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Ms. Bitter Smith,

My name is Charles Heckman and I am a member/customer of TRICO. We signed an agreement with Solar Solution AZ for a Solar System on Feb 24, 2015. I have several comments and concerns about the TRICO's proposed Net Metering Tariff Change, they are:

- 1) When we signed our contract the current net metering tariffs were in effect. However, this change requires members to have an approved application by Feb 28, 2015 to qualify for the current net metering tariffs. TRICO's deadline does not give individuals like myself sufficient time to complete the application process. This process typically required around four weeks. They should either extend the deadline or base it off the signed contract date.
- 2) Is it fair to base an effective date of a change before the commission approves (or denies) that request? The effective date should be some time after the request is approved not before.
- 3) The reason they are requesting this change is they feel that net metering members do not pay their fair share of maintenance cost. However, they are not considering the fact that solar energy systems produce power during times of peak power usage. This lowers the peak demand for power, which reduces the transmission needs and stress on the system components. This will reduce the maintenance cost which is a benefit for non-net metering members.
- 4) Currently systems are sized to meet a percentage of yearly electric use. If members are not allowed to bank extra kWh in winter months and use the extra in summer months then fewer members will install solar system and/or the solar systems that are installed will be smaller. This will increase peak demand which will increase stress on the system and ultimately increase maintenance cost.
- 5) Solar energy helps all of us. Solar energy helps the ecology by reducing greenhouse gasses. Solar energy helps the economy by providing jobs. Solar energy helps TRICO by allowing them to add members/customers without increasing system capacity.

I believe if you consider all the facts you will reject this change request.

If you have any questions please call me at (520) 762-8723 or email me at ceh.vail@wildblue.net.

Thanks you,

Charlie

Arizona Corporation Commission

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