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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 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 September 22, 2023, EPE amended its application and filed supplemental testimony to address Senate Bill 1002, which became effective on September 1, 2023.

On September 22, 2023, Counsel for the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), filed an order requesting list of issues requiring EPE and allowing Commission Staff (Staff) and any other interested party, to file a list of issues by October 12, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

1. 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?

6. Would adoption of EPE's proposal directly or indirectly impose any costs or risks on nonparticipating customers?

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: October 12, 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 October 12, 2023, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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