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

COMMISSION STAFF'S LIST OF ISSUES

On January 31, 2023, El Paso Electric Company (EPE) filed a statement of intent and application for approval of its proposed Texas 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 April 6, 2023, the Office of Policy and Docket Management (OPDM), filed an order requesting list of issues requiring EPE and allowing Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission Staff (Commission) and any other interested party, to file a list of issues by April 18, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. PROPOSED LIST OF ISSUES

1. Should any of EPE's proposed riders be adopted? If so, what are the appropriate terms and conditions of the riders?
2. Are EPE's proposed rates just and reasonable?
3. Does EPE intend to recover any costs associated with EPE's proposed EV programs through base rates?
4. Is it appropriate for an electric utility in a vertically integrated area to own vehicle-charging facilities or other transportation electrification and charging infrastructure, or should the ownership of such facilities be left to competitive providers?
5. Should EPE be allowed to own transportation electrification and charging infrastructure-including vehicle-charging facilities-in the manner it has proposed in its application, or should such ownership be wholly left to customers or third parties?

II. ISSUES NOT TO BE ADDRESSED

Staff has not identified any issues not to be addressed.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends the adoption of a preliminary order consistent with Staff's list of issues.

Dated: April 18, 2023

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 April 18, 2023, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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