



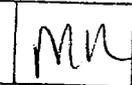
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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC., AN ARIZONA NON-PROFIT)
CORPORATION, AND TUCSON)
ELECTRIC POWER, AN ARIZONA)
CORPORATION, FOR AN ORDER)
APPROVING A BORDERLINE)
AGREEMENT)

DOCKET NOS. E-01461A-07-0058
E-01933A-07-0058
DECISION NO. 70056
ORDER

Open Meeting
November 27 and 28, 2007
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") and Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") are engaged in providing electric service within portions of Arizona, pursuant to authority granted by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission" or "ACC").
2. On January 27, 2007, Trico and TEP filed for Commission approval, a joint application for a Borderline Agreement for Trico to provide electric service to certain real property located in Pima County within the certificated service territory of TEP. Trico and TEP entered into the Borderline Agreement authorizing Trico to enter the subject area, certificated to TEP, and to construct and maintain electric service lines and facilities necessary to serve the subject property until such time that TEP notifies Trico of its intention to provide service to the subject property.
3. TEP is engaged in providing customers with electric service within its designated service territory in portions of Pima and Cochise Counties, Arizona. Trico is engaged in providing

1 customers with electric service within its designated service territory in portions of Pima, Pinal,
2 and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona.

3 4. The subject property is located near South Wilmont Road in Pima County and is
4 owned by Cingular Wireless II LLC ("Cingular"). Cingular is planning to build a Cell Tower on
5 the subject property. The Cell Tower has not yet been constructed, and a completion date for the
6 construction is unknown at this time. The applicant states that there are no existing line extensions
7 or other agreements pertaining to electric service to the area in which the Cingular Cell Tower is
8 proposed to be located, nor are there any facilities, easements or right-of-way to be transferred in
9 the event the Agreement is approved.

10 5. The property is located within TEP's certificated service territory; however, the
11 nearest available TEP lines are more than 2.5 miles away from Cingular's proposed site. Line
12 extension costs for TEP to bring overhead lines to the perimeter of the property have been roughly
13 estimated by the company to be about \$66,000.00. Trico currently has lines adjacent to the
14 Cingular property. The utilities feel that it is in the best interest of the property owner and the
15 companies for Trico to serve the subject property until such time as TEP determines that it is
16 economically feasible for it to provide electric service to the property.

17 6. The Borderline Agreement outlines a mechanism for TEP to re-enter the subject
18 property at a later point in time to serve the customers located on the property, with proper written
19 notice to Trico, should it decide to do so. Conditions contained in the Borderline Agreement would
20 govern Trico's sale and TEP's purchase of all of Trico's electric lines and facilities which are
21 compatible with TEP's electric system and which can be utilized by TEP at original cost,
22 depreciated at the rate of 3.32 percent per year. Prior to the sale of any electric system lines or
23 facilities necessary and useful in delivering electric service to its customers, Trico will be required
24 per A.R.S. 40-285 to first obtain Commission approval. However, at this time, Trico anticipates
25 that the only item that will be needed at the site is to change a wooden pole to a metal pole

26 7. The estimated monthly projected kWh usage is 25 kWh or less.

27 8. Staff believes that the Borderline Agreement entered into by Trico and TEP is a
28 reasonable solution to allow extension of electric service to the subject property at a cost which is
not prohibitively expensive.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed Borderline Agreement between Trico and TEP for service to Cingular is hereby approved as discussed herein.

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I DEAN S. MILLER, Interim Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 4th day of December, 2007.

Dean S. Miller

DEAN S. MILLER

Interim Executive Director

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