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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN THEREON AND TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Sets Procedural Conference)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 5, 2012, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEPSCO") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a rate decrease. Intervention was granted to Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC"), and Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MEC").

Following a hearing on the rate application, on October 25, 2013, the Commission issued Decision No. 74173. Among other things, Decision No. 74173 ordered the record in this case to be held open until April 30, 2014, for the limited purpose of allowing AEPSCO, after collaborating with the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff"), to file for Commission approval a proposed Environmental Compliance Adjustment Rider ("ECAR") and plan of administration fully addressing the technical points raised by Staff in the rate proceeding.

On April 30, 2014, AEPSCO filed in this docket an Application for Approval of the ECAR Plan of Administration and Tariff ("ECAR Application").

On May 7, 2015, following a procedural history detailed in prior Procedural Orders, a Procedural Order was issued setting the matter for hearing on August 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. and setting associated procedural deadlines, including the provision of notice of the ECAR Application

1 and hearing to the customers of AEPCO's Class A member distribution cooperatives ("Members").¹

2 On June 19, 2015, AEPCO filed the Direct Testimony of its witnesses Peter Scott and Joe
3 King.

4 On July 21, 2015, AEPCO filed its Affidavits of Publication and/or Mailing in conformance
5 with the requirements of the May 7, 2015 Procedural Order.

6 On July 24, 2015, Staff filed a Request for Procedural Conference ("Request"). Therein, Staff
7 stated that Staff's witness in this matter was called for jury duty and selected as a juror in a criminal
8 case in the Maricopa County Superior Court, and that the jury duty required her to be absent from her
9 employment for the better part of the past three weeks. Staff stated that while the jury service is now
10 complete, Staff's witness has been unable to prepare her testimony in this matter and has also
11 developed a backlog of her required tasks in many other matters assigned to her. Staff stated that the
12 extension of time it requests will necessarily delay the hearing in this matter and require rescheduling
13 of all deadlines in this case.²

14 Staff stated that AEPCO has agreed to the scheduling of a procedural conference for the
15 purpose of discussing Staff's requested modification of the procedural schedule in this proceeding.

16 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **Procedural Conference** in the above-captioned
17 matter is hereby scheduled to commence on **August 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as
18 practicable, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, **Hearing Room No. 1**,
19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007, for the purpose of discussing Staff's requested modification of the
20 procedural schedule in this proceeding.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
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23 ¹ Due to the possibility for significant rate increases to be passed on to the customers of AEPCO's Members through an
24 ECAR surcharge, Decision No. 74173 ordered AEPCO, if it chose to file an ECAR application, to provide notice of its
filing to the retail customers of its Members.

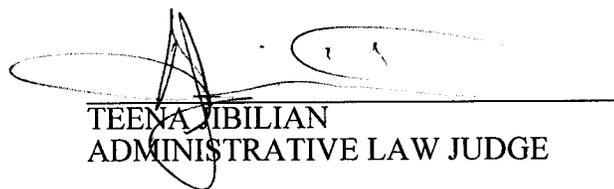
25 ² In its Request, Staff proposed the following modifications to the existing Procedural Schedule:

- 26 • Staff's direct testimony and associated exhibits – August 21, 2015
- 27 • Intervenors' direct testimony and associated exhibits – September 4, 2015
- 28 • AEPCO's rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits – September 17, 2015
- Pre-hearing conference – September 18, 2015
- Objections to pre-filed testimony or exhibits – September 18, 2015 (the Prehearing Conference)
- Hearing – September 29, 2015, with additional days of September 30 and October 1, 2015, if necessary.

1 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's
2 Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,
4 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
5 hearing.

6 DATED this 27th day of July, 2015.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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