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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE RATE APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. Docket No. E-01851A-13-0252

RATE APPLICATION COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. E-01851A-13-0252

ORIGINAL

On July 23, 2013, Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CEC" or "Cooperative") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") in which CEC is seeking Commission approval for an increase in rates and to set a new base cost of power, a revision to the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustor, a Temporary Fuel and Purchased Power Costs Adjustor Surcharge, new Line and Service Extension Rules and Forms, and certain tariff revisions. The proposed changes to rates would result in an increase in annual revenues from Arizona customers of \$21,590, or 2.57 percent. The increase will vary between customer classes and among individual consumers within a class depending on usage. Under the rates proposed by the Cooperative, the residential customer charge would increase \$7.65, from \$12.35 to \$20.00; and the energy charge would increase \$0.02867 per kWh, from \$0.0864 to \$0.11507 per kWh.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation regarding the Company's rate proposal, and the Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Cooperative, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final rates approved in this docket may be lower or higher than the rates described above.

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

If you have any questions concerning how the Company's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact the Company at: Chris Martinez, General Manager, Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 631, 900 N. Gold, Deming, New Mexico 88031, 1-800-950-2667 or 1-575-546-8838, or chris@ce-coop.com. Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at the Company's offices and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, and on the internet via the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-docket function.

Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning March 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona, 85701.

Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. W-01851A-13-0252 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Division, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-8550.

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than December 20, 2013, and a copy of the motion to CEC or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion must contain the following:

- 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.
- A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Cooperative, etc.).
- A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Cooperative 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 December 20, 2013. If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

ADA/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public hearings. 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, voice phone number (602) 542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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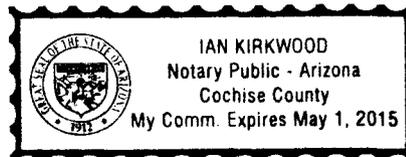
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