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Re: Motion to Expedite  
E-01851A-13-0252

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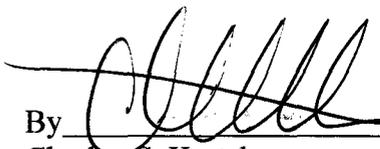
Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed an original and thirteen (13) copies of Columbus' Motion to Expedite, including Exhibits A and B, for filing in this matter. I do not need a conformed copy returned to me, I can retrieve it from eDocket once it is posted.

Thank you for your assistance and attention to this matter. Please contact me if there are any questions or problems with the filing.

Sincerely,

COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

By   
Charles C. Kretek,  
General Counsel

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
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9 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
10 COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. )  
11 FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND FOR )  
12 OTHER RELATED APPROVALS )

DOCKET NO. E-01851A-13-0252

**COLUMBUS' MOTION TO**  
**EXPEDITE**

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14 On July 22, 2013, Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CEC") filed with the Arizona  
15 Corporation Commission ("Commission") an Application for an Increase in Rates and other  
16 Related Approvals.

17 On August 21, 2013, CEC received a Sufficiency Notice pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-  
18 103.B.7.

19 On August 30, 2013, a Rate Case Procedural Order was issued which set a hearing date  
20 of March 6, 2014.

21 On December 6, 2013, Staff filed its Direct Testimony (non-rate and cost of service).

22 On December 20, 2013, Staff filed Direct Testimony (rate design and cost of service).

23 On January 12, 2014, CEC filed Rebuttal Testimony of Chris Martinez where in CEC  
24 agreed with and stipulated to all recommendations and proposals of Staff.

25 There are no issues in dispute.

26 After mailing of direct notice to CEC's Arizona members and subsequent publication of  
27 Notice regarding the right to intervene and the hearing date, no parties moved to intervene prior  
28 to the effective deadline. The only parties to this matter are Commission Staff and CEC. All  
29 other deadlines regarding this matter have passed.

1 A.R.S. §40-250A provides that the relief requested by CEC may be granted with or  
2 without a hearing.

3 CEC expressly waives its right to a hearing on the relief requested and matters pending  
4 before the Commission.

5 It is in the best interests of CEC as well as its members to expedite the implementation of  
6 the new rates and other related relief requested by CEC.

7 CEC, by this Motion, requests that:

- 8 a) The March 6, 2014, hearing be vacated;
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- 10 b) The public be allowed to comment on this matter on or before February 20, 2014, by  
11 filing comment with Commission Consumer Services or in Docket;
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- 13 c) CEC be permitted to publish notice and direct mail all Arizona members informing  
14 that the March 6, 2014, hearing is being vacated, setting the above-referenced  
15 deadline for comment and providing other necessary information to submit comments  
16 on this matter; and
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- 18 d) A Recommended Order be prepared in time to allow this matter to be placed on the  
19 Commission's regular open meeting agenda in March.
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21 A copy of the proposed Notice to be published and mailed is attached hereto as Exhibit A  
22 for consideration.

23 Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the amended Line Extension Policy for CEC which  
24 incorporates the modifications and corrections recommended by Staff witness Candrea Allen in  
25 her direct testimony and to which CEC agrees and stipulates.

26 In the alternative, if the foregoing is not approved, CEC would propose that the March 6,  
27 2014, hearing be vacated but reserved solely for the taking of public comment, that CEC publish  
28 and mail notice informing its Arizona members of these facts and that this matter be concluded  
29 as expeditiously as possible thereafter.

1 CEC has discussed this matter and the substantive and procedural relief requested in this  
2 motion with Staff and Staff is in support thereof.

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4 Respectfully Submitted,

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7 Charles C. Kretek,  
8 General Counsel  
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10 Original and 13 copies filed this  
11 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2014, with:

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13 Docket Control  
14 Arizona Corporation Commission  
15 1200 West Washington St.  
16 Phoenix, AZ 85007  
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18 Copies of the foregoing were mailed  
19 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2014, to:

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21 Steve Olea  
22 Utilities Division  
23 Arizona Corporation Commission  
24 1200 West Washington St.  
25 Phoenix, AZ 85007  
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27 Brian E. Smith  
28 Legal Division  
29 Arizona Corporation Commission  
30 1200 West Washington St.  
31 Phoenix, AZ 85007  
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33 Jane Rodda, ALJ  
34 Hearing Division  
35 400 West Congress St.  
36 Suite 218  
37 Tucson, AZ 85701-1343  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF VACATING HEARING ON THE**  
**RATE APPLICATION OF**  
**COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**Docket No. E-01851A-13-0252**

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 made recommendations regarding the Company's rate proposal, generally supporting the Company's requests, and the Company has agreed to and accepted all of Staff's recommendations. Additionally, the Company has waived its right to a hearing on the Application and moved for the hearing to be vacated. The Company asked the Commission for the expeditious implementation of the proposed and recommended rates and other related approvals. Accordingly, the hearing has been vacated in order to expedite implementation of the rates and related approvals in this matter.

