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1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., Docket No. E-01461A-15-0057
Public Comment

Dear Chairman Bitter Smith and Commissioners:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment on behalf of the Residential Utility Consumer Office (RUCO) in the matter of the application of Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. for approval of a new net metering tariff. I believe this letter is timely as the Commission is about to consider a procedural schedule in the Trico matter. I acknowledge that by statute RUCO has no standing in cases that involve co-ops. However, it is also evident to RUCO that any potential decision made in establishing a new net-metering tariff for Trico could have much larger implications beyond just the Trico decision.

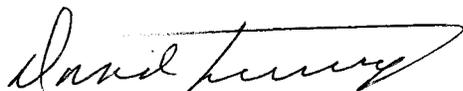
This is the first application to change the Commission's approach to net metering since the APS decision in 2013. If the Commission moves forward and makes a decision on Trico before the Commission's decision on similar applications currently filed by Tucson Electric Power and UNS Electric, then the Commission could be setting a precedent without having the benefit of hearing from all of the potential parties affected, including RUCO.

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It is RUCO's statutory responsibility to protect the residential utility consumers of this state. We see it as our duty to make sure that any new Commission policy on net metering receive a comprehensive vetting as to how the new policy will affect the ratepayer. Because the decision in the Trico case could have more widespread application that goes far beyond the co-op case, we suggest that the Trico decision be made in conjunction with or after other similar applications have moved forward where RUCO does have standing.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to voice our perspective as the Commission considers this important issue. I look forward to working with you as we continue to work for the best interests of ratepayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Tenney".

David Tenney
Director

cc: Jane Rodda, Administrative Law Judge
All Parties of Record