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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention Document Control Desk  
Mail Station P1-37  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Docket Nos. STN50-528/529/530 Submission  
of El Paso Electric Company Projected 2000  
Cash Flow Statement and Application for  
Withholding Information from Public Disclosure

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 140.21 (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 2000 ("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 your receipt.

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

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Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Weikert  
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Mr. Gary R. Hedrick  
Mr. Terry McGarrity  
Mr. Matt Benac  
Ms. Juanita J. Cartwright

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 2000"**

**Affidavit:**

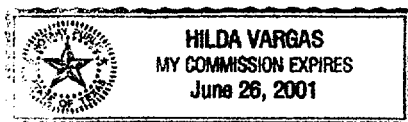
I Gary R. Hedrick, Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer of El Paso Electric Company, in my capacity as an Officer of El Paso Electric Company, hereby represent, affirm and request that the above-mentioned document, "Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 2000" be withheld from public disclosure 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 matter.
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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.



  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

June 26, 2001