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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

SUSAN BITTER SMITH  
Chairman  
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Commissioner  
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Commissioner  
DOUG LITTLE  
Commissioner  
TOM FORESE  
Commissioner

Arizona Corporation Commission  
**DOCKETED**  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF COLUMBUS ELECTRIC )  
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN INCREASE )  
IN RATES AND FOR OTHER RELATED )  
APPROVALS. )

DOCKET NO. E-01851A-13-0252  
DECISION NO. 75307  
ORDER

Open Meeting  
October 20 and 21, 2015  
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CEC" or "Company") is certificated to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona

**Background**

2. On December 17, 2014, Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed as a Notice of Compliance to Decision No. 74390 (March 19, 2014) its Rules and Regulations for Staff review and Commission approval.

3. In the Company's last general rate case, Staff determined that CEC primarily relied on the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") for the rules relating to the provision of electric service. Staff recommended that CEC adopt formal rules and regulations and file them with the Commission by December 31, 2014. Staff stated that formal rules and regulations would allow Arizona consumers the ability to access a single comprehensive document that provides the guidelines for the provision of electric service.

1           4.       CEC is a non-profit rural electric cooperative headquartered in Deming, New Mexico.  
2 The Cooperative provides electric service to a total of 5,063 consumers, of which 4,580 are located in  
3 New Mexico (90 percent) and 483 (10 percent) are located in Cochise County, Arizona.

4           5.       Staff reviewed the Commission’s Consumer Service records for the period of  
5 November 1, 2013, through September 9, 2015, and found only one complaint.

6 **Analysis**

7           6.       Staff has reviewed the proposed Rules and Regulations by CEC dated December 1,  
8 2014. Staff has found that the proposed Rules and Regulations adhere to the A.A.C. and are in line  
9 with other Rules and Regulations on file from Arizona electric cooperatives.

10          7.       Given the Company’s relatively low number of complaints, Staff believes the proposed  
11 Rules and Regulations will move to strengthen CEC’s existing customer relationships and provide  
12 valuable information in an easily accessible media form.

13 **Recommendations**

14          8.       Staff has recommended that the proposed Rules and Regulations be approved with the  
15 inclusion of a correction to a minor typographical error found on page 16, line 5. The definition  
16 should be corrected to read “Arizona Corporation Commission”.

17 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

18          1.       Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Arizona public service corporation within  
19 the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

20          2.       The Commission has jurisdiction over Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. and over  
21 the subject matter of the application.

22          3.       The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff’s Memorandum dated  
23 October 6, 2015, concludes that Columbus Electric Cooperative’s Rules and Regulations should be  
24 approved as discussed herein.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed Rules and Regulations are approved as discussed herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall file, with Docket Control, a revised Rules and Regulations consistent with the Decision in this matter within 15 days of the effective date of the Decision.

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

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

	
CHAIRMAN	COMMISSIONER
	
COMMISSIONER	COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
JODI JERICH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DISSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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