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IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF TRICO ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A
HEARING TO DETERMINE THE
FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY
FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,
TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE
RETURN THEREON, TO APPROVE
RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP
SUCH RETURN AND FOR
RELATED APPROVALS.



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**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF VINCENT NITIDO
ON BEHALF OF TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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1 **Q: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A: My name is Vincent Nitido. My business address is 8600 W. Tangerine Road, Marana,
3 Arizona 85658.

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5 **Q: BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

6 A: I am the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and General Manager of Trico Electric
7 Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico").
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10 **Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS CAPACITY?**

11 A: I have been CEO and General Manager since March 30, 2009.
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13 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK**
14 **EXPERIENCE.**

15 A: I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Connecticut and a
16 Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. I have 16 years of Electric
17 Utility Experience, most recently as Vice President, General Counsel and Chief
18 Administrative Officer of UniSource Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries Tucson
19 Electric Power Company and UniSource Energy Services, Inc.
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22 **Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

23 A: The purpose of my testimony is to adopt the Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Mark W.
24 Schwirtz dated August 15, 2008. Mr. Schwirtz resigned as CEO and General Manager of
25 Trico in December, 2008. I was appointed to that position on March 30, 2009. In his
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1 testimony, Mr. Schwartz provided a general overview of the rate case application, and
2 summarized the primary issues that led Trico to the decision to file a rate increase. He also
3 provided information concerning Trico's unique growth characteristics, its current financial
4 situation and an overview of the rate request.
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7 **Q: HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PRE-FILED**
8 **TESTIMONY OF MR. SCHWIRTZ?**

9 A: Yes. I have reviewed the testimony filed by Mr. Schwartz, as well as all of the other
10 testimony filed on Trico's behalf. I have investigated and become familiar with each of the
11 matters referenced or addressed by Mr. Schwartz in his testimony.
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13 **Q: DO YOU ADOPT THE PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF MARK W. SCHWIRTZ?**

14 A: Yes. I have satisfied myself as to the accuracy of Mr. Schwartz's testimony, and adopt it as
15 my own.
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18 **Q: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

19 A: Yes.
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