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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO AMEND ITS
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN
OF ITS ASSETS TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD.

DOCKET NO. E-01749A-09-0185

STAFF'S NOTICE OF FILING

Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") files the attached proposed notice to inform customers and interested parties of the recent application filed by Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Graham County" or "Company") to delete certain territory from its CC&N and transfer certain assets and customers to the City of Safford. The notice was originally contained in Graham County's application filed on October 1, 2015. As requested at the procedural conference on this matter, Graham County has revised the notice attached to its October application to incorporate revisions to address the concerns of the ALJ. Staff has also reviewed the notice and its proposed revisions are also incorporated.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of October 2015.

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NOTICE OF TRANSFER

**ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDER CHANGE FROM
GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD**

November 1, 2015

Dear Customer,

On December 19, 2008, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") – your electric service provider – and the City of Safford ("City") entered into a Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA"). The TSA involves the transfer of certain electric service territory, including the area where you currently receive or may receive electric service, and the right to supply electricity to that area from GCEC to the City. On April 17, 2009, GCEC filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") concerning the TSA. GCEC also sent a notice letter to you or the current resident at that time and published a notice in the Eastern Arizona Courier regarding the application with the Commission on September 23, 2009. The Commission issued Decision No. 71471 on January 26, 2010 approving the TSA and requiring GCEC to file another application in 2015 in order to obtain Commission approval for the completion of the transfer of the service territory and assets from GCEC to the City.

On October 1, 2015, GCEC filed the application required by the Commission in Decision No. 71471. GCEC's October 1 application requests that the Commission (1) amend GCEC's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to reflect the above-referenced change in service territory, (2) authorize GCEC to transfer to the City all distribution assets used to serve the territory and (3) allow GCEC to share any necessary customer information with the City in connection with the transfer of the service territory.

As required by the TSA and subject to Commission approval, GCEC will begin to transfer service territory to the City of Safford for your service location on or after January 1, 2016. Please be aware there may be some intermittent loss of power during the transfer but that should only be temporary. Your final bill with GCEC will be mailed to you after the transfer is complete. All future electric utility bills will then be sent to you from the City of Safford. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this transfer or your final bill. The contact information for the City of Safford is also listed below. It has been our pleasure to be your electric utility service provider.

You may participate in the Commission proceeding by filing written comments which reference Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185. You may also appear at the hearing which the Commission has scheduled for November 16, 2015 on this matter and offer public comment. Or, you may participate as a party by intervening in the proceeding. To participate as a party you will need to file a notice of intervention prior to the hearing. If you participate as a party, you will have the right to present a witness and to cross-examine the witnesses of other parties. As a party, you will also be placed on the service list in the docket. If you would like to receive filings that are made in the docket, you can file a letter with the Hearing Division asking to be placed on the service list. Or, you may go to the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) to the E-Docket function and enter the docket number to obtain recent filings that are made in the case. After the hearing on this matter, the ALJ will issue a Recommended Opinion and Order ("ROO"). The Commission will consider the ROO at an Open Meeting in December, 2015. Notice of the Open Meeting can be obtained on the Commission's website.

The hearing will be held on November 16, 2015 at the Commission's Offices in Tucson, Arizona located at 400 West Congress, 2nd Floor. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room on the second floor. If you have any questions you may call Graham County Electric Cooperative at 928-485-2451 or the Commission's Consumer Services Division at 602-542-4251.

Sincerely,

Graham County Electric Cooperative
928-485-2451

City of Safford Contact Info:
Julie Bryce
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