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

DOCKET NO. E-00000J-14-0023

PROCEDURAL ORDER

9 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

10 On December 3, 2013, the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) issued Decision
11 No. 74202 in Docket No. E-01345A-13-0248. As part of that Decision, the Commission ordered that
12 a generic docket be opened on net metering (“NM”) issues, and that workshops be held with all
13 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.

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

19 Parties to this case include: The Alliance for Solar Choice (“TASC”), Clean Power Arizona,
20 Freeport Minerals Corporation (“Freeport Minerals”), Arizonans for Electric Choice and Competition
21 (“AECC”), Arizona Solar Deployment Alliance (“ASDA”), Vote Solar, Arizona Utility Ratepayer
22 Alliance (“AURA”), Arizona Investment Council (“AIC”), the Residential Utility Consumer Office
23 (“RUCO”), Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (“GCSECA”), Arizona
24 Competitive Power Alliance (“ACPA”), Western Resource Advocates (“WRA”), Ajo Improvement
25 Company (“Ajo”), Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“AEPCO”), APS, Columbus Electric
26 Cooperative, Inc. (“CEC”), Dixie-Escalante Rural Electric Association, Inc. (“Dixie-Excalante”),

27 ¹ Decision No. 74202 at 30.

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

9 Numerous public comments have been filed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 On June 27, 2016, by Procedural Order, the Joint Request for Extension of Briefing Schedule
16 was granted.

17 On July 6, 2016, Staff filed a Notice of Settlement Discussions.

18 On July 8, 2016, Staff filed a Request for Extension of Time, seeking an extension from July
19 11, 2016 until July 20, 2016 to file Initial Closing Briefs. Staff cited the press of other matters as the
20 basis for needing the requested extension and indicated that it does not oppose a similar extension being
21 granted for the other parties. Staff stated that it was not seeking an extension of the reply brief deadline.
22 Staff counsel verbally informed the Hearing Division that it had served the other parties via email with
23 its extension request, but did not indicate in its written request, or verbally, whether any other party
24 had expressed opposition to the request.

25 Given that Staff's request was not filed until late in the afternoon on July 8, 2016, and the initial
26 briefs are currently due today, sufficient time has not passed for other parties to agree to or oppose
27 Staff's filing. Staff's Request for Extension of Time will be granted; however, in order to allow parties
28 adequate time to prepare reply briefs, the deadline for those briefs will be extended for one week as

1 well.

2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **the current deadline of July 11, 2016 for filing Initial**
3 **Closing Briefs is hereby extended to July 20, 2016.**

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the current deadline of July 29, 2016 for filing Reply**
5 **Briefs is hereby extended to August 5, 2016.**

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

9 DATED this 11th day of July, 2016.

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