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8 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF TRICO ELECTRIC 9 COOPERATIVE, INC. AND TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AN 10

ORDER APPROVING A BORDERLINE

AGREEMENT 11

DOCKET NOS. E-01461A-17-0121 E-01933A-17-0121 DECISION NO.

ORDER

Open Meeting

July 11 and 12, 2017

Phoenix, Arizona 14

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") and Tucson Electric Power Company 1. ("TEP") are certificated to provide electric service within portions of Arizona, pursuant to authority granted by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission").

Background

- Trico is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative that provides service within portions of Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona. TEP is an electric public service corporation that provides generation, transmission, and distribution service within portions of Pima County, Arizona.
- 3. On May 3, 2017, Trico and TEP filed a joint application requesting approval of a borderline agreement for Trico to provide electric service to residential customers, Mr. Daniel Nieves-Gonzalez and Ms. Christine Fuentes-Feliciano (collectively "Customer"), located at 3755 E. Wetstones Road, Vail, Arizona 85641 in Pima County ("Property").

Application

- 4. The Property is located within TEP's service territory. Although located in TEP's service territory, with TEP facilities located approximately 600 feet from the Property, the cost for TEP to provide a line extension to the Property is estimated to be in excess of \$2,000. The cost for Trico to extend facilities to the Property, with facilities Trico facilities located approximately 15-20 feet from the Property, is estimated to be \$0.
- 5. Trico is willing to provide electric service to the Property subject to: 1) Customer executing an application for service; 2) Customer paying any and all costs for the line extension or upgrade of Trico's existing facilities necessary to enable Trico to provide the requested service; 3) Customer securing any and all easements and permits associated with Trico's provision of such service; and 4) Customer paying all applicable deposits, fees, rates and charges associated with the requested class of service approved by the Commission for Trico's retail customers.
- 6. In the event Trico intends to permanently cease providing service to the Property, Trico will: 1) provide TEP and the Customer written notice of not less than 90 calendar days prior to ceasing service to the Customer; and 2) coordinate with TEP for the exchange of service at no cost to TEP and the Customer. However, in the event that TEP determines it is economically feasible for TEP to provide electric service to the Property, TEP will: 1) provide Trico and the Customer written notice of not less than 90 calendar days prior to the intended date of TEP providing service to the Property, and 2) coordinate with Trico for the exchange of service, including transferring any facilities paid for by Trico and dedicated to providing service exclusively to the Property, at no cost to Trico or the Customer.

Staff Analysis and Recommendations

- 7. Staff believes that the borderline agreement between Trico and TEP is a reasonable solution to allow extension of electric service to the Property and is in the public interest. Therefore, Staff has recommended approval of the borderline agreement between Trico and TEP as described.
- 8. In addition, Staff has recommended that TEP be required to notify the Commission prior to exercising its right to provide service to the Property.

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