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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
El Paso Natural Gas Company
Docket Nos. RP04-248-005
RP04-251-006
RP04-248-006
RP04-251-007

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Attention: Catherine E. Palazzari
Vice President

Reference: Path Allocation Informational Filings

Dear Ms. Palazzari:

1. On May 6, 2005, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) filed in Docket Nos. RP04-248-005 and RP04-251-006 its Summary of Allocated Paths report. El Paso states that, pursuant to Article VI, Pathing and Segmentation, of the Stipulation and Agreement accepted by the Commission in Docket Nos. RP04-251-000 and RP04-248-000,¹ El Paso has assigned shippers system path rights from receipt points to delivery points. El Paso states that these path rights will be used upon implementation of segmentation no later than January 1, 2006. On May 17, 2005, El Paso filed, in Docket Nos. RP04-248-006 and RP04-251-007, a copy of the presentation on pathing that it gave at its May 10, 2005 customer meeting. We acknowledge the receipt of these informational filings.

2. The filing in Docket Nos. RP04-248-005 and RP04-251-006 was noticed on May 13, 2005, with comments, protests or interventions to be filed by May 20, 2005. The filing in Docket Nos. RP04-248-006 and RP04-251-007 was noticed on May 20, 2005, with comments, protests or interventions to be filed by May 27, 2005. No protests were filed. Comments were filed by El Paso Electric Company and Phelps Dodge

¹ 109 FERC ¶ 61,292 (2004).

Corporation. El Paso Electric is concerned that pathing reduces flexibility in using alternate capacity during maintenance outages and that rates and fuel charges on paths that include displacement or backhaul portions may be too high. El Paso Electric and Phelps Dodge also reiterate their concerns raised in Docket No. CP05-2-000 regarding the impact of El Paso's Line 1903 project on El Paso's reliance on displacement. Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214). Any opposed or untimely filed motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214.

3. Issues regarding the Line 1903 project are appropriately addressed in that proceeding.² The remaining issues are being addressed in El Paso's ongoing section 4 rate proceeding in Docket No. RP05-422-000.³ Therefore these issues will not be addressed here, and this letter order simply acknowledges receipt of these informational filings.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

² See *El Paso Natural Gas Co.*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,408 (2005), rehearing pending.

³ See *El Paso Natural Gas Co.*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,150 (2005).