensation

Please provide a copy of each employee incentive plan utilized by the Company.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-3, Attachment 1 - Confidential for the 2020 Annual Cash Bonus Plan.

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STAFF 2-6:

Incentive Compensation

For each incentive plan utilized by the Company, please provide the amount the Company sought to recover in the revenue requirement in its last rate case and the amount the Commission excluded from rate recovery, and the basis for excluding those incentives. Please provide this information separately for the Company and for each affiliate of the Company with expenses included in the revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") sought to recover \$1,035,066 for the non-financial portion of its long-term incentive plan ("LTIP") and \$3,862,724 for the non-financial portion of its Annual Cash Bonus Plan ("ACBP") in its last rate case, Docket No. 46831. Because the case settled as a black box settlement, it cannot be stated that the Commission excluded or included any of these costs.

In this proceeding, EPE excluded all costs associated with the LTIP and included only the non-financial portion of the ACBP in accordance with prior Commission precedent. There were no affiliate costs included in the revenue requirement in the last rate case or in the current rate case.

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STAFF 2-7:

Incentive Compensation

Please explain changes to each incentive plan since the Company's last rate case and continuing through the most recent change.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company's financial performance measure used in the Annual Cash Bonus Plan (incentive compensation plan) representing 50% of the overall metric has changed from Earnings Per Share (2017-2019 Plans) to Adjusted Net Income (2020 Plan) to Non-GAAP Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) (2021 Plan). No other changes have occurred since the last rate case.

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STAFF 2-8:

Incentive Compensation

For each incentive plan utilized by the Company, please provide a description of the plan, plan eligibility, the type of employees covered by the plan, the criteria used as a basis for the awards, any requirements related to company earnings for awards to be made, the service period covered by the plan, and the date awards are made to employees.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-3, Attachment 1— Confidential for the 2020 Annual Cash Bonus Plan document which provides a description of the plan, plan eligibility, employees covered by the plan, basis of the award, service period, and date awards are made to employees.

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<u>STAFF 2-9</u>:

Incentive Compensation

For each incentive plan please provide the amounts of awards for the test year and each of the three years prior to the test year.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 2-17.

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STAFF 2-10:

Incentive Compensation

For each incentive plan please provide the amount included in the revenue requirement by FERC account, and reconcile to the amount of pro forma payroll expense identified by the Company in response to question Staff 2-9 above for the Company and for each affiliate with costs allocated to the Company.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's ("Company") response to CEP 2-17. The Company did not incur affiliate payroll expenses.

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STAFF 2-11:

Incentive Compensation

Please provide an analysis of each incentive plan showing the amounts included in test year expenses based on a) company earnings, b) capital expenditures, c) O&M expenses, d) customer service, e) safety, and f) other. Please provide this information separately for El Paso Electric and for each affiliated group with incentive compensation included in the revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

Please refer El Paso Electric Company's ("Company") response to CEP 2-17. The Company did not incur any affiliate payroll expenses.

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STAFF 2-12:

Incentive Compensation

Please provide an analysis of each incentive plan showing the amounts included in pro forma expenses based on a) company earnings, b) capital expenditures, c) O&M expenses, d) customer service, e) safety, and f) other. Please provide this information separately for the Company and for each affiliated group with incentive compensation included in the revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's ("Company") response to CEP 2-17. The Company did not incur any affiliate payroll expenses.

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<u>STAFF 2-13</u>:

Incentive Compensation

Please provide an analysis of each incentive plan showing the target amounts of expense based on a) company earnings, b) capital expenditures, c) O&M expenses, d) customer service, e) safety, and f) other. Please provide this information separately for the Company and for each affiliated group with incentive compensation included in the revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

In sum, the target amount of expense for the STIP (Annual Cash Bonus Plan) was \$3,545,604.04. The El Paso Electric Company did not incur any affiliate payroll expenses.

