

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF EL PASO ELECTRIC )  
COMPANY'S 2015 PROCUREMENT PLAN )  
PURSUANT TO THE RENEWABLE )  
ENERGY ACT AND 17.9.572 NMAC )  
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Case No. 15-00117-UT

**NOTICE REGARDING EPE**

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

On April 30, 2015, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "Company") filed its 2015 Annual Procurement Plan ("2015 Plan") for its renewable energy compliance with the New Mexico Renewable Energy Act ("REA" or "Act") and the Commission's Rule 17.9.572 NMAC, Renewable Energy as a Source of Electricity ("Rule 572" or "Rule"). EPE's 2015 Plan covers the years 2016 and 2017. EPE states that its 2015 Plan details the previously approved actions and estimated costs for Plan Years 2016 and 2017 to meet the applicable Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard ("RPS") requirements of the Act.

EPE requests that the Commission approve its 2015 Plan and additionally seeks: (A) a partial waiver from meeting the full RPS percentage for Plan Year 2017, pursuant to the REA and Rule, based upon EPE's calculation that the cost to procure additional renewable resources would exceed the reasonable cost threshold ("RCT"); and

(B) Wind, and Biomass/Other diversity variances for Plan Year 2017 from the wind diversity amounts of 30% of RPS and the Biomass/Other diversity amounts of 5% of RPS because EPE states that it cannot meet the minimum percentage amounts because of RCT limitations, technical constraints, and unavailability of these resources at reasonable cost for 2017.

As required by the Commission's Final Order issued in last year's RPS Case, EPE included testimony to address EPE's accounting methodology for avoided fuel costs from interconnected distributed generation.

As previously approved, EPE will continue to recover the costs of bundled renewable energy and associated renewable energy certificates ("RECs") through the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Factor ("FPPCAC"), and all other costs incurred by EPE to meet its RPS obligations will be deferred with carrying charges for recovery in a general rate case.

Any interested person may inspect EPE's Application filed in this case at EPE's offices, 201 N. Water, Las Cruces, New Mexico, telephone number (575) 526-5551, or the Commission's offices, PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, telephone: (888) 427-5772; or through the Commission's website, [www.nmprc.state.nm.us](http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us). This case has been docketed as Case No. 15-00117-UT and any inquiries should be referred to that number.

The procedural schedule for this case is as follows:

1. Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding must file a Motion to Intervene on or before July 7, 2015, pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC.

2. The Commission's Utility Division Staff shall, and any intervener may, file direct testimony on or before July 24, 2015. Additionally, Staff's testimony shall address EPE's accounting methodology for avoided fuel costs from interconnected distributed generation.

3. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before August 7, 2015.

4. A public hearing in this case is set to commence at 9.30 A.M. on August 18, 2015, at the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding.

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

The Commission's Utility Division Procedures, 1.2.2 NMAC, apply to this case except as modified by Order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. A copy of these rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission and are available at [www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmac/](http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmac/).

Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case shall serve copies on all parties of record, the Commission Staff, and the Hearing Examiner


via first class mail and email. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission.

Any interested person may appear at the public hearing and give a written or oral comment, pursuant to the Commission's Utility Division Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC, without becoming an intervener. The comment will not be considered as evidence in this case.

Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

**ISSUED** at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

  
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Elizabeth C. Hurst  
Hearing Examiner