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Company: Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. Division: Electric

Nature Of Opinion

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

Hi, AZCC: Please DENY Trico's requested rate increases. Arizona should be doing more to encourage and promote the use of solar energy -- installations create decent-paying jobs (not minimum wage McJobs), more solar energy in the grid means less reliance on energy derived from pollution-generating sources, and more installations out "in the wild" means less need to build more generation stations, saving money in the long run. I have included more detail below. Thank you for your consideration, Les in Tucson The ACC should not approve Trico's proposed changes to rooftop solar, nor should they approve the huge increases in fixed fees such as the monthly customer charge increase and the proposed 'demand charge.' Too many Arizonans are low-/ no/ fixed income, and already have to choose between paying utilities or other bills. Increased fees will force more people into hardship. Residential rooftop solar is only about one percent of our state's electricity. We need more solar, not less! Trico's proposed changes would result in a precipitous drop in new installations of rooftop solar, as has been demonstrated in Nevada and some parts of the Phoenix metro region (SRP territory). Demand charges are unfair and very difficult for residential customers to control. Instead, volumetric charges should be emphasized, to reward those who conserve energy and allow customers to easily control their electric bills.

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