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#### APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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El Paso Electric Company (EPE or Company) submits this Application for Approval to Revise its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF). In support thereof, EPE respectfully shows the following:

#### I. BUSINESS ADDRESS AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

EPE's business address is 100 N. Stanton Street, El Paso, Texas 79901. EPE's authorized representative for the purpose of receiving service of documents is:

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#### II. JURISDICTION

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUCT) has jurisdiction over EPE and the subject matter of this Application pursuant to Section 39.905 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA)<sup>1</sup> and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.182 (TAC).

#### III. AFFECTED PERSONS

EPE provides service to approximately 357,000 retail electric customers in Texas. EPE proposes to apply the EECRF requested herein to all of its retail electric customers in its Texas service area that fall within the classes subject to the EECRF. Those classes are listed in the proposed tariff, which is Attachment A to this Application.

#### IV. EPE'S PROPOSED EECRF FOR 2026

By this Application, EPE requests the authority to revise its EECRF for 2026 to reflect the following five components:

- 1) projected energy efficiency program costs for 2026 of \$5,257,426;
- a performance bonus based on the Company's 2024 energy efficiency program performance of \$0;
- 3) EPE's prior year (2024) EECRF proceeding expenses of \$56,580;
- 4) a true-up adjustment by rate class of EPE's net over-recovery for 2024 of \$(1,517,488), including interest; and
- projected evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) costs allocated to EPE by the Commission of \$72,808.

The total amount that EPE requests be included in its 2026 EECRF is therefore 3,869,326. EPE's request is based on continuing all of its energy efficiency programs and with the same megawatt goal (11.16 MW) and at the same level they have been at since 2011. With the programs that EPE proposes to offer in 2026, EPE calculates that it will be able to achieve the equivalent of an energy efficiency savings of greater than both the 30% energy efficiency goal and the four-tenths of 1% (0.4%) of its summer weather-adjusted peak demand goal that are prescribed by 16 TAC § 25.181(e).

In support of this application, EPE submits the Direct Testimonies of Antonio Reyes and Elizabeth Moreno and an affidavit by Bret Slocum concerning last year's EECRF proceeding expenses. In his Direct Testimony, Mr. Reyes addresses EPE's energy efficiency program and its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup> Tex, Util. Code §§ 11,001-66,016, (PURA).

associated costs, as well as the bidding and engagement process for contracting with energy efficiency service providers. Mr. Reyes also discusses EPE's 2024 performance bonus. In his Direct Testimony, Ms. Moreno provides a summary of the relief sought by EPE and describes the specific costs to be included in EPE's revised EECRF pursuant to the requirements of 16 TAC § 25.182(d). Ms. Moreno's testimony also supports the calculation of EPE's revised EECRF rates for the billing period January 2026 through December 2026.

#### V. ADJUSTED ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR

EPE's revised EECRF tariff containing the EECRF rates for 2024 is provided as Exhibit EM-02 to Ms. Moreno's Direct Testimony and is attached to this Application as Attachment A. Based on EPE's current base rates and fixed fuel factor, EPE's EECRF request would result in a residential customer using 699 kilowatt hours of electricity per month being charged \$0.48 per month, which is a decrease of \$0.26, or about a 35.14% decrease in the EECRF rate applicable to the average residential customer. This also results in about a 0.26% decrease in a residential customer's current average monthly bill of \$98.24.

EPE requests the Commission to approve the adjusted EECRF effective as of the first billing cycle of the January 2026 billing month.

#### VI. <u>NOTICE</u>

Consistent with the notice provisions of 16 TAC § 25.182,<sup>2</sup> EPE proposes to provide notice to all parties that participated in the Company's last EECRF proceeding, Docket No. 56572,<sup>3</sup> and its last completed base rate proceeding, Docket No. 52195.<sup>4</sup> EPE will also provide notice to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which is the state agency that administers the federal weatherization program. Because EPE's service territory is not open to retail competition, no Retail Electric Provider is eligible to provide service in EPE's service area, so no notice to a retail electric provider is required. The form of the notice to be provided is set forth in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(13) states:

Notice of a utility's filing of an EECRF application is reasonable if the utility provides in writing a general description of the application and the docket number assigned to the application within 7 days of the application filing date to:

<sup>(</sup>A) All parties in the utility's most recent completed EECRF docket;

<sup>(</sup>B) All retail electric providers that are authorized by the registration agent to provide service in the utility's service area at the time the EECRF application is filed;

<sup>(</sup>C) All parties in the utility's most recent completed base-rate proceeding; and

<sup>(</sup>D) The state agency that administers the federal weatherization program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Application of El Paso Electric Company to Adjust its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Establish Revised Cost Cap, Docket No. 56572, Order (December 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Docket No. 52195, Order (Sept 15, 2022).

Attachment B to this Application. The Company requests that the Commission find that the Company's notice is sufficient.

#### VII. <u>DOCUMENTS FILED UNDER SEAL AND REQUEST</u> <u>FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER</u>

Portions of this filing constitute confidential or highly sensitive confidential materials and have been filed under seal. These materials will be made available to the Staff of the PUCT and any intervenors upon entry of an appropriate protective order ensuring the confidential nature of these materials. EPE proposes that the Commission adopt its standard protective order in this proceeding.

#### VIII. <u>PRAYER</u>

EPE requests that its Application be deemed complete and sufficient and in compliance with PURA § 39.905(b) and 16 TAC § 25.182, that EPE's suggested notice of this filing as described above and attached to this Application be considered sufficient and authorized, that EPE's Application for Approval to Revise its EECRF be approved with implementation for use beginning with the first billing cycle of its January 2026 billing month, and for such other relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

#### SCHEDULE NO. 97 ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Electric service billed under rate schedules having an Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor Clause shall be subject to an Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor ("EECRF"). The EECRF is not applicable to service billed at transmission voltage rates.

Pursuant to Section 25.182(d) of Title 16 of the Texas Administration Code, the EECRF allows the Company to recover the cost of energy efficiency programs from the customer classes that receive services under such programs.

#### **TERRITORY**

Texas Service Area

#### MONTHLY RATE

Rate		Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor	
No.	Description	(\$/kWh)	
01	Residential Service Rate	\$0.000685	(R)
EVC	Electric Vehicle Charging Rate	0.000000	
02	Small Commercial Service Rate	0.002894	(I)
07	Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	-0.001738	(I)
08	Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	0.000000	
09	Governmental Traffic Signal Service	0.000000	(R)
11-TOU	Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	0.000000	
WH	Water Heating	-0.000012	(1)
22	Irrigation Service Rate	-0.002628	(R)
24	General Service Rate	0.000273	(R)
25	Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	0.000124	(R)
28	Private Area Lighting	0.001626	(N)
34	Cotton Gin Service Rate	-0.000059	(R)
41	City and County Service Rate	0.000995	(R)
46	Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And		
	Small Power Production Facilities	-0.000059	(R)
47	Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small		
	Power Production Facilities	-0.000059	(R)

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 Effective
 with bills issued on or

 after January 1, 2026

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR

On May 1, 2025, 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 (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. \_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 2026 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.

In its Application, EPE requested to recover through its 2026 EECRF approximately \$3,869,326 in energy efficiency costs, reflecting the following five components:

- 1) projected energy efficiency program costs for 2026 of \$5,257,426;
- a performance bonus based on the Company's 2024 energy efficiency program performance of \$0;
- 3) EPE's prior year (2024) EECRF proceeding expenses of \$56,580;
- 4) a true-up adjustment by rate class of EPE's net over-recovery for 2024 of \$(1,517,488), including interest; and
- projected evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) costs allocated to EPE by the Commission of \$72,808.

Under EPE's EECRF request, based on EPE's current base rates (established in PUCT Docket No. ) and fixed fuel factor, a residential customer using 699 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would be charged \$0.48 per month, a decrease of \$0.26 per month, or about a 35.14% decrease in the EECRF rate applicable to the average residential customer, below the EECRF approved in EPE's last EECRF proceeding, PUCT Docket No. 56572. This also results in about a 0.26% decrease in a residential customer's current average monthly bill of \$98.24. The Company's requested EECRF rates are as follows:

		Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor	
Rate No.	Description	(\$/kWh)	
01	Residential Service Rate	\$0,000685	(]
EVC	Electric Vehicle Charging Rate	0,00000	
02	Small Commercial Service Rate	0,002894	(
07	Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	(0.001738)	(
08	Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	0,000000	
09	Governmental Traffic Signal Service	0,000000	(]
11-TOU	Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	0,000000	
WH	Water Heating	(0,000012)	(
22	Irrigation Service Rate	(0,002628)	()
24	General Service Rate	0,000273	(
25	Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	0,000124	(
28	Private Area Lighting	0,001626	(1
34	Cotton Gin Service Rate	(0,000059)	0
41	City and County Service Rate	0,000995	- (
46	Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	(0,000059)	(
47	Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	(0.000059)	(

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 (915) 543-4354, 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. \_\_\_\_\_\_. 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.

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

#### ANTONIO REYES

#### FOR

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

MAY 1, 2025

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1		I. Introduction and Qualifications
2	Q1.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
3	Α.	My name is Antonio Reyes. My business address is 100 N. Stanton Street, El Paso, Texas
4		79901.
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6	Q2.	HOW ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
7	Α.	I am employed by El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "Company") as a Principal
8		Engineer in the Energy Efficiency Department.
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10	Q3.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL
11		BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.
12	Α.	In 1998, I graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of
13		Science in Mechanical Engineering, and in 2018, I obtained a Graduate Certificate in
14		Public Utility Regulatory Economics from New Mexico State University. From 1998
15		through 2008, I was employed by General Motors and Delphi Automotive as a Test
16		Engineer in the Steering Division developing test procedures and testing equipment for
17		validation of prototype and production steering components. From 2008 through 2009, I
18		was employed by Delphi as an Engineering Group Manager in the Electronics Group
19		managing the Electrical Analysis, Mechanical Analysis, and Appearance & Lighting
20		Departments where I facilitated and led the deployment of new analysis, simulation, and
21		measurement tools. From 2008 through 2013, I was employed by Solar Smart Living as
22		the Energy Efficiency Business Line Manager where I supervised engineers and energy
23		raters completing home energy audits and weatherization audits, developed the green
24		building and energy efficiency product lines, and designed and implemented operations
25		and maintenance plans for small EPE owned solar facilities. In 2011, I was also employed
26		by El Paso Community College as the Instructor of the Basics of Green Design Course. In
27		2013, I was employed by EPE as a Project Manager in the Renewables and Emergent
28		Technology Group where I managed utility scale solar, transportation electrification, and
29		renewable operations and maintenance ("O&M") projects. In 2020, I transferred to the EPE
30		Energy Efficiency Department as a Senior Program Coordinator overseeing various New
31		Mexico commercial programs and supporting residential programs, research and

development ("R&D") and evaluation, measurement and verification ("EM&V") activities
in both Texas (TX) and New Mexico (NM). Since 2009, I have been a LEED (Leadership
in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional, received a Project
Management Professional ("PMP") Certification in 2014 and held a North American Board
of Certified Energy Practitioners ("NABCEP") solar installer certification from 2010
through 2019. In 2024, I was promoted to Principal Engineer within the Energy Efficiency
Department.

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#### Q4. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES WITH EPE.

10 As a Principal Engineer within Energy Efficiency, I lead demand side management Α. 11 initiatives in support of operational needs, provide technical guidance on the Texas and 12 New Mexico Residential Load Management and Marketplace Programs, lead R&D 13 activities in both Texas and New Mexico, oversee the New Mexico SCORE Plus Program, the New Mexico Commercial Comprehensive Program, and the New Mexico Energy\$mart 14 15 Program. I work with consultants and statewide evaluators in both Texas and New Mexico 16 reviewing technical documents, evaluation methodologies, reports, and verification of deemed energy and demand savings, establishing incentive amounts, savings calculations, 17 18 and program budgets to ensure cost effectiveness.

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## 20 Q5. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TESTIMONY BEFORE UTILITY21 REGULATORY BODIES?

# A. Yes, I have previously filed testimony before the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT" or "Commission") in EPE's Docket No. 56572

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#### II. Purpose of Testimony

- 26 Q6. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
- 27 A. The purpose of my testimony is to:
- Present the results of EPE's 2024 energy efficiency program year;
- Present known adjustment to the 2025 energy efficiency programs;
- Provide the EPE 2025 Energy Efficiency Plan and Report ("EEPR");
- Describe EPE's proposed 2026 energy efficiency goals, programs, and budget;

1		• Explain EPE's 2024 performance bonus calculation;
2		• Describe EPE's bidding and engagement process for contracting with energy efficiency
3		service providers ("EESPs") and administrators;
4		• Provide a list of the EESPs and contractors that participated in EPE's energy efficiency
5		programs, including a list of those whose incentive payments exceeded 5% of the
6		overall incentive payments in EPE's 2024 energy efficiency programs; and
7		• Provide a list of each energy efficiency program measure's estimated useful life
8		("EUL").
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10	Q7.	ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS?
11	А.	Yes, I am sponsoring the following exhibits that have been prepared by me or under my
12		direction:
13		Exhibit AR-01 – EPE's 2025 Energy Efficiency Plan and Report – Errata
14		• Exhibit AR-02 – 2024 Cost Effectiveness Summary by Program
15		• Exhibit AR-03 – 2024 Comparison of Program Expenditures
16		• Exhibit AR-04 – 2024 Comparison of Incentive Expenditures
17		• Exhibit AR-05 – 2026 Total Budget and Program Expenses by Rate Class
18		• Exhibit AR-06 – 2024 Performance Bonus Calculation
19		• Exhibit AR-07 - (CONFIDENTIAL) - 2024 List of Energy Efficiency Service
20		Providers
21		• Exhibit AR-08 – (CONFIDENTIAL) 2024 Cost Comparison \$ per kW
22		• Exhibit AR-09 – 2024 Estimated Useful Life Table
23		
24	Q8.	IS EPE PRESENTING OTHER WITNESSES IN THIS PROCEEDING?
25	Α.	Yes, EPE witness Elizabeth Moreno presents and supports the calculation of EPE's Energy
26		Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor ("EECRF") for 2026, based on the program costs and
27		other information I discuss in my testimony.
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29		III. 2024 Energy Efficiency Program Results
30	Q9.	CAN YOU LIST THE 2024 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS THAT EPE
31		OFFERED?

1	Α.	Yes. In 2024, EPE offered the following energy efficiency programs:
2		Small Commercial Solutions Market Transformation Program ("MTP"),
3		Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP,
4		Commercial Load Management Standard Offer Program ("SOP")
5		Residential Solutions MTP,
6		• LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP,
7		• FutureWise Pilot MTP
8		• Residential Marketplace MTP,
9		• Residential Load Management MTP ("RLMP"), and
10		Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP.
11		
12	Q10,	CAN YOU DESCRIBE EACH ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM?
13	Α.	Yes. A complete description of EPE's energy efficiency programs is provided in EPE's
14		2025 EEPR Errata, attached as Exhibit AR-01.
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16	Q11.	WHAT WERE EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM EXPENDITURES DURING
17		THE 2024 PROGRAM YEAR?
18	Α.	In 2024, EPE accrued \$4,244,106 in total program expenditures including EM&V expenses
19		and EECRF proceeding expenses. Program expenditures alone were \$4,120,057. A
20		detailed breakdown of the amounts spent by program can be found in Table 10 of
21		Exhibit AR-01.
22		
23	Q12.	WHAT WAS EPE'S DEMAND REDUCTION GOAL FOR THE 2024 PROGRAM
24		YEAR?
25	Α.	EPE's demand reduction goal for 2024 was 11.16 megawatts ("MW"), as described in the
26		Executive Summary and explained in more detail in Section III of Exhibit AR-01.
27		
28	Q13.	WHAT DEMAND REDUCTION DID EPE ACHIEVE THROUGH ITS 2024 ENERGY
29		EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?

1	Α.	As shown in Table 8 of Exhibit AR-01, EPE achieved a total of 18,891 kilowatts ("kW")
2		of demand reduction through its energy efficiency programs for 2024. This reduction
3		represents 169 % of EPE's 2024 demand reduction goal.
4		
5	Q14.	WHAT WAS EPE'S ENERGY SAVINGS GOAL FOR THE 2024 PROGRAM YEAR?
6	Α.	EPE's energy saving goal for 2024 was 19,552 megawatt hours ("MWh"), as described in
7		the Executive Summary and explained in more detail in Section III of Exhibit AR 01.
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9	Q15.	WHAT ENERGY SAVINGS DID EPE ACHIEVE THROUGH ITS 2024 ENERGY
10		EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?
11	А.	As shown in Table 8 of Exhibit AR-01, EPE achieved a total of 16,562 MWh of energy
12		savings through its energy efficiency programs for 2024. This amount of energy savings
13		represents 85% of EPE's 2024 energy savings goal. EPE did not meet its energy savings
14		goal for program year 2024.
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16	Q16.	WHY DID EPE NOT MEET ITS ENERGY SAVINGS GOAL?
17	Α.	Several factors contributed to EPE not meeting its energy savings goals. Retrofit measures
18		on existing buildings can offer greater energy savings than new construction measures.
19		The Commercial Solutions Programs saw more new construction projects than usual,
20		leading to lower energy savings. Some significant projects that were budgeted for and
21		expected to be completed in 2024 were delayed until 2025. Historically, Texas commercial
22		program implementers have prioritized meeting demand savings goals over energy savings
23		goals. Additionally, unexpected personnel changes in 2024 at both EPE and CLEAResult
24		led to understaffing and program management challenges.
25		
26	Q17.	WHAT ACTIONS IS EPE TAKING TO ENSURE THAT IT MEETS ITS ENERGY
27		SAVINGS GOAL IN PROGRAM YEAR 2025 AND FUTURE YEARS?
28	A.	EPE has taken several steps to ensure it meets its energy savings goal in program year 2025
29		and future years:
30		• The addition of the Cool Saver A/C tune-up measure is expected to add significant
31		savings to both commercial and residential programs.

1		• An increased number of commercial weather-stripping projects are planned.
2		• Additional marketing of commercial programs to school districts is being implemented.
3		• Enhanced coordination between EPE Key Account Representatives, Energy Efficiency
4		Program Managers, and Program Implementers will increase the identification of
5		potential projects.
6		• EPE and CLEAResult expect to be fully staffed in 2025 and moving forward.
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8	Q18.	DID EPE'S 2024 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS MEET THE
9		COSTEFFECTIVENESS STANDARD OF 16 TAC §25.181?
10	Α.	Yes. All of EPE's programs met the cost-effectiveness standard of 16 TAC § 25.181(d).
11		EPE's overall portfolio of 2024 programs exceeded the cost-effectiveness standard of 1.0
12		with a Utility Cost Test ("UCT") of 5.76, as shown in Exhibit AR-02.
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15	Q19,	WHAT EFFECT DID THE REDUCED 2024 COMMERCIAL INCENTIVE
16		EXPENDITURES HAVE ON EPE'S OVERAGE OF THE COMMERCIAL COST CAP?
17	Α.	EPE's efforts to control commercial incentive expenditures along with not meeting the
18		energy goal that would have allowed EPE to earn a bonus reduced the overage of the
19		commercial cost cap.
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21	Q20.	WHAT FACTORS IMPACTED THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COST
22		CAPS?
23	А.	The projected meter consumption in kilowatt-hours ("kWh"), energy efficiency costs and
24		the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics South Urban CPI affect the commercial and residential
25		cost caps, presented by EPE witness Moreno, Exhibit EM-04.
26		
27	Q21.	WHAT UNANTICIPATED MARKET CONDITIONS AFFECTED EPE'S ABILITY TO
28		EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT ANY OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS IN
29		2024?
30	Α.	In 2024, there were no significant, unanticipated market conditions that affected EPE's
31		ability to implement its energy efficiency programs.

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2	Q22.	DID EPE CONTINUE TO LIMIT THE DEMAND RESPONSE PRE-ENROLLMENT
3		"DRPE" OPTION TO CONTROL RLMP EXPENDITURES IN 2024?
4	A.	No. In 2024 EPE allowed customers to sign up for the Residential Load Management
5		Program throughout the year. Keeping the program open for enrollment throughout the
6		year did not negatively impact EPE's ability to stay within the program budget.
7		
8	Q23.	ARE EPE'S PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
9		RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION'S EM&V CONTRACTOR?
10	Α.	Yes. EPE's programs are implemented in accordance with the recommendations of the
11		Commission's EM&V contractor.
12		
13	Q24.	HAVE YOU PROVIDED A RECONCILIATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S
14		ENERGY EFFICIENCY COSTS?
15	А.	Yes. Table 10 of Exhibit AR-01 presents the reconciliation based on 2024 budget and
16		expenditures for each energy efficiency program, as well as the administrative, research
17		and development ("R&D"), EM&V, and EECRF proceeding expenses.
18		
19	Q25.	WERE ALL THE COSTS SHOWN IN TABLE 10 OF EXHIBIT AR-01 INCURRED IN
20		SUPPORT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?
21	A.	Yes, all the costs shown in Table 10 of Exhibit AR-01 were incurred for the purpose of
22		reducing demand and energy growth. The energy efficiency program costs are presented
23		in detail in Exhibit AR-01.
24		
25	Q26.	DO THE COSTS SHOWN IN TABLE 10 OF EXHIBIT AR-01 INCLUDE ANY COSTS
26		THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED AS AN EXPENSE UNDER 16 TAC §25.231(B)(2)?
27	Α.	No.
28		
29	Q27.	HOW DO EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY COSTS COMPARE TO WHAT OTHER
30		TEXAS UTILITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED?