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STAFF 2-14:

Incentive Compensation

Please provide an analysis of each incentive plan showing for each year since the last rate case, the amounts capitalized and included in rate base by FERC account, and the related balance of accumulated depreciation or amortization. Please provide this information separately for the Company and each affiliated group with incentives allocated to the Company.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's ("Company") response to Staff 2-14, Attachment 1 for a reconciliation of the capitalized incentive compensation removed from Plant in Service in rate base in the 2021 rate case compared to the capitalized incentive compensation removed from rate base in the 2017 rate case, related to FERC account 101. The increase in the adjustment, recorded in WP B/1 – Adjustment 1 – Plant in Service, is compared to the incentive compensation capitalized as reported in the Company's response to CEP 2-17, Attachment 1. A corresponding adjustment to remove the accumulated depreciation related to capitalized incentive compensation from rate base was recorded in WP B/1, Adjustment 2 – Accumulated Provision for Depreciation and Amortization. The Company did not incur any affiliate payroll costs.

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EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY 2021 TEXAS RATE CASE FILING PLANT IN SERVICE SPONSOR LARRY J HANCOCK PREPARER MARIANA GAMEZ FOR THE TEST YEAR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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	Function		Per Book (a)		PV Reval (b)		Copper (c)	Capitalized Incentive Compensation (d)	ا Adju	ner Rate Base ustments Plant (e)		o Grande Unit 6 (f)	Tota	al Adjustments (g)	Adjuste	d
	Non-Palo Verde															
1	Production Plant	\$	1,138,429,114	\$	-	\$	(10,369,393)	\$ (450,958)	\$	-	\$	(10,097,472)	\$	(20,917,824)	\$	1,117,511,2
	Transmission Plant		556,773,896		-		-	(1,490,572)		-		-		(1,490,572)		555,283,3
	Distribution Plant		1,434,365,456		-		-	(6,560,746)	(213,306)		-		(6,774,052)		1,427,591,4
	General Plant		259, 159, 774		-		-	(1,029,706)		-		-		(1,029,706)		258,130,0
D	Intangible Plant		119,569,373		-		-	(541,859)		-		-		(541,859)		119,027,5
5	Total Non-Palo Verde	\$	3,508,297,613	\$	-	\$	(10,369,393)	\$ (10,073,841)	\$ (213,306)	\$	(10,097,472)	\$	(30,754,012)	\$	3,477,543,6
	Palo Verde Production															
7	Palo Verde Production Plant		2,008,379,300		(795,436,825)		-	-		-		-		(795, 436, 825)		1,212,942,4
3	Total	\$	5,516,676,913	\$	(795,436,825)	\$	(10,369,393)	\$ (10,073,841)	\$ (213,306)	\$	(10,097,472)	\$	(826, 190, 837)	\$	4,690,486,0
	Adjustment to remove financially-bas incentive compensation (STIP) test ye							4,425,357	(WP	B/1-Adj 1	20 [.]	17 Rate Case)				
	Increase in financially-based incentive	e cor	npensation adjust	tme	nt			5,648,484								
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	Financially-based incentive compensa (CEP 2-17 Attachment 1, line 14)	ation	capitalized since	20	16 test year		Financially									
	Financially-based incentive compensation	ation	capitalized since	20	l6 test year		Financially- based									
	Financially-based incentive compensation		al compensation		Percentage	C	based _ ompensation									
	Financially-based incentive compensa (CEP 2-17 Attachment 1, line 14) Year	Tot	al compensation		Percentage ancially-based	C	based ompensation capitalized									
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	Financially-based incentive compensa (CEP 2-17 Attachment 1, line 14) <u>Year</u> 2016 (A) 2017 2018 2019	Tot <u></u>	al compensation capitalized 543,263 1,866,077 2,397,620 3,264,460		Percentage 50% 50% 50% 50%	C	based ompensation capitalized 271,631 933,039 1,198,810 1,632,230									PUC Staff 2nd
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<u>STAFF 2-15</u>:

Long Term Incentive Plans

Please provide copies of the performance reviews or other plan related documents supporting the awards of long-term incentives for the test year.

