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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW NET-METERING TARIFF, THE PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S NET METERING RULES AND A REVISED AVOIDED COST RATE IN THE COMPANY'S EXISTING NET METERING TARIFF.

Arizona Corporation Commission  
 DOCKET NO. E-014617-15-0057  
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PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 26, 2015, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico" or "Company") filed an Application for Approval of Net Metering Tariffs and Partial Waiver of the Net Metering Rules.

On March 3, 2015, Trico filed a Notice of Waiver of any 30-day "time clock" that would apply to the Application.

A Procedural Conference convened on April 2, 2015 to discuss the timing of a hearing. At the April 2, 2015 Procedural Conference, the Administrative Law Judge agreed with the proposal of Commissioner Burns that the threshold question of whether the Application must be considered in the context of a rate case should be decided prior to incurring the time and expense of an evidentiary hearing.

By Procedural Order dated April 3, 2015, the parties were directed to file legal briefs on the issue by April 10, 2015, and informed that oral argument would be set at a date to be determined.

In an April 13, 2015 Commission Staff Open Meeting, the Commission directed the Hearing Division to schedule Response Briefs and a time for oral argument, and to prepare a Recommended Opinion on the issue(s) raised in the briefs for consideration by the Commission.

1 On April 14, 2015, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Request for  
2 Procedural Scheduling Order and Procedural Conference. Staff reported that the parties had agreed to  
3 file Response Briefs by April 30, 2015, and Staff requested a Procedural Conference to schedule oral  
4 argument.

5 By Procedural Order dated April 16, 2015, the parties were directed to file Response Briefs by  
6 April 30, 2015, and a Procedural Conference was set for April 27, 2015, to discuss a date for oral  
7 argument.  
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9 The Procedural Conference convened as scheduled on April 27, 2015. Appearing were Trico  
10 and Staff and the following intervenors: Tucson Electric Company ("TEP") and UNS Electric, Inc.  
11 ("UNSE"), the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MEC") and Navopahe  
12 Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NEC"), Kevin Koch, the Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association  
13 ("AriSEIA"), The Alliance for Solar Choice ("TASC"), Arizona Solar Deployment Alliance  
14 ("ASDA"), and the Solar Energy Industries Association ("SEIA"). In addition, at the time of the  
15 Procedural Conference, intervention requests were pending from Arizona Public Service Company  
16 ("APS") and Sulphur Springs Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC"), each of which was also present.  
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18 No party objected to intervention by APS and SSVEC, and their intervention requests were  
19 granted.

20 Various dates when the parties would be available for oral argument were discussed, with  
21 three possible dates working for all parties—May 14, 18, and 22, 2015. In addition, although there  
22 was overlap in some of the interested parties and in the issues raised by Trico's Application, and the  
23 parties and issues raised by TEP and APS in other dockets,<sup>1</sup> each company's request will be  
24 considered on its own merits, based on the circumstances of each entity and the specifics of the  
25 requests, with the result that oral argument in the Trico matter, can be scheduled separately from that  
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28 <sup>1</sup> See Docket No. E-01933A-15-0100 (TEP) and E-01345A-13-0248 (APS).

1 to be set in the other dockets. The date for oral argument in this docket takes into consideration the  
2 parties' involvement in these other dockets.

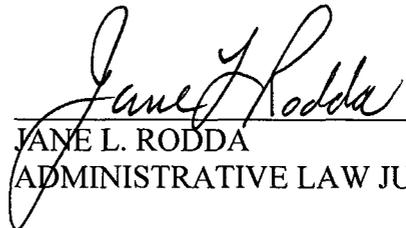
3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **oral argument** on the issue of whether any portion of  
4 Trico's Application must be considered in a rate case will commence on **May 18, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**  
5 or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, **Room 222, 400 West**  
6 **Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701.**

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8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **APS' and SSVEC's** requests for **intervention** are  
9 **granted.**

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized  
11 Communications) continues to apply to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the  
12 Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

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

15 DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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