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SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-21-2606 DOCKET NO. 52195

APPLICATION OF EL PASO	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ELECTRIC COMPANY TO	§	
CHANGE RATES	§	OF
CHANGE MATES	§	
	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 11 REFERRAL TO MEDIATION

On January 7, 2022, the City of El Paso filed a request for referral to mediation, representing that all intervenors, and the applicant, do not object and the position of the University of Texas at El Paso and Rate 41 Group is unknown. On the same day, the Public Utility Commission Staff filed an objection, arguing that the request is not made in good faith that the parties will be unable to resolve all or a portion of their disputes and that doing so would only delay the proceeding and increase rate case expenses. Staff's objection is overruled and the request is GRANTED.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

- 1. This case is hereby referred to SOAH's Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Leader, Judge Holly Vandrovec, for appointment of a mediator and a period of mediation. With the issuance of this Order, the official file in this case is transferred to Judge Vandrovec.
- 2. The mediator will schedule the mediation in consultation with the parties.
- 3. The parties should appear at the mediation with a party representative (in addition to the attorney) who has full settlement authority for this matter.
- 4. The case shall be returned to the presiding ALJs on March 18, 2022, unless extended by order upon proper motion by one or more parties.

SIGNED February 9, 2022.

CHRISTIAANSIANO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ROSS HENDERSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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