RESPONSE:

As discussed in the direct testimony of El Paso Electric Company's ("EPE") witness Cynthia S. Prieto, pages 8 and 13, there are no long-term incentive plan ("LTIP") costs included in EPE's requested cost of service. Therefore, no documents related to the LTIP were provided.

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<u>STAFF 2-16</u>:

Long Term Incentive Plans

Please provide copies of the performance reviews and other plan related documents supporting the awards of long-term incentives for each of the three years prior to the test year.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to Staff 2-15.

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STAFF 2-17:

Long Term Incentive Plans

Please provide the amount of long-term incentive expense included in the revenue requirement both of the Company and allocated to the Company from shared services.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to Staff 2-15.

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STAFF 2-18:

Accumulated Deferred Income Tax

Please provide a detailed analysis of the Company's Accumulated Deferred Income Tax (ADIT) balances, showing, for each ADIT component (for example: depreciation expense, capitalization, pension expense, non-qualified pension expense, etc.), references to specific balance sheet components (plant in service, cash working capital, etc.) and to revenue or expense components.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to Schedule G-7.4 for itemized accumulated deferred income tax ("ADIT") balances and to Schedule G-7.4a for a description of each ADIT item.

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STAFF 2-19:

Accumulated Deferred Income Tax

Please provide a detailed explanation of each ADIT component excluded from the pro forma rate base and explain why each item is not related to the provision of regulated utility service.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to Schedule G-7.4 columns (g) and (h) for accumulated deferred income tax ("ADIT") adjustments and eliminations. Please refer to the footnotes of Schedule G-7.4b for explanations of ADIT adjustments and eliminations.

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STAFF 2-20:

Accumulated Deferred Income Tax

Please provide an analysis showing the impact on accumulated deferred income taxes of each of the Company's proposed adjustments to plant in service. Please provide an explanation for each proposed plant adjustment that does not have an impact on accumulated deferred income taxes and explain which plant additions do not qualify for the special depreciation allowance and why. Please provide the response in Excel compatible format with fully functional formulas.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to WP G-7.4.1 for the ADIT associated with plant adjustments. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated the bonus depreciation deduction for regulated utilities. There were no special depreciation allowances for test year additions to plant in service.

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STAFF 2-21:

Accumulated Deferred Income Tax

Please identify any ADIT in rate base associated with non-qualified retirement plans.

RESPONSE:

El Paso Electric Company's non-qualified plans are the Excess Benefit Plan and the Supplemental Retirement Plan. The ADIT in rate base associated with these plans as listed in Schedule G-7.4 (line number is in parentheses) is shown below.

	AOCI Excess Benefit Plan AOCI Supplemental Retirement Plan Excess Benefit Plan Supplemental Retirement Plan	\$1,040,380 (included in line 2) 1,896,057 (included in line 2) 2,040,049 (included in line 20) <u>1,836,171 (</u> included in line 20)
	Total Non-qualified Plan ADIT	<u>\$6,812,657</u>
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<u>STAFF 2-22</u>:

Trial Balance

Please provide copies of the Company's detail trial balance beginning one month before the test year and for each month of the test year.

RESPONSE:

Counsel for the Public Utility Commission of Texas Staff has agreed to an extension of 10 days for this response.

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STAFF 2-23:

Trial Balance

Please provide copies of the Company's detail trial balance for each year end since the test year end of the Company's last rate case.

RESPONSE:

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STAFF 2-24:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please provide a narrative describing any changes the Company plans to make to any of its retirement plans or post-retirement benefits within the two years after the end of the test year.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-14.

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<u>STAFF 2-25</u>:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please quantify the savings which have been achieved or that are expected to be achieved from changes to Company's retirement plans or post-retirement benefits.

RESPONSE:

Please see El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-15.

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<u>STAFF 2-26</u>:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please provide copies of the actuary reports supporting the test year level of pension costs for each retirement plan or post-retirement benefits.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-16.

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STAFF 2-27:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please provide the amounts included in test year operating expenses for each retirement plan and post-retirement benefits.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-18 for the amounts included in test year operating expenses for each retirement plan and post-retirement benefits.

