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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR)
REVISION OF ITS RETAIL ELECTRIC)
RATES PURSUANT TO ADVICE NOTICE)
NO. 317)
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Case No. 25-00082-UT

SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

OMAR A. GALLEGOS

ON BEHALF OF

EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

MAY 7, 2026

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit OAG-1S: El Paso Electric Company’s 2025 Updated New Mexico Loads and
Resources Document, April 28, 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Omar A. Gallegos. My business address is 100 North Stanton Street,
El Paso, Texas, 79901.

Q2. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU SUBMITTING THIS TESTIMONY

A. I am filing this testimony on behalf of El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or the
"Company").

**Q3. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN THIS
PROCEEDING?**

A. Yes. I submitted Direct Testimony in this proceeding on March 27, 2026.

II. PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY

**Q4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT
TESTIMONY?**

A. The purpose of my Supplemental Direct Testimony is to respond to Pre-Hearing
Bench Request Paragraph 9.i.

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**III. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RESPONSIVE TO THE PRE-
HEARING BENCH REQUEST**

**Q5. WHAT HAS THE COMMISSION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 9.i OF
THE PRE-HEARING BENCH REQUEST?**

A. Paragraph 9.i of the Pre-Hearing Bench Request requests “[a] loads and resources
table showing both current loads and resources and the projected loads and
resources once projects currently approved and under construction are brought into
service.”

**Q6. IN RESPONSE TO PARAGRAPH 9.i., PROVIDE A LOADS AND
RESOURCES TABLE SHOWING BOTH CURRENT LOADS AND
RESOURCES AND THE PROJECTED LOADS AND RESOURCES ONCE
PROJECTS CURRENTLY APPROVED AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION
ARE BROUGHT INTO SERVICE.**

A. Please see Exhibit OAG-1S for EPE’s Updated 2025 New Mexico L&R. The table
includes the Commission approved Carne Project (130 MW solar and 65 MW
battery energy storage system ("BESS")) which achieved COD on April 21, 2026.
The table also includes the full 150 MW solar and 50 MW BESS component of the

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1 Santa Teresa Project which was approved for New Mexico in Case No. 25-00038-
2 UTⁱ. and is expected to be in service by June 2026. The table does not include
3 EPE's proposal to dedicate the additional 100 MW BESS component of the Santa
4 Teresa Project, because it is currently pending Commission approval in EPE's REA
5 Plan Filing, Case No. 26-0000093.

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7 **Q7. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT**
8 **TESTIMONY?**

9 **A.** Yes.

ⁱ *Application for Approval of El Paso Electric Company's Renewable Energy Act Plan for 2026, and Ninth Revised Rate No. 38 – RPS Cost Rider, Final Order Upon Filing of Uncontested Stipulation (Dec. 11, 2025).*

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Loads & Resources (L&R) - NEW MEXICO

