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AFFIDAVIT OF NATHANIEL CASTILLO

STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF EL PASO)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Nathaniel Castillo, who being by me first duly sworn, on oath, deposed and said the following:

1. My name is Nathaniel Castillo. I am at least 21 years of age and am fully competent to make this statement. Additionally, I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. I am a Regulatory Case Manager for El Paso Electric Company's (EPE) Regulatory and Governmental Affairs Department and am responsible for rate and regulatory filings and compliance with the various regulatory requirements of the jurisdictions in which EPE operates.
3. On May 3, 2022, EPE filed an application entitled *Application of El Paso Electric for Approval to Revise Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Request to Establish Revised Cost Caps*. EPE's application was assigned Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Docket No. 53551.
4. On May 4, 2022, I sent by email or mail a copy of the notice of EPE's filing in Docket No. 53551 to all parties that participated in EPE's last base rate proceeding (Docket No. 46831), which includes all of the parties that participated in EPE's last EECRF proceeding (Docket No. 50806). I also sent by email a copy of the notice to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which is the state agency responsible for administering the federal weatherization program.
5. Attachment A to my affidavit is a copy of the notice that was sent to the parties and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
6. Attachment B to my affidavit is the email sent to the parties and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

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NATHANIEL CASTILLO

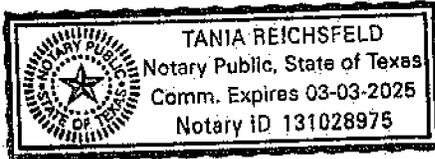
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Texas, this
21st day of June 2021.

Tania Reichsfeld

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires:

3/3/2025



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
TO REVISE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND
REQUEST TO ESTABLISH REVISED COST CAPS**

On May 2, 2022, El Paso Electric Company (EPE or the Company) submitted to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) its Application for Approval to Revise Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Request to Establish Revised Cost Caps (Application) as permitted under Section 39.905(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) and under 16 Tex. Admin Code § 25.182(d) (TAC) relating to recovery of costs for energy efficiency programs. The filing was assigned Docket No. 53551 by the PUCT. EPE requested that its revised energy efficiency cost recovery factor (EECRF) become effective beginning with the first billing cycle of its January 2023 billing month. All EPE retail electric customers in its Texas service area that fall within the classes subject to the EECRF will be affected by approval of the Company's Application.

EPE's proposed EECRF rates for commercial customers in aggregate and for residential customers are projected to exceed the cost caps prescribed by 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(7). Therefore, pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(2), EPE requested that the Commission find good cause to revise the Company's cost caps for both residential and commercial customers to permit the Company to recover energy efficiency costs necessary to achieve the 2023 energy efficiency goal.

In its Application, EPE requested to recover through its 2023 EECRF approximately \$8,495,031 in energy efficiency costs, reflecting the following five components:

- 1) projected energy efficiency program costs for 2023 of \$5,325,552;
- 2) a performance bonus based on the Company's 2021 energy efficiency program performance of \$2,200,669;
- 3) EPE's prior year (2021) EECRF proceeding expenses of \$85,367;
- 4) a true-up adjustment by rate class of EPE's net under-recovery for 2021 of \$290,647, including interest; and
- 5) projected evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) costs allocated to EPE by the Commission of \$67,272.

Under EPE's EECRF request, based on EPE's current base rates (established in PUCT Docket No. 46831) and fixed fuel factor, a residential customer using 666 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would be charged \$1.15 per month, an increase of \$0.18 per month, or about a 0.18% increase in a residential customer's current average monthly bill of \$100.03, above the

EECRF approved in EPE's last EECRF proceeding, PUCT Docket No. 52081. The Company's requested EECRF rates are as follows:

Description	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor
	\$/kWh
Residential Service Rate	0.001724
Electric Vehicle Charging Rate	0.000000
Small Commercial Service Rate	0.000457
Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	0.001948
Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	0.000002
Governmental Traffic Signal Service	0.000011
Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	-0.000001
Water Heating	-0.000020
Irrigation Service Rate	0.002547
General Service Rate	0.001455
Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	0.002060
Cotton Gin Service Rate	0.000379
City and County Service Rate	0.000222
Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	0.000379
Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	0.000379

Persons with questions or who want more information about EPE's Application may contact the Company at 100 N. Stanton St., El Paso, Texas 79901, or call 1-800-351-1621, then 7, then ext. 4354, during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission will review EPE's Application, establish an intervention date for interested persons, and determine whether EPE's Application should be approved. The Commission's proceeding to review EPE's Application has been assigned Docket No. 53551. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Additionally, due to issues related to COVID-19, persons should include in their requests to intervene their email addresses, fax numbers if available, or other information that can provide to the Commission a means of electronic service. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. All communications should refer to Docket No. 53551.

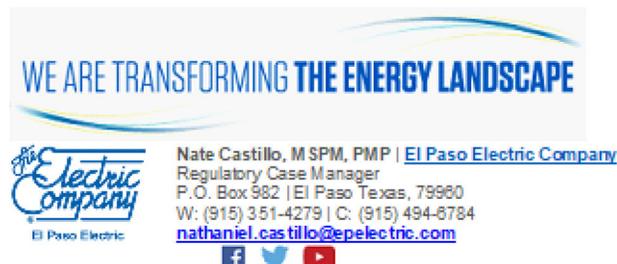
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Subject: DN 53551 - Notice of Application for Approval to Revise Its EECRF and Request to Establish Revised Costs Caps
Attachments: 2022 EECRF Notice.pdf

Good morning,

Attached, please find El Paso Electric Company's ("EPE") Notice of Application of El Paso Electric Company for Approval to Revise Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Request to Establish Revised Costs Caps. EPE filed this application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on Monday, May 2, 2022, and was assigned Docket No. 53551. Please regard this email as electronic service of EPE's notice of filing.

Thank you,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of this document was served by email or 1st Class U.S.

Mail on all parties of record in this proceeding on June 21, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bret J. Slocum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Bret J. Slocum