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El Paso Electric Adopts Bold Carbon-Free Energy Goals

Plans to expand Company's clean energy portfolio

EL PASO, Texas – During the last year, El Paso Electric (EPE) established a new mission to transform the energy landscape through new generation, a modernized grid, transportation electrification and enhanced customer options. Central to this vision is the adoption of bold carbon-free energy goals defined by a commitment to 80% carbon-free energy by 2035 and the pursuit of 100% decarbonization of our generation portfolio by 2045.

“While the past year presented us with daunting challenges, it also underscored the need for strong resiliency, collective responsibility, and deeper innovation. As we celebrate 120 years of power for our community, we look forward to the future and the opportunity to fundamentally change our energy landscape with the unveiling of our new carbon-free energy goals,” says EPE President and CEO Kelly A. Tomblin. “Our commitment to generating power that is 80% carbon-free by 2035 and 100% carbon-free by 2045 is all part of our mission to expand our clean energy portfolio and improve the environmental quality of our region.”

EPE plans to meet the 2035 goal through the continued deployment of renewable energy resources coupled with storage solutions together with the use of new fuels and technologies and improved efficiency. EPE plans to continuously evaluate alternative energy technologies, fuels, and efficiency strategies as those solutions develop over the next decade.

“We are optimistic that the ongoing technology evolution will enable us to ultimately achieve even deeper decarbonization of our generation portfolio, beyond the 80% clean energy milestone, in a way that will continue to serve our region and our customers reliably and affordably,” adds Tomblin.

More of EPE's sustainability goals and achievements can be found in the recently published EPE 2020 Corporate Sustainability Report found [HERE](#).

About El Paso Electric

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission, and distribution service to approximately 444,300 retail and wholesale customers in a 10,000-square mile area of the Rio Grande valley in west Texas and southern New Mexico.

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