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City Continues Advocacy for Ratepayer Protections as McCloud Generation Case Heads to Hearing

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso will continue advocating for strong protections for local ratepayers as a hearing on the merits begins this week in El Paso Electric's application for the proposed McCloud Generation facility.

The hearing is scheduled for July 8 and 9 before the State Office of Administrative Hearings, where the parties will present evidence and testimony regarding El Paso Electric's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for the proposed natural gas generation facility.

The proposed McCloud Generation facility is intended to serve the Worldwide (Meta) data center during its first several years of operation before potentially becoming part of El Paso Electric's broader electric system. The City's participation in the case is focused on helping ensure existing El Paso ratepayers are not asked to bear costs associated with serving a single large customer.

"Our priority throughout this process has been protecting El Paso ratepayers," said City Attorney Karla Nieman. "We are prepared to present the City's case at hearing while continuing discussions with El Paso Electric in hopes of reaching a resolution that provides meaningful protections for existing customers."

Discussions on a potential settlement between the City and El Paso Electric remain ongoing.

Following the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge is expected to issue a Proposal for Decision in October. The Public Utility Commission is currently scheduled to consider the recommendation and vote on the application in December.

The City will continue participating throughout the proceeding and advocating for an outcome that protects El Paso ratepayers.

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