

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF EL PASO ELECTRIC)
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF)
OF ITS TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION)
PLAN FOR 2024-2026)**

CASE NO. 23-00231-UT

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given of the following matters pertaining to the above captioned case pending before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“PRC” or “Commission”):

1. On June 30, 2023, El Paso Electric Company (“EPE” or “Company”) filed its application for approval of its transportation electrification plan for plan years 2024-2026 (“TEP” or “Application”).

2. The Application is made under NMSA 1978, § 62-8-12 (2019) (the EV Statute) and 17.9.574 NMAC (Rule 574) governing applications to expand transportation electrification.

3. EPE’s Application asks the Commission to approve the following:

a. EPE’s TEP for years 2024 through 2026;

b. EPE’s proposed new experimental Demand Adjustment (DA) Rider available for Rate No. 04 – General Service Rate and Rate No. 09 – Large Power Service Rate;

c. EPE’s proposed language changes to EPE’s Whole House/Whole Service Electric Vehicle (WHEV/WSEV) rate rider incentive credit provision for Rate No. 01 – Residential Service Rate, Rate No. 03 – Small General Service Rate, Rate No. 04 – General Service Rate, and Rate No. 07 – City and County Service Rate;

d. Authorization to recover TEP costs through Rate No. 44 – TEP Cost Rider using the Commission-approved deferred collection methodology;

e. Authorization to implement new measures or modify existing measures into business operations for up to 90 days after Commission approval of this TEP;

f. Authorization to continue approved TEP measures, subject to availability of the approved cost, until the next TEP (to be filed in 2026) is approved by the Commission and implemented by EPE;

g. As necessary, a variance from Commission rule 17.9.530 NMAC which prescribes minimum data requirements to be filed in support of a tendered new rate schedule;

h. Any other approvals, authorizations, and actions that may be required under the Public Utility Act or the EV Statute to implement EPE’s Application.

4. EPE’s TEP proposes the following portfolio of measures designed to expand access to transportation electrification across all customer classes including for low-income customers and underserved communities and across multiple EV classes:

a. Residential Programs:

i. EV Smart Rewards NM Program

ii. Smart Charging Program

iii. Home Wiring Program

iv. Electric Bicycle Rebate Program

b. Commercial Programs:

i. PowerConnect NM Program

ii. EV Charging Equipment Rebate Program

iii. EV Charging Installation Rebate Program

iv. Take-Charge NM Program

c. New Construction Rebate Programs:

i. EV-Ready Homes Program

ii. EV-Ready Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) Program

d. Partnership, Research, and Innovations Program

e. Customer Outreach Program

- f. Rate Options:
 - i. Modified WHEV/WSEV Rate Rider Incentive Credit
 - ii. New Demand Adjustment Rider
5. The total proposed TEP cost for the three-year plan is \$14,655,588.
6. EPE seeks approval to recover the costs of the TEP through its TEP cost rider using the Commission approved deferred collection methodology.
7. This case has been docketed as Case No. 23-00231-UT, and any inquiries should refer to that number.
8. Any interested person may examine EPE's Application and the pre-filed testimonies, exhibits, pleadings, and other documents filed in the case online at <http://nmprc/state.nm.us> under "Case Lookup EdoCKET" or by making arrangements for an in-person viewing at EPE's offices, 201 N. Water, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The company's telephone number is (575) 526-5555. The Application will also be posted on EPE's website <https://www.epelectric.com/company/regulatory>. All inquiries or written comments concerning this matter should, as noted above, refer to Case No. 23-00231-UT.
9. The procedural schedule for this case is as follows:
 - a. Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding must file a motion to intervene under 1.2.2.23(A), (B) NMAC on or before November 16, 2023.
 - b. The Commission's Utility Division Staff shall, and any intervenor may, file direct testimony on or before November 16, 2023.
 - c. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before December 1, 2023.
 - d. Any person whose testimony has been filed shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.
 - e. A public hearing to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, arguments, and any other appropriate matters relevant to this proceeding is set to commence at 9:00 a.m. MT on December 11, 2023, and continue (as necessary) through December 12, 2023. The hearing may be vacated if deemed not required.
10. The procedural dates and requirements currently set in this case are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. Interested persons should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled. Other dates set out above may be changed as becomes necessary during this litigation.
11. The evidentiary hearing will be conducted via the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The Zoom hearing will be livestreamed through YouTube and a link to that livestream will be provided on the Commission's website at <https://www.nm-prc.org>.
12. Any interested person should contact the Commission by e-mail at ana.kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov or by phone at (505) 690-4191 for confirmation of the hearing date, time, and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.
13. Interested persons who are not affiliated with a party may submit written or oral comments as permitted by 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. The Commissioners may conduct a separate public-comment hearing in the days leading up to the public hearing. Notice of that public-comment hearing, if one is conducted, will be provided to the service list and on the Commission's website. The protocol that will be followed there will be set by order of the Commission. If necessary, oral comments may be taken at the beginning of the public hearing on December 11, 2023. Commenters will have three minutes each. Persons wishing to make an oral comment at the commencement of the December 11, 2023, public hearing must register in advance no later than 8:30 a.m. MT on December 11, 2023, by e-mailing Ana Kippenbrock at Ana.Kippenbrock@prc.nm.gov. Written comments may also be submitted before the Commission takes final action by sending the comment, which shall reference Case No. 23-00231-UT, to prc.records@prc.nm.gov. Written and oral comments shall not be considered evidence. 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC.
14. The Commission's rules of procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC, apply to this case except as modified by Order of the Commission or the Hearing Examiner. The rules of procedure are available at the New Mexico Compilation Commission's website which is at <https://nmonesource.com/nmos/en/nav.do>.
15. Anyone filing pleadings, documents, or testimony in this case shall serve copies of those filings

on all parties of record and the Commission's Utility Division staff via email. Any such filings shall also be sent to the Hearing Examiner by email at Christopher.ryan@prc.nm.gov. All pleadings shall be emailed on the date they are filed with the Commission.

16. Any person filing prepared testimony in this case as allowed by 1.2.2.35(I) NMAC on behalf of a party shall attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

17. Anyone filing pleadings, documents, or testimony in this case shall comply with the Commission's electronic filing policy. That policy is amended from time to time. The Commission's policy requires compliance with the following (non-exhaustive) set of requirements. Filings must be in .pdf format. They must include an electronic signature and be sent to the Records Management Bureau's email address, prc.records@prc.nm.gov. Any filing must be submitted within regular business hours of the due date to be considered timely filed; documents received after regular business hours will be considered filed the next business day. Regular Commission business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MT Monday through Friday. Parties shall serve a copy on all parties of record and Staff.

18. Additional details regarding this proceeding and its procedural requirements are set forth in the Hearing Examiners' procedural order issued on August 14, 2023.

19. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance to participate in this proceeding should contact the Commission at (505) 467-9116 at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

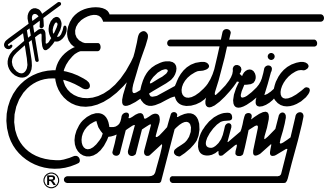
ISSUED under the Seal of the Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico this **14th** day of August **2023**.

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