



NOTICE TO EPE CUSTOMERS

El Paso Electric Company (“EPE”) has filed an application with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) in accordance with the New Mexico Public Utility Act NMSA 1978, Sections 62-9-1 and 62-9-6. EPE is seeking this CCN on an expedited basis (by the end of December 2026) in order to replace the existing 200 megawatt High Voltage Direct Current (“HVDC”) Eddy County Converter Station (“Eddy Tie”) facility with a new 200 MW HVDC facility located approximately 10 miles east of the city of Artesia, New Mexico, in Eddy County.

More details of EPE’s Application are provided below.

EPE’s Application and supporting documents are accessible online on its website, <https://www.epelectric.com/company/public-notice> and at the PRCe360 Docketing System <https://e360.prc.nm.gov/portal/public/#/public/nm-prc/en/home> under Docket Number 26-0000071.

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 will occur as follows:

- Deadline to file motions to intervene to become a party: June 15, 2026
- Deadline to file protests: July 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, and (3) a brief explanation of the reason for the protest. Please note that in order to protest you must have filed a timely motion to intervene.

- Deadline to file intervenors’ direct testimony: July 23, 2026
- Deadline to file rebuttal testimony: August 10, 2026
- Public evidentiary hearing: August 18, 2026

THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY DEADLINES, AND POTENTIAL INTERVENORS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE COMPLETE PROCEDURAL ORDER ISSUED ON MAY 1, 2026.

In support of its Application EPE's states that:

- The existing Eddy Tie facility was certified by the NMPRC and was completed in 1984. It has been in operation for over 40 years and has reached the end of its useful life. The age and condition of the existing Eddy Tie significantly diminish its reliability and benefits for EPE customers. The proposed replacement Project would restore the capacity of the Eddy Tie to a full 200 MW capacity on a firm basis.
- The Project would encompass an area of approximately 15.8 acres of Bureau of Land Management land, immediately adjacent to the existing Eddy Tie facility site. The replacement Eddy Tie facility will accommodate the import and export of 200 MW of power continuously, to ensure availability of electricity during “energy scarcity” events to balance power flow within the system by injecting power from the east. Portions of the existing tie will be upgraded in structure height to increase the capacity of the transmission line. Also related to the Project is the installation of communication fiber on the existing transmission line to provide the communications capability necessary for the newer technology equipment.
- The existing Eddy Tie facility is co-owned by EPE and PNM with a two-thirds and one-third ownership, respectively. However, PNM has opted not to participate in the replacement of Eddy Tie. Therefore, EPE will be the sole owner and operator of the proposed new Eddy Tie facility.
- The replacement Eddy Tie facility would provide consistently reliable electricity transfer and allow EPE to source energy resources on the eastern side of the Tie, as well as allow users on the eastern side of the Tie to access resources from the west.
- EPE anticipates that the Project will lead to customer cost savings by increasing opportunities for power to be purchased from and sold to entities across the Tie – benefitting customers through a combination of reductions in fuel costs, reductions in purchased power costs, and increases in revenues.
- If approved, replacement of the Eddy Tie is scheduled to be in service to meet the summer peak season of the year 2031.

- If the CCN is approved by December 31, 2026, the estimated total cost of the Project (not including Allowance for Funds Used During Construction, or AFUDC) is \$289,391,575.
- The Project is not expected to result in significant impacts to environmental resources. EPE will incorporate mitigation measures and best industry practices into all stages of the Project and will conduct periodic environmental inspections to ensure that these measures are properly implemented.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, and legal arguments is set for **August 18, 2026, commencing at 9:00 a.m.** 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 as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Written comments must refer to Docket Number 26-0000071 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 comment is 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. If the Commission determines a separate hearing should be set for oral comments for this matter, the date, time, and location will be announced on the Commission's website, <https://www.prc.nm.gov/>.

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/public/#/public/nm-prc/en/home>. 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 case as a party, you must file a motion for leave to intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC, on or before June 15, 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 Examiners. These and other rules are available online at <https://srca.nm.gov/nmac-home/nmac-titles/>.

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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.