April 28, 2026

NM Comm Sol1 15, NM Comm Sol2 15, Carne 130/65 Sol/Batt, SanTerNM 150/50 Sol/Batt					
MEGAWATT (MW)	Additions ¹¹				
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1.0 GENERATION RESOURCES ¹					
1.1 RIO GRANDE	41	46	35	27	26
1.2 NEWMAN ²	121	137	105	79	78
1.3 COPPER	9	10	8	6	6
1.4 MONTANA	67	76	58	44	43
1.5 PALO VERDE ²	79	89	68	52	51
1.6 EPE OWNED RENEWABLE SOLAR - EXISTING ³	8	8	8	7	7
1.7 EPE OWNED BATTERY - EXISTING ³	1	1	1	1	1
1.8 EPE OWNED RENEWABLE SOLAR - PLANNED ⁴	0	0	0	0	0
1.9 EPE OWNED BATTERY - PLANNED ⁴	0	0	0	0	0
1.10 EPE OWNED GAS GENERATION - NEW	0	0	0	0	0
1.11 DEMAND RESPONSE	12	14	12	10	11
1.0 TOTAL GENERATION RESOURCES	338	382	294	226	223
2.0 RESOURCE PURCHASES					
2.1 RENEWABLE PPAs - EXISTING ⁵	48	50	47	41	41
2.2 BATTERY PPAs - EXISTING ⁵	59	55	46	43	43
2.3 RENEWABLE PPAs - PLANNED ⁶	32	33	31	29	29
2.4 BATTERY PPAs - PLANNED ^{6,7}	40	36	31	30	30
2.0 TOTAL RESOURCE PURCHASES	179	173	155	142	143
3.0 FUTURE RESOURCES ⁸					
3.0 TOTAL RESOURCE PURCHASES	0	0	0	0	0
4.0 TOTAL NET RESOURCES (1.0 + 2.0 + 3.0) ⁹	517	555	450	368	366
- ACCREDITED CAPACITY					
5.0 SYSTEM DEMAND ¹⁰					
5.1 NATIVE SYSTEM DEMAND	501	515	527	542	554
5.2 DISTRIBUTED GENERATION	(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)	(6)
5.3 ENERGY EFFICIENCY	(2)	(9)	(13)	(18)	(22)
5.4 ELECTRIC VEHICLES	0	1	2	3	4
5.5 NEW LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS	0	68	83	83	83
5.0 TOTAL SYSTEM DEMAND	499	572	595	605	613
6.0 PLANNING RESERVE 9% thru 2029 then 11%	45	51	54	54	67
7.0 TOTAL CAPACITY NEED (5.0 + 6.0)	544	624	648	659	680
8.0 NET RESOURCE POSITION (4.0 - 7.0)	(26)	(68)	(199)	(291)	(315)

1 Per the NMPRC Final Order in Case No. 23-00403-UT, "EPE may abandon RG7 and Newman 1 according to the plan submitted in its Application taking into consideration its current and anticipated new generation capacity and may hold the facilities in a contingency reserve status, as necessary, until they are retired and decommissioned in accordance with the plan submitted by EPE." Rio Grande 7 and Newman 1 are not included in this L&R, however, they are not yet abandoned.

2 Excludes New Mexico's portion for Palo Verde Unit 3 and Newman Unit 6.

3 Existing EPE owned renewable solar and battery resources.

4 Planned EPE owned renewable solar and battery resources.

5 Existing PPAs for renewable solar and battery resources.

6 Planned PPAs for renewable solar and battery resources.

7 This L&R does not include the remaining 100 MW of battery for the Santa Teresa Project pending approval in Case No. 26-0000093.

8 Placeholder for future resources.

9 Resource figures presented in the table are based on installed capacity and factor in Effective Load Carrying Capability ("ELCC"). ELCC is expressed as a percentage of the generator's installed capacity rating which is the contribution to reliably serve load.

10 System demand is based on the April-2026 Load Forecast.

11 Resource additions reflected at installed capacity.

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**DECLARATION OF OMAR A. GALLEGOS IN SUPPORT OF THE FOREGOING
AMENDED FILING SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY**

I, ***Omar A. Gallegos***, pursuant to Rule 1-011 NMRA, state as follows:

1. I affirm in writing under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico that the following statements are true and correct.

2. I am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. I am employed by El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or "the Company") as the *Vice President – System Planning and Construction*.

3. I have reviewed the foregoing Amended Filing Supplemental Testimony of Omar A. Gallegos, and the exhibits, schedules, and workpapers sponsored by me and I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that those materials are complete, accurate, internally consistent, and consistent with the Amended Application.

4. The foregoing Amended Filing Supplemental Testimony of Omar A. Gallegos, together with all exhibits sponsored therein and attached thereto, is true and accurate based on my knowledge and belief.

5. I submit this Declaration, based upon my personal knowledge and upon information and belief, in support of EPE's ***Amended Application for Revisions of Its Retail Electric Rates Pursuant to Advice Notice No. 317***.

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FURTHER, DECLARANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 6, 2026.

/s/ Omar A. Gallegos
OMAR A. GALLEGOS