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NEW APPLICATION

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

NICK MYERS, Chair
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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION
 FOR A STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR MULTI-
 PARTY AGREEMENTS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE
 TO LARGE-LOAD CUSTOMERS SUBMITTED BY
 ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE,
 INC., DUNCAN VALLEY ELECTRIC
 COOPERATIVE, INC., GRAHAM COUNTY
 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MOHAVE
 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. SULPHUR
 SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
 INC., AND TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
 INC.

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JOINT APPLICATION

This Joint Application seeks Commission approval of a standardized, streamlined process for Commission evaluation and approval of multi-party electric energy service agreements involving large-load customers. The Applicants are Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEPCO") and its five Arizona Class A Members (the "Distribution Cooperative"): Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.

In support of their Joint Application, AEPCO and the Distribution Cooperatives (collectively, the "Cooperatives" or "Applicants") state as follows:

1 1. AEPCO is an Arizona not-for-profit electric generation and transmission
2 cooperative that supplies, at wholesale, all or most of the power and energy requirements of the
3 Distribution Cooperatives.

4 2. The Distribution Cooperatives are Arizona member-owned electric distribution
5 cooperatives engaged in the distribution of electricity to their members, at retail, who are located
6 within their respective service territories in rural Arizona, specifically portions of Greenlee,
7 Graham, Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino, Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz Counties.

8 3. The Applicants are currently receiving inquiries from large-load customers who
9 are investigating options to locate or expand their operations in rural Arizona. These customers
10 span a variety of industries, including industrial, manufacturing, greenhouses, and data center
11 developers.

12 4. In response to current inquiries and in anticipation that more inquiries will follow,
13 the Cooperatives are coordinating efforts to ensure they are prepared to provide safe, reliable,
14 and affordable electric service to these businesses in a way that will promote local investment
15 and protect the affordability and reliability of service for existing retail members.

16 5. The anticipated load requirements and/or transmission needs of these businesses
17 will necessitate multi-party agreements between AEPCO (the wholesale provider), the
18 Distribution Cooperative (the retail provider), and the retail customer, which agreements will be
19 contingent upon Commission approval.

20 6. In the course of their discussions, the Applicants have identified a need for
21 additional detail and regulatory certainty regarding the Commission's approval process, as well
22 as clarification of anticipated timelines, which will be especially helpful to the Cooperatives in
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1 communicating with potential customers. Additionally, the proposal described below will
2 improve the process for both the Cooperatives and Commission's Utilities Division Staff
3 ("Staff") by clarifying the information that Staff will need in order to analyze the multi-party
4 agreements.

5 7. The Cooperatives – in consultation with Staff – have developed the following
6 process proposal:

- 7 a. Shortly after the execution of a Board-approved, multi-party agreement,
8 AEPCO and the Distribution Cooperative will file an application seeking
9 Commission approval, which application will include, if applicable, the
10 following information and documents:
- 11 i. Identity and nature of the customer's business, including any benefits
12 that the customer anticipates bringing to the local community;
 - 13 ii. Description and copy of the agreement (redacted, if necessary),
14 including the duration, any elements that differ from the Distribution
15 Cooperative's standard tariff (including rates and any unique billing or
16 payment arrangements), and how various future contingencies are
17 addressed (such as demand in excess of planned load, unavailability of
18 self-generation facilities, if any, and customer default);
 - 19 iii. Whether the customer will cover any of the planned load via self-
20 generation (such as solar and/or storage);
 - 21 iv. Whether the load will be interruptible / curtailable;
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- v. Whether new facilities will need to be constructed and, if so, the approximate cost and funding arrangements for the same (including timing of payment and any customer guarantees);
- vi. Interconnection information;
- vii. The location of the customer within the Distribution Cooperative's service territory (and if not located in the service territory, confirmation that a borderline agreement has been approved or is currently pending before the Commission in a separate docket); and
- viii. Any additional information that may be unique to the application.

b. Staff will use best efforts to review and file a memo and proposed order within 90 days of the application, which will address whether the following criteria are met:

- i. The agreement is in the public interest;
- ii. The rates to be charged are reasonable; and
- iii. The agreement will not result in any other customer class of either AEPCO or the Distribution Cooperative subsidizing the commercial activities of the customer.

c. Additionally, Staff's proposed order will confirm that approval of the agreement does not guarantee any future ratemaking treatment for the agreement.

WHEREFORE, having fully stated their Application, the Cooperatives request that the Commission enter its Order approving the streamlined process described herein.

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