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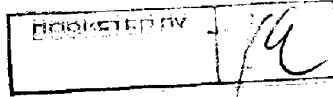
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S
INVESTIGATION OF VALUE AND COST OF
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION.

DOCKET NO. E-00000J-14-0023

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Grants Request to Extend Briefing
Schedule)

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 be held with all stakeholders to help inform future Commission policy on the value that distributed generation (“DG”) installations bring to the grid.¹ As a result, this docket was opened.

On October 20, 2015, at its regularly scheduled Open Meeting, in the course of considering Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248,² the Commission ordered that an evidentiary hearing be held in this generic docket to include, in addition to the value and cost of DG, cost of service issues related to Arizona Public Service Company’s (“APS’s”) provision of service to DG and non-DG customers.

Parties to this case include: The Alliance for Solar Choice (“TASC”), Clean Power Arizona, Freeport Minerals Corporation (“Freeport Minerals”), Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition (“AECC”), Arizona Solar Deployment Alliance (“ASDA”), Vote Solar, Arizona Utility Ratepayer Alliance (“AURA”), Arizona Investment Council (“AIC”), the Residential Utility Consumer Office (“RUCO”), Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (“GCSECA”), Arizona Competitive Power Alliance (“ACPA”), Western Resource Advocates (“WRA”), Ajo Improvement Company (“Ajo”), Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“AEPKO”), APS, Columbus Electric

¹ Decision No. 74202 at 30.

² In the matter of the application of Arizona Public Service Company for approval of net metering cost shift solution. The Commission closed Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248 by Decision No. 75290 (October 27, 2015).

1 Cooperative, Inc. ("CEC"), Dixie-Escalante Rural Electric Association, Inc. ("Dixie-Excalante"),
2 Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("DVEC"), Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Garkane"),
3 Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC"), Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MEC"),
4 Morenci Water and Electric Company ("MWE"), Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NEC"),
5 Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC"), Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.
6 ("Trico"), Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP"), UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNSE"), Patricia Ferré,
7 Nancy Baer, Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association ("ARISEIA"), Local Unions 387, 1116 and
8 769 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO ("IBEW"), Lewis M. Levenson,
9 Susan Pitcairn, Richard Pitcairn, and the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff").

10 Numerous public comments have been filed.

11 The hearing on this matter commenced on April 18, 2016, and after a hiatus to allow further
12 discovery of information deemed confidential by APS, TEP and UNSE, concluded on June 13, 2016.

13 By Procedural Order issued May 23, 2016, a schedule was set for the oral testimony by TEP
14 and UNSE's witness on its responses to Staff's second set of data requests and for the oral testimony
15 of APS's witness on its responses to Staff's third set of data requests, and for responsive testimony
16 thereto by other parties. The Procedural Order also set deadlines of June 20 and July 8, 2016 for filing
17 Initial Closing Briefs and Reply Closing Briefs, respectively.

18 On June 8, 2016, a witness for APS testified regarding APS's responses to Staff's third set of
19 data requests, and pursuant to Staff's request, certain exhibits related to those data responses were
20 admitted to the record of this proceeding.

21 On June 9, 2016, a witness for RUCO provided oral responsive testimony.

22 On June 9, 2016, a witness for TEP and UNSE testified regarding APS's responses to Staff's
23 third set of data requests, and pursuant to Staff's request, certain exhibits related to those data responses
24 were admitted to the record of this proceeding.

25 On June 13, 2016, Vote Solar filed the Supplemental Responsive Testimony of Briana Kobor.

26 On June 13, 2016, witnesses for Staff provided oral responsive testimony and pursuant to Staff's
27 request, certain exhibits related to TEP and UNSE's responses to Staff's second set of data requests
28 and to APS's responses to Staff's third set of data requests were admitted to the record of this

1 proceeding.

2 On June 13, 2016, at the close of the hearing, the June 13, 2016 deadline for the filing of written
3 responses set by the May 23, 2016 Procedural Order was extended to June 22, 2016. In addition, the
4 deadlines for filing Initial Closing Briefs and Reply Closing Briefs were extended to June 30 and July
5 8, 2016, respectively.

6 On June 20, 2016, IBEW filed its Initial Closing Brief.

7 On June 22, 2016, RUCO filed responsive Comments to the testimony provided at hearing on
8 June 8, 9, and 13, 2016.

9 On June 22, 2016, TASC filed the Supplemental Testimony of R. Thomas Beach in response
10 to the testimony provided at hearing on June 8, 9, and 13, 2016.

11 On June 23, 2016, APS, TEP, UNSE and Staff filed a Joint Request for Extension of Briefing
12 Schedule, requesting an extension of the current briefing deadlines for filing Initial Closing Briefs and
13 Reply Closing Briefs of June 30 and July 8, 2016, respectively, to July 7 and July 25, 2016. The Joint
14 Request states that APS solicited input from all parties prior to filing the Joint Request, and the parties
15 who responded, with the exception of Vote Solar, agreed to APS's proposed extension dates.

16 The Joint Request indicates that Vote Solar has requested that the proposed July 25, 2016
17 deadline for the Reply Closing Brief be extended to July 29, 2016 instead, due to counsel's timing
18 conflict with another matter. The Joint Request alternatively proposes that if the Reply Closing Brief
19 deadline is extended as requested by Vote Solar, the Initial Closing Brief deadline also be extended by
20 four days.

21 The Joint Request's alternative proposed extension of the briefing schedule is reasonable and
22 should be granted.

23 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the current deadlines of June 30 and July 8, 2016 for filing
24 Initial Closing Briefs and Reply Closing Briefs, respectively, are hereby extended to July 11 and July
25 29, 2016.


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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or
2 waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at a
3 hearing.

4 DATED this 27th day of June, 2016.

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