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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO ITS  
RULES, REGULATIONS AND LINE EXTENSION  
POLICIES

DOCKET NO. E-01461A-00-0172

DECISION NO. 62613

**ORDER**

Open Meeting  
June 6 and 7, 2000  
Phoenix, Arizona

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Trico Electric Cooperative, ("Trico" or "Applicant") is certified to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.

2. On March 16, 2000, Trico submitted an application for approval of an amendment to its Rules, Regulations and Line Extension Policies. Approval of this amendment would alter Trico's existing policies that have been previously approved by the Commission. The amendment will provide an alternative method of payment by credit card to Trico's consumers.

3. On May 22, 2000, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed its Staff Report.

4. Staff recommends that since payment by credit card is entirely optional to the consumer, the bank transaction charge that is incurred should be absorbed by the consumer selecting this method of payment. If Trico absorbed the transaction charge, the cost would be passed on to other Trico consumers in a future rate case.

5. Staff further recommends that Trico instruct personnel to inform consumers paying by credit card that the bank's transaction charge will be added to the consumer's bill for electric service.

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6. Staff recommended approval of the amendment without a hearing.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Trico is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Trico and over the subject matter of this application.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff's recommendations, has determined that the changes proposed by Trico to its Rules, Regulations and Line Extension Policies are in the public interest.

4. Staff recommendations in Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5 are reasonable and should be adopted.

**ORDER**

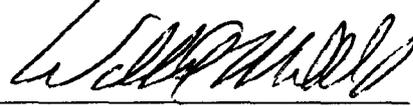
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed amendment to Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Rules, Regulations, and Line Extension Policies shall be and is hereby approved.

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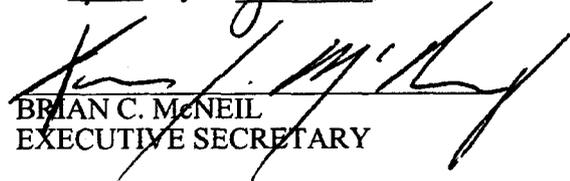
1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall comply with the Staff  
2 recommendations set forth in Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

4 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

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7 CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER

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9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive  
10 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have  
11 hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the  
12 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix,  
13 this 9th day of June, 2000.

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15 BRIAN C. McNEIL  
16 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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