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EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S §
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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

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**EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
WITHDRAWAL OF ITS PETITION FOR REVIEW**

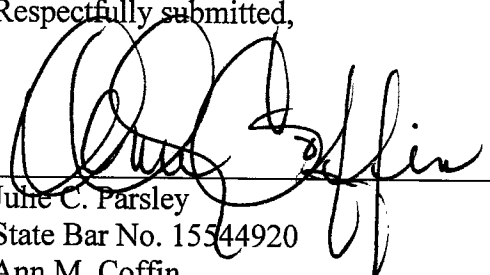
El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") files this Withdrawal of its Petition for Review ("Withdrawal") in the above-referenced docket. Simultaneously with the filing of this Withdrawal, EPE is also withdrawing its petition in Docket No. 39924, *El Paso Electric Company's Petition for Review of the City of El Paso's ("City's") Temporary Rate Ordinance*, because the harm to ratepayers EPE sought to avoid — the cost of the preparation of an untimely rate case — has already occurred. Consequently, this withdrawal is in the public interest because it eliminates the need to spend additional resources on these issues at the expense of ratepayers. As required by City's show-cause resolution, EPE will file a rate-filing package with the City on February 1, 2012. This rate-filing package will establish EPE's need for a rate increase. In order to preserve system-wide rates in the future, EPE will also file its rate request with the Commission and other Texas cities in which it provides service.

EPE respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss the docket. EPE requests any other relief to which it may be entitled.

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Respectfully submitted,

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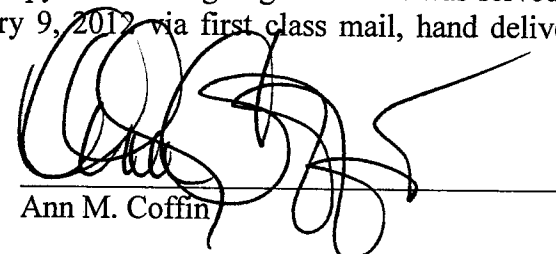

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on January 9, 2012 via first class mail, hand delivery, or facsimile.


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