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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 1997"

Affidavit:

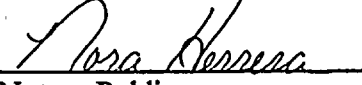
I, Gary R. Hedrick, Vice President, Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer of El Paso Electric Company, in my capacity as an officer of El Paso Electric Company, hereby represent, affirm and request that the above mentioned document, "Pro Forma Cashflow Statement for 1997" be withheld from public disclosure 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 can not 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: 

Vice President,
Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer
El Paso Electric Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th of June 1997.


Notary Public

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