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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S
INVESTIGATION OF VALUE AND COST OF
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION.

DOCKET NO. E-00000J-14-0023

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Sets Procedural Conference Regarding
Evidentiary Hearing)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 3, 2013, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 74202 in Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248. As part of that Decision, the Commission ordered that a generic docket be opened on net metering ("NM") issues, and that workshops would be held with all stakeholders to help inform future Commission policy on the value that distributed generation ("DG") installations bring to the grid.¹ The Commission further ordered that:

[T]he workshops shall investigate the currently non-monetized benefits of DG with the goal of developing a methodology for assigning DG values, because the NM cost-shift issue will be faced by all Arizona electric utilities as the penetration level of DG increases in each of the companies' individual service territories. The workshops shall be based upon the Commission's determination of the presence of a cost shift from DG customers to non DG residential customers, and shall provide for the Commission's future full consideration of the net metering cost shift issue, the development of a method(s) by which the value of DG can be considered in balancing the public interest, and the evaluation of the role and value of the electric grid as it relates to rooftop solar, other forms of distributed generation, and customer-sited technology generally. In a future Commission/Staff Open Meeting the Commission may give Staff further direction on the content and process of the workshops.

Decision No. 74202 at 30.

On January 24, 2014, the Commission opened the above captioned generic docket.

On January 27, 2014, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a memorandum in this docket. In that filing, Staff listed categories of DG values and costs, and requested that interested parties provide written comments as to their relevance and significance. Staff also solicited

¹ Decision No. 74202 at 30.

1 recommendations on other DG-related issues that should be considered in this docket, and solicited
2 substantive comments regarding the process and methodology for assigning monetary values to DG
3 costs and values.

4 The following entities have filed comments: First Solar; Arizona Public Service Company
5 (“APS”); The Alliance for Solar Choice (“TASC”); Natural Power and Energy; Tucson Electric Power
6 Company; UNS Electric, Inc.; the Residential Utility Consumer Office; Southwestern Power Group II,
7 LLC; Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association; The Vote Solar Initiative; Western
8 Resource Advocates; Solar Energy Industries Association; Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc.;
9 Edison Electric Institute; Clean Power Arizona; Crossborder Energy; Freeport-McMoran Copper &
10 Gold, Inc. (“Freeport-McMoran”); Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition (“AECC”); Terry
11 Finefrock; Natural Resources Defense Council; SolarCity Corporation; Sunrun, Inc.; Patti Howard;
12 Arizona Solar Deployment Alliance (“ASDA”); Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association; and the
13 Arizona Municipal Power Users’ Association.

14 Letters to the docket have been filed by Commissioners Bob Stump and Susan Bitter Smith.

15 Parties granted intervention in this docket include TASC, Clean Power Arizona,² Freeport-
16 McMoran, and AECC.

17 On May 7, and June 20, 2014, workshops were held in this docket as Special Open Meetings
18 of the Commission.

19 On October 20, 2014, at its regularly scheduled Open Meeting, in considering Docket No. E-
20 01345A-13-0248, the Commission ordered that an evidentiary hearing on cost of service issues related
21 to APS’s provision of service to DG and non-DG customers, and the value and cost of DG be held in
22 this generic docket.

23 On October 23, 2015, ASDA filed its Application for Leave to Intervene.

24 A procedural conference should be scheduled for the purpose of allowing interested parties to
25 discuss procedural matters related to the evidentiary hearing ordered in this docket. Attendees should
26 be prepared to discuss appropriate public notice of this docket, the evidence that should be provided,
27 sponsoring witnesses, timeframes for the provision of documentation in preparation for the evidentiary

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² Dillon Holmes has been authorized to represent Clean Power Arizona pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31(d)(28).

1 proceeding, and appropriate means for making the evidentiary record produced through this generic
2 hearing process available to specific ratemaking proceedings.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **procedural conference** in the above-captioned matter
4 is hereby scheduled to commence on **November 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as
5 practicable, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, **Hearing Room No. 1**,
6 Phoenix, Arizona 85007, for the purpose of allowing interested parties to discuss procedural matters
7 related to the evidentiary hearing ordered in this docket. Attendees shall be prepared to discuss
8 appropriate public notice of this docket, the evidence that should be provided, sponsoring witnesses,
9 timeframes for the provision of documentation in preparation for the evidentiary proceeding, and
10 appropriate means for making the evidentiary record produced through this generic hearing process
11 available to specific ratemaking proceedings.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
13 31, 38, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

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

17 DATED this 28th day of October, 2015.

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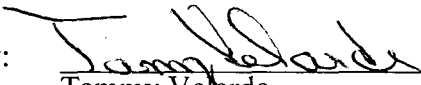
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