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Re: Project No. 53385: Annual Update of El Paso Electric Company's Emergency Operations Plan

To whom it may concern:

In accordance with Public Utility Commission of Texas Substantive Rule § 25.53(c)(G)(3), El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") hereby submits this annual update of EPE's emergency operations plan ("EOP"). This submission includes an executive summary that (a) describes the changes made to the contents and policies set forth in the EOP, (b) includes references to specific sections and page number of the EOP that correspond with the requirements of Rule § 25.53, (c) includes a record of distribution, and (d) includes an affidavit. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me by email at rosanna.alhakeem@epelectric.com or by phone at (915) 521-4664.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanna Al-Hakeem
Attorney for El Paso Electric Co.

Annual Update of El Paso Electric Company's Emergency Operation's Plan

March 15, 2023

Executive Summary

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued an order adopting new provisions under 16 TAC § 25.53. This amendment was made effective on March 20, 2022, and requires electric utilities, transmission and distribution utilities, power generation companies, and retail electric providers to annually update information in the entity's EOP when the entity has made a change in the previous calendar year to its EOP that materially affects how the entity would respond to an emergency.

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or the "Company") is a vertically integrated utility subject to 16 TAC § 25.53. Due to the nature of a vertically integrated utility, EPE's EOP is comprised of individual emergency plans that relate to the specific department within the Company. The individual emergency plans collectively create EPE's EOP and comply with the requirements in 16 TAC § 25.53.

Included in this filing are (1) the changes to the content of EPE's EOP with an updated reference to the specific sections and page number that correspond with the requirements of rule § 25.53, (2) the record of distribution, and (3) the affidavit required under § 25.53(c)(4)(C). A copy of the revised EOP is not included in this filing because the changes were made within confidential and redacted portions of the EOP filed on April 14, 2022¹. However, the changes are listed in the following paragraph and the EOP will be made available in its entirety to Commission Staff upon request in accordance with rule § 25.53(c)(1)(D).

Changes Made to EPE's EOP

- Added tornado verbiage to the *Extreme Weather Conditions* section of EPM-001, page 13. Corresponding requirement - § 25.53(d)(2)(D)(5).

Thunderstorm/Windstorm Alert/Tornado

When thunderstorms or windstorms are in the vicinity of the EPE service territory, the Storm Management Procedure (Appendix E) will be followed. Although tornadoes are not typical to EPE's BA and TOP areas, should one occur, the System Operator will take appropriate action by following action described in this Plan including (Appendix E) and if needed EPE's System Restoration Plan (EPM-003).

- Added wildfire verbiage to the *Extreme Weather Conditions* of section EPM-001, page 14. Corresponding requirement - § 25.53(e)(1)(D).

¹ 53385 El Paso Electric Company's 2022 Emergency Operations Plan (April 14, 2022).

Wildfires

In the event the System Operator is notified by EPE field personnel of a wildfire near a transmission line, the System Operator may need to take that transmission line out of service to protect the line. To prepare for the impact of that action, a study is performed to ensure the system will remain stable after the line is taken out of service. Taking a transmission line out of service shall be done on a case-by-case basis and a study must be conducted prior to taking the line out of service.

Record of Distribution

Date	Name	Department
8/29/2022	SPP Reliability Coordinator –West	SPP Reliability Coordinator – West
9/6/2022	SPP Reliability Coordinator –West	SPP Reliability Coordinator – West Note: Added Effective Date to the 8/29/2022 Plan
9/6/2022	EPE System Operators	System Operations
9/6/2022	EPE System Operations Support Personnel	System Operations
9/6/2022	PNM	Power Operations Engineering
9/6/2022	TEP	TEP Operations and Compliance
9/6/2022	TSGT	Tri-State Electric
9/6/2022	Monica Vela	NERC Compliance Group
9/6/2022	Gustavo Estrada Jacob Zuniga	Operations Organizational Development

Emergency Contacts

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Affidavit

Please see attached affidavit of Kelly Tomblin.

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared KELLY TOMBLIN, who swore or affirmed to tell truth, and stated as follows:

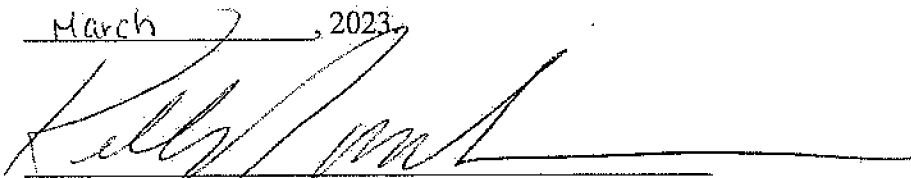
1. My name is Kelly Tomblin.
2. I am employed by El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") in the position of President and CEO.
3. I am EPE's highest-ranking representative with binding authority over EPE.
4. I submit this affidavit based upon my personal knowledge and upon information and belief.
5. In my role as President and CEO of EPE, I affirm that all relevant operating personnel of EPE are familiar with and have received training on the applicable contents and execution of the EOP, and such personnel are instructed to follow the applicable portions of the EOP except to the extent deviations are appropriate as a result of specific circumstances during the course of an emergency; the EOP has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate executives; a drill was performed on October 19, 2022 as required by 16 TAC § 25.53(f); the EOP or an appropriate summary has been distributed to local jurisdictions as needed; EPE maintains a business continuity plan that addresses returning to normal operations after disruptions caused by an incident; and EPE's Emergency Management personnel, who are designated to interact with local, State, and Federal Emergency Management officials during emergency events, have received the latest IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 Incident Management System Training.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF El Paso

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on the 9th day of

March, 2023.



Kelly Tomblin, President & CEO of El Paso Electric

Valerie J Pugh
Notary Public, State of Texas

My commission expires:

