

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

AMENDED APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF)	
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S)	
2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT PLAN)	
PURSUANT TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY)	CASE No. 22-00093-UT
ACT AND 17.9.572 NMAC, AND SIXTH)	
REVISED RATE NO. 38 – RPS COST RIDER)	
)	
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY,)	
Applicant.)	
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NOTICE TO EPE CUSTOMERS

NOTICE is hereby given of the following matters pertaining to the above captioned case pending before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission"):

On November 18, 2022, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "Company") filed its 2022 Annual Renewable Energy Plan ("2022 Plan"). This 2022 Plan presents EPE’s plan for compliance with the New Mexico Renewable Energy Act NMSA 1978, Sections 62-16-1 to -10 (2004, as amended through 2021) (“REA”), and the Commission's Rule 17.9.572 of the New Mexico Administrative Code ("NMAC") ("Rule 572").

EPE requests that the Commission approve its 2022 Plan and additionally seeks the following:

- (A) Approval of a new procurement for a combined Solar/Battery Storage Project with 130 Megawatts (“MW”) solar generation at \$29.96 per Megawatt-hour (“MWh”) and 65 MW energy storage at \$10.99 per Kilowatt-month (“kW-month”) and cost recovery;
- (B) Approval of reconciled RPS rider costs and rider revenue collections for calendar year 2021;
- (C) Revisions to Rate No. 38 - Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") Cost Rider to recover Commission-approved, procurement plan costs for 2023, adjusted for 2021 reconciliation amounts.
 - 1. EPE proposes revisions to recover Plan Year Portfolio Procurement Cost of authorized RPS costs in 2023 adjusted for the 2021 reconciliation of \$15.747 million through the RPS Cost Rider, at a rate of \$0.009079 per kWh. This new rate is applicable to all customers served by EPE and represents an increase of 24.5

percent from the current 2022 RPS Cost Rider of \$0.007290 (All applicable Retail Rate Schedules, except for Customers subject to the Large Non-Governmental Customers Rate), and an increase of 8.3 percent from the Large Non-Governmental Customers rate of \$0.008382.¹ The RPS Cost Rider increase affects only the RPS rider and does not represent an increase in the standard base rate charged for electricity as shown in the table below.

2. The following Table shows typical bill impacts resulting from the increase in the RPS Rider for the Residential rate class. These impacts are subject to change by the Commission based upon its findings in this case.

Residential Typical Bill Comparison by kWh Level (Summer)									
kWh	Current Base & Fuel Rates			Proposed Base & Fuel Rates			Percent Impact		
	Base Plus Fuel	RPS Rider	Total	Base Plus Fuel	RPS Rider	Total	Base Plus Fuel	RPS Rider	Total
0	6.95	0.00	6.95	6.95	0.00	6.95	0%	0%	0%
100	17.40	0.73	18.13	17.40	0.91	18.31	0%	24.7%	1.0%
250	33.09	1.82	34.91	33.09	2.27	35.36	0%	24.7%	1.3%
500	59.22	3.65	62.87	59.22	4.54	63.76	0%	24.4%	1.4%
750	91.06	5.47	96.53	91.06	6.81	97.87	0%	24.5%	1.4%
1000	126.73	7.29	134.02	126.73	9.08	135.81	0%	24.6%	1.3%
2000	269.40	14.58	283.98	269.40	18.15	287.55	0%	24.5%	1.3%
Residential Typical Bill Comparison by kWh Level (Winter)									
kWh	Current Base & Fuel Rates			Proposed Base & Fuel Rates			Percent Impact		
	Base Plus Fuel	RPS Rider	Total	Base Plus Fuel	RPS Rider	Total	Base Plus Fuel	RPS Rider	Total
0	6.95	0.00	6.95	6.95	0.00	6.95	0%	0%	0%
100	16.19	0.73	16.92	16.19	0.91	17.10	0%	24.8%	1.1%
250	30.07	1.82	31.89	30.07	2.27	32.34	0%	24.6%	1.4%
500	53.18	3.65	56.83	53.18	4.54	57.72	0%	24.6%	1.6%
750	76.29	5.47	81.76	76.29	6.81	83.10	0%	24.6%	1.6%
1000	99.39	7.29	106.68	99.39	9.08	108.47	0%	24.6%	1.7%
2000	191.84	14.58	206.42	191.84	18.15	209.99	0%	24.5%	1.7%

- (D) Approval of a variance from the data filing requirements of 17.9.530 NMAC.

