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Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. Application for Approval of Net Metering Tariff  
Docket No. E-01461A-15-0057

Dear Chairman Bitter Smith;

I am writing to respond to the March 23, 2015 letter from AriSEIA in order to correct AriSEIA's misrepresentations about Trico's application in this docket.

First and foremost, Trico is not proposing to "eliminate net metering" as claimed by AriSEIA. Rather, Trico has proposed a modification of its current net metering tariff. The application clearly requests a modification that will: (i) continue to allow full retail net metering for solar energy that is generated and used onsite and (ii) provide financial credit for excess solar energy delivered to Trico. This proposal will continue to provide a net metering subsidy for rooftop solar installations (albeit at a reduced level), while at the same time mitigating the cost shift from Trico members with rooftop solar to those members without. Trico's elected board believes this is a balanced solution to a challenging problem and is in the best interest of the Trico members as a whole.

Second, Trico has filed an application seeking what it believes to be appropriate relief for the Trico membership as a whole. Trico is fully aware the Commission will ultimately decide what relief will be granted -with respect to both the modifications to the net metering tariff and the proposed grandfathering date. Trico is prepared to prove that its proposal is in the best interest of its members as a whole as well as the public interest.

Finally, although it received almost 100 applications between the filing of the application and the end of February, Trico is continuing to receive applications for interconnection of rooftop solar systems in the month of March.

Respectfully submitted,

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