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Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: E-01461A-15-0363

Docket Position: Against

I have been a TRICO customer for the last 12 years. The renewable grid-connected power generation business seems to have increased by leaps and bounds during that time. I wholeheartedly support individual customers' rights to generate power and connect to the grid, and appreciate that TRICO also supports this. However, as a customer that has not installed grid-connected generation equipment at my home, it seems unreasonable that I should incur additional cost each month to subsidize grid-connected customers who are not paying an equal share of fixed costs. Since those customers utilize the same utility infrastructure that I do, to both buy AND SELL power, it is fair and reasonable to expect them to pay for maintaining and augmenting infrastructure just as I do. In short, self-generating customers should be entitled to interconnect to the grid per TRICO requirements, but it should not be at the expense of other customers who are not grid-connected. It also seems reasonable to me that grid-connected customers should be paid for surplus power they generate at the same rate that TRICO pays to purchase power from other sources. Individual customers do not have the same cost structure for selling power back as the utility has for providing it. The rate for purchasing power from a utility vs. selling power back does not appear to be apples to apples. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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