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Company: Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. **Division:** Electric

Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-01461A-15-0363 **Docket Position:** Against

TRICO wants a 2.49% increase in total revenues, but they are proposing a 33.33% increase in the Net Metering Tariff. Using the average residential usage figures and the proposed 1.68% increase to the residential energy rate given in their summary, this would amount to an overall 5.28% increase in the average residential customer's bill, more than double the proposed percentage increase in their total revenues.

Even if the requested increase in total revenues is appropriate, it is not right that the average residential customer pay a disproportionate share. This proposal is even worse because the bulk of the increase is in the fixed monthly cost for the Net Metering Tariff, which means that those residential customers with lower utility bills will bear the largest percentage share of the increase. I have no information about whether or not TRICO is in real need of an increase in total revenues, but I completely disagree that residential customers, particularly lower income customers, should pay more than their fair share of any such increase. Any increase of the Net Metering Tariff and/or the energy rate should be more in line, percentage wise, with the appropriate percent increase (if any) in total revenues.

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Company: Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. **Division:** Electric

Nature Of Opinion

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My objection to this increase is not so much to the 2.49% overall amount but to the \$5 per month increase to the New Metering Tariff. This shifts the revenue structure for electricity from heavy users to others and disincentivizes those trying to save on power use, whether for the benefit of the environment or of their own wallets.

As someone who is away for the hottest months when power bills for air conditioning are typically highest, the new Net Metering Tariffs have raised my bills during those months from a few dollars (mainly to keep my drip irrigation and home security systems functioning) to over \$20 per month: About a 500% increase. About half the population of my neighborhood is similarly affected.

I feel strongly that people should pay more when they use more, in a direct and clear relationship. This is not only fair but provides the maximum incentive to conserve which is a positive thing.

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Nature Of Opinion

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This charge is not based on useage but just because we are a customer. Many people are part time residents and this is not fair to them. Charges should be based on useage to be fair to all customers.

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