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	En Li		Manager – Financial Accounting
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STAFF 2-28:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please provide the amounts included in pro forma operating expenses for each retirement plan and post-retirement benefits.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 3-18 for the amounts included in pro forma operating expenses for each retirement plan and post-retirement benefits.

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STAFF 2-29:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please provide a copy of the full document(s) provided by the Company's actuary supporting the level of pension costs and post-retirement benefits included in the revenue requirement.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's responses to CEP 3-17 for the actuarial reports supporting the level of pension and other post-employment benefits included in the revenue requirement.

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STAFF 2-30:

Retirement Plans and OPEB

Please identify each non-qualified retirement plan and provide the amount of each included in the revenue requirement separately for the Company and each affiliated group with costs allocated to the Company.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's ("Company") response to Staff 1-22 for the amount of each non-qualified retirement plan included in the revenue requirement. The Company did not incur any affiliate payroll expenses.

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STAFF 2-31:

Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities

For each regulatory asset and liability, provide and explanation of the item, the reason for including it in rate base, and any related statutes, orders, legal precedent or other available documentary support for including the item in rate base.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 2-3.

Preparer:	Melody Boisselier	Title:	Principal Accountant – Regulatory Accounting
Sponsor:	Jennifer I. Borden	Title:	Director – Regulatory Accounting

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STAFF 2-32:

Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities

For each regulatory asset and liability, provide an analysis of the item showing by month the related revenue or expense, increases and decreases to the account balance with basic descriptive information (i.e. "Storm Damage," Insurance Reimbursements," "Amortization"), and the account balances. This analysis should begin with the later of the origination of the item or the last jurisdictional filing which included the item, and the analysis should continue through latest available date. Please provide the response in Excel compatible format with fully functional formulas.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to the El Paso Electric Company's response to CEP 2-4.

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Sponsor:	Jennifer I. Borden	Title:	Director - Regulatory Accounting

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STAFF 2-33:

Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities

Please provide the balances of each regulatory asset and liability for each month beginning one month prior to the test year and continuing through the latest available date.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to the STAFF 2-33, Attachment 1 for the monthly balances of each regulatory asset and liability included in rate base in the Texas jurisdiction. Also, refer to WP/B-1, Adjustment No. 03.

Preparer:	Melody Boisselier	Title:	Principal Accountant – Regulatory Accounting
Sponsor:	Jennifer I. Borden	Title:	Director – Regulatory Accounting

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No	Description	12/31/2019	1/31/2020	2/28/2020	3/31/2020	4/30/2020	5/31/2020	6/30/2020	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021
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2	2015 AND 2017 Texas Rate Case Cost	1,882,297	1,757,354	1,632,411	1,507,468	1,382,525	1,257,582	1,132,639	1,007,696	882,753	757,810	668,195	543,252	418,309	382,051	382,051	382,051
3	COVID-19 Related Costs	-	-	-	337,796	948,384	372,110	524,910	796,910	1,461,719	2,378,522	2,580,229	3,065,829	3,213,029	3,213,029	3,377,829	5,644,229
4	Texas Corporate Tax Compliance Reform	106,837	106,836	106,836	106,837	106,836	106,836	106,837	106,836	106,836	106,837	106,836	106,836	106,836	106,836	106,836	106,836
5	Texas DCRF Filing	129,461	129,461	129,461	129,461	129,461	129,461	129,461	129,461	145,721	160,565	181,753	181,753	196,623	209,669	209,669	230,419
6	Texas TCRF Filing	285,124	287,913	291,709	294,355	294,355	294,355	294,355	294,355	294,355	294,355	325,124	325,124	325,124	325,124	325,124	325,124
7	Texas Demand Response Program	294,365	294,365	294,365	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873	203,873
8	Totals	\$2,698,084	\$2,575,929	\$2,454,782	\$2,579,790	\$3,065,434	\$2,364,217	\$2,392,075	\$2,539,131	\$3,095,257	\$3,901,962	\$4,066,010	\$4,426,667	\$4,463,794	\$4,440,582	\$4,605,382	\$ 6,991,315

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STAFF 2-34:

Injuries and Damages

Please provide an analysis of reserve account for Injuries and Damages Expense for each of the three years prior to the test year and for the test year showing the beginning balance, the accruals increasing the reserve account, claims charged to the reserve account, adjusting entries, and the year ending balance for the reserve account.

