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STATEMENT OF INTENT AND	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
APPLICATION OF EL PASO	§	
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR	§	OF TEXAS
APPROVAL OF TEXAS ELECTRIC	§	
VEHICLE-READY PILOT PROGRAMS	§	
AND TARIFFS	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND NOTICE OF ADDITION OF COUNSEL**

On January 31, 2023, El Paso Electric Company (EPE) filed a statement of intent and application for approval of its proposed Teas electric vehicle (EV)-ready pilot programs and tariffs, which include the (1) EV Smart Rewards Pilot Program, (2) Whole House EV Pilot Incentive Credit Rider, (3) the PowerConnect Pilot Program, and (4) the Take Charge TX Pilot Program.

On March 3, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of April 3, 2023 for the (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a final recommendation or request a hearing. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL

On March 16, 2023, the City of El Paso filed a request for hearing. Consequently, Staff will not be filing a final recommendation and respectfully requests that this case be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing on the merits.

II. NOTICE OF ADDITION OF COUNSEL

Andy Aus and Anthony Kanalas have joined Scott Miles to serve as Staff’s attorneys of record in this proceeding. Please direct all correspondence and communication to Mr. Miles, Mr. Aus, and Mr. Kanalas.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order referring this case to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

Date: April 3, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 April 3, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Scott Miles
Scott Miles