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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A
NEW NET METERING TARIFF SCHEDULE NM-
2 AND REVISIONS TO THE EXISTING NET
METERING TARIFF SCHEDULE NM.

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-15-0127

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 14, 2015, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC" or "Cooperative") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for: (1) approval of a new Net Metering Tariff Schedule NM-2 that will apply to all future net metered members which credits to a member's account any excess energy produced from an eligible net metering facility on a monthly basis at SSVEC's authorized avoided costs rate; (2) revisions to the Cooperative's existing Net Metering Tariff Schedule NM (to be revised and renamed Net Metering Tariff Schedule NM-1) which provide that members who have an installed eligible net metering facility or an accepted SunWatts Incentive/Interconnection application on file with SSVEC by close of business on April 14, 2015, will be grandfathered under the existing Net Metering Tariff; and (3) approval of a partial waiver of the Commission's net metering rules set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-2301 et seq. (the "Net Metering Rules") as necessary to authorize the new tariff and the tariff revisions requested in the application. The Cooperative requests expedited consideration of its application without a hearing.

On April 22, 2015, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Request for Procedural Order. Staff states that the issues raised in the application should be addressed in a rate case, and recommends that if SSVEC does not elect to voluntarily withdraw its application, the parties should brief the issue of whether the matter should be dismissed. Staff also asserts that if the

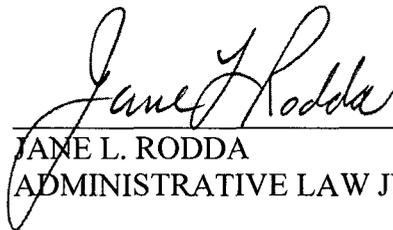
1 application is to go forward, the matter would benefit from a hearing process. Staff states further
2 that although the application is not explicit, it might be interpreted as a request for interim rates.

3 A number of similar applications have been filed with the Commission, and in those dockets,
4 it has been determined that settling the threshold issue of whether the matter must, or should, be
5 heard in the context of a rate case is best decided prior to the time and expense of scheduling an
6 evidentiary hearing on the request.¹ There is no reason to believe that the questions of law and fact
7 that have been raised in the other dockets will not be raised in this docket as well. In the event, the
8 Commission determines to proceed in this docket without a rate case, it appears that an evidentiary
9 hearing on the request will also be necessary. Therefore, a procedural conference to discuss a
10 schedule for pre-hearing briefing and oral argument and any other procedural issues will be set.

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **Procedural Conference** shall convene on **July 9,**
12 **2015, at 10:00 a.m.,** or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, **Room**
13 **222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701.** The parties may appear telephonically by
14 **using the following conference line: 1-888-450-5996, code 457395#.**

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
16 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

17 DATED this 24 day of June, 2015.

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20 JANE L. RODDA
21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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27 ¹ See e.g. Docket No. E-01461A-15-0057 (Trico Electric Cooperative Inc.'s request for modified net metering tariff).
28 SSVEC is an intervenor in Trico's docket. See also, Tucson Electric Power Company's application for modified net
metering tariff in Docket No. E-01933A-15-0100 (subsequently subject to voluntary request to withdraw).

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