RESPONSE:

There is no reserve account for Injuries and Damages Expense. The amounts for Injuries and Damages Expense for each of the three years prior to the test year and for the test year are as follows:

	Description	2017	7	2018	2019	Test Year				
То	otal Injuries and Damages Expense	\$4,594,3	331	\$4,137,090	\$3,799,548	\$3,644,212				
WP/A-3, Adjustment 10 Injuries and Damages										
То	otal Adjusted Injuries and Damages I	Expense				<u>\$3,319,277</u>				
Preparer:	Nydia Torres	Title:	Man	ager – Claim	s and Risk M	anagement				
Sponsor:	Cynthia S. Prieto	Title:	Vice	President –	Controller					

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<u>STAFF 2-35</u>:

FIN 48

Please identify any FIN 48 amounts included in rate base.

RESPONSE:

There are no FIN 48 amounts included in rate base.

Preparer:	Tamera Henderson	Title:	Manager – Tax
Sponsor:	Sean M. Ihorn	Title:	Director – Tax

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<u>STAFF 2-36</u>:

Credit Rating Reports

Please confidentially file the 4 credit rating reports listed in schedule K-9 of the application.

<u>RESPONSE</u>:

Please see STAFF 2-36, Attachment 1 - Confidential for the four credit rating reports listed in Schedule K-9 of the rate filing package.

Preparer:	Richard Gonzalez	Title:	Manager – Cash Management & Investor Relations
Sponsor:	Lisa Budtke	Title:	Director – Treasury Services & Investor Relations

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APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

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The undersigned attorney for El Paso Electric Company (EPE) submits this statement under the section 4 of the Protective Order entered in this case. Material provided in the response to Staff 2-36 (Attachment 1) is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to sections 552.101 and 552.110 of the Public Information Act (PIA). The response contains information on business operations and financial information that is commercially sensitive and not otherwise readily available to the public. Finally, some of the documents contained within the response contain information on highly sensitive, confidential material that is the subject of a nondisclosure agreement between EPE and the third party. 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 2021 TEXAS RATE CASE FILING PLANT IN SERVICE SPONSOR LARRY J HANCOCK PREPARER MARIANA GAMEZ FOR THE TEST YEAR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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Function		Per Book (a)		PV Reval (b)		Copper (c)	Capitalized Incentive Compensation (d)	A	Other Rate Base djustments to Plant (e)	Rio Grande Unit 6 (f)	Total Adjustments (g)	Adjuste	ed (h)
Non-Palo_Verde													
Production Plant	\$	1,138,429,114	\$	-	\$	(10,369,393)		\$	-	\$ (10,097,472)		\$	1,117,511,290
Transmission Plant		556,773,896		-		-	(1,490,572)		-	-	(1,490,572)		555,283,324
Distribution Plant		1,434,365,456		-		-	(6,560,746)		(213,306)	-	(6,774,052)		1,427,591,404
General Plant		259,159,774		-		-	(1,029,706)		-	-	(1,029,706)		258,130,068
Intangible Plant		119,569,373		-		-	(541,859)		-	-	(541,859)		119,027,514
Total Non-Palo Verde	\$	3,508,297,613	\$	-	\$	(10,369,393)	\$ (10,073,841)	\$	(213,306)	\$ (10,097,472)	\$ (30,754,012)	\$	3,477,543,601
Palo_Verde_Production													
Palo Verde Production Plant		2,008,379,300		(795,436,825)		-	-		-	-	(795,436,825)		1,212,942,475
Total	\$	5,516,676,913	\$	(795,436,825)	\$	(10,369,393)	\$ (10,073,841)	\$	(213,306)	\$ (10,097,472)	\$ (826,190,837)	\$	4,690,486,076
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