

## **BUSINESS PRACTICE**

### **Operation of Eddy County HVDC Terminal**

#### **El Paso Electric Company**

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1. EPE has posted on the OASIS the transmission capacity on and through the Eddy County HVDC Terminal as non-firm.
2. Due to the potential for damage to the Eddy County HVDC Terminal from repeated on/off cycling of the Terminal, EPE implements the following operating parameters:
  - a. If system conditions do not allow the HVDC terminal to be started or re-started in the judgment of the EPE System Controller, the HVDC terminal will not be started or re-started;
  - b. The minimum “on” time for the HVDC Terminal will be 5 continuous calendar days;
  - c. The minimum “off” time for the HVDC Terminal will be 2 continuous calendar days;
  - d. If the HVDC Terminal is removed from service for any reason other than a forced outage during a transaction, the HVDC terminal will not be re-started until the minimum time periods stated in 2.b and 2.c above have been met.
3. If the HVDC Terminal is removed from service due to a forced outage, the HVDC Terminal can only be re-started based on the system conditions at the time, as deemed by EPE’s System Controller.
4. If a Party makes a Transmission Service Request on the OASIS over the HVDC Terminal and that request results in a violation of the HVDC Terminal operating parameters listed above, the Transmission Service Request will be “Refused” on the OASIS.
5. If a Party that directly interconnects to the HVDC Terminal (PNM, EPE, or SPS) declares a NERC Capacity or Energy Emergency, then that Party may utilize the HVDC Terminal in a manner consistent with curing the declared Emergency.