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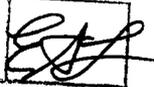
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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: November 29, 2013

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RE: ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE GREEN CHOICE PROGRAM (DOCKET NO. E-01345A-13-0388)

Introduction

On November 15, 2013, Arizona Public Service Company (“APS”) filed an application for approval of a one-year extension of the APS’s Green Choice Program and the associated Green Power rate schedules GPS-1, GPS-2, and GPS-3. The Green Choice Program provides customers, who may not otherwise be able to acquire renewable energy, with the ability to participate in a renewable resource program by purchasing electricity generated from renewable resources for their homes and/or businesses.

The currently effective Green Power rate schedules were approved by the Commission in Decision No. 73697 (February 13, 2013). APS seeks to continue the Green Choice Program, retain the currently effective Green Power rate, and extend the Green Power rate schedules for an additional calendar year beginning January 1, 2014.

GPS-1

Under GPS-1, customers can purchase electricity generated from renewable sources for their homes and/or businesses, in 100 kWh blocks, up to 100% of the customer’s total monthly kWh supplied by APS. Service under GPS-1 is currently being billed at a rate of \$1.02 per month for each 100 kWh block of Green Power. This charge is based on the green premium rate of \$0.0102 per kWh. All provisions of the customer’s current applicable rate schedule apply in addition to the GPS-1 rate.

GPS-2

Under GPS-2, customers can purchase electricity generated from renewable sources for their homes and/or businesses as a percentage of the total monthly kWh supplied by APS. Customers can choose to have 100, 50, 35, or 10 percent of their total monthly kWh generated from renewable sources. All provisions of the customer's current applicable rate schedule apply in addition to the GPS-2 rate. The following table summarizes the rate categories under present GPS-2 rates.

GPS-2 Rates

Percent of total kWh	Present Rate (\$/kWh)
100	\$0.0102
50	\$0.0051
35	\$0.0036
10	\$0.0010

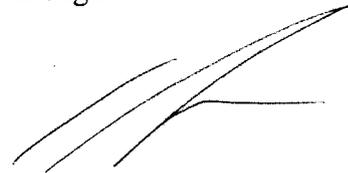
GPS-3

GPS-3 is available to APS customers requesting Green Power energy for special events (e.g. concerts, sporting events, or fairs), where the energy would be needed for a relatively limited period of time. GPS-3 does not impose a one-year minimum contract term as is required under GPS-1 and GPS-2, nor does GPS-3 prohibit customers from also receiving Green Power under schedules GPS-1 or GPS-2. Service under GPS-3 is billed in blocks of 100 kWh, currently at a rate of \$1.02 for each block, with a minimum purchase of \$500 per transaction. All provisions of the customer's current applicable rate schedule apply in addition to the GPS-3 rate.

Recommendations

Staff recommends approval of APS's application.

Staff also recommends that the existing GPS-1, GPS-2, and GPS-3 rates remain in effect through 2014.



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Director
Utilities Division

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A TIME)
EXTENSION FOR THE GREEN CHOICE)
PROGRAM)

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-13-0388

DECISION NO. _____
ORDER

Open Meeting
December 17 and 18, 2013
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") is certificated to provide electric service as public service corporations in the State of Arizona.

Introduction

2. On November 15, 2013, APS filed an application for approval of a one-year extension of the Company's Green Choice Program and the associated Green Power rate schedules GPS-1, GPS-2, and GPS-3. The Green Choice Program provides customers, who may not otherwise be able to acquire renewable energy, with the ability to participate in a renewable resource program by purchasing electricity generated from renewable resources for their homes and/or businesses.

3. The currently effective Green Power rate schedules were approved by the Commission in Decision No. 73697 (February 13, 2013). APS seeks to continue the Green

1 Choice Program, retain the currently effective Green Power rate, and extend the Green Power rate
2 schedules for an additional calendar year beginning January 1, 2014.

3 ***GPS-1***

4 4. Under GPS-1, customers can purchase electricity generated from renewable sources
5 for their homes and/or businesses, in 100 kWh blocks, up to 100% of the customer's total monthly
6 kWh supplied by APS. Service under GPS-1 is currently being billed at a rate of \$1.02 per month
7 for each 100 kWh block of Green Power. This charge is based on the green premium rate of
8 \$0.0102 per kWh. All provisions of the customer's current applicable rate schedule apply in
9 addition to the GPS-1 rate.

10 ***GPS-2***

11 5. Under GPS-2, customers can purchase electricity generated from renewable sources
12 for their homes and/or businesses as a percentage of the total monthly kWh supplied by APS.
13 Customers can choose to have 100, 50, 35, or 10 percent of their total monthly kWh generated
14 from renewable sources. All provisions of the customer's current applicable rate schedule apply in
15 addition to the GPS-2 rate. The following table summarizes the rate categories under present GPS-
16 2 rates.

17 **GPS-2 Rates**

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23 6. GPS-3 is available to APS customers requesting Green Power energy for special
24 events (e.g. concerts, sporting events, or fairs), where the energy would be needed for a relatively
25 limited period of time. GPS-3 does not impose a one-year minimum contract term as is required
26 under GPS-1 and GPS-2, nor does GPS-3 prohibit customers from also receiving Green Power
27 under schedules GPS-1 or GPS-2. Service under GPS-3 is billed in blocks of 100 kWh, currently
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1 at a rate of \$1.02 for each block, with a minimum purchase of \$500 per transaction. All provisions
2 of the customer's current applicable rate schedule apply in addition to the GPS-3 rate.

3 7. Staff has recommended approval of APS's application.

4 8. Staff has also recommended that the existing GPS-1, GPS-2, and GPS-3 rates
5 remain in effect through 2014.

6 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7 1. Arizona Public Service is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning
8 of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

9 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Arizona Public Service and over the subject
10 matter of the application.

11 3. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff's memorandum dated
12 November 29, 2013, concludes that it is in the public interest to retain the existing GPS-1, GPS-2,
13 and GPS-3 rates as discussed herein.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Arizona Public Service Company's application be approved as discussed herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the GPS-1, GPS-2, and GPS-3 rates shall remain in effect through 2014.

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, 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 _____ day of _____, 2013.

JODI JERICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: _____

DISSENT: _____

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