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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ANNUAL)
NET METER TARIFF AVOIDED COST.)

DOCKET NO. E-01750A-15-0255
DECISION NO. 75277
ORDER

Open Meeting
September 8 and 9, 2015
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MEC") is certificated to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.
2. On July 9, 2015, MEC filed an application for approval to update the avoided cost that is contained in its Net Metering Service Tariff (Schedule NMS).
3. MEC's Net Metering Service Tariff was originally approved by the Commission in Decision No. 71461 (January 26, 2010) and most recently revised with updated avoided costs in Decision No. 74693 (August 12, 2014).
4. Net Metering allows electric utility customers to be compensated for generating their own energy from renewable resources, fuel cells, or Combined Heat and Power. If the customer's energy production exceeds the energy supplied by MEC during a billing period, the customer's bill for subsequent billing periods is credited for the excess generation. That is, the excess kilowatt-hours ("kWh") generated during the billing period is used to reduce the kWh billed by MEC during subsequent billing periods.
5. For the last billing period of the calendar year (or for a customer's final bill upon

1 discontinuance of service), MEC credits the customer for the balance of any remaining excess kWh.
2 The payment for the purchase of these excess kWh is at MEC's annual average avoided cost, which is
3 specified on the Net Metering Service Tariff. A.A.C. R14-2-2302(1) defines avoided cost as "the
4 incremental cost to an Electric Utility for electric energy or capacity or both which, but for the
5 purchase from the Net Metering facility, such utility would generate itself or purchase from another
6 source."

7 6. MEC's Net Metering Service Tariff provides for the annual average avoided cost to be
8 determined by the average wholesale fuel and energy cost per kWh charged by MEC's wholesale
9 power suppliers during the 12-month period. MEC is required to file its updated avoided cost
10 calculations with the Commission no later than July 15 of each year. This updated avoided cost, after
11 approval by the Commission, would become effective on December 1.

12 7. MEC's current approved avoided cost rate is \$0.03245 per kWh. MEC proposes that
13 the rate be decreased to \$0.02579 per kWh. Staff has reviewed MEC's purchased power costs that
14 resulted in the \$0.02579 per kWh rate and confirms that the proposed rate reflects MEC's avoided
15 cost.

16 Recommendations

17 8. Staff has recommended that MEC's avoided cost be approved at \$0.02579 per kWh,
18 effective December 1, 2015.

19 9. Staff has further recommended that MEC be required to file, with Docket Control, a
20 revised Net Metering Service Tariff (Schedule NMS) consistent with the Decision in this case within
21 15 days of the effective date of the Decision.

22 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

23 1. Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Arizona public service corporation within the
24 meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

25 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. and over the
26 subject matter of the application.

27 3. Approval of the updated Net Metering Service Schedule NMS does not constitute a
28 rate increase as contemplated by A.R.S. Section 40-250.

1 4. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff's Memorandum dated July
2 29, 2015, concludes that the updated Net Metering Service Tariff (Schedule NMS) should be approved
3 as discussed herein.

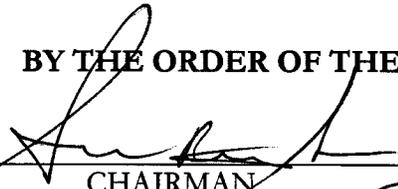
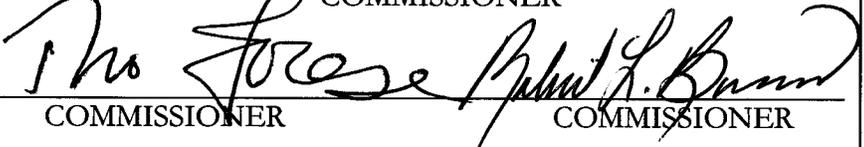
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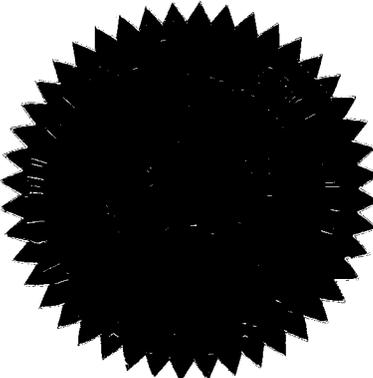
5 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s avoided cost is
6 approved at \$0.02579 per kWh, effective December 1, 2015.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall file, with Docket
8 Control, a revised Net Metering Service tariff consistent with this Decision within 15 days of the
9 effective date of the Decision.

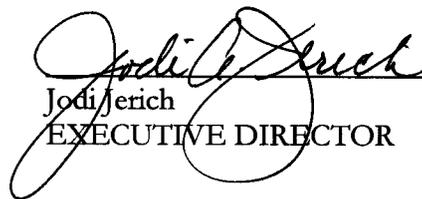
10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

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12 **BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

	
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17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Jodi Jerich Executive Director
18 of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set
19 my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be
20 affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 16th day
21 of Sept September, 2015.

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23 Jodi Jerich
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

25 DISSENT: _____

26 DISSENT: _____

27 TBM:JJP:nr\WVC

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