



NOTICE TO EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S CUSTOMERS

On July 10, 2026, EPE filed its Application for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") and for Right-of-Way ("ROW") Width Approval. EPE's Application seeks approval to construct a new, approximately 14.4 mile long 345 kV transmission line that will follow a single ROW corridor, starting at an upgraded Afton North Substation and ending at EPE's existing Airport Substation. EPE states that this project is necessary to support electrical grid reliability, resiliency, and operational performance, and will enable EPE to continue to provide adequate and reliable service without unnecessary duplication or economic waste. The proposed transmission line is approximately 14.4 miles long, with 12.79 miles on U.S. Bureau of Land Management land.

The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$43.23 million. EPE affirms it is not seeking recovery of costs of this project in this filing, but rather, will seek to recover the New Mexico jurisdictional associated costs, which are approximately 20% of the total cost of the project, through a future general rate case.

Because of different statutory deadlines, the Commission has bifurcated this matter into two separate proceedings:

- A proceeding concerning EPE's request for approval for a CCN to construct, own, and operate a new 345 kV transmission line between the Afton North and Airport Substations, which is labeled **Docket No. 26-0000137**, and is described in this Notice.
- A proceeding concerning EPE's request for approval of the necessary ROW width to construct and maintain the transmission line, which is labeled **Docket No. 26-0000143**, and is described in a separate Notice being issued at or about the same time as this one.

The dates in this Notice apply only to the portions of the Application being heard under Docket No. 26-0000137 and concerning EPE's requested certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN"). Dates related to the portion of the Application relating to EPE's requested right of way width are included in the Notice for Docket No. 26-0000143.

EPE's complete Application is accessible online on EPE's website, <https://www.epelectric.com/company/public-notice> and the Commission's PRCe360 Docketing System at <https://e360.prc.nm.gov/> under Docket Number 26-0000137. The Application is also available at EPE's office, 100 N. Stanton Street, El Paso, Texas 79901. Telephone (915) 543-5711.

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON YOUR PART UNLESS YOU WANT TO BECOME A PARTY OR COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION

The major events for public participation in this matter, which concerns the requested CCN, will occur as follows:

- Deadline to file motions to intervene to become a party: **September 11, 2026**
- Deadline to file protests: **October 16, 2026**. Any person who wishes to protest any part of EPE's Application must file, by this date, a document that at a minimum identifies (1) the party who is protesting, (2) the specific aspects of the Application that are being protested, (3) a brief explanation of the reason for the protest, (4) any relevant statute or rule implicated by the Protest.
- Deadline to file intervenors' direct testimony: **October 16, 2026**
- Deadline to file rebuttal testimony: **October 27, 2026**
- Public Evidentiary Hearing: **November 5-6, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, and legal arguments about the segment of the Application concerning the requested CCN is set for **November 5-6, 2026, commencing at 9 a.m.** each day. The hearing will be conducted online and can be viewed via livestream on the Commission's YouTube channel and its website,

<https://www.prc.nm.gov/public-hearings/>. Please contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing, because hearings are occasionally cancelled or rescheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

People who are not associated with a party to this case may make written or oral comment concerning the requested CCN as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Written comments must refer to **Docket Number 26-0000137** and be submitted before the Commission makes a final decision. Written comments should be submitted online through the PRCE360 Docketing System provided below. Comments can also be sent via US mail to PRC Records P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Alternatively, oral public comments concerning the requested CCN are also welcome during Commission open meetings. The open meeting schedule can be found at www.prc.nm.gov/nmprc-open-meeting-agenda/. Email public.comment@prc.nm.gov or call (505) 490-7910 to sign up to comment online or by phone at an open meeting.

Instructions to submit written public comment online, to file pleadings and other documents, and to search Commission dockets are found at <https://e360.prc.nm.gov/portal/>. All filings subject to deadlines must be submitted within regular business hours of the due date to be considered timely filed.

TO BECOME A PARTY

If you wish to appear in this docket concerning the requested CCN as a party, you must file a motion for leave to intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC, on or before **September 11, 2026**. Intervenors must become familiar with the rules regarding practicing before the Commission and all other applicable rules.

The Commission's Rules of Procedure 1.2.2 NMAC apply except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. These and other rules are available online at <https://srca.nm.gov/nmac-home/nmac-titles/>.

THE DEADLINES GIVEN ABOVE ARE NOT ALL THE DEADLINES SET FORTH IN THIS MATTER, AND PARTIES AND POTENTIAL INTERVENORS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE COMPLETE PROCEDURAL ORDER ISSUED ON **August 6, 2026**, FOUND ON THE PRCE360 DOCKETING SYSTEM.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO, IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING, REQUIRE A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE OR OTHER TYPE OF ACCESSIBLE FORMAT OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE COMMISSION AT (505) 827-8019 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

Any person who desires more information about this case may contact the Commission by phone at (505) 827-4084 or 1-888-427-5772 or by email at Ryan.Jimenez@prc.nm.gov.