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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 2002 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 2002 ("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, President and Chief Executive 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 Pinnacle West Capital Corporation ("PWCC"), a public utility holding company and the parent company of Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"), the 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.

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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

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.

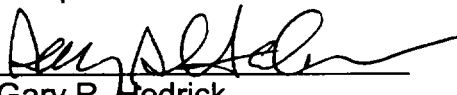
"Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 2002"

Affidavit:

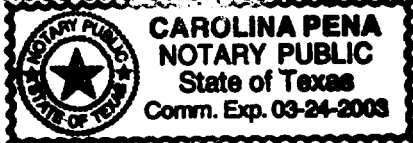
I, Gary R. Hedrick, President and Chief Executive Officer of El Paso Electric Company, in my capacity as an Officer of El Paso Electric Company, hereby represent, affirm and request that the above-mentioned document, "Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 2002" be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

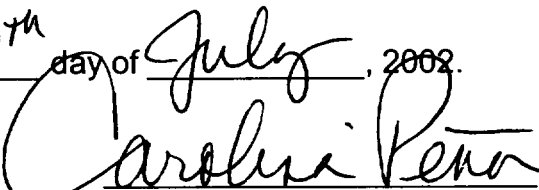
1. This information has not been released publicly.
2. This information is customarily held in confidence by El Paso Electric Company.
3. This information has not yet been transmitted to the NRC, but will be transmitted in a confidential matter.
4. This information cannot be constructed from any other source.
5. Disclosure of this information may cause substantial harm to the Company's competitive positive 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
President and Chief Executive Officer
El Paso Electric Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 9th day of July, 2002.




Notary Public

My commission expires:

March 24, 2003