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**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-22-2610
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APPLICATION OF EL PASO	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
ELECTRIC COMPANY TO REVISE ITS	§	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST	§	OF
RECOVERY FACTOR AND	§	
ESTABLISH REVISED COST CAPS	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMMISSION STAFF’S COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NOTICE

On May 2, 2022, El Paso Electric Company (EPE) filed an application to revise its energy efficiency cost recovery factor (EECRF) and request to establish revised cost caps. On May 9, 2022, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) administrative law judge (ALJ) issued SOAH Order No. 1, which required Staff to file comments regarding the sufficiency of EPE's notice by May 13, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proposed notice filed by EPE and finds that the notice satisfies the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.182(d)(13). Although 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13) requires proof of notice to be issued 7 days after the application is filed, SOAH Order No. 1 states, “Commission Staff shall examine EPE’s proposed notice and, by May 13, 2022, provide comments or objections regarding the sufficiency of notice. If Staff finds the proposed notice sufficient, EPE shall immediately commence providing notice. Proof of notice will be filed with the Commission upon completion of notice.” Because more than 7 days have passed since the application was filed on May 2, 2022, Staff recommends that the deadline of May 13, 2022, for EPE to commence providing notice in SOAH Order No. 1, should control.

Additionally, in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13), EPE proposes to provide notice to: (1) all parties of record in EPE’s most recently completed EECRF docket, Docket No. 52081; (2) all parties of record in EPE’s most recently completed base rate case, Docket No. 46831; and (3) to the state agency that administers the federal weatherization program, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Finally, the proposed form of notice in Attachment B to the application satisfies 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13), which describes reasonable

notice as “a general description of the application and the docket number assigned to the application.” Therefore, Staff recommends that EPE’s proposed notice be found sufficient.

II. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued finding EPE's notice sufficient.

Dated: May 13, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on May 13, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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