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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.

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 application is to go forward, the matter would benefit from a hearing process

1 By Procedural Order dated June 24, 2015, the matter was set for a Procedural Conference on
2 July 9, 2015, for the purpose of discussing how to proceed. Appearing at the July 9, 2015 Procedural
3 Conference, were representatives from SSVEC, Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Navopache
4 Electric Cooperative, Inc., The Alliance for Solar Choice, AriSEIA, Arizona Public Service
5 Company, and Staff

6 A threshold issue raised by SSVEC's application is whether SSVEC's request as set forth in
7 its application must (a question of law), or should (a policy question) be considered in a rate case
8 proceeding. To determine these legal and policy questions before expending resources on an
9 evidentiary hearing promotes judicial economy and conforms with procedures utilized in similar
10 tariff requests filed by other utilities. The parties are in general agreement about the process and have
11 agreed to a briefing schedule.

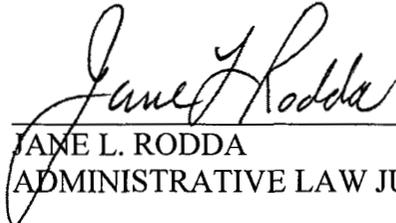
12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties shall file **Initial Briefs** addressing the legal
13 and policy issues discussed herein by **July 31, 2015**.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Response Briefs** shall be filed no later than **August 14,**
15 **2015**.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Oral Argument** shall commence on **August 20, 2015, at**
17 **10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, **Room 222, 400**
18 **West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701**.

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

21 DATED this 10 day of July, 2015.

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