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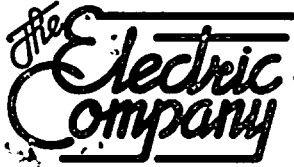
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention Document Control Desk
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Subject: Docket Nos. STN50-528/529/530
Submission of El Paso Electric
Company Projected 1999 Cash Flow
Statement and Application for
Withholding Information from Public
Disclosure

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 140.2 (e), enclosed for submission to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") are the following documents:

1. El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 1999 ("Statement") marked "Confidential"; and
2. Application to the NRC pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.790, including the Affidavit of Mr. Gary R. Hedrick, Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of EPE, requesting that the Statement be withheld from public disclosure.

To maintain the confidentiality of the Statement, the Statement, Application and this letter were delivered to Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"), operating agent of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station ("Palo Verde"), in a sealed envelope addressed to the NRC. By agreement, APS is forwarding the sealed envelope for submission to the NRC along with the projected cashflow statements of APS and the other Palo Verde participants. Please contact the undersigned if the seal of the EPE envelope is broken prior to receipt.

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Your assistance with this matter is appreciated in advance. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Weikert
Assistant General Counsel

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Cc: Mr. Gary R. Hedrick
Mr. Terry McGarrity
Mr. Matt Benac
Ms. Juanita J. Cartwright
Mr. Frank Marcus



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To: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Application regarding NRC Regulation 10CFR Part 140.21(e)

El Paso Electric Company hereby applies for withholding from public disclosure the following document:


"Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 1999"

Affidavit:

I, Gary R. Hedrick, Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer of El Paso Electric Company, in my capacity as an Officer of El Paso Electric Company, hereby represent, affirm and request that the above-mentioned document, "Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 1999" be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. This information has not been released publicly.
2. This information is customarily held in confidence by El Paso Electric Company.
3. This information has not yet been transmitted to the NRC, but will be transmitted in a confidential manner.
4. This information cannot be constructed from any other source.
5. Disclosure of this information may cause substantial harm to the Company's competitive position and would give parties who have access to this information inside knowledge of projected operations that is not available to the general public.

Signed:


Gary R. Hedrick
Vice President, Treasurer &
Chief Financial Officer
El Paso Electric Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 9th of March, 1999.




Notary Public

My commission expires:

6-26-2001

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