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

JOINT REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES:

Pursuant to SOAH Order No. 16, the parties to this case file this their joint report regarding the status of their negotiations towards potential resolution of the application filed by El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") that is the subject of this docket.

EPE, the intervenors, and the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas have continued working diligently toward resolution of the remaining rate-design issues and have been circulating settlement documents. These parties are optimistic that the settlement is approaching closure and, therefore, request that the abatement be continued.

As required by SOAH Order No. 16, the parties will file a status report by the 15th of each month hereafter. With the exception one party that the undersigned has been unable to contact, EPE is authorized to represent that all parties to the case agree with, or are unopposed to, this status report.¹

¹ Despite a diligent effort to contact Kyle Smith, counsel for the United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies (DOD), regarding this filing, the undersigned has not received a response from Mr. Smith. However, the undersigned has no reason to suspect that the DOD has any objection to this status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Joint Report Regarding Status of Settlement Negotiations has been served on all counsel of record on this 15th day of June, 2022.

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