

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF EL PASO ELECTRIC)
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT TWO)
ADDITIONAL GENERATING UNITS AT)
THE MONTANA POWER STATION,)
)
EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY,)
)
APPLICANT.)
_____)

Case No. 13-00297-UT

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") on the March 6, 2014 Corrected Recommended Decision ("Recommended Decision") issued by PRC Hearing Examiner Frances Sundheim concerning the September 6, 2013 application (the "Application") filed by EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY ("EPE") seeking the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 62-9-1 and 62-9-6 to construct, own and operate two 88 Megawatt natural gas-fired generating units ("Montana Units 3 and 4") at the Montana Power Station in El Paso County Texas, together with related transmission facilities, which units would be in addition to two existing generating units already certificated at the site; and approval of a "Certificated Estimated Cost" for the proposed Montana Units 3 and 4 to include estimated total cost of design, development and construction of the generating units for the utility, including allowances for funds used during construction "AFUDC."

Having considered the Recommended Decision and April 9, 2013 Errata Notice to the Recommended Decision (which are incorporated herein by reference as the “Recommended Decision”), the record in this case, and being otherwise duly informed in the premises,

THE COMMISSION FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

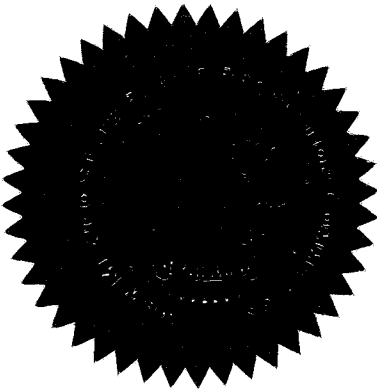
1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this case.
2. No exceptions to the Recommended Decision have been filed by any of the parties to this proceeding.
3. The Recommended Decision, including the Statement of the Case, Discussion, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Decretal Paragraphs recommended by the Hearing Examiner, is well taken and should be ADOPTED, APPROVED, and ACCEPTED as the Order of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- A. The Recommended Decision, including the Statement of the Case, Discussion, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Decretal Paragraphs recommended by the Hearing Examiner, is well taken and should be ADOPTED, APPROVED, and ACCEPTED in its entirety as the Order of the Commission.
- B. This Order is effective immediately.
- C. Copies of this Order shall be provided to all persons listed on the attached Certificate of Service, via e-mail to those whose e-mail addresses are known, and otherwise via regular mail.
- D. This Docket is closed.

ISSUED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this
11th day of June, 2014.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION



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CONSTRUCT TWO ADDITIONAL GENERATING)
UNITS AT THE MONTANA POWER STATION)**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Final Order*, issued June 11, 2014 was sent by electronic mail to the following on June 12, 2014.

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DATED this **12th** day of June, 2014.

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