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RESOLUTION NO. 1811R.02

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT REFUND TARIFF FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATE DECREASE IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUC DOCKET NO. 46831, BEFORE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS, DOCKET NO. 48124, PROVIDING THAT THE REFUND TARIFF SHALL BE APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS DURING THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE COMPANY, AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS APPROVED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- WHEREAS, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE" or the "Company") distributes electric power within the city limits of the City of San Elizario ("City") pursuant to a franchise granted to EPE by the City, and is an electric utility; and
- WHEREAS, EPE submitted its Statement of Intent to the City to initiate a rate change proceeding; and
- WHEREAS, EPE on March 1, 2018, filed with the City its Application to Implement Refund Tariff for Federal Income Tax Rate Decrease in Compliance with Docket No. 46831, proposing to change its rates within the corporate limits of this municipality, effective on April 5, 2018 and Docket No. 48124 before the Public Utility Commission of Texas; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the City maintains original jurisdiction over EPE rates charged within the city limits of the City and the Application specifies that the rate change within the City's jurisdiction should be effective on April 5, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Texas Utilities Code Section 36.108, the City, as regulatory Authority, has the right to suspend the proposed rate change subject to the City's jurisdiction for a period of 90 days after April 5, 2018, the proposed date the change would otherwise be effective; and

- WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that additional time and information is needed for it to study the proposed rate changes and tariffs and the reasons therefor; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Texas Utilities Code Section 36.109, the City may establish temporary rates to be in effect during the suspension period; and
- WHEREAS, EPE has also requested that the Refund Tariff be implemented on an interim basis beginning April 1, 2018, and such interim rate be subject to refund or surcharge when the final rate is determined; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that implementing the Refund Tariff on an interim basis is appropriate to quickly effectuate a refund to the City's citizens and ratepayers; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens and ratepayers to suspend the proposed rate change and implement the Refund Tariff on an interim basis pending the conclusion and final resolution of this rate case.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS:

- SECTION 1. That the effective date of the proposed change in rates of El Paso Electric Company is hereby suspended for a period of 90 days from April 5, 2018.
- SECTION 2. That the Refund Tariff proposed by El Paso Electric Company within this municipality be implemented on an interim basis and shall continue in force beginning on April 1, 2018 and during the period of suspension as provided in Section 1 hereof, subject to refund or surcharge when the final rate is determined.
- SECTION 3. That the Secretary of this municipality is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to El Paso Electric Company promptly after the passage hereof.
- SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes its attorneys to file a motion of intervention in Docket No. 48124 before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Application to Implement Refund Tariff for Federal Income Tax Rate Decrease in Compliance with Docket No. 46831.
- <u>SECTION 5</u>. The Mayor or his designee and the city's attorneys are authorized to coordinate and work with the City of El Paso, Texas and all other cities in the area on negotiating a rate change and to intervene in Docket No. 46831 before the PUC.
- SECTION 6. The City Council waives any existing or potential conflict of interest that may apply to the Bojorquez Law Firm and all of its attorneys in conjunction with their representation of the City in Docket No. 48124.

SECTION 7. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Elizario, Texas, on this the 15th day of ward, 2018, by a vote of (ayes) to (nays) to (abstentions) of the City Council of the City of San Elizario, Texas.

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