1	A.	While each utility faces different circumstances, EPE's 2024 energy efficiency costs are
2		comparable to other electric investor-owned utilities ("IOU") in Texas. Exhibit AR-
3		03- compares the program expenditures for demand or kW savings ("\$/kW") and energy
4		or -kWh savings ("\$/kWh") for Texas IOUs as originally reported in their 2025 EEPRs. In
5		addition, Exhibit AR-04 compares the incentive expenditures for demand and energy
6		savings for Texas IOUs. In 2024, EPE's program and incentive expenditures on a \$/kW
7		and \$/kWh basis were less than or equal to the average program and incentive expenditures
8		for Texas IOUs on a \$/kW and \$/kWh basis.
9		
10		IV. Implementers' Incentives
11	Q28.	WHAT ARE IMPLEMENTER INCENTIVES SHOWN IN EXHIBIT AR-01, TABLE 9
12		FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024?
13	A.	Implementer Incentives as shown in Exhibit AR-01, Table 9 for 2024 are "Incentive
14		Payments" made to a third-party contractor to implement and/or attract customers to the
15		energy efficiency program listed, as defined under 16 TAC 25.181 (c)(29).
16		
17	Q29.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS MADE BY EPE?
18	Α.	As shown in Exhibit AR-01, Table 9 Program Incentive Expenditures for 2024, EPE made
19		Incentive Payments of \$2,280,425 in Customer Incentives (end-use customers and energy
20		efficiency service providers) and \$1,759,919 in Implementer Incentives made to
21		third- party contractors to implement energy efficiency programs.
22		
23		V. 2025 Energy Efficiency Program Known Adjustments
24	Q30.	DO EPE'S CURRENT PROJECTED COSTS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2025 DIFFER
25		FROM WHAT WAS FILED IN DOCKET NO. 56572 EXHIBIT AR-01?
26	Α.	Yes. Docket No. 56572 showed projected 2025 EM&V costs of \$67,486. Current projected
27		costs for EM&V are \$72,808, an increase of \$5,322. This difference in current projected
28		costs results in an increase of \$5,322 compared to the total budget filed in Docket No.
29		56572 with the understanding that EPE's estimated incentives, research and development,
30		and administrative costs will be subject to reconciliation in EPE's 2026 EECRF
31		proceeding.

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2	Q31.	DO EPE'S CURRENT PROJECTED SAVINGS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2025 DIFFER
3		FROM WHAT WAS FILED IN DOCKET NO. 56572 EXHIBIT AR-01?
4	Α.	No.
5		
6		VI. EPE's 2026 Energy Efficiency Goal
7	Q32.	HOW ARE EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS ESTABLISHED?
8	A.	EPE's energy efficiency goals are established in compliance with the Commission's
9		requirements found in 16 TAC § 25.181(e), which requires that an electric utility
10		administer a portfolio of energy efficiency programs to achieve a 30% reduction of its
11		summer weather-adjusted peak demand for the combined residential and commercial
12		customers at the meter. This goal is limited by a trigger based on 0.4% of the utility's
13		summer weather-adjusted peak demand for the combined residential and commercial
14		customers at the meter. Once a utility's portfolio produces demand reductions equivalent
15		to the trigger, the annual goal is established at that level. With limited exceptions, the
16		demand reduction goal in any year shall not be lower than its goal established for the prior
17		year.
18		
19	Q33.	WHAT IS EPE'S REQUESTED DEMAND REDUCTION GOAL FOR 2025?
20	Α.	EPE's current requested demand reduction goal for 2026 is 11.16 MW.
21		
22	Q34.	HAS EPE REACHED THE 0.4% TRIGGER AS PROVIDED FOR IN 16 TAC
23		§ 25.181(E)(1)(B)?
24	А.	Yes. Since 2013, EPE's demand reduction goal has been greater than the 0.4% trigger.
25		EPE's proposed 2026 demand reduction goal of 11.16 MW exceeds the trigger as well. As
26		shown in Table 1 of Exhibit AR-01, the 2025 trigger is equal to 5.81 MW.
27		
28	Q35.	HAS EPE RECEIVED ANY NOTIFICATIONS FROM INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS
29		UNDER 16 TAC § 25.181(U) THAT THEY ARE AN INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER
30		TAKING SERVICE AT DISTRIBUTION LEVEL AND WISH TO BE EXCLUDED
31		FROM EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?

1	Α.	No.							
2									
3	Q36.	WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF SUCH NOTIFICATIONS ON EPE'S DEMAND							
4		REDUCTION GOAL?							
5	А.	EPE did not receive any notifications for industrial opt outs for 2025 or 2026, as such there							
6		are no impacts.							
7									
8		VII. 2026 Energy Efficiency Programs and Projected							
9		Expenses per EPE'S Proposal							
10	Q37.	CAN YOU LIST THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS THAT EPE EXPECTS TO							
11		OFFER DURING THE 2026 PROGRAM YEAR?							
12	Α.	Yes. In 2026, EPE plans to offer the following programs:							
13		Small Commercial Solutions MTP							
14		Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP							
15		Commercial Load Management SOP							
16		Residential Solutions MTP							
17		• LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP							
18		• FutureWise Pilot MTP							
19		Residential Marketplace MTP							
20		Residential Load Management MTP							
21		Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP							
22									
23	Q38.	ARE THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY							
24		PROGRAM PORTFOLIO FROM 2025 TO 2026?							
25	Α.	EPE does not anticipate significant changes in energy efficiency program portfolio from							
26		2025 to 2026 as shown in EPE's 2025 Energy Efficiency Plan and Report, Project No.							
27		57468, Table 6.							
28									
29	Q39.	IS EPE ANTICIPATING ANY R&D ACTIVITIES FOR 2026?							
30	А.	Yes. EPE anticipates needing R&D to conduct an in-depth review of potential measures							
31		to determine which measures produce cost-effective savings opportunities, such as window							
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1		air conditioner demand response, advanced framing, community heat pumps, insulated
2		concrete forms, mobile home re-orientation, behavioral messaging, and low-income and
3		small business opportunities, such as solar and storage.
4		
5	Q40.	WHAT IS THE PROPOSED 2026 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM BUDGET?
6	А.	The proposed 2026 program budget, excluding EM&V and EECRF proceeding expenses,
7		is \$5,087,250. Exhibit AR-01, Table 6, shows the forecasted energy efficiency program
8		budget including incentive payments along with administrative, R&D, EM&V, and
9		EECRF proceeding expenses for a total of \$5,398,558
10		
11	Q41.	WERE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 PROPOSED
12		PROGRAM BUDGET?
13	А.	Yes. Three invoices were received by EPE after the cutoff date for which the 2024 EEPR
14		was filed, as such, amounts totaling \$31,676.32 were not included in 2025 EECRF rates.
15		
16	Q42.	WHICH PROGRAMS DO THESE TRAILING COSTS PERTAIN?
17	Α.	These invoices belong to the Residential Load Management program in the amount of
18		\$31,626.32 and the Appliance Recycling Program, which was discontinued in August of
19		2023, in the amount of \$50. These expenses will be allocated to the residential class in
20		the EECRF for 2026. These costs are reflected in Exhibit EM-01, Residential Service
21		2026 Proposed Program Budget.
22		
23	Q43.	CAN YOU PROVIDE THE PROJECTED DEMAND AND ENERGY SAVINGS FOR
24		EACH 2026 PROGRAM?
25	Α.	Yes. The projected demand and energy savings for each 2026 energy efficiency program
26		are shown in Table 5 of Exhibit AR-01.
27		
28	Q44.	DOES EPE OFFER PROGRAMS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER CLASSES?
29	Α.	Yes. EPE offers programs for all eligible customer classes.
30		

1	Q45.	HOW WERE THE 2026 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM COSTS AND						
2		ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ALLOCATED TO EACH RATE CLASS?						
3	Α.	The proposed 2026 incentive costs were allocated by program to each rate class based on						
4		EPE's actual 2024 energy efficiency incentive costs. The 2026 proposed administrative						
5		costs not directly assigned to specific programs were first allocated among each program						
6		in proportion to the budgeted 2026 program incentive costs and then the same methodology						
7		described above was used to allocate these expenses to each rate class within the programs.						
8		The administrative costs that were directly assigned to a specific program were distributed						
9		across rate classes based on the allocation of costs applicable to that program. Please see						
10		Exhibit AR-05 for these proposed 2026 rate class allocations.						
11								
12	Q46,	HOW WERE THE 2026 R&D COSTS DIRECTLY ASSIGNED TO EACH RATE						
13		CLASS?						
14	А.	The same methodology described in the previous question was used to allocate the						
15		proposed 2026 R&D costs to each rate class within the programs.						
16								
17	Q47.	IS THIS THE SAME APPROACH THAT EPE HAS UTILIZED IN ITS PREVIOUS						
18		ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FILINGS?						
19	Α.	Yes, this is the same approach that EPE utilized in its previous energy efficiency program						
20		filings.						
21								
22	Q48.	DOES THIS APPROACH REDUCE THE OVER- OR UNDER-RECOVERY OF						
23		PROGRAM COSTS BY RATE CLASSES?						
24	А.	Yes, this approach should reduce the over- or under-recovery of program costs by rate						
25		classes in future EECRF filings. The methodology aligns the program budgets and						
26		projected costs that are used to set the EECRF rate with actual occurrences in prior program						
27		years. A combination of historical participation rates and other known factors concerning						
28		types of customers is a good indicator of how rate classes will participate in energy						
29		efficiency programs going forward.						
30								

31 Q49. IS THE PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET REASONABLE?

1	Α.	Yes. EPE is proposing a 2026 budget of \$5,087,250, excluding EM&V and EECRF
2		proceeding expenses. The 2026 budget is 1.3% higher than the amount budgeted for 2025.
3		Adjustments were made to various programs accounting for expected participation levels
4		and implementer contract pricing increases.
5		
6	Q50.	ARE EPE'S PROPOSED INCENTIVE COSTS REASONABLE?
7	A.	Yes, the Company's proposed incentive costs are reasonable. As stated earlier, Exhibit AR-
8		04 shows a comparison of the 2024 incentive expenditures per kW and kWh for each Texas
9		IOU as originally reported in the utilities' 2025 EEPRs. This comparison shows that EPE's
10		incentive expenditures are comparable to other Texas IOUs on a per kW and per kWh basis
11		for 2024.
12		
13	Q51.	WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S PROJECTED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR 2026?
14	A.	The projected administrative costs for 2026 are \$311,308 as shown in Exhibit AR-01,
15		Table 6. Besides program administration, these administrative costs include R&D,
16		EM&V, and EECRF proceeding expenses.
17		
18	Q52.	WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED EXPENSES FOR R&D AND EECRF PROCEEDING
19		COSTS FOR 2026?
20	Α.	The projected expenses for R&D are \$50,000. EPE's projected EECRF proceeding costs
21		are \$100,000.
22		
23	Q53.	WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S 2026 PROJECTED EM&V EXPENSES?
24	A.	The 2026 projected recoverable EM&V expenses for the PUCT's EM&V contractor,
25		pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(0)(10), are \$72,808 as shown in Exhibit AR-01, Table 6.
26		
27	Q54.	ARE THE PROPOSED 2026 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, INCLUDING R&D,
28		REASONABLE?
29	А.	Yes, the Company's proposed administrative expenses, including R&D, are reasonable.
30		Pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(g), a utility's cost of administering its energy efficiency
31		programs shall not exceed 15% of the utility's total program costs, and the cost of R&D

1 shall not exceed 10% of the utility's total program costs for the previous program year. The 2 cumulative cost of administration and R&D shall not exceed 20% of a utility's total 3 program costs unless a good cause exception is filed. EPE's total proposed program costs 4 for 2026 are \$5,398,558 which includes administrative, R&D, EM&V, and EECRF proceeding expenses and are shown in Exhibit AR-01, Table 6. The Company's projected 5 6 administrative, R&D, EM&V, and EECRF proceeding costs of \$311,308 represent 7 approximately 5.77% of its projected total program costs and, when taken individually, the 8 administrative and R&D costs are well below the thresholds stated above. As such, EPE's 9 proposed 2026 administrative costs are well within the PUCT's limits and are reasonable. 10 11 DOES THIS AMOUNT INCLUDE COSTS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF Q55. 12 INFORMATION AND OUTREACH? 13 Α. Yes. 14 15 ARE THERE ANY EXISTING MARKET CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT EPE'S Q56. 16 ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE OF ITS PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS? 17 18 Α. Supply chain delays, inflationary costs, adoption of new federal codes and standards may 19 have an unknown effect on EESPs to obtain materials to complete energy efficiency 20upgrades. 21 22 O57. HAVE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN EPE'S SERVICE AREA CHANGED SINCE THE 23 PUCT APPROVED EPE'S BUDGET FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION YEAR THAT 24 MAY AFFECT EPE'S ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT ANY OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS? 25 26 No, nothing substantive has changed since the PUCT approved EPE's budget for the Α. implementation year that may affect EPE's ability to implement its energy efficiency 27 28 programs. 29 30 ARE THERE ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY AFFECT EPE'S Q58.

31 ABILITY TO ACHIEVE ITS PROPOSED 2026 GOALS?

- A. Yes. Changes in federal interest rates, rate of inflation and the effect on costs of various
   construction materials and the labor needed to install may have an impact on EPE's ability
   to achieve its energy efficiency goals.
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Q59. DOES THE NUMBER OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS
 OPERATING IN EPE'S SERVICE TERRITORY AFFECT EPE'S ABILITY TO
 IMPLEMENT ANY OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?

- 8 A. No. EPE anticipates that the local contractors will continue to participate in EPE's 2026
   9 programs. From PY2023 to PY2024 EPE observed a comparable number of participating
   10 EESPs in the Solutions MTPs, which are primarily contractor based.
- 11

# Q60. WHAT BARRIERS ARE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS, OPERATING IN EPE'S SERVICE TERRITORY, ENCOUNTERING IN THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?

A. Local contractors have expressed internal staffing shortages and turnover, which result in
 repetitive training on the documentation requirements and added administrative burden.
 Implementers have expressed a lack of continuity, with program participant staffing
 turnover leading to a breakdown in communication channels and delays in documentation
 acquisition, pre and post inspections, and repetitive training of program participants
 resulting in increased costs, and reduced profits.

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# 22 Q61. WHAT INTERVENTION STRATEGIES HAS EPE IMPLEMENTED TO OVERCOME23 BARRIERS?

24 Α. Energy Efficiency Program Managers work closely with EPE's Commercial Services, 25 Government Affairs, and Public Relations Departments to facilitate communication 26 channels with stakeholders and to promote available energy efficiency opportunities. EPE and Implementers hold annual kickoff meetings and meet periodically throughout the year 27 28 with participants, while building relationships with local associations such as the Chamber 29 of Commerce and El Paso Apartment Association to facilitate participation in energy 30 efficiency programs. EPE offers a Self-Sponsor or Rebate option to customers to shift the administrative burden from local contractors to customers willing to complete the 31

1 administrative documentation necessary to receive monetary incentives for the selection 2 and installation of high efficiency equipment. In 2023, a Trade Ally Event was held which 3 allowed OEMs and distributors the opportunity to showcase and present the benefits of 4 their high efficiency products. Program implementers also provide training on project 5 submission and required documentation to expedite incentive payment processing. 6 Implementers are also providing more visual aids and simplifying guidelines to assist with 7 project submission processes. 8 9 DOES PAST CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN EPE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY 062.

- 10**PROGRAMS AFFECT ANTICIPATED CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN THE**11**PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?**
- 12 A. No, past participation is not an indicator of future participation.
- 14VIII.EPE's 2024 Performance Bonus
- 15 Q63. IS EPE REQUESTING A PERFORMANCE BONUS FOR 2024?
- 16 A. No. As I explained above, EPE did not meet its energy savings goal for 2024.
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#### IX. EPE's Bidding and Engagement Process

- Q64. CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE BIDDING PROCESS BY WHICH EPE SELECTED THE
   PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS AND IMPLEMENTERS FOR EACH OF ITS
   EXISTING AND PROPOSED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS?
- A. Yes. EPE has used a request for proposals ("RFP") process to select its program administrators for its energy efficiency programs. In general, this process involves issuing an RFP and distributing it to potential administrators and implementers, reviewing the proposals based on predetermined criteria, and selecting an administrator based on the proposal merits.
- In 2009, EPE initiated an RFP for the implementation of the Texas SCORE MTP. The RFP was distributed to the members of the Association of Energy Service Professionals as well as to other entities that expressed an interest in participating in EPE's programs. The proposals were scored on a scale of one to ten in four evaluation criteria categories - Innovative Approach, Bidder Qualifications and Experience, Quality and

1 Completeness of Proposal, and Price. EPE selected CLEAResult to administer this 2 program. The administrator of EPE's LivingWise<sup>®</sup> educational program, AM Conservation 3 (formerly Resource Action Programs), was selected through a solicited proposal. 4 AM Conservation administers its proprietary LivingWise<sup>®</sup> program nationally and had 5 previously administered this program in EPE's New Mexico service territory. Based on 6 the success of the New Mexico program, EPE selected AM Conservation to administer this 7 educational program in EPE's Texas service territory.

8 In 2011, EPE initiated RFPs for the Small Commercial Solutions MTP, the 9 Large C&I Solutions MTP, the Residential Solutions MTP, and the Hard-to-Reach 10 Solutions MTP. As was the case with the Texas SCORE MTP, the RFPs were distributed, 11 and two companies responded with proposals. The proposals were scored on a scale of 12 one to ten in the four evaluation criteria categories mentioned above. EPE selected 13 CLEAResult to administer these programs.

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 EPE's Commercial Load Management SOP is internally implemented, therefore no

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 RFP was required.

EPE solicited a sole source procurement from ARCA Recycling, Inc., ("ARCA"), for the Texas Appliance Recycling MTP in 2017 as they were the only vendor capable of providing a utility scale recycling program in the region. EPE's Texas Appliance Recycling MTP was similar in nature to the Appliance Recycling Program that EPE administered previously and that was discontinued in 2015. EPE's Texas Appliance Recycling MTP has been discontinued since August 2023 as ARCA is no longer in business.

In 2019, through a public RFP open to third-party vendors, EPE selected Simple Energy, Inc. as the new program administrator, for its Marketplace Program. EPE received three proposals. EPE took into consideration the proposed program design, the bidders' technical and functional capabilities, overall project cost, and ability to meet EPE's proposed project schedule Completeness.

In 2019, through a public RFP open to third-party vendors, EPE selected Uplight, Inc. as the new administrator for its Residential Load Management MTP, formerly known as the DRPP, to launch in 2020. EPE received six proposals. EPE took into consideration the proposed program design, the bidders' technical and functional capabilities, overall project cost, program scalability, and ability to meet EPE's proposed project schedule.

1		AM Conservation, as the implementer for its proprietary LivingWise <sup>®</sup> education
2		program, was selected to expand EPE's educational program to high school students with
3		the proprietary FutureWise program. As such, EPE solicited a sole source procurement
4		from AM Conservation in 2022.
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6	Q65.	CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS WITH EESPS AND
7		CONTRACTORS WHO ARE PAID WITH FUNDS COLLECTED THROUGH THE
8		EECRF?
9	Α.	Yes. The EESPs, based on the definition found in 16 TAC § 25.181(c)(17) as "a person or
10		other entity that installs energy efficiency measures," are recruited in different manners
11		depending upon the associated program, as explained below:
12		• The Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP are primarily customer -driven programs.
13		CLEAResult and EPE personnel work through various venues, such as direct contact
14		and the use of EPE's website, to inform eligible customers of EPE's Large Commercial
15		Plus Solutions MTP.
16		• The Small Commercial Solutions, Residential Solutions and Hard-to-Reach Solutions
17		MTPs are primarily contractor driven. CLEAResult and EPE personnel provide
18		outreach and training throughout the year to participating contractors and EESPs.
19		EPE's website also contains information on how to participate in these programs and
20		provides direct contact information for potential EESPs, contractors and interested
21		customers.
22		• LivingWise <sup>®</sup> , implemented by AM Conservation, identifies and enrolls sixth grade
23		teachers and students into the program, providing them with a LivingWise <sup>®</sup> kit that
24		contains energy savings devices and materials educating on ways to use energy more
25		efficiently.
26		• FutureWise, implemented by AM Conservation, identifies and enrolls high school
27		teachers and students into the program, providing them with a FutureWise kit, that
28		contains educational materials on career development in the green energy sector, how
29		to pay and read utility bills, energy conservation behaviors, as well as energy saving
30		devices.
31		• EPE's Marketplace Program, implemented by Uplight Inc., provides an online

marketplace where residential customers can receive an instant rebate for the purchase
 of energy efficient products. Residential customers are informed of products and
 promotions through social media, direct email marketing, and the monthly El Paso
 Electric Customer Newsletter.

- The Residential Load Management MTP, implemented by Uplight Inc., targets
   residential customers for reductions in central refrigerated air conditioning load
   through Wi-fi enabled smart thermostats during load management events. Customers
   receive an incentive for enrolling an existing qualifying internet enabled smart
   thermostat, for the purchase and enrollment of a new qualifying device, or for continued
   participation in the program. The program is promoted through social media, direct
   email marketing, and the monthly El Paso Electric Customer Newsletter.
- EPE's internally implemented Commercial Load Management SOP, identifies
   commercial customers, who are not deemed critical load without back up generation,
   who take service at the distribution level equipped with an EPE interval demand meter
   and can curtail a minimum of 100 kW. Customers are engaged directly by EPE
   employees. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and
   reviewed for eligibility.
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#### X. Incentive Payments and Energy Efficiency Service Providers and Administrators

Q66. HAVE YOU PROVIDED A LIST OF INCENTIVE PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM,
INCLUDING A LIST OF EACH ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADMINISTRATOR AND
EESP RECEIVING MORE THAN 5% OF THE UTILITY'S OVERALL INCENTIVE
PAYMENTS AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE UTILITY'S INCENTIVES
RECEIVED BY THOSE PROVIDERS?

26 A. Yes, I have. CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit AR-07 provides that information.

#### XI. Estimated Useful Life

- 29 Q67. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE?
- A. 16 TAC § 25.181(c)(19) states that the definition of Estimated Useful Life ("EUL") is "the
   number of years until 50% of installed measures are still operable and providing savings,

1		and is used interchangeably with the term "measure life." The EUL determines the period							
2		of time over which the benefits of the energy efficiency measure are expected to accrue."							
3									
4	Q68.	HAVE YOU PROVIDED AN ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE TABLE AND LINK FOR							
5		EPE'S PROGRAM MANUALS?							
6	А.	Yes. The 2024 EUL Table used by EPE is provided in Exhibit AR-09 and EPE's Energy							
7		Efficiency programs with manuals can be found at:							
8		https://www.epesavings.com/contractors/contractors-portal.html							
9									
10		XII. Conclusion							
11	Q69,	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?							
12	A.	Yes, it does.							

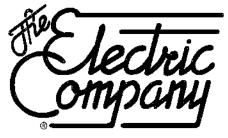
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#### INTRODUCTION

El Paso Electric Company (EPE) presents this Energy Efficiency Plan and Report (EEPR) to comply with 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.181 and § 25.183, which are sections of the Energy Efficiency Rule (EE Rule) implementing the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 39.905. As mandated by this section of PURA, 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(1) states that each investor-owned electric utility must achieve the following minimum demand reduction goals through market-based Standard Offer Programs (SOPs), targeted Market Transformation Programs (MTPs), or utility self-delivered programs:

- § 25.181(e)(1) An electric utility shall administer a portfolio of energy efficiency programs to acquire, at a minimum, the following:
  - (A) Beginning with the 2013 program year, until the trigger described in subparagraph
     (B) of this paragraph is reached, the utility shall acquire a 30% reduction of its annual growth in demand of residential and commercial customers.
  - (B) If the demand reduction goal to be acquired by a utility under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is equivalent to at least four-tenths of 1% of its summer weatheradjusted peak demand for the combined residential and commercial customers for the previous program year, the utility shall meet the energy efficiency goal described in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for each subsequent program year.
  - (C) Once the trigger described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph is reached, the utility shall acquire four-tenths of 1% of its summer weather-adjusted peak demand for the combined residential and commercial customers for the previous program year.
  - (D) Except as adjusted in accordance with subsection (u) of this section, a utility's demand reduction goal in any year shall not be lower than its goal for the prior year, unless the commission establishes a goal for a utility under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

The EE Rule includes specific requirements related to the implementation of SOPs, MTPs, and utility self-delivered programs that control the manner that utilities must administer their portfolio of energy efficiency programs to achieve their mandated annual demand reduction goals. EPE's plan is intended to enable it to meet its statutory goals through implementation of energy efficiency programs in a manner that complies with PURA § 39.905 and the EE Rule. This EEPR reports EPE's achievements for 2024 and its projections for 2025 and 2026 as required by the EE Rule. The following section describes the information that is contained in each of the subsequent sections and appendix.

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN AND REPORT ORGANIZATION

This EEPR consists of the following information:

#### Executive Summary

 The Executive Summary highlights EPE's reported achievements for 2024 and EPE's plans for achieving its 2025 and 2026 projected energy efficiency savings.

#### **Energy Efficiency Plan**

- Section I describes EPE's program portfolio. It details how each program will be implemented, discusses related informational and outreach activities, and provides an explanation of any new or discontinued program(s).
- Section II explains EPE's targeted customer classes, specifying the size of each class and the method for determining those class sizes.
- Section III presents EPE's goal calculation and projected energy efficiency savings for the prescribed planning period by program for each customer class.
- Section IV describes EPE's proposed energy efficiency budgets for 2025 and 2026 by program for each customer class.

#### Energy Efficiency Report

- Section V documents EPE's demand reduction goals for each of the previous five years (2020-2024) and the actual savings achieved for those years.
- Section VI compares EPE's projected energy and demand savings to its reported savings by program for calendar years 2023 and 2024.
- Section VII details EPE's incentive and administration expenditures for the previous five years (2020-2024) detailed by program for each customer class.
- Section VIII compares EPE's actual and budgeted program costs for 2024 detailed by program for each customer class. It also provides an explanation of EPE's administrative costs and any expenditure deviation of more than 10% from the anticipated program budget.
- Section IX describes the results from EPE's MTPs.
- Section X documents EPE's most recent Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF).
- Section XI reflects EPE's revenue collection through the 2024 EECRF.
- Section XII details the over/under recovery of EPE's energy efficiency program costs for 2024.
- Section XIII reports the number of customers served and the savings relative to the three counties served by EPE in Texas.

Acronyms – A list of abbreviations for common terms used within this document.

Appendix A – Reported kW and kWh savings by county for each program.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Energy Efficiency Plan portion of this EEPR details EPE's plan to meet the energy efficiency demand reduction goal for 2025, as established pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(3). The Final Order of Docket No. 56572<sup>1</sup> issued on December 12, 2024, established the EECRF rates applicable to EPE for 2025. The order left in place the same demand reduction goal of 11.16 MW, which is what it has been since 2011 and is greater than four-tenths of one percent of EPE's average weather-adjusted peak demand at meter. Since EPE has reached a demand reduction goal of greater than four-tenths of one percent of its summer weather-adjusted peak demand in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(1)(C), EPE's 2026 demand reduction goal should remain at 11.16 MW.

The Final Order of Docket No. 56572 also established an energy efficiency program budget for 2025 of \$5,631,947.<sup>2</sup> The goals, budgets, and implementation plans that are included in this EEPR are influenced substantially by the requirements of the EE Rule and lessons learned regarding energy efficiency service providers and customer participation in the various energy efficiency programs. A summary of projected goals, savings and budgets is presented in Table 1.

Calendar Year	Average Growth in Demand (MW at Meter)	Goal Metric: 30% of 5-year Average Growth in Demand (MW at Meter)	Goal Metric: .4% of 5-year Average Peak Demand (MW at Meter)*	Demand Goal (MW)	Energy Goal (MWh)**	Projected MW Savings (at Meter)	Projected MWh Savings (at Meter)	Proposed Budget (000's)***
2025	44.3	13.29	5.81	11.16	19,552	26.984	24,363	\$5,334
2026	26.7	8.00	5.91	11.16	19,552	26.920	25,005	\$5,399

Table 1:	Summary	of 2025 & 2026	<b>Projected Goals</b>	, Savings and Budgets <sup>3</sup>
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\* The 2026 Demand Goal of 0.4% of peak demand (5.91 MW) is calculated according to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(3)(B) and is based on a 7.58% system demand line loss factor approved in Docket No. 54142; (1,600 MW Average Peak Demand at Source Net Opt-Outs x 0.004) x (1-0.0758 system demand line loss factor). However, under the EE Rule, a utility's demand reduction goal shall not be less than the prior year's goal, thus, the 2026 goal is 11.16 MW.

\*\* Calculated using a 20% conservation load factor.

\*\*\* Proposed budget includes the overall program budget, EM&V expenses, and EECRF proceeding expenses.

In 2024, EPE achieved a demand reduction of 18,891 kW, which was 169% of the 11,160 kW demand reduction goal. This was accomplished through the implementation of one SOP and several MTPs. To reach the projected savings for 2025 and 2026, EPE proposes to offer the following programs:

- Standard Offer Program
  - Commercial Load Management SOP
- Market Transformation Programs
  - Small Commercial Solutions MTP
  - Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP
  - Residential Solutions MTP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of El Paso Electric Company to Adjust Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Establish Revised Cost Cap, Docket No. 56572, Order (Dec. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph No. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Average Growth in Demand and Weather Adjusted Peak Demand are found in Table 4, Projected Demand and Energy Savings are found in Table 5, and Proposed Budgets are found in Table 6.

- LivingWise® MTP
- FutureWise Pilot MTP
- Residential Marketplace MTP
- Residential Load Management MTP
- o Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP

MTPs are implemented by third-party implementers that design, market, and execute the programs. Depending on the program, the implementer may inspect and validate proposed projects, perform quality assurance and quality control, and verify savings.

Note - Totals in tables may not tie due to rounding.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN

## I. 2025 PROGRAMS

## A. 2025 Program Portfolio

EPE plans to continue the implementation of one SOP and eight MTPs in 2025. These programs have been structured to comply with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) governing program design and evaluation. These programs target both broad market segments and specific market segments that offer significant opportunities for cost-effective savings. EPE anticipates that targeted outreach to a broad range of service providers and customers will be necessary to meet the demand reduction goals established by the PUCT. Table 2 below summarizes the programs and target markets:

Table 2:	2025 Energy	Efficiency	Program	Portfolios
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Program	Target Market	Application
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	Small Commercial (<100kW)	Retrofit; New Construction
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	Large Commercial and Industrial (≥100kW)	Retrofit; New Construction
	City, County Governments and Schools	
Commercial Load Management SOP	Commercial, Government and Schools	Load Management
Residential Solutions MTP	Residential	Retrofit; New Construction
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	Residential	Educational; Retrofit
FutureWise Pilot MTP	Residential	Educational; Retrofit
Residential Marketplace MTP	Residential	Rebate
Residential Load Management MTP	Residential	Load Management
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	Residential Hard-to-Reach	Retrofit; New Construction

The programs in Table 2 are described in further detail below. EPE maintains a website containing links to the program manuals, the requirements for project participation, and available electronic forms at <u>www.epelectric.com</u>. Programs and manuals can be found at the following website: https://www.epelectric.com/company/regulatory/energy-efficiency-filings

## B. Existing Programs

## Small Commercial Solutions MTP

The Small Commercial Solutions Program offers incentives to commercial customers with an annual peak demand of less than 100 kW at one facility or a total annual peak demand of less than 250 kW at multiple facilities operated by the same customer. The program pays a cash incentive to customers of up to \$400 per kW reduced, generally through participating contractors, for eligible measures that are installed in new or retrofit applications. Additionally, the program pays a \$500 cash incentive per unit for the installation of eligible high-efficient evaporative air conditioning units. This program also provides non-cash incentives that include technical assistance, education, and marketing materials. The program helps small business owners and contractors improve their ability to identify and evaluate energy efficiency improvements. The Small Commercial Solutions Program conducts community outreach activities and provides for collaboration with contractors, business owners, and other building professionals to promote energy efficiency awareness. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

## Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP

The Large Commercial Plus Solutions Program offers incentives to large commercial and industrial customers, schools, higher education, and government customers with an annual average peak demand of 100 kW or greater at one facility or an aggregate annual peak demand of 250 kW or greater at multiple facilities operated by the same customer. The program pays a cash incentive of up to \$240 per kW reduced to customers for eligible measures that are installed in new or retrofit applications. This program also provides non-cash incentives that include technical assistance, education, and marketing materials. In addition to capturing demand and energy savings, the program's implementer helps participating customers improve their ability to identify and evaluate energy efficiency improvements and to understand how to leverage their energy savings to finance projects. The implementer also provides measurement and verification for projects, as necessary. The Large Commercial Plus Solutions Program conducts community outreach activities and provides for collaboration with contractors, architectural and engineering firms, and other building professionals to promote energy efficiency awareness. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### **Commercial Load Management SOP**

The Commercial Load Management SOP allows participating customers to provide on-call, voluntary curtailment of electric consumption during peak demand periods in return for incentive payments. A commercial customer equipped with an EPE demand interval meter capable of curtailing a minimum of 100 kW, and not deemed critical load, that takes service at the distribution level is eligible to participate. Critical load customers with back up generation are eligible to participate. EPE will notify its current participants of the 2025 Commercial Load Management SOP via email in April to inform them of the opening of the program. All applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis and reviewed for eligibility. Demand savings and incentives are based on verified average demand savings that customers achieve due to EPE's voluntary curtailment events. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

## **Residential Solutions MTP**

The Residential Solutions Program offers incentives and rebates to residential customers for installing eligible energy efficiency measures. This program also provides participants with noncash incentives which include technical assistance, education, and marketing materials. In addition to capturing demand and energy savings, the program's implementer helps participating customers improve their ability to identify and evaluate energy efficiency improvements. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### LivingWise® MTP

The LivingWise<sup>®</sup> MTP teaches sixth-grade students to use energy more efficiently in their homes. The program is available at no cost to the teacher, school district, and students and serves as an effective community outreach program to improve energy efficiency awareness. The program enrolls students and teachers and provides them with educational materials and a LivingWise<sup>®</sup> kit that contains energy saving devices. The students install the devices in their homes and, with the help of their parents, complete a home energy audit report. EPE plans on continuing this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### FutureWise Pilot MTP

The FutureWise Pilot MTP teaches high-school students about the importance of saving energy, understanding an energy bill, and careers in the field of energy. The program is available at no cost to the teacher, school district, and students and serves as an effective community outreach program to improve energy efficiency awareness. The program enrolls high school students and teachers and provides them with educational materials and a FutureWise kit that contains energy saving devices. The students install the devices in their homes and complete a home energy audit report. EPE plans on continuing this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### **Residential Marketplace MTP**

The Residential Marketplace Program provides eligible residential customers instant rebates through an online marketplace for installing energy efficiency measures. The EPE Marketplace will offer customers a variety of energy-efficient products including smart thermostats, lighting products, window air conditioners, air purifiers, energy saving kits, and advanced power strips. EPE plans to continue implementation of this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### **Residential Load Management MTP**

The Residential Load Management Program targets reduction in central refrigerated air conditioning load for residential customers. EPE has the capability of remotely adjusting participating customers' internet-enabled smart thermostats during load management events to relieve peak load. There are no more than 14 events per season and the season will commence June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. A typical summer event may occur anytime between 1pm and 7pm MST, only during weekdays and each event will last no longer than 4 hours. Customers receive a \$25 incentive for enrolling a new or existing qualifying internet enabled smart thermostat or for continued participation in the Program. Customers may also receive an additional \$50 rebate for the purchase of a new internet enabled smart thermostat through EPE's online marketplace. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

## Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP

The Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP offers incentives and rebates to low-income residential customers for installing eligible energy efficiency measures. This program targets residential customers that are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This program also provides participants with non-cash incentives which include technical assistance, education, and marketing materials. In addition to capturing demand and energy savings, the program's implementer helps participating customers develop their ability to identify and evaluate energy efficiency improvements. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

## C. Research and Development

EPE has allocated \$50,000 to Research and Development (R&D) for 2025. R&D funds will be utilized to conduct an in-depth review of potential measures to determine which measures produce cost-effective savings opportunities, such as window air conditioner demand response, advanced framing, community heat pumps, insulated concrete forms, mobile home re-orientation, behavioral messaging, and low-income opportunities for solar and battery storage. This funding amount is less than 10% of EPE's 2025 total program costs in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.181(g).

## D. New Program(s) for 2025 and 2026

EPE does not currently plan to add any new programs in 2025 or 2026.

#### E. Discontinued Program(s) for 2025 and 2026

EPE does not currently plan to discontinue any programs in 2025 or 2026.

## F. General Implementation Process

## Program Implementation

EPE continues to contract with third-party implementers to provide energy efficiency and demand reduction programs. Third-party implementers help EPE design, market, and execute the programs, and identify, evaluate, and undertake energy efficiency improvements. EPE will continue to conduct activities to implement energy efficiency programs in a cost-effective and non-discriminatory manner.

Based on the specific MTP, EPE and the implementer may perform outreach activities to recruit local contractors and provide education and training. We validate proposed projects, perform quality assurance/quality control, and verify and report savings associated with the programs.

## Program Tracking

EPE uses online databases to track program activity for most of its MTPs. Depending upon the associated program, these databases are accessible to project sponsors, EESPs, implementers, and administrators. The on-line databases capture customer and project information such as utility meter number or account number, proposed measures and associated energy savings, and incentive amounts.

#### Measurement and Verification

Most of EPE's energy efficiency projects will use deemed savings for demand and energy reductions as approved by the PUCT. If the deemed savings approach is not applicable for a particular installation, savings will be reported using an approved measurement and verification approach. Guidelines within the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol (IPMVP) will be used in instances in which:

- a PUCT-approved deemed savings or M&V protocol is not available for the energy efficiency measure(s) included in an eligible project or
- an EESP has elected to follow the protocol because it believes that measurement and verification activities will result in a more accurate estimate of the savings associated with the project than would the application of the PUCT-approved deemed savings value.

In accordance with 17.7.2.15 C of the Commission's Energy Efficiency rules, the PUCT implemented an EM&V process that included the selection of an EM&V contractor in 2024. The PUCT selected the current third-party EM&V contractor through the Request for Proposal 473-23-00003, Project No. 56788. The selected EM&V team is led by Tetra Tech and EPE will continue to provide the necessary information and data to the EM&V team.

## G. Outreach Activities

EPE anticipates that outreach to a broad range of EESPs and market segments will be necessary to meet the savings goals required by section (e)(1) of the EE Rule and PURA § 39.905. EPE markets the availability of its programs in the following manner:

- EPE maintains the <u>www.epelectric.com</u> website. The use of the website is one of the primary
  methods of communication to provide potential project sponsors and customers with
  program information. The website contains detailed information such as requirements for
  program participation, project eligibility, end-use measure eligibility, incentive levels,
  application procedures, program manuals, and available funding.
- EPE offers outreach workshops for some of the MTPs. EPE invites the appropriate EESPs to participate in the workshops. The workshops describe the requirements for program participation, project eligibility, end-use measure eligibility, incentive levels, application procedures, and available funding.
- EPE includes information on the availability of energy efficiency programs through the monthly newsletter, social media, and public outreach activities.
- EPE maintains a dedicated energy efficiency phone line to provide customers with direct access to energy efficiency personnel on program availability, participation requirements, incentive levels, application procedures, and available funding.
- EPE maintains a dedicated energy efficiency e-mail address to allow customers to contact energy efficiency personnel directly.

## H. Existing Demand Side Management (DSM) Contracts or Obligations

EPE contracts with CLEAResult to implement EPE's four Texas "Solutions" MTPs.

EPE contracts with AM Conservation Group to implement EPE's LivingWise® MTP and FutureWise Pilot MTP.

EPE contracts with Uplight to implement the Residential Marketplace MTP and the Residential Load Management Program MTP.

## II. CUSTOMER CLASSES

For the twelve months ending December 2024, there was an average of 312,901 residential accounts in the EPE Texas service territory. Based on the 2024 Annual Social and Economic Supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, 24.8% of Texas families are at or below 200% of the poverty threshold. Applying this standard pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(c)(27), approximately 77,599 of EPE's residential accounts fall into the Hard-to-Reach Customer Class.

The average number of commercial accounts in 2024 was 38,303. EPE includes residential and commercial customer classes that take service at the distribution level in the energy efficiency programs. Transmission level customers, other than governmental entities, are not eligible to participate. The total residential class includes the Hard-to-Reach accounts. Table 3 summarizes the number of customers in each of the customer classes for 2024.

	Number of Texas
Customer Class	Customers
Total Residential	312,901
Total Hard-to-Reach	77,599
Total Commercial	38,303

## Table 3: Summary of Texas Residential and Commercial Customer Classes (2024)

## III. PROJECTED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SAVINGS AND GOALS

As reflected in PUCT Docket No. 56572, EPE's energy efficiency demand reduction goal for 2025 is 11.16 MW, which mirrors the 2024 goal. The following is the section of the EE Rule that describes how utilities are to calculate their minimum demand reduction goals:

- § 25.181(e)(1) An electric utility shall administer a portfolio of energy efficiency programs to acquire, at a minimum, the following:
  - (A) Beginning with the 2013 program year, until the trigger described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph is reached, the utility shall acquire a 30% reduction of its annual growth in demand of residential and commercial customers.
  - (B) If the demand reduction goal to be acquired by a utility under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is equivalent to at least four-tenths of 1% of its summer weather-adjusted peak demand for the combined residential and commercial customers for the previous program year, the utility shall meet the energy efficiency goal described in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for each subsequent program year.
  - (C) Once the trigger described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph is reached, the utility shall acquire four-tenths of 1% of its summer weather-adjusted peak demand for the combined residential and commercial customers for the previous program year.

(D) Except as adjusted in accordance with subsection (u) of this section, a utility's demand reduction goal in any year shall not be lower than its goal for the prior year, unless the commission establishes a goal for a utility under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

The demand reduction goal to be acquired in 2025 (11.16 MW) is greater than four-tenths of one percent of EPE's 5-year average summer weather-adjusted peak demand for 2019 through 2023 which is 5.81 MW as shown in Table 1. In accordance with section (e)(1)(D) of the EE Rule, EPE's demand reduction goal in any year shall not be lower than its goal for the prior year. Considering the parameters established by the EE Rule, EPE's 2026 goal should remain at 11.16 MW (0.75% of the average summer weather-adjusted peak demand for 2020 through 2024) as shown in Table 1. The corresponding energy savings goals for all years are determined by applying a 20% conservation load factor to the demand reduction goals.

Table 4 presents historical annual growth in demand. Table 5 presents projected demand reduction and energy savings by customer class and program for 2025 and 2026.

		P	eak Demai	nd (MW at S	Source)		Energy	Consumpt	ion (MWh at	Meter)	Growth	Growth (MW at	Average Growth
	Total	System		Residential	8. Comme	rcial	Total System		Residential & Commercial		Source)		(MW at Meter) <sup>5</sup>
						Peak Demand @							
Calendar		Weather		Weather		Source Net		Weather		Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather
Year	Actual	Adjusted	Actual	Adjusted	Opt-Out	Opt-Outs	Actual	Adjusted	Actual	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted
2013	1,357	1,352	1,252	1,248	0	1,248	6,028,388	6,008,772	5,276,023	5,256,408	64.0	58.4	NA
2014	1,385	1,387	1,289	1,291	0	1,291	5,973,273	5,981,108	5,211,869	5,219,704	43.0	39.3	NA
2015	1,398	1,386	1,279	1,266	0	1,266	6,141,917	6,086,745	5,318,795	5,263,622	-25.0	-22.8	NA
2016	1,509	1,509	1,397	1,397	-1.1	1,396	6,188,610	6,187,025	5,381,661	5,380,076	129.9	118.6	NA
2017	1,575	1,579	1,459	1,463	-1.1	1,462	6,205,925	6,223,229	5,387,064	5,404,368	66.0	60.5	NA
2018	1,560	1,545	1,446	1,429	-1.2	1,428	6,377,762	6,313,451	5,537,652	5,473,342	-34.1	-31.3	NA
2019	1,596	1,583	1,516	1,501	-1.2	1,500	6,322,247	6,267,981	5,528,608	5,474,342	72.0	66.0	NA
2020	1,730	1,703	1,609	1,580	-1.3	1,579	6,446,008	6,345,116	5,655,757	5,554,865	78.9	73.0	NA
2021	1,610	1,628	1,498	1,517	-1.3	1,516	6,499,885	6,571,421	5,685,095	5,756,631	-63.0	-58.2	NA
2022	1,709	1,702	1,601	1,593	0	1,593	6,676,488	6,649,552	5,847,428	5,820,492	77.3	71.5	NA
2023	1,841	1,781	1,732	1,668	0	1,668	6,908,520	6,681,310	6,120,631	5,893,421	75.0	69.3	NA
2024	1,788	1,743	1,692	1,644	0	1,644	6,868,191	6,696,472	6,052,472	5,880,753	-24.0	-22.2	NA
2025	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	44.3
2026	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	26.7

## Table 4: Annual Growth in Demand and Energy Consumption

The 2026 Demand Goal of 0.4% of peak demand is calculated according to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(3)(B) and is based on a 7.58% system demand line loss factor approved in Docket No. 54142 as shown below:

Average of residential and commercial peak demand at source net Opt-Outs = (1,579 + 1,516 + 1593 + 1,668 + 1,644) / 5 = 1,600 MW. (1,600 MW Average Peak Demand at source net Opt-Outs x 0.004) x (1 - 0.0758 system demand line loss factor) = 5.91 MW.

However, under the EE Rule, a utility's demand reduction goal shall not be less than the prior year's goal, thus, the 2026 goal is 11.16 MW.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Growth at meter for calendar year 2024 to 2026 includes the 7.58% system demand line loss factor as approved in Docket No. 54142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Average 5-year historical growth in demand for residential and commercial customers for 2025 (2019-2023) and 2026 (2020-2024).

Table 5: Projected Demand and Energy Savings Broken Out by Program for Each Customer
Class

2025	Projected (at me	-
Customer Class and Program	kW	kWh
Commercial	10,411	17,468,496
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	730	3,197,400
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	2,631	14,100,096
Commercial Load Management SOP	7,000	21,000
Residential Marketplace MTP	50	150,000
Residential	15,773	5,843,488
Residential Solutions MTP	545	954,840
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	200	727,600
FutureWise Pilot MTP	106	494,000
Residential Marketplace MTP	950	2,850,000
Residential Load Management MTP	13,972	817,048
Hard-to-Reach	800	1,051,200
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	800	1,051,200
Total	26,984	24,363,184
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2026	Projected	—
Customer Class and Brogram	(at me	kWh
Customer Class and Program	+ +	
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	<b>10,378</b> 784	<b>18,470,063</b> 3,432,361
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	2,779	14,894,887
Commercial Load Management SOP	6,772	20,315
Residential Marketplace MTP	43	122,500
Residential	15,656	5,369,885
Residential Solutions MTP	606	1,060,933
	173	630,237
FutureWise Pilot MTP	88	411,667
Residential Marketplace MTP	817	2,450,000
Residential Load Management MTP	13,972	
Hard-to-Reach	887	817,048 <b>1,165,080</b>
	887	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP		1,165,080
Total	26,920	25,005,028

## IV. PROGRAM BUDGETS

Table 6 presents the total proposed budget allocations required to achieve EPE's projected demand reduction and energy savings shown in Table 5. The budget allocations are broken down by customer class, program, and the budget categories of incentive payments and administration and R&D expenses. The program budget for 2025 is \$5,161,212. Table 6 also includes the estimated annual expenses for the statewide EM&V contractor and the EECRF proceeding expenses.

The number of customers in Table 3, Summary of Texas Residential and Commercial Customer Classes (2024), was considered in the budget allocations. EPE first ensured that the 5% goal for Hard-to-Reach customers was met and then allocated the remaining funding to the residential and commercial classes. The decision-making process for developing the budget included additional factors and assumptions.

Hard-to-Reach customers are residential customers at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This is estimated to be approximately 77,599 customers or 24.8% of EPE's total residential load in Texas.

Avoided costs for 2024, as established by the PUCT and filed in Project No. 38578, were set at \$100 per kW per year and \$0.16620 per kWh.

As directed in the EE Rule, EPE will limit administrative costs to a maximum of 15% of the total program costs, R&D costs to a maximum of 10% of the total program costs, and the cumulative cost of administration and R&D will not exceed 20% of total program costs.

EPE used a 7.025% post-tax discount rate to calculate the present value of the avoided cost associated with a project and assumed a 2% escalation rate.

It is assumed that an EESP that completes an energy efficiency project will receive the associated incentives within that program year. Administration costs, however, may be incurred in one year and expended in another.

EPE will offer its portfolio of programs to each eligible customer class. It should be noted, however, that the actual distribution of the goal and budget must remain flexible based upon the response of the marketplace, the potential interest of customer classes towards specific programs, and the overriding objective of meeting the legislative savings goal. EPE reserves the right to reallocate unused funds amongst programs as necessary.

2025	Incentives	Admin & R&D	Total Budget
Commercial	\$2,427,073	\$0	\$2,427,073
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	\$461,115	\$0	\$461,115
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	\$1,490,958	\$0	\$1,490,958
Commercial Load Management SOP	\$460,000	\$0	\$460,000
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Residential	\$1,996,346	\$0	\$1,996,346
Residential Solutions MTP	\$315,000	\$0	\$315,000
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	\$346,346	\$0	\$346,346
FutureWise Pilot MTP	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$285,000	\$0	\$285,000
Residential Load Management MTP	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000
Hard-to-Reach	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
Administration		\$87,793	\$87,793
Research and Development		\$50,000	\$50,000
Subtotal Budgets	\$5,023,419	\$137,793	\$5,161,212
EM&V		\$72,808	\$72,808
EECRF Proceeding Expenses		\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Budgets	\$5,023,419	\$310,601	\$5,334,020
2026	Incentives	Admin & R&D	Total Budget
Commercial	\$2,527,250	\$0	\$2,527,250
Small Commercial Solutions MTP			
	\$495,000	\$0	\$495,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	\$495,000 \$1,575,000	\$0 \$0	
			\$1,575,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	\$1,575,000	\$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000	\$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250	\$0 \$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b>
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Residential Solutions MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b>	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> \$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP <b>Residential</b> Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> \$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise® MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise® MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Load Management MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b>
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise® MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Load Management MTP Hard-to-Reach	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b>	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b>	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$350,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 \$665,000 \$665,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP <b>Residential</b> Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Load Management MTP <b>Hard-to-Reach</b> Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b>	\$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 <b>\$0</b> <b>\$0</b>	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b> \$8665,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP <b>Residential</b> Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Load Management MTP <b>Hard-to-Reach</b> Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP Administration	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b>	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 \$665,000 \$665,000 \$88,500
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP <b>Residential</b> Residential Solutions MTP LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Load Management MTP <b>Hard-to-Reach</b> Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP Administration Research and Development	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b> \$665,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 \$350,000 \$350,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 \$665,000 \$665,000 \$88,500 \$50,000 \$50,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP Commercial Load Management SOP Residential Marketplace MTP <b>Residential</b> Solutions MTP LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP FutureWise Pilot MTP Residential Marketplace MTP Residential Load Management MTP Hard-to-Reach Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP Administration Research and Development <b>Subtotal Budgets</b>	\$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 <b>\$1,895,000</b> \$350,000 \$300,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$750,000 <b>\$665,000</b> \$665,000	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$	\$495,000 \$1,575,000 \$445,000 \$12,250 \$12,250 \$350,000 \$350,000 \$250,000 \$245,000 \$245,000 \$665,000 \$665,000 \$88,500 \$88,500 \$55,225,750 \$72,808 \$100,000

## Table 6: Proposed Annual Budget Broken Out by Program for Each Customer Class

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#### V. HISTORICAL DEMAND GOALS AND ENERGY TARGETS FOR PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS

Table 7 documents EPE's actual demand reduction goals and energy targets for the previous five years (2020-2024) calculated in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.181.

Calendar Year	Demand Goals (kW)	Energy Targets (kWh)	Actual Demand Reduction (kW)	Actual Energy Savings (KWh)
20246	11,160	19,552,320	18,891 <sup>7</sup>	16,562,147
2023 <sup>8</sup>	11,160	19,552,320	20,553	21,383,085
2022 <sup>9</sup>	11,160	19,552,320	21,762	22,498,875
2021 <sup>10</sup>	11,160	19,552,320	27,325	27,951,498
202011	11,160	19,552,320	20,740	30,704,424

<sup>6</sup> 2024 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR 2<sup>nd</sup> Errata filed August 5, 2024 under Project No. 56003. 2023 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 54470.

<sup>9</sup> 2022 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR Errata filed April 28, 2022, under Project No. 52949. 2021 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 54470.

<sup>10</sup> 2021 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR Errata filed April 28, 2021, under Project No. 51672. 2021 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 52949.

<sup>11</sup> 2020 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR filed July 15, 2020, under Project No. 50666. 2020 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 51672.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 2024 actual demand reduction at the source is calculated as follows:
 18,891 kW at meter \* (1/(1-0.0758)) line losses = 20,441 kW at the source

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 2023 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR Errata filed April 28, 2023 under Project No. 54470. 2022 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 56003.

## VI. PROJECTED, REPORTED AND VERIFIED DEMAND AND ENERGY SAVINGS

2023	Projected	Savings	593         1,952,36           2,032         8,104,28           895         5,296,01           4,572         44,868           8         39,008           11,360         4,401,78		
Customer Class and Program	kW	kWh	kW	kWh	
Commercial	10,540	18,208,716	8,100	15,436,541	
Small Comm. Solutions MTP	730	3,197,400	593	1,952,362	
Large C&I Solutions MTP	2,011	10,569,816	2,032	8,104,287	
Texas SCORE MTP	750	4,270,500	895	5,296,019	
Load Management SOP	7,000	21,000	4,572	44,868	
Residential Marketplace MTP	49	150,000	8	39,005	
Residential	8,486	7,621,590	11,360	4,401,789	
Residential Solutions MTP	545	954,840	801	1,236,837	
LivingWise® MTP	200	727,600	241	814,000	
FutureWise Pilot MTP	106	494,000	78	493,481	
Texas Appliance Recycling MTP	195	1,579,200	44	271,078	
Residential Marketplace MTP	950	2,850,000	78	1,075,805	
Residential Load Management MTP	6,490	1,015,950	10,118	510,588	
Hard-to-Reach	800	1,051,200	1,092	1,544,755	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	800	1,051,200	1,092	1,544,755	
Total at Meter	19,826	26,881,506	20,553	21,383,085	

Table 8: Projected versus Reported Savings for 2023 and 2024

2024	Projected	Savings	-	eported and Verified Savings		
Customer Class and Program	kW	kWh	kW	kWh		
Commercial	10,411	17,468,496	6,604	11,190,287		
Small Comm. Solutions MTP	730	3,197,400	1,020	1,640,484		
Large Comm. Plus Solutions MTP	2,631	14,100,096	2,053	9,479,010		
Load Management SOP	7,000	21,000	3,528	55,620		
Residential Marketplace MTP	50	150,000	3	15,173		
Residential	15,773	5,843,488	11,194	3,849,834		
Residential Solutions MTP	545	954,840	691	995,417		
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	200	727,600	199	672,002		
FutureWise Pilot MTP	106	494,000	86	607,108		
Residential Marketplace MTP	950	2,850,000	47	643,830		
Residential Load Management MTP	13,972	817,048	10,172	931,476		
Hard-to-Reach	800	1,051,200	1,093	1,522,026		
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	800	1,051,200	1,093	1,522,026		
Total at Meter	26,984	24,363,184	18,891	16,562,147		

## VII. HISTORICAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Table 9 documents EPE's incentive and administration expenditures for the previous five years (2020-2024) by program for each customer class. Note that this table does not include R&D, EM&V, or general administration expenditures. R&D, EM&V, and general administration expenditures can be found in Table 10.

## Table 9: Historical Program Incentive and Administration Expenditures for 2020 through 2024<sup>13</sup>

		2024			2023			2022		20:	21	202	20
Programs	Customer Incent.	Implementor Incent.	Admin	Customer Incent.	Implementor Incent.	Admin	Customer Incent.	Implementor Incent.	Admin	incent.	Admin	Incent.	Admin
Commercial	\$933,608	\$963,618	\$0	\$1,122,637	\$1,054,385	\$0	\$1,269,218	\$1,035,247	\$0	\$2,465,274	\$0	\$3,121,640	\$0
Small Comm. Solutions MTP	\$270,328	\$249,490	\$0	\$218,090	\$159,853	\$0	\$277,342	\$168,134	\$0	\$460,529	\$0	\$470,425	\$0
Large Commercial Plus MTP	\$497,111	\$709,553											
Large C&I Solutions MTP	NA	NA	\$0	\$487,603	\$524,593	\$0	\$489,358	\$525,436	\$0	\$1,014,932	\$0	\$1,512,746	\$0
Texas SCORE MTP	NA	NA	\$0	\$214,368	\$365,364	\$0	\$180,000	\$340,177	\$0	\$528,379	\$0	\$704,020	\$0
Comm. Load Management SOP	\$163,819	\$0	\$0	\$200,128	\$0	\$0	\$320,349	\$0	\$0	\$453,753	\$0	\$423,754	\$0
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$2,35 <b>0</b>	\$4,575	\$0	\$2,447	\$4,575	\$0	\$2,169	\$1,500	\$0	\$7,682	\$0	\$10,695	\$0
Residential	\$1,006,868	\$495,314	\$0	\$1,236,423	\$532,309	\$0	\$875,660	\$641,305	\$260	\$1,691,497	\$0	\$1,120,183	\$0
Residential Solutions MTP	\$201,027	\$120,365	\$0	\$240,494	\$128,171	\$0	\$266,314	\$131,479	\$0	\$484,376	\$0	\$354,427	\$0
LivingWise MTP	\$214,559	\$0	\$0	\$259,896	\$0	\$0	\$183,559	\$0	\$0	\$346,309	\$0	\$179,994	\$0
FututreWise Pilot MTP	\$200,752	\$0		\$330,505	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0				
Texas Appliance Recycling MTP	NA	NA	\$0	\$22,550	\$51,435	\$0	\$68,660	\$150,660	\$0	\$186,240	\$0	\$99,15 <b>0</b>	\$0
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$44,656	\$86,925	\$0	\$46,502	\$86,925	\$0	\$88,103	\$90,000	\$0	\$124,744	\$0	\$203,212	\$0
Residential Load Management MTP	\$345,875	\$288,024	\$0	\$336,475	\$265,778	\$0	\$269,025	\$269,166	\$260	\$549,829	\$0	\$283,400	\$0
Hard-to-Reach	\$339,949	\$300,987	\$0	\$323,390	\$301,355	\$0	\$256,050	\$281,269	\$0	\$623,570	\$0	\$664,708	\$0
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	\$339,949	\$300,987	\$0	\$323,390	\$301,355	\$0	\$256,050	\$281,269	\$0	\$623,570	\$0	\$664,708	\$0
Total	\$2,280,425	\$1,759,919	\$0	\$2,682,450	\$1,888,049	\$0	\$2,400,929	\$1,957,820	\$260	\$4,780,341	\$0	\$4,906,531	\$0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 2024 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 57468, 2023 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 56003, 2022 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 54470 2021 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 52949, 2020 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 51672, 2019 expenditures are from EEPR Errata filed in Project No. 50666, and 2019 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 49297.

## VIII. PROGRAM FUNDING AND EXPLANATION OF ADMINISTRATION COSTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

As shown in the subtotal for the "Total Funds Expended" column of Table 10, EPE spent \$4,120,057 on program expenses (excluding EM&V and EECRF Proceeding Expenses) for its PUCT-approved energy efficiency programs in 2024. These programs were funded by EPE's 2024 EECRF. These expenses account for 80% of the total forecasted 2024 program budget of \$5,120,552. Actual program funding levels are shown in Table 10 and Table 11.

The administration expenses shown in Table 10 benefited the entire portfolio of programs. These expenses include, but were not limited to, outsourced program administration, marketing (*e.g.*, website maintenance and promotional items), Electric Utility Marketing Managers of Texas expenses, costs associated with regulatory filings, and EM&V administration expenses outside of those associated with the PUCT-appointed EM&V contractor.

	Total Projected Budget	Number of Participants		ctual Fund <del>s</del> Expended (Incentives)	E	ctual Funds Expended Imin & R&D)	otal Funds Expended	Funds Committed (Not Expended)	R	Funds emaining
Commercial	\$2,411,413	2,615	\$	1,897,226	\$	-	\$ 1,897,226	\$-	\$	514,187
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	\$461,115	280	S	519,818			\$ 519,818		\$	(58,703)
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	\$1,475,298	2,231	S	1,206,664			\$ 1,206,664		\$	268,634
Comm. Load Management SOP	\$460,000	7	S	163,819			\$ 163,819		\$	296,181
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$15,000	97	S	6,925			\$ 6,925		\$	8,075
Residential	\$1,996,346	22,085	\$	1,502,182	\$	-	\$ 1,502,182	\$-	\$	494,164
Residential Solutions MTP	\$315,000	667	S	321,392			\$ 321,392		\$	(6,392)
LivingWise" MTP	\$346,346	5,537	S	214,559			\$ 214,559		\$	131,787
FutureWise Pilot MTP	\$300,000	3,837	S	200,752			\$ 200,752		\$	99,248
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$285,000	1,843	S	131,581			\$ 131,581		\$	153,419
Residential Load Management MTP"	\$750,000	10,201	S	633,899			\$ 633,899		\$	116,101
Hard-to-Reach	\$600,000	678	\$	640,936	\$	-	\$ 640,936	\$-	\$	(40,936)
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	\$600,000	678	S	640,936			\$ 640,936		\$	(40,936)
Administration	\$87,793					\$79,713	\$ 79,713		\$	8,080
Research and Development	\$25,000				\$	-	\$ -		\$	25 <sub>,</sub> 000
Subtotal	\$5,120,552	25,378	\$	4,040,344	\$	79,713	\$ 4,120,057	\$	<del>U</del> Ş	1,000,495
EM&V	\$67,486				\$	67,469	\$ 67,469		\$	17
EECRF Proceeding Expenses (EPE & Municipal Expenses)*	S100,000				\$	56,580	\$ 56,580		\$	43,421
Total	\$5,288,038	25,378	\$	4,040,344	\$	203,762	\$ 4,244,106	\$	\$	1,043,932

#### Table 10: Program Funding for Calendar Year 2024

\* Residential Solutions MTP includes delayed invoice of \$50 from the 2023 Appliance Recycling Program MTP captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing.

\*\* Residential Load Management Program MTP includes delayed invoices of \$31,626.32 from the 2023 Residential Load Management Program MTP captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing.

\*\*\* Actual EECRF proceeding expenses of \$56,579.50 consisting of \$45,192 in EPE proceeding expenses and \$11,387.50 in municipal proceeding expenses.

\*\*\*\* Residential Marketplace MTP is also listed under the Commercial sector due to the Upstream/Midstream Program Cross-Sector Savings guidance memo issued by Tetra Tech to calculate and allocate savings at the sector-level for upstream and midstream programs.

## Table 11: Program Comparison – Budget to Actual Expenditures

Programs		2024 Budget	Ex	2024 penditures	Percent	>10% Variance Explanation
Commercial	\$	2,411,413	\$	1,929,945	80.0%	
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	s	461, 115	s	529,292	114.8%	
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	s	1,475,298	s	1,224,086	83.0%	Some 2024 projects were not completed and rolled over to 2025.
Comm. Load Management SOP	s	460,000	s	169,560	36.9%	Program had less participation than was anticipated due to generator failure at three hospitals.
Residential Marketplace Pilot MTP	s	15,000	s	7,008	46.7%	Program had less participation than expected due to low program awareness.
Residential	\$	1,996,346	\$	1,537,263	77.0%	
Residential Solutions MTP*	s	315,000	s	328,437	104.3%	Program had more participation than was anticipated.
LivingWise® MTP	s	346, 346	s	221,872	64.1%	Program had less participation than was anticipated due to teacher attrition.
FutureWise Pilot MTP	s	300,000	s	207,787	69.3%	Pilot program still building relationships with teachers.
Residential Marketplace Pilot MTP	s	285,000	s	133,146	46.7%	Program had less participation than expected due to low program awareness.
Residential Load Management MTP**	s	750,000	s	646,020	86.1%	Program had slightly less participation than anticipated.
Hard-to-Reach	\$	600,000	\$	652,850	108.8%	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	s	600,000	s	652,850	108.8%	
Administration	s	87,793	s	-		
Research and Development	s	25,000	s	-		
Total	\$	5,120,552	\$	4,120,057	80.5%	
Programs		2024 Budget	Ex	2024 penditures	Percent	>10% Variance Explanation
Commercial	\$	2,411,413	\$	1,929,945	80.0%	
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	s	461, 115	s	529,292	114.8%	
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	s	1,475,298	S	1,224,086	83.0%	Some 2024 projects were not completed and rolled over to 2025.
Comm. Load Management SOP	s	460,000	s	169,560	36.9%	Program had less participation than was anticipated due to generator failure at three hospitals.
Residential Marketplace Pilot MTP	s	15,000	s	7,008	46.7%	Program had less participation than expected due to low program awareness.
Residential	\$	1,996,346	\$	1,537,263	77.0%	
Residential Solutions MTP*	s	315,000	S	328,437		Program had more participation than was anticipated.
LivingWise® MTP	s	346,346	s	221,872	64.1%	Program had less participation than was anticipated due to teacher attrition.
FutureWise Pilot MTP	s	300,000	S	207,787	69.3%	Pilot program still building relationships with teachers.
Residential Marketplace Pilot MTP	s	285,000	s	133,146	46.7%	Program had less participation than expected due to low program awareness.
Residential Load Management MTP**	S	750,000	S	646,020	86.1%	Program had slightly less participation than anticipated.
Hard-to-Reach	\$	600,000	\$	652,850	108.8%	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	S	600,000	S	652,850	108.8%	
Administration	s	87,793	S	-		
Research and Development	S	25,000	S	-		
Total	\$	5,120,552	\$	4,120,057	80.5%	

\* Includes delayed invoice of \$50 from the 2023 Appliance Recycling Program captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing.

\*\* Includes delayed invoices of \$31,626.32 from the 2023 Residential Load Management Program captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing

## IX. PROGRAM RESULTS FOR MARKET TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMS (MTPs)

## Small Commercial Solutions MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Small Commercial Solutions MTP were 730 kW. There were 280 participants during 2024 that reduced demand by 1,020 kW and saved 1,640,484 kWh in energy.

#### Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP were 2,631 kW. There were 2,231 participants during 2024 that reduced demand by 2,053 kW and saved 9,479,010 kWh in energy.

#### **Residential Solutions MTP**

The 2024 projected savings for the Residential Solutions MTP were 545 kW. There were 667 participants in this program that reduced demand by 691 kW and saved 995,417 kWh in energy.

#### LivingWise® MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the LivingWise<sup>®</sup> MTP were 200 kW. There were 5,537 kits provided in this program that reduced demand by 199 kW and saved 672,002 kWh in energy.

#### FutureWise Pilot MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the FutureWise Pilot MTP were 106 kW. There were 3,837 kits provided in this program that reduced demand by 86 kW and saved 607,108 kWh in energy.

#### Residential Marketplace MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Residential Marketplace MTP were 999 kW. There were 1,940 participants in this program that reduced demand by 50 kW and saved 659,003 kWh in energy.

#### **Residential Load Management MTP**

The 2024 projected savings for the Residential Load Management MTP were 13,972 kW. There were 10,201 participants in this program that reduced demand by 10,172 kW and saved 931,476 kWh in energy.

#### Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP were 800 kW. There were 678 participants in this program that reduced demand by 1,093 kW and saved 1,522,026 kWh in energy.

## X. Research and Development

EPE allocated \$25,000 to Research and Development (R&D) for 2024. However, unexpected personnel changes at EPE in 2024 led to understaffing and program management challenges which resulted in the department not utilizing this designated funding.

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#### XI. CURRENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR (EECRF) Report for 2024

In Docket No. 54950, EPE was granted approval for recovery through its 2024 EECRF of (a) forecasted energy efficiency program costs of \$5,337,006 for program year 2024; (b) cost of evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) of \$67,486 for evaluation of program year 2023; (c) an adjustment of \$778,182 for the net over-recovery, including interest; of program year 2022 energy efficiency costs (d) a performance bonus of \$1,236,952 for 2022 program achievements; and (e) 2022 EECRF proceeding expenses of \$86,746 (\$64,487 for EPE and \$22,259 for the City of El Paso). The Final Order in Docket No. 54950 concluded that the filing conformed to the requirements of the EE Rule. The order also found that the allocation of the energy efficiency costs, and performance incentive were in accordance with the EE Rule. The EECRF was approved on December 1, 2023, and became effective with the first billing cycle in January 2024. The recovery of the agreed-upon EECRF amount of \$5,950,008 is based on a dollar per kWh rate. The 2024 cost recovery factors by rate are listed in Table 12.

Rate No.	Description	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (\$/kWh)
01	Residential Service Rate	\$ 0.001153
EVC	Electric Vehicle Charging Rate	\$ 0.000000
02	Small Commercial Service Rate	\$ 0.000847
07	Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	-\$ 0.003375
08	Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	\$ 0.000000
09	Governmental Traffic Signal Service	\$ 0.000000
11-TOU	Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	\$ 0.000000
WH	Water Heating	-\$ 0.000023
22	Irrigation Service Rate	-\$ 0.002171
24	General Service Rate	\$ 0.001167
25	Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	\$ 0.000495
34	Cotton Gin Service Rate	\$ 0.000153
41	City and County Service Rate	\$ 0.002178
46	Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$ 0.000153
47	Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$ 0.000153

#### Table 12: 2024 EECRF Monthly Rates

## XII. REVENUE COLLECTED THROUGH EECRF

In 2024, EPE collected a total of \$6,107,226 under Rate Schedule No. 97 – Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor.

## XIII. OVER/UNDER RECOVERY OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM COSTS

In 2024, EPE over-recovered an amount of \$1,374,184 as shown in Table 13. Docket No. 54950 ordered the recovery of EM&V costs of \$86,746 for the evaluation of program year 2023, and an adjustment of \$778,182 for EPE's net over-recovery, including interest, of program year 2022 energy-efficiency costs.

Description	uthorized in Docket No. 54950	Actual
January 1 – December 31, 2024 Energy Efficiency	\$ 5,337,006	\$ 4,120,057
Program Year 2024 EM&V Costs	\$ 67,486	\$ 67,469
2022 (Over)/Under Recovery	\$ (778,182)	\$ (778,182)
2022 Performance Bonus	\$ 1,236,952	\$ 1,236,952
2022 EECRF Proceeding Costs	\$ 86,746	\$ 86,746
2024 Total Costs	\$ 5,950,008	\$ 4,733,042
2024 EECRF Revenues		\$ 6,107,226
2024 (Over)/Under Recovery		\$ (1,374,184)

#### Table 13: Authorized and Actual Recovery Amounts

## **XIV. UNDERSERVED COUNTIES**

EPE serves customers in three Texas counties: Culberson, Hudspeth, and El Paso. During 2024, the majority of energy efficiency projects were installed in El Paso County. EPE has defined Underserved Counties as any county in the Texas EPE service territory where demand or energy savings were not reported in its 2024 EPE energy efficiency programs. Based on this definition, EPE had no underserved counties in 2024.

#### Table 14: 2024 Energy Efficiency Activities by County

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	25,074	18,879.70	16,520,034	
Culberson	1	0.66	975	
Hudspeth	303	11.03	<b>41</b> ,137	
Total	25,378	18,891.39	16,562,147	

## ACRONYMS

C&I	_	Commercial and Industrial
DR	_	Demand Response
DSM	_	Demand Side Management
EECRF	_	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor
EEPR	_	Energy Efficiency Plan and Report
EE Rule	)	Energy Efficiency Rule, 16 TAC § 25.181 and § 25.183
EESP	_	Energy Efficiency Service Provider
EPE	_	El Paso Electric Company
EM&V	_	Evaluation, Measurement & Verification
HTR	_	Hard-To-Reach
LM	_	Load Management
kW	_	Kilowatt
kWh	_	Kilowatt Hour
M&V	_	Measurement and Verification
MW	_	Megawatt
MTP	_	Market Transformation Program
PUCT	_	Public Utility Commission of Texas
PURA	_	Public Utility Regulatory Act
R&D	_	Research and Development
RES	_	Residential
SCORE	_	Schools and Cities Conserving Resources
SOP	_	Standard Offer Program
TAC	_	Texas Administrative Code
TRM	_	Texas Technical Reference Manual

# GLOSSARY

Glossary is the same as the definitions in 16 TAC § 25.181(c).

## APPENDIX A: REPORTED DEMAND AND ENERGY REDUCTION BY COUNTY

## Program Savings by County \*

All programs funded through EPE's EECRF.

#### Small Commercial Solutions MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	280	1,019.57	1,640,484	
Culberson County	0	0	0	
Hudspeth County	0	0	0	
Total	280	1,019.57	1,640,484	

## Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	2,185	2,042.95	9,438,920	
Culberson County	0	0	0	
Hudspeth	46	10.24	40,090	
Total	2,231	2,053.19	9,479,010	

#### **Commercial Load Management SOP**

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	7	3,528.20	55,620	
Culberson	0	0	0	
Hudspeth	0	0	0	
Total	7	3,528.20	55,620	

#### **Residential Solutions MTP**

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	665	689.44	993,395	
Culberson	1	0.66	975	
Hudspeth	1	0.79	1,047	
Total	667	690.90	995,417	

## LivingWise<sup>®</sup> MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	5,537	199.06	672,002	
Culberson	0	0		
Hudspeth	0	0		
Total	5,537	199.06	672,002	

## FutureWise Pilot MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings		
		kW	kWh	
El Paso County	3,837	85.53	607,108	
Culberson	0	0	0	
Hudspeth	0	0	0	
Total	3,837	85.53	607,108	

#### Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP

County	# of Participants	Reporte	ed Savings
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	678	1,093.07	1,522,026
Culberson	0	0	0
Hudspeth	0	0	0
Total	678	1,093.07	1,522,026

## **Residential Marketplace MTP**

County	# of Participants	Report	ed Savings
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	1,684	49.89	659,003
Culberson	0	0.00	0
Hudspeth	256	0.00	0
Total	1,940	49.89	659,003

## **Residential Load Management MTP**

County	# of Participants	Report	ed Savings	
		kW kWh		
El Paso County	10,201	10,172.00	931,476	
Culberson	0	0.00	0	
Hudspeth	0	0.00	0	
Total	10,201	10,172.00	931,476	

\* Totals may not tie due to rounding

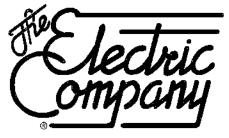
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Energy Efficiency Plan portion of this EEPR details EPE's plan to meet the energy efficiency demand reduction goal for 2025, as established pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(3). The Final Order of Docket No. 56572<sup>1</sup> issued on December 12, 2024, established the EECRF rates applicable to EPE for 2025. The order left in place the same demand reduction goal of 11.16 MW, which is what it has been since 2011 and is greater than four-tenths of one percent of EPE's average weather-adjusted peak demand at meter. Since EPE has reached a demand reduction goal of greater than four-tenths of one percent of its summer weather-adjusted peak demand in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(1)(C), EPE's 2026 demand reduction goal should remain at 11.16 MW.

The Final Order of Docket No. 56572 also established an energy efficiency program budget for 2025 of \$5,631,947.<sup>2</sup> The goals, budgets, and implementation plans that are included in this EEPR are influenced substantially by the requirements of the EE Rule and lessons learned regarding energy efficiency service providers and customer participation in the various energy efficiency programs. A summary of projected goals, savings and budgets is presented in Table 1.

Calendar Year	Average Growth in Demand (MW at Meter)	Goal Metric:Goal Metric:30% of 5-year.4% of 5-yearAverageAverageGrowth inPeakDemand (MWDemand (MWat Meter)at Meter)*13.295.81		Demand Goal (MW)	Energy Goal (MWh)**	Projected MW Savings (at Meter)	Projected MWh Savings (at Meter)	Proposed Budget (000's)***
2025	44.3	13.29	5.81	11.16	19,552	26.984	24,363	\$5,334
2026	26.7	8.00	5.91	11.16	19,552	26.920	25,005	\$5,399

Table 1:	Summary of 2025 & 2026 Projected Goals, Savings	and Budgets <sup>3</sup>
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\* The 2026 Demand Goal of 0.4% of peak demand (5.91 MW) is calculated according to 16 TAC § 25.181(e)(3)(B) and is based on a 7.58% system demand line loss factor approved in Docket No. 54142; (1,600 MW Average Peak Demand at Source Net Opt-Outs x 0.004) x (1-0.0758 system demand line loss factor). However, under the EE Rule, a utility's demand reduction goal shall not be less than the prior year's goal, thus, the 2026 goal is 11.16 MW.

\*\* Calculated using a 20% conservation load factor.

\*\*\* Proposed budget includes the overall program budget, EM&V expenses, and EECRF proceeding expenses.

In 2024, EPE achieved a demand reduction of 18,891 kW, which was 169% of the 11,160 kW demand reduction goal. This was accomplished through the implementation of one SOP and several MTPs. To reach the projected savings for 2025 and 2026, EPE proposes to offer the following programs:

- Standard Offer Program
  - Commercial Load Management SOP
- Market Transformation Programs
  - Small Commercial Solutions MTP
  - Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP
  - Residential Solutions MTP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of El Paso Electric Company to Adjust Its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor and Establish Revised Cost Cap, Docket No. 56572, Order (Dec. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at Ordering Paragraph No. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Average Growth in Demand and Weather Adjusted Peak Demand are found in Table 4, Projected Demand and Energy Savings are found in Table 5, and Proposed Budgets are found in Table 6.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN

## I. 2025 PROGRAMS

## A. 2025 Program Portfolio

EPE plans to continue the implementation of one SOP and eight MTPs in 2025. These programs have been structured to comply with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) governing program design and evaluation. These programs target both broad market segments and specific market segments that offer significant opportunities for cost-effective savings. EPE anticipates that targeted outreach to a broad range of service providers and customers will be necessary to meet the demand reduction goals established by the PUCT. Table 2 below summarizes the programs and target markets:

Table 2:	2025 Energy	Efficiency	Program	Portfolios
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Program	Target Market	Application
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	Small Commercial (<100kW)	Retrofit; New Construction
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	Large Commercial and Industrial (≥100kW)	Retrofit; New Construction
	City, County Governments and Schools	
Commercial Load Management SOP	Commercial, Government and Schools	Load Management
Residential Solutions MTP	Residential	Retrofit; New Construction
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	Residential	Educational; Retrofit
FutureWise Pilot MTP	Residential	Educational; Retrofit
Residential Marketplace MTP	Residential	Rebate
Residential Load Management MTP	Residential	Load Management
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	Residential Hard-to-Reach	Retrofit; New Construction

The programs in Table 2 are described in further detail below. EPE maintains a website containing links to the program manuals, the requirements for project participation, and available electronic forms at <u>www.epelectric.com</u>. Programs and manuals can be found at the following website: https://www.epelectric.com/company/regulatory/energy-efficiency-filings

## **Residential Solutions MTP**

The Residential Solutions Program offers incentives and rebates to residential customers for installing eligible energy efficiency measures. This program also provides participants with noncash incentives which include technical assistance, education, and marketing materials. In addition to capturing demand and energy savings, the program's implementer helps participating customers improve their ability to identify and evaluate energy efficiency improvements. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### LivingWise® MTP

The LivingWise<sup>®</sup> MTP teaches sixth-grade students to use energy more efficiently in their homes. The program is available at no cost to the teacher, school district, and students and serves as an effective community outreach program to improve energy efficiency awareness. The program enrolls students and teachers and provides them with educational materials and a LivingWise<sup>®</sup> kit that contains energy saving devices. The students install the devices in their homes and, with the help of their parents, complete a home energy audit report. EPE plans on continuing this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### FutureWise Pilot MTP

The FutureWise Pilot MTP teaches high-school students about the importance of saving energy, understanding an energy bill, and careers in the field of energy. The program is available at no cost to the teacher, school district, and students and serves as an effective community outreach program to improve energy efficiency awareness. The program enrolls high school students and teachers and provides them with educational materials and a FutureWise kit that contains energy saving devices. The students install the devices in their homes and complete a home energy audit report. EPE plans on continuing this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### **Residential Marketplace MTP**

The Residential Marketplace Program provides eligible residential customers instant rebates through an online marketplace for installing energy efficiency measures. The EPE Marketplace will offer customers a variety of energy-efficient products including smart thermostats, lighting products, window air conditioners, air purifiers, energy saving kits, and advanced power strips. EPE plans to continue implementation of this program in 2025 and 2026.

#### **Residential Load Management MTP**

The Residential Load Management Program targets reduction in central refrigerated air conditioning load for residential customers. EPE has the capability of remotely adjusting participating customers' internet-enabled smart thermostats during load management events to relieve peak load. There are no more than 14 events per season and the season will commence June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. A typical summer event may occur anytime between 1pm and 7pm MST, only during weekdays and each event will last no longer than 4 hours. Customers receive a \$25 incentive for enrolling a new or existing qualifying internet enabled smart thermostat or for continued participation in the Program. Customers may also receive an additional \$50 rebate for the purchase of a new internet enabled smart thermostat through EPE's online marketplace. EPE plans to continue this program in 2025 and 2026.

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#### V. HISTORICAL DEMAND GOALS AND ENERGY TARGETS FOR PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS

Table 7 documents EPE's actual demand reduction goals and energy targets for the previous five years (2020-2024) calculated in accordance with 16 TAC § 25.181.

Calendar Year	Demand Goals (kW)	Energy Targets (kWh)	Actual Demand Reduction (kW)	Actual Energy Savings (KWh)
20246	11,160	19,552,320	18,891 <sup>7</sup>	16,562,147
2023 <sup>8</sup>	11,160	19,552,320	20,553	21,383,085
2022 <sup>9</sup>	11,160	19,552,320	21,762	22,498,875
2021 <sup>10</sup>	11,160	19,552,320	27,325	27,951,498
202011	11,160	19,552,320	20,740	30,704,424

<sup>6</sup> 2024 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR 2<sup>nd</sup> Errata filed August 5, 2024 under Project No. 56003. 2023 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 54470.

<sup>9</sup> 2022 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR Errata filed April 28, 2022, under Project No. 52949. 2021 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 54470.

<sup>10</sup> 2021 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR Errata filed April 28, 2021, under Project No. 51672. 2021 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 52949.

<sup>11</sup> 2020 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR filed July 15, 2020, under Project No. 50666. 2020 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 51672.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 2024 actual demand reduction at the source is calculated as follows:
 18,891 kW at meter \* (1/(1-0.0758)) line losses = 20,441 kW at the source

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 2023 demand goal and energy target as reported in EPE's EEPR Errata filed April 28, 2023 under Project No. 54470. 2022 actual demand reduction and energy savings reported in Project No. 56003.

# VI. PROJECTED, REPORTED AND VERIFIED DEMAND AND ENERGY SAVINGS

2023	Projected	Savings	Reported and Verified Savings		
Customer Class and Program	kW	kWh	kW	kWh	
Commercial	10,540	18,208,716	8,100	15,436,541	
Small Comm. Solutions MTP	730	3,197,400	593	1,952,362	
Large C&I Solutions MTP	2,011	10,569,816	2,032	8,104,287	
Texas SCORE MTP	750	4,270,500	895	5,296,019	
Load Management SOP	7,000	21,000	4,572	44,868	
Residential Marketplace MTP	49	150,000	8	39,005	
Residential	8,486	7,621,590	11,360	4,401,789	
Residential Solutions MTP	545	954,840	801	1,236,837	
LivingWise® MTP	200	727,600	241	814,000	
FutureWise Pilot MTP	106	494,000	78	493,481	
Texas Appliance Recycling MTP	195	1,579,200	44	271,078	
Residential Marketplace MTP	950	2,850,000	78	1,075,805	
Residential Load Management MTP	6,490	1,015,950	10,118	510,588	
Hard-to-Reach	800	1,051,200	1,092	1,544,755	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	800	1,051,200	1,092	1,544,755	
Total at Meter	19,826	26,881,506	20,553	21,383,085	

Table 8: Projected versus Reported Savings for 2023 and 2024

2024	Projected	Savings	Reported a Savi	
Customer Class and Program	kW	kWh	kW	kWh
Commercial	10,411	17,468,496	6,604	11,190,287
Small Comm. Solutions MTP	730	3,197,400	1,020	1,640,484
Large Comm. Plus Solutions MTP	2,631	14,100,096	2,053	9,479,010
Load Management SOP	7,000	21,000	3,528	55,620
Residential Marketplace MTP	50	150,000	3	15,173
Residential	15,773	5,843,488	11,194	3,849,834
Residential Solutions MTP	545	954,840	691	995,417
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	200	727,600	199	672,002
FutureWise Pilot MTP	106	494,000	86	607,108
Residential Marketplace MTP	950	2,850,000	47	643,830
Residential Load Management MTP	13,972	817,048	10,172	931,476
Hard-to-Reach	800	1,051,200	1,093	1,522,026
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	800	1,051,200	1,093	1,522,026
Total at Meter	26,984	24,363,184	18,891	16,562,147

\*Savings have not yet been verified by EM&V Evaluator for PY2024.

## VII. HISTORICAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Table 9 documents EPE's incentive and administration expenditures for the previous five years (2020-2024) by program for each customer class. Note that this table does not include R&D, EM&V, or general administration expenditures. R&D, EM&V, and general administration expenditures can be found in Table 10.

## Table 9: Historical Program Incentive and Administration Expenditures for 2020 through 2024<sup>13</sup>

		2024			2023			2022		2021		202	20
Programs	Customer Incent.	Implementor Incent.	Admin	Customer Incent.	Implementor Incent.	Admin	Customer incent.	Implementor Incent.	Admin	incent.	Admin	incent.	Admin
Commercial	\$933,608	\$963,618	\$0	\$1,122,637	\$1,054,385	\$0	\$1,269,218	\$1,035,247	\$0	\$2,465,274	\$0	\$3,121,640	\$0
Small Comm. Solutions MTP	\$270,328	\$249,490	\$0	\$218,090	\$159,853	\$0	\$277,342	\$168,134	\$0	\$460,529	\$0	\$470,425	\$0
Large Commercial Plus MTP	\$497,111	\$709,553											
Large C&I Solutions MTP	NA	NA	\$0	\$487,603	\$524,593	\$0	\$489,358	\$525,436	\$0	\$1,014,932	\$0	\$1,512,746	\$0
Texas SCORE MTP	NA	NA	\$0	\$214,368	\$365,364	\$0	\$180,000	\$340,177	\$0	\$528,379	\$0	\$704,020	\$0
Comm. Load Management SOP	\$163,819	\$0	\$0	\$200,128	\$0	\$0	\$320,349	\$0	\$0	\$453,753	\$0	\$423,754	\$0
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$2,35 <b>0</b>	\$4,575	\$0	\$2,447	\$4,575	\$0	\$2,169	\$1,500	\$0	\$7,682	\$0	\$10,695	\$0
Residential	\$1,006,868	\$495,314	\$0	\$1,236,423	\$532,309	\$0	\$875,660	\$641,305	\$260	\$1,691,497	\$0	\$1,120,183	\$0
Residential Solutions MTP	\$201,027	\$120,365	\$0	\$240,494	\$128,171	\$0	\$266,314	\$131,479	\$0	\$484,376	\$0	\$354,427	\$0
LivingWise MTP	\$214,559	\$0	\$0	\$259,896	\$0	\$0	\$183,559	\$0	\$0	\$346,309	\$0	\$179,994	\$0
FututreWise Pilot MTP	\$200,752	\$0		\$330,505	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0				
Texas Appliance Recycling MTP	NA	NA	\$0	\$22,550	\$51,435	\$0	\$68,660	\$150,660	\$0	\$186,240	\$0	\$99,15 <b>0</b>	\$0
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$44,656	\$86,925	\$0	\$46,502	\$86,925	\$0	\$88,103	\$90,000	\$0	\$124,744	\$0	\$203,212	\$0
Residential Load Management MTP	\$345,875	\$288,024	\$0	\$336,475	\$265,778	\$0	\$269,025	\$269,166	\$260	\$549,829	\$0	\$283,400	\$0
Hard-to-Reach	\$339,949	\$300,987	\$0	\$323,390	\$301,355	\$0	\$256,050	\$281,269	\$0	\$623,570	\$0	\$664,708	<b>\$</b> 0
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	\$339,949	\$300,987	\$0	\$323,390	\$301,355	\$0	\$256,050	\$281,269	\$0	\$623,570	\$0	\$664,708	\$0
Total	\$2,280,425	\$1,759,919	\$0	\$2,682,450	\$1,888,049	\$0	\$2,400,929	\$1,957,820	\$260	\$4,780,341	\$0	\$4,906,531	\$0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 2024 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 57468, 2023 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 56003, 2022 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 54470 2021 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 52949, 2020 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 51672, 2019 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 50666, and 2019 expenditures are from EEPR filed in Project No. 49297.

## VIII. PROGRAM FUNDING AND EXPLANATION OF ADMINISTRATION COSTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

As shown in the subtotal for the "Total Funds Expended" column of Table 10, EPE spent \$4,120,057 on program expenses (excluding EM&V and EECRF Proceeding Expenses) for its PUCT-approved energy efficiency programs in 2024. These programs were funded by EPE's 2024 EECRF. These expenses account for 80% of the total forecasted 2024 program budget of \$5,120,552. Actual program funding levels are shown in Table 10 and Table 11.

The administration expenses shown in Table 10 benefited the entire portfolio of programs. These expenses include, but were not limited to, outsourced program administration, marketing (*e.g.*, website maintenance and promotional items), Electric Utility Marketing Managers of Texas expenses, costs associated with regulatory filings, and EM&V administration expenses outside of those associated with the PUCT-appointed EM&V contractor.

	Total Projected Budget	Number of Participants		ctual Fund <del>s</del> Expended Incentives)	Actual Funds Expended (Admin & R&D)		Total Funds Expended		Funds Committed (Not Expended)	F	Funds Remaining	
Commercial	\$2,411,413	2,615	\$	1,897,226	\$	-	\$	1,897,226	\$-	\$	514,187	
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	\$461,115	280	S	519,818			\$	519,818		\$	(58,703)	
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	\$1,475,298	2,231	S	1,206,664			\$	1,206,664		\$	268,634	
Comm. Load Management SOP	\$460,000	7	S	163,819			\$	163,819		\$	296,181	
Residential Marketplace MTP	S15,000	97	S	6,925			\$	6,925		\$	8,075	
Residential	\$1,996,346	22,085	\$	1,502,182	\$	-	<b>9</b>	1,502,182	\$-	\$	494,164	
Residential Solutions MTP	\$315,000	667	S	321,392			\$	321,392		\$	(6,392)	
LivingWise* MTP	\$346,346	5,537	S	214,559			\$	214,559		\$	131,787	
FutureWise Pilot MTP	\$300,000	3,837	s	200,752			\$	200 <sub>:</sub> 752		\$	99,248	
Residential Marketplace MTP	\$285,000	1,843	S	131,581			\$	131,581		\$	153,419	
Residential Load Management MTP**	\$750,000	10,201	S	633,899			\$	633,899		\$	116,101	
Hard-to-Reach	\$600,000	678	\$	640,936	\$	-	<b>9</b>	640,936	\$-	\$	(40,936)	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	\$600,000	678	S	640,936			\$	640,936		\$	(40,936)	
Administration	\$67,793					\$79,713	\$	79,713		\$	8,080	
Research and Development	\$25,000				\$	-	\$	-		\$	25,000	
Subtotal	\$5,120,552	25,378	\$	4,040,344	\$	79,713	\$	4,120,057	\$-	\$	1,000,495	
EM&V	\$67 <sub>:</sub> 486				\$	67,469	\$	67,469		\$	17	
EECRF Proceeding Expenses (EPE & Municipal Expenses)*	\$100,000				\$	56,580	\$	56,580		\$	43,421	
Total	\$5,288,038	25,378	\$	4,040,344	\$	203,762	\$	4,244,106	\$-	\$	1,043,932	

#### Table 10: Program Funding for Calendar Year 2024

\* Residential Solutions MTP includes delayed invoice of \$50 from the 2023 Appliance Recycling Program MTP captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing.

\*\* Residential Load Management Program MTP includes delayed invoices of \$31,626.32 from the 2023 Residential Load Management Program MTP captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing.

\*\*\* Actual EECRF proceeding expenses of \$56,579.50 consisting of \$45,192 in EPE proceeding expenses and \$11,387.50 in municipal proceeding expenses.

\*\*\*\* Residential Marketplace MTP is also listed under the Commercial sector due to the Upstream/Midstream Program Cross-Sector Savings guidance memo issued by Tetra Tech to calculate and allocate savings at the sector-level for upstream and midstream programs.

Programs		2024 Budget		2024 penditures	Percent	>10% Variance Explanation			
Commercial	\$	2,411,413	\$	1,897,226	78.7%				
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	s	461,115	\$	519,818	112.7%				
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	s	1,475,298	\$	1,206,664	81.8%	Some 2024 projects were not completed and rolled over to 2025.			
Comm. Load Management SOP	s	460,000	\$	163,819	35.6%	Program had less participation than was anticipated due to generator failure at three hospitals.			
Residential Marketplace Pilot MTP	S	15,000	\$	6,925	46.2%	Program had less participation than expected due to low program awareness.			
Residential	\$	1,996,346	\$	1,502,182	75.2%				
Residential Solutions MTP*	s	315,000	\$	321,392	102.0%	Program had more participation than was anticipated.			
LivingWise <sup>®</sup> MTP	S	346,346	\$	214,559	61.9%	Program had less participation than was anticipated due to teacher attrition.			
FutureWise Pilot MTP	s	300,000	\$	200,752	66.9%	Pilot program still building relationships with teachers.			
Residential Marketplace Pilot MTP	s	285,000	\$	131,581	46.2%	Program had less participation than expected due to low program awareness.			
Residential Load Management MTP**	S	750,000	\$	633,899	84.5%	Program had slightly less participation than anticipated.			
Hard-to-Reach	\$	600,000	\$	640,936	106.8%				
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	s	600,000	\$	640,936	106.8%				
Administration	S	87,793	\$	79,713					
Research and Development	s	25,000	\$	-					
Total	\$	5,120,552	\$	4,120,057	80.5%				

## Table 11: Program Comparison – Budget to Actual Expenditures

\* Includes delayed invoice of \$50 from the 2023 Appliance Recycling Program captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR

filing. \*\* Includes delayed invoices of \$31,626.32 from the 2023 Residential Load Management Program captured and paid in 2024 after 2024 EEPR filing

## IX. PROGRAM RESULTS FOR MARKET TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMS (MTPs)

## Small Commercial Solutions MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Small Commercial Solutions MTP were 730 kW. There were 280 participants during 2024 that reduced demand by 1,020 kW and saved 1,640,484 kWh in energy.

#### Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP were 2,631 kW. There were 2,231 participants during 2024 that reduced demand by 2,053 kW and saved 9,479,010 kWh in energy.

#### **Residential Solutions MTP**

The 2024 projected savings for the Residential Solutions MTP were 545 kW. There were 667 participants in this program that reduced demand by 691 kW and saved 995,417 kWh in energy.

#### LivingWise® MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the LivingWise<sup>®</sup> MTP were 200 kW. There were 5,537 kits provided in this program that reduced demand by 199 kW and saved 672,002 kWh in energy.

#### FutureWise Pilot MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the FutureWise Pilot MTP were 106 kW. There were 3,837 kits provided in this program that reduced demand by 86 kW and saved 607,108 kWh in energy.

#### Residential Marketplace MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Residential Marketplace MTP were 999 kW. There were 1,940 participants in this program that reduced demand by 50 kW and saved 659,003 kWh in energy.

#### **Residential Load Management MTP**

The 2024 projected savings for the Residential Load Management MTP were 13,972 kW. There were 10,201 participants in this program that reduced demand by 10,172 kW and saved 931,476 kWh in energy.

#### Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP

The 2024 projected savings for the Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP were 800 kW. There were 678 participants in this program that reduced demand by 1,093 kW and saved 1,522,026 kWh in energy.

### X. Research and Development

EPE allocated \$25,000 to Research and Development (R&D) for 2024. However, unexpected personnel changes at EPE in 2024 led to understaffing and program management challenges which resulted in the department not utilizing this designated funding.

### XI. CURRENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR (EECRF) Report for 2024

In Docket No. 54950, EPE was granted approval for recovery through its 2024 EECRF of (a) forecasted energy efficiency program costs of \$5,337,006 for program year 2024; (b) cost of evaluation, measurement, and verification (EM&V) of \$67,486 for evaluation of program year 2023; (c) an adjustment of \$778,182 for the net over-recovery, including interest; of program year 2022 energy efficiency costs (d) a performance bonus of \$1,236,952 for 2022 program achievements; and (e) 2022 EECRF proceeding expenses of \$86,746 (\$64,487 for EPE and \$22,259 for the City of El Paso). The Final Order in Docket No. 54950 concluded that the filing conformed to the requirements of the EE Rule. The order also found that the allocation of the energy efficiency costs, and performance incentive were in accordance with the EE Rule. The EECRF was approved on December 1, 2023, and became effective with the first billing cycle in January 2024. The recovery of the agreed-upon EECRF amount of \$5,950,008 is based on a dollar per kWh rate. The 2024 cost recovery factors by rate are listed in Table 12.

Rate No.	Description	Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (\$/kWh)
01	Residential Service Rate	\$ 0.001153
EVC	Electric Vehicle Charging Rate	\$ 0.000000
02	Small Commercial Service Rate	\$ 0.000847
07	Outdoor Recreational Lighting Service Rate	-\$ 0.003375
08	Governmental Street Lighting Service Rate	\$ 0.000000
09	Governmental Traffic Signal Service	\$ 0.000000
11-TOU	Time-Of-Use Municipal Pumping Service Rate	\$ 0.000000
WH	Water Heating	-\$ 0.000023
22	Irrigation Service Rate	-\$ 0.002171
24	General Service Rate	\$ 0.001167
25	Large Power Service Rate (excludes transmission)	\$ 0.000495
34	Cotton Gin Service Rate	\$ 0.000153
41	City and County Service Rate	\$ 0.002178
46	Maintenance Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$ 0.000153
47	Backup Power Service For Cogeneration And Small Power Production Facilities	\$ 0.000153

### Table 12: 2024 EECRF Monthly Rates

### XII. REVENUE COLLECTED THROUGH EECRF

In 2024, EPE collected a total of \$6,107,226 under Rate Schedule No. 97 – Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor.

### XIII. OVER/UNDER RECOVERY OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM COSTS

In 2024, EPE over-recovered an amount of \$1,374,184 as shown in Table 13. Docket No. 54950 ordered the recovery of EM&V costs of \$86,746 for the evaluation of program year 2023, and an adjustment of \$778,182 for EPE's net over-recovery, including interest, of program year 2022 energy-efficiency costs.

### Table 13: Authorized and Actual Recovery Amounts

Description	uthorized in Docket No. 54950	Actual
January 1 – December 31, 2024 Energy Efficiency	\$ 5,337,006	\$ 4,120,057
Program Year 2024 EM&V Costs	\$ 67,486	\$ 67,469
2022 (Over)/Under Recovery	\$ (778,182)	\$ (778,182)
2022 Performance Bonus	\$ 1,236,952	\$ 1,236,952
2022 EECRF Proceeding Costs	\$ 86,746	\$ 86,746
2024 Total Costs	\$ 5,950,008	\$ 4,733,042
2024 EECRF Revenues		\$ 6,107,226
2024 (Over)/Under Recovery		\$ (1,374,184)

### XIV. UNDERSERVED COUNTIES

EPE serves customers in three Texas counties: Culberson, Hudspeth, and El Paso. During 2024, the majority of energy efficiency projects were installed in El Paso County. EPE has defined Underserved Counties as any county in the Texas EPE service territory where demand or energy savings were not reported in its 2024 EPE energy efficiency programs. Based on this definition, EPE had no underserved counties in 2024.

### Table 14: 2024 Energy Efficiency Activities by County

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	25,074	18,879.70	16,520,034
Culberson	1	0.66	975
Hudspeth	303	11.03	41,137
Total	25,378	18,891.39	16,562,147

### APPENDIX A: REPORTED DEMAND AND ENERGY REDUCTION BY COUNTY

### Program Savings by County \*

All programs funded through EPE's EECRF.

### Small Commercial Solutions MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	280	1,019.57	1,640,484
Culberson County	0	0	0
Hudspeth County	0	0	0
Total	280	1,019.57	1,640,484

### Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	2,185	2,042.95	9,438,920
Culberson County	0	0	0
Hudspeth	46	10.24	40,090
Total	2,231	2,053.19	9,479,010

### **Commercial Load Management SOP**

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	7	3,528.20	55,620
Culberson	0	0	0
Hudspeth	0	0	0
Total	7	3,528.20	55,620

### **Residential Solutions MTP**

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	665	689.44	993,395
Culberson	1	0.66	975
Hudspeth	1	0.79	1,047
Total	667	690.90	995,417

### LivingWise® MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	5,537	199.06	672,002
Culberson	0	0	
Hudspeth	0	0	
Total	5,537	199.06	672,002

### FutureWise Pilot MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	3,837	85.53	607,108
Culberson	0	0	0
Hudspeth	0	0	0
Total	3,837	85.53	607,108

### Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	678	1,093.07	1,522,026
Culberson	0	0	0
Hudspeth	0	0	0
Total	678	1,093.07	1,522,026

### **Residential Marketplace MTP**

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	1,684	49.89	659,003
Culberson	0	0.00	0
Hudspeth	256	0.00	0
Total	1,940	49.89	659,003

### **Residential Load Management MTP**

County	# of Participants	Reported Savings	
		kW	kWh
El Paso County	10,201	10,172.00	931,476
Culberson	0	0.00	0
Hudspeth	0	0.00	0
Total	10,201	10,172.00	931,476

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\* Totals may not tie due to rounding

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		Prog	ram Cost-effective	enes	ss Summa	ary	•					
Year												
Customer Class and Program	kW	kWh	Total Program Costs	Avo	ided Capacity Costs	A	voided Energy Costs		Total Avoided Cost		Net Benefits	Ben-Cost Ratio
Small Commercial Solutions MTP	1,020	1,640,484	\$ 700,039	\$	706,258	\$	2,065,125	\$	2,771,383	\$	2,071,344	3.96
Large Commercial Plus Solutions MTP	2,053	9,479,010	\$ 1,642,093	\$	2,023,980	\$	15,460,250	\$	17,484,230	\$	15,842,137	10.65
Commercial Load Management SOP	3,528	55,620	\$ 222,917	\$	334,766	\$	8,771	\$	343,537	\$	120,619	1.54
Residential Solutions MTP	691	995,417	\$ 434,578	\$	759,286	\$	1,805,063	\$	2,564,349	\$	2,129,771	5.90
LivingWise MTP	199	672,002	\$ 288,724	\$	143,824	\$	806,972	\$	950,795	\$	662,071	3.29
FutureWise MTP	86	607,108	\$ 269,885	\$	60,774	\$	716,984	\$	777,758	\$	507,873	2.88
Residential Marketplace MTP	50	659,003	\$ 205,920	\$	47,179	\$	902,687	\$	949,866	\$	743,946	4.61
Residential Load Management MTP	10,172	931,476	\$ 850,515	\$	965,148	\$	992,403	\$	1,957,551	\$	<b>1,</b> 107,036	2.30
Hard-to-Reach Solutions MTP	1,093	1,522,026	\$ 860,339	\$	1,124,760	\$	2,597,370	\$	3,722,130	\$	2,861,791	4.33
Portfolio Total	18,891	16,562,147	\$ 5,475,009	\$	6,165,975	\$	25,355,625	\$	31,521,599	\$	26,046,590	5.76

### EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY Comparison of Program Expenditures

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			2024			
Line No.	Utility	Program Expenditures‡	Demand Reduction (kW)	Program Expenditures per kW	Energy Savings (kWh)	Program Expenditures per kWh
1	AEP Texas	\$18,503,077	69,340	\$266.85	63,788,000	\$0.29
2	Centerpoint Energy	\$45,471,984	233,032	\$195.13	229,003,152	\$0.20
3	El Paso Electric Company	\$4,244,106	18,891	\$224.66	16,562,147	\$0.26
4	Entergy Texas	\$8,343,304	26,313	\$317.08	46,307,674	\$0.18
5	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	\$59,303,520	224,332	\$264.36	196,624,283	\$0.30
6	Southwestern Electric Power Company	\$4,390,012	7,906	\$555.28	18,751,615	\$0.23
7	SPS	\$4,321,709	8,672	\$498.35	13,740,733	\$0.31
8	Texas-New Mexico Power Company	\$5,572,855	1 <b>6,</b> 978	\$328.24	15,685,521	\$0.36
9	Average:			\$331.24		\$0.27

\* Program expenditures includes Incentives, R&D, and General Administration; excluding EM&V and EECRF proceeding expenses.

### EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY Comparison of Incentive Expenditures

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			2024			
Line No.	Utility	Incentive Expenditures	Demand Reduction (kW)	Incentive Expenditures per kW	Energy Savings (kWh)	Incentive Expenditures per kWh
1	AEP Texas	\$16,424,829	69,340	\$236.87	63,788,000	\$0.26
2	Centerpoint Energy	\$41,785,535	233,032	\$179.31	229,003,152	\$0.18
3	El Paso Electric Company	\$4,040,344	18,891	\$213.88	16,562,147	\$0.24
4	Entergy Texas	\$7,624,056	26,313	\$289.74	46,307,674	\$0.165
5	Oncor Electric Delivery Company	\$52,707,737	224,332	\$234.95	196,624,283	\$0.27
6	Southwestern Electric Power Company	\$3,738,550	7,906	\$472.88	18,751,615	\$0.20
7	SPS	\$3,804,595	8,672	\$438.72	13,740,733	\$0.28
8	Texas-New Mexico Power Company	\$4,625,312	16,978	\$272.43	15,685,521	\$0.29
9	Average:			\$292.35		\$0.24

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### Budget for 2026 Program Expenses by Rate Class

		Tot	al Progra	m Costs (e	xcluding	EM&V and	Proceed	ting Expens	es)					
PROGRAM	T-01		T-02		T-24		T-25		T-28		T-41		Total	
Small Commercial Solutions	S		S	197,046	S	298,550	S		S	12,881	\$		s	508,476
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	S	-	s	575,310	S	629,814	S	87,190	S	2,671	\$	322,894	s	1,617,879
Commercial Load Management	s		S		S	29,499	s	427,617	S	-	\$	5#3	s	457,115
Residential Solutions	s	359,529	s	20	s		s		S		\$	121	s	359,529
LivingWise	S	308, 167	S	94	S		S	345	S	*	\$	(a)	S	308, 167
FutureWise	\$	256,806	s		s	*	\$	100	S		\$		s	256,806
Residential Marketplace	5	261,779	5		S	2,475	\$	343	S		\$	-	S	264,254
Residential Load Management	s	770,419	s	1	S		S	100	S	-	\$	(*)	s	770,419
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	s	683,105	\$		S	2	s		5		\$	-	S	683,105
Total	\$	2,639,804	5	772,355	5	960,338	\$	514,807	s	15,552	\$	322,894	\$	5,225,750

				Total	Incentiv	es by Rate	Class							
PROGRAM	T-01		T-02		T-24		T-25		T-28		T-41		Total	
Small Commercial Solutions	\$		S	191,823	S	290,637	\$	36	S	12,539	\$		s	495,000
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	S	-	S	560,062	S	613,122	s	84,880	5	2,601	\$	314,336	S	1,575,000
Commercial Load Management	S		S		S	28,717	S	416,283	S	× .	\$		S	445,000
Residential Solutions	s	350,000	s		S		s	-	\$	*	\$		s	350,000
LivingWise	S	300,000	S		S	+	S	343	S		\$	563	S	300,000
FutureWise	s	250,000	s		S		S	-	5		\$	-	s	250,000
Residential Marketplace	S	254,841	S	<b>S</b>	S	2,409	S	340	S	*	\$	(a)	S	257,250
Residential Load Management	s	750,000	s		s		s	17.0	\$		\$	121	s	750,000
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	5	665,000	\$		S	÷	\$	1	S	÷	\$	-	S	665,000
Total	\$	2,569,841	\$	751,885	\$	934,885	\$	501,163	\$	15,140	\$	314,336	\$	5,087,250

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PROGRAM	T-01		T-02		T-24		T-25		T-28		T-41		Total	
Small Commercial Solutions	\$		S	100	5		S	202	\$		\$	540	s	100
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	S	20	S		S	21	s	141	S	2	\$	-	s	12
Commercial Load Management	S	-	S		S		s	200	S		\$		S	
Residential Solutions	S	-	S	-	S	2	S	-	5	2	\$	100	S	-
LivingWise	\$	-	S	240	S	*	S	365	S		\$		s	
FutureWise	s	+	S	-	s	+	s		\$	*	\$		s	
Residential Marketplace	5	-	S		S		S		S	$\times$	\$		s	
Residential Load Management	S		s		S	-	S	-	S	-	\$	-	s	-
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	s		S		S	÷.	s	(4)	S	-	\$		S	
Total	\$	-	\$		\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

			Indi	rect Admin	nistration	n Expenses	by Rate (	Class						
PROGRAM	T-01		T-02		T-24		T-25		T-28		T-41		Total	
Small Commercial Solutions	s		S	3,337	S	5,056	s	1351	\$	218	\$		\$	8,611
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	S	12	s	9,743	s	10,666	\$	1,477	5	45	\$	5,468	S	27,399
Commercial Load Management	S		S	-	S	500	S	7,242	\$	-	\$	-	s	7,741
Residential Solutions	s	6,089	S		S	1	S	141	S	÷	\$	-	ş	6,089
LivingWise	S	5,219	S		S		S	340	S		\$		s	5,219
FutureWise	s	4,349	S		S	2	S	141	S		\$	-	s	4,349
Residential Marketplace	S	4,433	S	10	S	42	S	36	S		\$		s	4,475
Residential Load Management	s	13,047	s	-	S	2	S	-	S	2	\$	-	S	13,047
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	S	11,569	S		S		S		S	× .	\$		S	11,569
Total	\$	44,706	\$	13,080	\$	16,264	\$	8,718	\$	263	\$	5,468	\$	88,500

				R&D	Expenses	s by Rate C	lass							
PROGRAM	T-01		T-02		T-24		T-25		T-28		T-41		Total	
Small Commercial Solutions	S		S	1,885	s	2,857	\$	17.6	\$	123	\$	1.00	S	4,865
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	S		5	5,505	s	6,026	5	834	S	26	\$	3,089	S	15,480
Commercial Load Management	\$	<b>T</b> 2	S		S	282	\$	4,091	S	-	\$	-	s	4,374
Residential Solutions	s	3,440	s	1	s	2	\$	141	5	-	5		S	3,440
LivingWise	s	2,949	S		S		s	1911	\$	-	\$		\$	2,949
FutureWise	s	2,457	S	-	s	÷.	S	141	S	2	\$	-	ş	2,457
Residential Marketplace	S	2,505	s		5	24	S	122	\$	-	\$	100	S	2,528
Residential Load Management	S	7,371	S		S	2	S		S		\$	121	s	7,371
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	S	6,536	\$		\$		s	1	S		\$	(e)	S	6,536
Total	\$	25,258	\$	7,390	5	9,189	\$	4,926	\$	149	\$	3,089	\$	50,000

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### Budget for 2026 Program Expenses by Rate Class

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PROGRAM	T-01		1-02		1-24		1-20		1-20		T-41		TOTAL	
Small Commercial Solutions	S	-	S	3,262	S	4,943	\$		S	213	\$		S	8,418
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	S		s	8,786	S	9,619	S	1,332	\$	41	\$	4,931	s	24,709
Commercial Load Management	S		S	-	S	237	S	3,435	S	-	\$		S	3,672
Residential Solutions	S	7,494	s		s		S	12.1	\$		\$	1.5	s	7,494
LivingWise	S	2,301	S		S		S	340	S		\$		S	2,301
FutureWise	\$	1,952	S		S	*:	\$	100	S		\$		s	1,952
Residential Marketplace	S	11,653	\$		S	110	\$		\$	-	\$	14	S	11,763
Residential Load Management	S	4,861	S		\$		s	100	S	-	\$		S	4,861
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	\$	7,638	S		S	2	S		S		\$		S	7,638
Total	5	35,899	5	12,049	5	14,909	\$	4,766	5	254	\$	4,931	\$	72,808

### **Proceeding Expenses by Rate Class** PROGRAM T-01 T-02 T-24 T-25 T-28 T-41 Total Small Commercial Solutions S . \$ 3.771 S 5,713 \$ 14 S 246 \$ S 9,730 ..... 11,009 S 12,052 \$ 30,960 Large Commercial Plus Solutions s -S 1,668 \$ 51 \$ 6,179 S 564 \$ 8.183 S 8,747 Commercial Load Management S S S \$ S . \* Residential Solutions s 6,880 S s s \$ s 6,880 . S ÷ --LivingWise s 5,897 S . S \* s . S -\$ \* S 5,897 FutureWise \$ 4,914 S s \$ \$ \$ s 4,914 --~ --Residential Marketplace 5,009 \$ 47 s 5,057 s s s \$ S 1 140 --Residential Load Management s 14,743 S \$ s s \$ \$ 14,743 . ---Hard-to-Reach Solutions \$ 13,072 \$ s s \$ \$ s 13,072 Total \$ 50,515 \$ 14,780 \$ 18,377 \$ 9,851 \$ 6,179 \$ 100,000 298 \$

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		Program	Year 2024
	Energy Eff	iciency Perfor	mance Bonus Calculator
	kW	kWh	Directions:
Demand and Energy Goals	11,160	19,522,320	
Actual Demand and Energy Savings	18,891	16,562,147	Fill in blue cell and performance bonus will calculate.
Reported/Verified Hard-to-Reach	1,093		All green cells will auto-populate
Program Costs (excluding bonus)	\$4,24	9,445	All inputs must be accounted for the in the "Fixed Inputs," "Admin Allocation," and "Results Calculator" tabs in order to correctly calculate bonus.
Performance Bonus	s	0	Please review built in checks on sums to make sure calculation is correct.
10%	Hard-to-Reach Goa	I Met?	
	Bonus Calculation	Details	
169%			/let (Reported kW/Goal kW)
85%			et (Reported kWh/Goal kWh)
FALSE	Met Requirements for		
\$31,521,599	Total Avoided Costs		
\$1,236,952	Docket No. 48297 re	quirement (add prev	vious bonus to current year bonus calculation)
\$5,486,397	Total Program Costs	(including bonus)	
\$26,035,203	Net Benefits		
\$0			eduction/Demand Goal - 100%) / 2) * Net Benefits)
\$2,603,520	Maximum Bonus Alle	owed (10% of Net Be	enefits)

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# PUBLIC VERSION

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Estimated Useful	Life Valu	ues (EULs)		
Sector	TRM	Energy Efficiency Measure	EUL (years)	TRM
	Measure			Version
Custom Residential	NA 2.1.1	Custom Res Energy Star General Service LED Lamps: ≤ 17,500 hour rated life	NA 16.0	NA 11.0
Residential	2.1.1	Res Energy Star General Service LED Lamps: >17,500 hour rated life	20.0	11.0
Residential	2.1.2	Res Specialty LED Lamps: < 17,500 hour rated life	16.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.1.2	Res Specialty LED Lamps: > 17,500 hour rated life Res LED Nightlights	20.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.2.1	Res Air Conditioner (AC) and Heat Pump (HP) Tune-Ups	5.0	11.0
Residential	2.2.2	Res Central and Mini-Split ACs and HPs: ACs	18.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.2.2	Res Central and Mini-Split ACs and HPs: HPs Res Room Air Conditioners (RAC)	15.0 10.0	<u> </u>
Residentia	2.2.4	Res Packaged Terminal HPs (PTHP)	15.0	11.0
Residential	2.2.5	Res Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP)	24.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.2.6	Res Large Capacity Split System and Packaged ACs and HPs - ACs Res Large Capacity Split System and Packaged ACs and HPs - HPs	18.0 15.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.2.6	Res Large Capacity Split System and Packaged ACs and HPs - GSHPs	24.0	11.0
Residential	2.2.7	Res Evaporative Cooling	15.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.2.8	Res Connected Thermostats Res Smart Thermostat Load Management	11.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.2.10	Res Duct Sealing	18.0	11.0
Residential	2.3.1	Res Air Infiltration	11.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.3.2	Res Ceiling Insulation Res Attic Encapsulation	25.0 25.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.3.4	Res Wall Insulation	25.0	11.0
Residential	2.3.5	Res Floor Insulation	25.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.3.6	Res Duct Insulation Res Rediant Barriers	20.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.3.7	Res Radiant Barriers Res Cool Roofs	25.0 15.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.3.9	Res Solar Screens	10.0	11.0
Residential	2.3.10	Res Windows	25.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.3.11	Res Storm Windows Res Water Heater Installations - Electric Tankless and Fuel Substitution (Gas and Electric Tankless)	20.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.4.1	Res Water Heater Installations - Electric Tankless and Fuel Substitution (Gas Storage)	11.0	11.0
Residential	2.4.2	Res Heat Pump Water Heaters (HPWH)	13.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.4.3 2.4.4	Res Solar Water Heaters Res Water Heater Tank Insulation	15.0 7.0	11.0 11.0
Residential	2.4.4	Res Water Heater Pipe Insulation	13.0	11.0
Residential	2.4.6	Res Faucet Aerators	10.0	11.0
Residential	2.4.7	Res Low-Flow Showerheads (LFSH)	10.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.4.8	Res Showerhead Temperature Sensitive Restrictor Valves (TSRV) Res Tub Spout and Showerhead TSRVs	10.0	<u> </u>
Residential	2.4.10	Res Water Heater Temperature Setback	2.0	11.0
Residential	2.5.1	Res Ceiling Fans	10.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.5.2	Res Clothes Washers Res Clothes Dryers	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Residential	2.5.4	Res Dishwashers	15.0	11.0
Residential	2.5.5	Res Refrigerators	16.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.5.6	Res Freezers	22.0	11.0
Residential	2.5.8	Res Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling Res Air Purifiers	9.0	11.0 11.0
Residential	2.5.9	Res Pool Pumps	10.0	11.0
Residential	2.5.10	Res Advanced Power Strips (APS)	10.0	11.0
Residential Residential	2.5.11 2.5.12	Res Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Res Induction Cooking	10.0	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - Halogen Lamps	1.5	11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - High-Intensity Disgharge (HID) Lamps	15.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - Integrated-Ballast Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamps (CCFL) Com Lamps and Fixtures - Integrated-Ballast Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL)	4.5	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - Integral Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lamps	9.0	11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - LED Fixtures	15.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - LED Corn Cob Lamps Com Lamps and Fixtures - LED Tubes (TLED)	15.0 15.0	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - EED rubes (FEED)	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - Modular CFL and CCFL Fixtures	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - T8 and T5 Linear Fluorescent Lamps	15.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.1.1	Com Lamps and Fixtures - New Construction Interior Fixtures & Controls Com Lamps and Fixtures - New Construction Exterior Fixtures	14.0 15.0	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.1.2	Com Lighting Controls - Retrofit Sensors and Controls	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.1.2	Com Lighting Controls - New Construction Interior Fixtures & Controls	14.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.1.3	Com Exterior Photocell and Timeclock Repair Com LED Traffic Signals - 8" and 12" Red, Green, and Yellow Balls	1.0	<u>11.0</u> 11.0
Commercial	2.1.4	Com LED Traffic Signals - 8" and 12" Red, Green, and Yellow Arrows	6.0	11.0
Commercial	2.1.4	Com LED Traffic Signals - Large (16" x 16") Pedestrian Signals	5.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	<b>2.1</b> .4 <b>2.2</b> .1	Com LED Traffic Signals - Small (12" x 12") Pedestrian Signals Com Air Conditioner (AC) and Heat Pump (HP) Tune-Ups	5.0	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.2.1	Com Split-System/Packaged ACs and HPs	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.2.3	Com Chillers (Screw, Scroll, and Reciprocating)	20.0	11.0
Commercial	2.2.3	Com Chillers (Centrifugal)	25.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.2.4	Com Packaged Terminal ACs and HPs (PTAC/PTHP) Com Single Packaged Vertical ACs and HPs (SPVAC/SPVHP)	15.0 15.0	<u>11.0</u> 11.0
Commercial	2.2.4	Com Room Air Conditioners (RAC)	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.2.5	Com Computer Room Air Conditioners (CRAC)	15.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.2.6	Com Computer Room Air Handlers (CRAH) - Premium Efficiency Motors Com Computer Room Air Handlers (CRAH) - HVAC VFDs	15.0 15.0	<u> </u>
Commercial	2.2.8	Com HVAC Variable Frequency Drives (VFD)	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.2.8	Com Condenser Air Evaporative Pre-Cooling	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.2.9	Com High-Volume Low-Speed (HVLS) Fans	9.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.2.10	Com Small Commercial Evaporative Cooling Com Small Commercial Smart Thermostats	15.0	<u> </u>
Commercial	2.3.1	Com Cool Roofs	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.3.2	Com Window Treatments	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.3.3	Com Entrance and Exit Door Air Infiltration Com Combination Ovens	11.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.4.1 2.4.2	Com Combination Ovens Com Electric Convection Ovens	12.0	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.4.3	Com Dishwashers - Under Counter	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.3	Com Dishwashers - Stationary Single Tank Door	15.0	11.0
Commercial Commercial	2.4.3 2.4.3	Com Dishwashers - Single Tank Conveyor Com Dishwashers - Multiple Tank Conveyor	20.0	11.0 11.0
Commercial	2.4.3	Com Dishwashers - Multiple Tank Conveyor Com Dishwashers - Pot, Pan, and Utensil	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.4	Com Electric Griddles	12.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.5	Com Electric Fryers		

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Commercial	2.4.6	Com Electric Steam Cookers	12.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.7	Com Hot Food Holding Cabinets (HFHC)	12.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.8	Com Ice Makers	8.5	11.0
Commercial	2.4.9	Com Demand Controlled Kitchen Ventilation (DCKV)	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.10	Com Pre-Rinse Spray Valves (PRSV)	5.0	11.0
Commercial	2.4.11	Com Vacuum-Sealing and Packaging Machines	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.1	Com Door Heater Controls	12.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.2	Com Electronically Commutated Motors (ECM) Evaporator Fan Motors	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.3	Com Electronic Defrost Controls	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.4	Com Evaporator Fan Controls	16.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.5	Com Night Covers for Open Refrigerated Display Cases	5.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.6	Com Solid and Glass Door Reach-Ins	12.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.7	Com Strip Curtains for Walk-In Refrigerated Storage	4.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.8	Com Zero-Energy Doors for Refrigerated Cases	12.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.9	Com Door Gaskets for Walk-In and Reach-In Coolers and Freezers	3.0	11.0
Commercial	2.5.10	Com High Speed Doors for Cold Storage	5.0	11.0
Commercial	2.6.1	Com Heat Pump Water Heaters (HPWH)	13.0	11.0
Commercial	2.6.2	Com Central Domestic Hot Water (DHW) Controls	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.6.3	Com Showerhead Temperature Sensitive Restrictor Valves (TSRV)	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.6.4	Com Tub Spout and Showerhead TSRVs	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.1	Com VFDs for Water Pumping	12.5	11.0
Commercial	2.7.2	Com Premium Efficiency Motors	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.2	Com Pump-Off Controllers	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.4	Com Pool Pumps	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.5	Com Lodging Guest Room Occupancy Sensor Controls	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.6	Com Vending Machine Controls	5.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.7	Com Computer Power Management	3.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.8	Com Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.9	Com Industrial High-Frequency Battery Chargers	15.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.10	Com Steam Trap Repair and Replacement - Standard Steam Traps	6.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.10	Com Steam Trap Repair and Replacement - Venturi Steam Traps	20.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.11	Com Hydraulic Gear Lubricants	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.12	Com Hydraulic Oils	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.12	Com Hand Dryers	10.0	11.0
Commercial	2.7.13	Com Laser Projectors	10.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.1.1	M&V Air Conditioning Tune-Ups	5.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.1.2	M&V Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP)	24.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.1.2	M&V Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Systems	15.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.1.3	M&V Valiable Reingerant How (VR) Systems	23.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.2.2	M&V Smart Home Energy Management Systems (SHEMS)	10.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.2.2	M&V Shart Home Energy Management Systems (SHEWS) M&V Residential Energy Code Compliance	23.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.4.1	M&V Nesidential Energy Code Compliance M&V Non-Residential Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	30.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.4.1	M&V Residential Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	30.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.4.3		20.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.4.3	M&V Solar Shingles M&V Solar Attic Fans	15.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.4.4	M&V Behavioral Measures	13.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.1	M&V Air Compressors Less than 75 hp	10.0	11.0
	2.5.2	M&V Air Compressors Less than 75 hp M&V Custom - Custom Project Equipment		11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.3	M&V Custom - Custom Project Equipment M&V Custom - Setpoint Adjustments on Existing Controls	10.0 5.0	
Measurement and Verification				11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.3	M&V Custom - New Advanced Controls and Sensors M&V Measurement & Verification - Custom Project Equipment	10.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.4		10.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.4	M&V Measurement & Verification - Retrocommissioning (RCx)	5.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.4	M&V Measurement & Verification - Advanced Controls and Sensors	10.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.5	M&V Energy Storage	15.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.5.6	M&V Uninterruptible Power Supplies	10.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.6.1	M&V Residential Load Curtailment	1.0	11.0
Measurement and Verification	2.6.2	M&V Non-Residential Load Curtailment	1.0	11.0

### 2024 Actual Program Costs (By Rate)

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Total Program (exluding M&V and Legal)	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions	÷.	205, 102.68	310,757.23	÷.	13,407.50	240	529,267.42
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		435,262.63	476,499.39	65,965.72	2,021.06	244,292.05	1,224,040.84
Commercial Load Management	1	2	10,941.05	158,603.83	121	727	169,544,88
Residential Solutions	328,418.74					383	328,418,74
LivingWise	222,058.75			-			222,058.75
FutureWise	207,769.21				(a)	040	207,769.21
Residential Marketplace	138,836.67	*	1,312.63				140,149.29
Residential Load Management	645,989.22	<i>u</i>	<i></i>	÷		1.5	645,989.22
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	652,819.06			*		100	652,819.06
Grand Total	2,195,891.64	640,365.31	799,510.30	224,569.54	15,428.56	244,292.05	4,120,057.40

Customer Incentives	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		104,758.00	158,721.99		6,848.00	151	270,327.99
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		176,770.20	193,517.40	26,790.20	820.80	99,212.64	497,111.24
Commercial Load Management			10,571.52	153,247.01		100	163,818.53
Residential Solutions	201,026.62	2	2	2	120	~	201,026.62
LivingWise	214,558.75						214,558.75
FutureWise	200,751.84			-	12	121	200,751.84
Residential Marketplace	46,565.91		440.26	÷:	2.4	190	47,006.17
Residential Load Management	345,875.00				5.00	196	345,875.00
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	339,949.22	2	2	2	12	7.21	339,949.22
Grand Total	1,348,727.34	281,528.20	363,251.17	180,037.21	7,668.80	99,212.64	2,280,425.36

Implementor Incentives	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions	2	96,682.82	146,487.04	S	6,320.13	721	249,489,99
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		252,313.34	276,217,50	38,239,05	1,171.57	141,611,39	709,552,85
Commercial Load Management	-	<u> </u>					
Residential Solutions	120,365.14				(a)	040	120,365 14
LivingWise		3			5 <b>*</b> 3		
FutureWise	12	а С	<i>u</i>	¥	-	1.5	<u></u>
Residential Marketplace	90,643.02		856.98	*		390	91,500.00
Residential Load Management	288,024.00			+			288,024.00
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	300,986.76				(a)	240	300,986 76
Grand Total	800,018.92			•		-	1,759,918.74

Direct Administrative	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		*			÷ 9	e (14	-
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		<b>1</b> 0		1. 1.	* 3	e	
Commercial Load Management			2	3	2 S	a ar	-
Residential Solutions		-		1.e	* 0	e (#	
LivingWise		-	2	2	2 0	2	8
FutureWise				34	÷ 9	e 94	-
Residential Marketplace			-	-	a 13		
Residential Load Management		-	S	S	- 2 - C	a ar	-
Hard-to-Reach Solutions					# 54		
Grand Total		-					

