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Docket Control  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: *Affidavit Confirming Mailed Notice to Each of Southwest Transmission  
Cooperative, Inc.'s Class A Members; Docket No. E-04100A-12-0353*

Dear Sir or Madam:

In Compliance with the September 11, 2012 Procedural Order in this matter, attached is an affidavit of mailing confirming that notice was mailed to each of SWTC's Class A members on September 19, 2012. Your assistance is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

GALLAGHER & KENNEDY, P.A.

By:

Michael M. Grant

MMG/plp  
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Attachment

**Original and 13 copies** filed with Docket  
Control this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2012.

**Affidavit of Mailing**

I, Julie Brooks, Administrative Assistant, employed by Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc., certify that on September 19, 2012, I caused to be deposited in the United States mail, postage pre-paid, the attached Notice addressed to the following:

Mr. Kevin Short  
General Manager  
Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. Box 391909  
Anza, California 92539

Mr. Michael Pearce  
Chief Executive Officer  
Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. Box 440  
Duncan, Arizona 85534

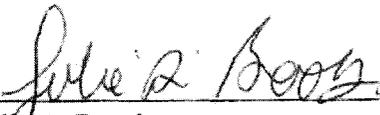
Mr. Steve Lines  
General Manager  
Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. Drawer B  
Pima, Arizona 85543

Mr. J. Tyler Carlson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1045  
Bullhead City, Arizona 86430

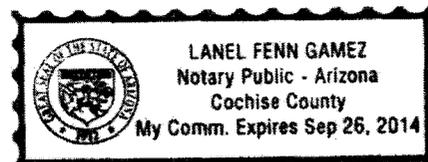
Mr. Creden Huber  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric  
Cooperative, Inc.  
311 E. Wilcox Dr.  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635-2527

Mr. Vincent Nitido  
CEO/General Manager  
Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P.O. Box 930  
Marana, Arizona 85653

State of AZ, County of Cochise  
Signed before me on this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 2012 by Julie A. Brooks  
Notary Public: Danel Ferrn Blum

  
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Julie A. Brooks

Notary



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE**  
**RATE APPLICATION OF**  
**SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**DOCKET NO. E-04100A-12-0353**

Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC" or "Cooperative") is a non-profit electric transmission cooperative that provides transmission service to its members. SWTC has six (6) Class A member distribution cooperatives comprised of Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc., Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

On August 3, 2012, SWTC filed a rate application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission). The SWTC requests an overall rate decrease of approximately \$12.8 million, or 28 percent, a Times Interest Earned Ratio of 1.88 and a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of 1.35, operating income of approximately \$4.4 million, and a rate return of 9.34 percent. SWTC also request authority to implement a Transmission Revenue Adjustor. The impact of SWTC's proposed wholesale rates on the retail consumer is difficult to estimate because SWTC's members have different retail rate levels and structures.

If you have any questions concerning how SWTC's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact Geoff Oldfather at Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc., 1000 South Highway 80, Benson, Arizona 85602, (520) 586-5465 or by email at [goldfather@ssw.coop](mailto:goldfather@ssw.coop).

The Commission's Utilities Division (Staff) is in the process of auditing and analyzing the application, and will make recommendations regarding the Cooperative's proposal. The Commission will issue a Decision regarding SWTC's requests following consideration of testimony and evidence presented at an evidentiary hearing. **THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY SWTC, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS, AND THE FINAL RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION MAY DIFFER FROM THE RATES REQUESTED BY SWTC OR OTHER PARTIES.**

**How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal**

Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at from the SWTC's offices, 1000 South Highway 80, Benson, Arizona, at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours; and on the internet via the Commission website ([/www.azcc.gov/](http://www.azcc.gov/)) using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the web page.

**Commission Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **July 29, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. E-04100A-12-0353 to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

Interested parties may participate in this matter through (1) filing for intervention and becoming a formal party to the proceeding; or (2) through written or oral public comment. Any interested person may file written public comments regarding the Cooperative's application in **Docket No. E-04100A-12-0353** at any time.

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket. **However, all documents filed in this docket are available online** usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the website homepage. RSS feeds are also available through e-Docket.

### **About Intervention**

You do not need to intervene if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comments on the application, or if you want to file written comments in the records of the case. Any interested person may file written public comments regarding SWTC's application in **Docket No. E-04100A-12-0353** at any time.

Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. The granting of intervention entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. **If you wish to intervene, you must file original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission's Docket Control Center no later than March 4, 2013, and send a copy of the motion to SWTC or its counsel and to all parties of record.**

Contact information for SWTC and all parties of record may be obtained using the Commission's e-Docket Function and Docket No. **Docket No. E-04100A-12-0353**. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself.
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a member/customer of the Cooperative, etc.); and
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to SWTC or its counsel, and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before February 6, 2013. For a sample intervention request form, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. All parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law.

### **ADA/Equal Access Information**

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Shaylin Bernal, E-mail [SABernal@azcc.gov](mailto:SABernal@azcc.gov), voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.