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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention Document Control Desk  
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Subject: Docket Nos. SCN50-528/529/530  
Submission of El Paso Electric  
Company Projected 1997 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 1997 ("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 EPE's Statement be withheld from public disclosure.

To maintain the confidentiality of EPE's 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 cash flow 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



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Mr. Terry McGarrity  
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