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

SOAH ORDER NO. 12 LIFTING ABATEMENT; REQUIRING SUBMISSION

This matter was abated to allow the parties time to engage in settlement discussions and referred to mediation.¹ On February 28, 2022, the mediator's report stated that no settlement had been reached. On March 7, 2022, Staff of the Public Utility Commission filed a joint request for a prehearing conference to set a schedule for resuming the hearing on the merits. Because settlement attempts have failed, the abatement is LIFTED.

However, rather than holding a prehearing conference as requested by Staff, the administrative law judges (ALJs) find it more expedient to acquire additional information to efficiently assess the procedural needs of this matter. Accordingly, by March 11, 2022, the parties shall, through joint submission if possible, submit the following:

- 1. Whether the parties' previously announced agreement on revenue requirement will narrow the issues submitted to the ALJs for resolution;
- 2. The number of days the parties expect the remaining hearing on the merits to last;
- 3. At least three alternative hearing dates, in different weeks (excluding March 14-18; April 5, 22, 28-29; June 1-10), as well as a post-hearing briefing schedule; and
- 4. Whether the May 31, 2022 effective date set in SOAH Order No. 2 should be extended.

SIGNED March 7, 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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¹ SOAH Order No. 10 (Jan. 19, 2022); SOAH Order No. 11 (Feb. 9, 2022).