This proceeding may address other issues deferred for consideration during previous

¹ The RPS Cost Rider in effect at the time of this Application has two rates: one for applicable Retail Rate Schedules and a second for previously capped Large Non-Governmental Customers. The rate currently in effect for applicable Retail Rate Schedules includes a substantial credit to return in 2022 all amounts collected from ratepayers for the CRLEF procurement from November 2019 through December 2021 pursuant to Commission Order on Remand issued in Docket 18-00109-UT.

annual Renewable Energy Act plan dockets, including, but not limited to, EPE's recovery of costs associated with the large customer cap provisions of the REA that were deleted in 2019 and reconciliation of past REA plan costs and credits.

This case has been docketed as Commission Case No. 22-00093-UT, and any inquiries should be referred to that number. Any interested person may examine EPE's Application and the pre-filed testimonies, exhibits, pleadings and other documents filed in the case online at "Case Lookup Edocket" at <https://www.nm-prc.org/case-lookup-e-docket/>, or at EPE's website <https://www.epelectric.com/company/regulatory>. All inquiries or written comments concerning this matter should refer to Case No. 22-00093-UT.

The procedural schedule for this case is as follows:

1. Any person wishing to intervene in the proceeding must file a Motion to Intervene pursuant to 1.2.2.23(A) and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC on or before January 9, 2023. The NMAC can be reviewed at https://nmonesource.com/nmos/nmac/en/nav_date.do. A motion to intervene, or any other pleadings, must be filed on the eDocket on the Commission website.
2. The Commission's Utility Division Staff shall, and any intervenor may, file direct testimony on or before January 9, 2023.
3. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before January 20, 2023.
4. Any person whose testimony has been filed shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.
5. A public hearing to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding is set to commence at 10:00 a.m. MDT on January 30, 2023, and continue, if necessary, through January 31, 2023. Such hearing may be vacated if deemed not required pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 62-16-4(H), in which case the Commission will take public comment and dispose of the Application at an Open Meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the evidentiary hearing shall be conducted via the Zoom videoconference platform. The Zoom hearing will be livestreamed through YouTube and a link will be provided on the Commission's website at <https://www.nm-prc.org>.

Any interested person should contact the Commission by e-mail at Ana.Kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov or by phone at (505) 690-4191 for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

Interested persons who are not affiliated with a party or intervenor may submit written or oral comments pursuant to Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Oral comment shall be taken at the

beginning of the public hearing on January 30, 2023 and shall be limited to 3 minutes per commenter. Persons wishing to make an oral comment must register in advance no later than 8:30 am MT on January 30, 2023 by e-mailing Ana Kippenbrock at Ana.Kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov. Written comments may also be submitted before the Commission takes final action by sending the comment, which shall reference Case No. 22-00093-UT, to prc.records@prc.nm.gov. Pursuant to 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC, written and oral comments shall not be considered evidence.

The Commission's Rules of Procedure at 1.2.2 NMAC apply to this case, except as modified by Order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner; the rules are available online at <http://164.64.110.134/nmac/home> or https://nmonesource.com/nmos/nmac/en/nav_date.do

Anyone filing pleadings, documents, or testimony in this case shall serve copies thereof on all parties of record and Staff via email. Any such filings shall also be sent to the Hearing Examiner by email at Angelica.Allen@prc.nm.gov. All pleadings shall be emailed on the date they are filed with the Commission.

The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT (505) 690-4191 TO REQUEST SUCH ASSISTANCE AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

I S S U E D at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 22nd day of November 2022.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION



Angelica Anaya Allen
Hearing Examiner