Allocated Administrative	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		3,661.86	5,548.20		239.37	S25	9,449.44
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		6,179.08	6,764.49	936.46	28.69	3,468.02	17,376,75
Commercial Load Management			369.53	5,356.82			5,726.35
Residential Solutions	7,026.98	-	-	-		-	7,026.98
LivingWise	7,500.00				1.2	192	7,500.00
FutureWise	7,017.37					1.00	7,017.37
Residential Marketplace	1,627.73	2	15.39	2	121	7.27	1,643,12
Residential Load Management	12,090.22	-		÷.		365	12,090.22
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	11,883.08			-		-	11,883.08
Grand Total	47,145.37	9,840.95	12,697.61	6,293.28	268.07	3,468.02	79,713.30

### 2024 Actual Program Costs (By Rate)

Promotion	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-3	28 1	r-41 G	rand Total
Small Commercial Solutions				3	÷	1.0	194	÷.
Large Commercial Plus Solutions							1.00	
Commercial Load Management		2	2	2	2	121	721	-
Residential Solutions		×.			*		36	-
LivingWise		-		2			(T)	8
FutureWise		-	*		*	(a)	040	€
Residential Marketplace		-	*				1.2	-
Residential Load Management		12	а <u>.</u>	а <u>.</u>	¥		12	¥
Hard-to-Reach Solutions		×.	÷	34	÷		196	
Grand Total					÷			

M&V	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		2,573.02	3,898,46		168.20	(m)	6,639,68
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		8,129.62	8,899,82	1,232.08	37.75	4,562.77	22,862.04
Commercial Load Management			173.55	2,515.81	56	54C	2,689.36
Residential Solutions	8,477.93			*		18	8,477.93
LivingWise	1,792.62	S		2		1.0	1,792.62
FutureWise	1,502.11					196	1,502.11
Residential Marketplace	12,490.32	2	118.09	2	12	~	12,608.41
Residential Load Management	5,150.54			÷.	5e.	542	5,150.54
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	5,746.06	-	-	5	1.00	1.51	5,746.06
Grand Total	35,159.58	10,702.64	13,089.92	3,747.88	205.95	4,562.77	67,468.74

Legal	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		2,599.14	3,938.04	2	169.91	151	6,707.09
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	-	4,385.84	4,801.35	664.69	20.36	2,461.56	12,333.80
Commercial Load Management		*	262.29	3,802.20		525	4,064.49
Residential Solutions	4,987.66	2	2	2	121	727	4,987,66
LivingWise	5,323.40						5,323,40
FutureWise	4,980.84	5		5			4,980.84
Residential Marketplace	1,155.34	12	10.92		-	190	1,166.27
Residential Load Management	8,581.48				5 <b>*</b> 3		8,581.48
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	8,434.46	2	2	2	121	727	8,434,46
Grand Total	33,463.20	6,984.98	9,012.60	4,466.89	190.27	2,461.56	56,579.50

R&D	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		10	14 - C	14 - C	- i	2) (P)	¥
Large Commercial Plus Solutions					* 2	e 16	
Commercial Load Management		-	÷	÷	÷ 3	6 (6	
Residential Solutions		-	÷	÷		a) (a)	€
LivingWise			1. 1.		<b>*</b> :	n: (n)	
FutureWise		10	÷	÷.	2 S	21 V P	¥
Residential Marketplace						e) (e)	
Residential Load Management		-	÷	÷	÷ 3	6 (6	
Hard-to-Reach Solutions			*		*	a (a)	*
Grand Total		-	-	-	•		

### 2026 Program Budgeted Costs (By Rate)

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Total Program (exluding M&V and Legal)	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions	÷.	197,045.69	298,549.83	282	12,880.82	282	508,476.34
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		575,309.54	629,814.34	87,190.36	2,671.34	322,893.67	1,617,879.26
Commercial Load Management	1.1	2	29,498.50	427,616.59	1	721	457,115.09
Residential Solutions	359,528,72	*		283		100	359,528.72
LivingWise	308, 167.48	5	7	-			308, 167.48
FutureWise	256,806.23		÷.	240		2.00	256,806.23
Residential Marketplace	261,778.64		2,474,98	12		100	264,253.61
Residential Load Management	770,418.69	÷.	12			1.0	770,418.69
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	683,104.58	+		190		19	683,104.58
Grand Total	2,639,804.34	772,355.23	960,337.65	514,806.95	15,552.16	322,893.67	5,225,750.00

Total Incentives (Cust. + Implementer)	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		191,823.31	290,637,26	151	12,539.43	1.51	495,000.00
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		560,061.90	613,122.14	84,879.52	2,600.54	314,335.90	1,575,000.00
Commercial Load Management			28,716.69	416,283.31		585	445,000.00
Residential Solutions	350,000.00	2		~	1	~	350,000.00
LivingWise	300,000.00						300,000.00
FutureWise	250,000.00	5		151		15	250,000.00
Residential Marketplace	254,840.62	÷.	2,409.38	2.92		2.90	257,250.00
Residential Load Management	750,000.00			195		195	750,000.00
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	665,000.00	2		727	1	12	665,000.00
Grand Total	2,569,840.62	751,885.21	934,885.46	501,162.83	15,139.98	314,335.90	5,087,250.00

Direct Administrative	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions			*		540 C	a	e e
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FutureWise			÷.		(A)	3	a: a
Residential Marketplace			-	2			
Residential Load Management			2	12	145		s - s
Hard-to-Reach Solutions		-			100		5 E
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Allocated Administrative	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		3,337.04	5,056.05	S25	218.14	S25	8,611.23
Large Commercial Plus Solutions	12	9,743.08	10,666.14	1,476.60	45.24	5,468.32	27,399.38
Commercial Load Management			499.57	7,241.84			7,741.41
Residential Solutions	6,088.75	-	-	-		-	6,088.75
LivingWise	5,218.93			2.92		192	5,218.93
FutureWise	4,349.11						4,349,11
Residential Marketplace	4,433.32	(	41.91	7.21	1	723	4,475.23
Residential Load Management	13,047.32	*	-	383		385	13,047.32
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	11,568.63	-		-		-	11,568.63
Grand Total	44,706.06	13,080.12	16,263.67	8,718.45	263.38	5,468.32	88,500.00

### 2026 Program Budgeted Costs (By Rate)

Promotion	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand	Total
Small Commercial Solutions			÷.		240		280	÷.
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		-			1.00		.*.	
Commercial Load Management		2	2	12	721	2	721	- 21
Residential Solutions			*		363	3 I	200	
LivingWise		÷.	5	7				2
FutureWise		-			240	-	240	÷.
Residential Marketplace					12		.*.	
Residential Load Management		1	¥	5 <u>4</u>	100	24		2
Hard-to-Reach Solutions			*		395	3	363	
Grand Total		-	÷					

M&V	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		3,262,17	4,942.61	(m)	213.25	(m)	8,418.02
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		8,786.41	9,618.84	1,331.61	40.80	4,931.39	24,709.05
Commercial Load Management		÷.	236.95	3,434.83		543	3,671.78
Residential Solutions	7,494.07	<b>#</b> 3		181	1	120	7,494.07
LivingWise	2,300.66	2	3	141		141	2,300.66
FutureWise	1,951.61			(m)		196	1,951.61
Residential Marketplace	11,653.28	8	110.18	-	· .	-	11,763,46
Residential Load Management	4,861.25	*	-	242		543	4,861.25
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	7,638.05	2	2	1.51		1.51	7,638.05
Grand Total	35,898.93	12,048.58	14,908.57	4,766.44	254.04	4,931.39	72,807.95

Legal	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions		3,770.67	5,713.05	10	246.49	101	9,730.21
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		11,009.13	12,052.13	1,668.48	51.12	6,178.90	30,959.75
Commercial Load Management			564,48	8,182.87		( <b>*</b> )	8,747.36
Residential Solutions	6,879.94	2		141	1	721	6,879.94
LivingWise	5,897.10						5,897.10
FutureWise	4,914.25			-		-	4,914.25
Residential Marketplace	5,009.40	÷	47.36	2.92		2.82	5,056.76
Residential Load Management	14,742.74						14,742.74
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	13,071.90	2		721	1	721	13,071.90
Grand Total	50,515.32	14,779.80	18,377.03	9,851.35	297.61	6,178.90	100,000.00

R&D	T-01	T-02	T-24	T-25	T-28	T-41	Grand Total
Small Commercial Solutions	12	1,885.33	2,856.53	141	123.24	141	4,865.10
Large Commercial Plus Solutions		5,504.56	6,026.07	834.24	25.56	3,089,45	15,479.88
Commercial Load Management	× 1	÷.	282.24	4,091.44		(F)	4,373.68
Residential Solutions	3,439.97			240		243	3,439.97
LivingWise	2,948.55	<b>t</b> 2		100		18	2,948.55
FutureWise	2,457.12	÷	5 <u>4</u>	16			2,457.12
Residential Marketplace	2,504.70		23,68	196			2,528.38
Residential Load Management	7,371.37	+					7,371.37
Hard-to-Reach Solutions	6,535.95			543		242	6,535.95
Grand Total	25,257.66	7,389.90	9,188.52	4,925.68	148.80	3,089.45	50,000.00

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APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

### DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

### ELIZABETH MORENO

### FOR

### EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

MAY 1, 2025

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### EXHIBITS

EM-01 - 2026 Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor ("EECRF") Calculations

- EM-02 2026 EECRF Tariff
- EM-03 2026 EECRF Comparison
- EM-04 2026 Regulatory Cap Calculation

1		I. Introduction
2	Q1.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
3	Α.	My name is Elizabeth Moreno. My business address is 100 North Stanton Street, El Paso,
4		Texas 79901.
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6	Q2.	HOW ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
7	A.	I am employed by El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "Company") as a Senior Rate
8		Analyst in the Rates and Regulatory Affairs section.
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10	Q3.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS BACKGROUND.
11	Α.	In May 2012, I graduated from The University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Business
12		Administration in Accounting. While earning my bachelor's degree, I obtained a position
13		with EPE as an intern in the Revenue Collection Department. There, I gained knowledge
14		in various components in the company's financial and revenue reports. I assisted in
15		workflow related issues, efforts to limit the Company's exposure to monetary loss through
16		proactive measures and coordinated collection measures. In 2015, I joined the Rates and
17		Regulatory Affairs Department as a Rate Analyst, where I assist in the preparation of
18		various analysis reports, utility surveys and filings. In 2023, I received a progressive
19		promotion as a Senior Rate Analyst.
20		In 2017, I received a graduate certificate from New Mexico State University in
21		Public Utility Regulation & Economics.
22		In addition to the above education and professional experience, I have attended
23		professional development seminars covering rate design.
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25	Q4.	PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES WITH EPE.
26	Α.	As a Senior Rate Analyst in the Rates and Regulatory Affairs section, I am responsible for
27		preparing customer statistical and revenue studies, customer surveys, and analysis. I also
28		prepare filings such as the Cablevision rate and the MBDRF, and the cost of service for the
29		RGEC wholesale rate for both energy and demand. In addition, I prepare testimony and
30		exhibits for EPE witnesses and I am also responsible for preparing and auditing monthly,
31		quarterly, and annual reports. Finally, in addition to the responsibilities above, I prepare

1		the Company's monthly revenue control summaries which are based on monthly per book
2		billing data.
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4	Q5.	ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS IN THIS FILING?
5	А.	Yes, I am sponsoring the exhibits listed in the Table of Contents.
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7	Q6.	WERE THE ATTACHED EXHIBITS PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR
8		SUPERVISION?
9	Α.	Yes, they were.
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11	Q7.	HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TESTIMONY BEFORE UTILITY
12		REGULATORY BODIES?
13	Α.	No.
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15		II. Purpose of Testimony
16	Q8.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
17	Α.	The purpose of my direct testimony is to present and support the Company's request to
18		revise its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor ("EECRF") for 2026. In my testimony,
19		I provide a summary of the relief sought by EPE and the costs to be included in EPE's
20		revised EECRF pursuant to the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 25,181 and 25,182
21		(TAC) ("EE Rule") on energy efficiency. I also support the calculation of EPE's revised
22		EECRF rates for the billing period January 1 through December 31, 2026, based on an
23		allocation of energy efficiency costs among the rate classes.
24		I discuss the impacts on EPE's filing of the cost caps provided by the EE Rule, and
25		I present EPE's proposal to recover costs that will enable EPE to achieve demand and
26		energy savings for 2026.
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28		III. Requirement to Adjust EECRF for 2026
29	Q9.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EECRF TARIFF?
30	Α.	The purpose of the EECRF tariff is to allow EPE to recover (1) its proposed energy
31		efficiency program costs; (2) the energy efficiency performance bonus amount, if earned,

for the most recent complete program year; (3) any adjustment for past over- or under-recovery, including interest, of authorized energy efficiency revenues; (4) the prior year's EECRF ratemaking proceeding expenses; and (5) costs associated with Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification ("EM&V") of energy efficiency programs.

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EPE's total energy efficiency costs are currently recovered through an EECRF applicable to all non-transmission voltage level rate classes. In addition, for customers taking Interruptible Power Service, only that portion of their requirements designated as firm service is subject to the EECRF.

9 The EECRF rates are calculated for each rate class based on the aggregate amount 10 of costs allocated to the rate class divided by the projected 2026 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") at 11 the meter for the rate class. The Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 39.905(b)(4) provides that the EECRF should "ensur[e] that the costs associated with programs provided 12 13 under this section and any shareholder bonus awarded are borne by the rate classes that receive the services under the programs."<sup>1</sup> EPE's rate design for the EECRF ensures that 14 only the rate classes that are eligible to participate in the energy efficiency programs pay 15 16 the EECRF. The calculation of EPE's proposed EECRF for 2026 is shown in Exhibit EM-01, 17

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# 19 Q10. WHY IS EPE FILING THIS REQUEST TO ADJUST ITS EECRF FOR THE 202620 PROGRAM YEAR?

21 EPE is filing to adjust the EECRF to ensure recovery of its reasonable costs of providing Α. 22 energy efficiency programs pursuant to 16 TAC § 25.182(d). That section of the EE Rule 23 requires that a utility with an EECRF apply each year to adjust its EECRF in order to reflect 24 changes in program and administrative costs, resulting from a true-up of the prior program 25 year's over- or under-recovery of energy efficiency costs, from any performance bonus 26 earned based on the utility's previous year's energy efficiency program performance, in 27 administrative costs, and the cost of EM&V allocated to the utility by the Commission. 28 The Rule also allows recovery through the EECRF of the prior year's EECRF proceeding 29 expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Customer class is synonymous to 'rate class' in this testimony.

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2		IV. EPE'S Proposed 2026 EECRF
3	Q11.	WHAT ARE THE TOTAL RECOVERABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY COSTS THAT
4		EPE IS SEEKING TO RECOVER IN THE PROPOSED 2026 EECRF?
5	А.	Based on the 2026 energy efficiency program costs described in the direct testimony of
6		EPE witness Antonio Reyes, EPE is seeking to recover \$3,869,326 through its
7		2026 EECRF. That amount includes the following:
8		• EPE's 2026 Total Proposed Energy Efficiency Program Budget of \$5,257,426.
9		• EPE's prior year (2024) EECRF proceeding expenses of \$56,580, composed of EPE's
10		expenses of \$45,192 and City of El Paso expenses of \$11,388.
11		• A true-up adjustment, by rate class, of EPE's net over-recovery for 2024 of
12		\$1,517,488, composed of \$1,374,185 net over-recovery and \$143,303 of accrued
13		interest.
14		• The PUCT assigned EM&V contractor costs for 2026 of \$72,808.
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16	Q12.	ARE ANY OF THOSE COSTS, OR ANY OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EPE'S
17		ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, RECOVERED IN BASE RATES?
18	Α.	No. EPE recovers all costs directly associated with its energy efficiency programs
19		exclusively through the EECRF.
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21	Q13.	HOW DO THOSE COSTS COMPARE TO THE COSTS THAT EPE SOUGHT TO
22		RECOVER THROUGH THE EECRF DURING 2025?
23	A.	Pursuant to the Commission's Final Order in Docket No. 56572, <sup>2</sup> EPE's 2025 EECRF was
24		designed to recover \$5,631,947. EPE's request for 2026 total recoverable energy efficiency
25		costs of \$3,869,326 is therefore \$1,762,621 (31.3%) less than the amount included in 2025
26		EECRF rates.
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28	Q14.	WHAT ARE THE FACTORS THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE DECREASE IN TOTAL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Application of El Paso Electric Company to Revise its Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, Docket No. 56572, Order (Dec. 12, 2024).

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## RECOVERABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY COSTS FOR 2026 RELATIVE TO THOSE AUTHORIZED FOR THE 2025 EECRF?

3 Α. Two factors contribute to the change in total energy efficiency program costs for 2026. 4 First, as noted in the direct testimony of EPE witness Reyes, EPE did not earn a 5 performance bonus for 2024. The bonus decreased to \$0 in 2024 from \$1,555,954 for 6 2023. Second, cost recovery increased from a net over-recovery of \$1,125,164 in 2023 to 7 a net over-recovery of \$1,517,488 in 2024 resulting in an overall net decrease in costs of 8 \$392,324.

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- 10 WHAT ARE THE TOTAL PROJECTED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM COSTS 015. 11 EPE IS SEEKING TO RECOVER IN THE 2026 EECRF?
- 12 Α. As contained in EPE's filed 2025 Energy Efficiency Plan and Report ("2025 EEPR"), EPE 13 is seeking to recover total projected 2026 program costs of \$5,398,558. The final proposed 14 program budget as reflected on Exhibit EM-01 also includes \$31,676 in trailing costs are 15 only included in the residential service as discussed in witness Reyes' testimony. The 2025 16 EEPR is attached as Exhibit AR-01 to EPE witness Reyes' direct testimony, and the breakdown of individual program costs is summarized in Table 6 of that exhibit without 17 18 trailing costs.
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### Q16. CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THE PROPOSED OVER-RECOVERY TRUE-UP WAS CALCULATED?

22 Α. Yes. The 2024 over-recovery amount of \$1,374,185 is based on the difference between the 23 actual total recoverable energy efficiency costs incurred from January 1 to December 31, 24 2024, and the actual amount of revenue recovered through the 2024 EECRF for each rate 25 class for the same period. As is anticipated for correction in the errata for the 2025 EEPR 26 (Exhibit AR-01, Table 13), the total actual costs for 2024 were \$4,733,042. The total 27 revenue collected under the authorized 2024 EECRF was \$6,107,226 which results in a 28 total system over-recovery of \$1,374,185 for the 2024 program year. This year, in addition 29 to the over-recovery, annual interest has been accrued in the amount of \$143,303 for a total 30 over-recovery amount of \$1,517,488.

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The contribution of each rate class to the total net over-collection is attributed to

1 2 that rate class in the proposed 2026 EECRF.

Q17. HOW WERE THE PROPOSED EECRF RATES DETERMINED USING 2025
 PROJECTED BILLING UNITS?

5 A. The total energy efficiency costs associated with the 2026 EECRF, consisting of the 6 proposed 2026 energy efficiency program costs, including incentives and administration, 7 EM&V costs, and the prior year's EECRF proceeding expenses are first allocated to each 8 rate class. These costs are then adjusted for the 2024 over/under-recovery for each rate 9 class. The total costs by rate class are then divided by 2026 projected kWh sales for that 10 rate class to produce the EECRF rate.

- As described in the direct testimony of EPE witness Reyes, 2026 incentive costs were allocated by program to each rate class based on EPE's actual 2024 energy efficiency incentive costs. Similarly, EM&V costs, 2026 administrative costs, and the 2024 EECRF proceeding expenses, are allocated to rate classes based on the actual incentive costs experienced in 2024.
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- 17 Q18. WHAT BILLING DETERMINANTS DID EPE USE TO CALCULATE THE18 PROPOSED 2026 EECRF RATES?
- 19A.EPE utilized projected 2026 kWh sales by rate class based on EPE's 2026 Long-Term and20Budget Year Sales Forecast, as shown in Exhibit EM-01, per 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(10)(E).
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Q19. HAVE YOU INCLUDED THE PRIOR YEAR BILLING DETERMINANTS IN THISFILING?

- A. Yes, the 2024 billing determinants are included in Workpaper EM-01, per 16 TAC
  § 25.182(d)(10)(E).
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- Q20. DOES EPE CALCULATE OR ESTIMATE SYSTEM LOSSES FOR PURPOSES OFCALCULATING THE PROPOSED 2026 EECRF?
- A. No. The forecasted 2026 kWh sales utilized in calculating the EECRF proposed herein are
  developed at the meter; therefore, no adjustment for losses is required.

1	Q21.	IS EPE PROPOSING TO COMBINE ANY RATE CLASSES AS ALLOWED UNDER
2		THE EE RULE?
3	Α.	Yes. Consistent with the Final Order in EPE's 2024 EECRF proceeding, Docket No. 56572
4		and prior orders, EPE requests a good cause exception to combine rate classes which
5		receive similar services under the same energy efficiency programs, as provided for in 16
6		TAC § 25.182(d)(2). For the purposes of calculating the 2026 EECRF, EPE proposes to
7		again combine Rate 34 - Cotton Gin Service rate class with the Rate 46/47 - Cogeneration
8		Service rate class.
9		There is good cause to combine these rate classes because the conditions outlined
10		in 16 TAC § 25.182(d)(2) are met and because the combination will ease administration of
11		cost recovery.
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13	Q22.	HAVE YOU PROVIDED A PROPOSED EECRF TARIFF?
14	А.	Yes. EPE's tariff showing the proposed 2026 EECRF is provided as Exhibit EM02 to this
15		testimony, and is included with EPE's Application as Attachment A.
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17	Q23.	HOW DO THE PROPOSED EECRF RATES COMPARE TO THE CURRENT EECRF
18		RATES?
19	Α.	A comparison of the proposed 2026 EECRF rates and authorized 2025 program year
20		EECRF rates is included in Exhibit EM-03 and summarized in Table 1 below.
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