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

If you have any questions concerning the recommended rate proposal and other related approvals sought in this matter, 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 [chrism@col-coop.com](mailto:chrism@col-coop.com).**

**Public Comment Information**

The hearing that was scheduled for **March 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**, has been vacated.

Public comments will be taken in writing on or before **February 20, 2014**, and must 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 Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

**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 Commission's ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail [SBernal@azcc.gov](mailto:SBernal@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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**LINE AND SERVICE EXTENSION REQUEST**

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**REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

**I. DISTRIBUTION LINE EXTENSION ESTIMATES AND FEE SCHEDULES**

It is understood and agreed that the facilities installed hereunder shall be and remain the property of Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as CEC, and CEC shall, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement, assume full responsibility for future operations and maintenance of facilities.

The entire understanding between the two parties hereto relating to this application is set forth in the most recent CEC's Line and Service Extension Schedule on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission and there are no oral understandings between the parties. No amendments to agreements are authorized unless reduced to writing and signed by authorized personnel.

Upon request by a consumer for a line extension, CEC shall prepare, without charge, a preliminary sketch and rough non-binding estimate of the construction costs to be paid by the consumer.

Consumers requesting engineering design estimates for new electric service or service upgrades for single and/or multiple development line extensions will be charged the following non-refundable fees:

<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>No. Service(s)</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Residential	1 Service	\$100
Subdivision	2 or more lots	\$1,000 plus \$10 per lot in excess of 2 lots
Small Commercial <=50kva (OH & UG)	1 Service	\$100
Commercial >50-350kva (OH & UG)	1 Service	\$200 plus \$100 per service in excess of 1
Commercial >350kva(OH & UG)	1 Service	\$750 plus \$100 per service in excess of 1
Main Distribution (Primary Voltage)		\$0.22 per foot

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A consumer for a line extension requesting CEC to prepare detailed plans, specifications, or design estimates may be required to pay CEC an amount equal to the total estimated cost of preparation, if those estimated cost would exceed the application fee.

Upon submission of a written request for a line extension, CEC shall make available, within ninety (90) days after receipt of all necessary documentation and the design fee, such plans, specifications, or design estimates of the proposed line extension. The design fee shall be nonrefundable. Any charges to the consumer shall be provided in the design estimate. Engineering design estimates shall be valid for sixty (60) days from the date of issuance.

If the consumer or prospective consumer does not enter into a line extension agreement with CEC for electric service within this sixty (60) day period, then thereafter, a new request for engineering design services shall be initiated and subject to a fee assessment as set forth herein. Monies collected by CEC for the original engineering design estimates are non-refundable.

**REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

**II. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSUMER**

**PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT PLANS, LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS, GRADE CERTIFICATIONS AND SURVEY CORNERS**

1. The consumer shall provide accurate plans of the consumer's proposed development. Generally, final recorded plats will be required for subdivision estimates unless otherwise required by CEC.
2. The consumer shall provide a valid written legal description along with a copy of the consumer's property deed.
3. The consumer shall locate and mark any legal survey corners and proposed metering point as required by CEC. For commercial underground installations, a certification, signed by a licensed land surveyor or registered professional engineer, that the established grade is within six (6) inches of final grade, may be required by CEC for the entire length and width of the proposed service route prior to staking.
4. Normally, CEC field technicians will stake the route of the proposed line extension and related facilities to serve the consumer's development in relation to the consumer's legal property corners.
5. CEC shall stake the line one time, based on the plans submitted by the consumer.

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**Request Received By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Consumer's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**Consumer Type:**  
Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Trust \_\_\_\_\_  
LLC \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ LLP \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Guarantees are required for LLC's, LLP's, Trusts and Partnerships.  
Corporations are required to provide Proof of Authority**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Request:**  
Existing Service \_\_\_\_\_ Service Location No. \_\_\_\_\_  
New Service \_\_\_\_\_ Service Entrance Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Upgrade \_\_\_\_\_

**For New Service:**

**Consumer should provide a plat and legal description of the property.**

**Property Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Interest in Property:**

**Owner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Prospective Buyer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Realtor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Developer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Improvements:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Existing** \_\_\_\_\_ **Planned**

**Site Constructed Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Existing** \_\_\_\_\_ **Planned**

**Mobile Home/Trailer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Existing** \_\_\_\_\_ **Planned**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**A Columbus Electric employee will contact the consumer to discuss specific details of the service request.**

**A cost estimate will be prepared and mailed to the above address unless other arrangements are made.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Consumer's Signature**