PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON TRICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND PROERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES FOR UTILITY SERVICE AND FOR RELATED APPROVALS

(DOCKET NO. E-01461A-24-0244)

Summary

On November 7, 2024, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico" or "Company") filed an Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in annual revenues by \$8,383,173, or approximately 6.79% over adjusted test year revenues of \$123,547,225. The Application uses a test year ending December 31, 2023. The Application also requests related approvals.

Rate Design

Trico is proposing to modify its rate design in three primary ways. First, Trico is proposing to eliminate its existing Residential inclining block rates. Second, Trico is proposing to raise the monthly customer charges for all customer classes. Third, Trico is proposing adjustments to the revenue recovery from each customer class to better match the actual cost of service for the class.

Bill Impacts

The *average* residential Trico member (based on monthly usage of 935 kWh) currently has an average monthly bill of \$139.79. Under the rates as proposed by the Company, the monthly average bill for this member will increase by \$9.97 per month (or approximately 7.11%) to \$149.73.

NOTE: A CUSTOMER'S BILL DEPENDS ON THE MONTHLY ELECTRICITY USAGE. CUSTOMERS USING LESS OR MORE THAN THE AVERAGE WOULD EXPERIENCE A SMALLER OR LARGER INCREASE.

Additional Requests

Trico is also seeking approval of: (1) modifications to its Rules, Regulations, and Line Extension Policy, (2) revisions to its commercial net metering tariffs, (3) elimination of its REST and EE/DSM surcharges and the inclusion of the costs of existing REST and EE/DSM programs and legal obligations in base rates, and (4) increases in certain service charges.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the Application and has not yet made recommendations regarding Trico's request. The Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this proceeding.

THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS OF TRICO, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS. THE COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE RELIEF TO BE GRANTED IN RESPONSE TO TRICO'S APPLICATION BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THIS MATTER. THE FINAL RATES APPROVED

BY THE COMMISSION MAY BE HIGHER, LOWER, OR DIFFERENT THAN THE RATES PROPOSED BY TRICO OR BY OTHER PARTIES.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

A copy of the application is available on the Trico website at https://www.trico.coop/2024-rate-proposal/ and in the lobby of the Trico Offices located at 8600 West Tangerine Rd, Marana, AZ 85658. Copies of the Application also are available at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, and the Commission's office at 400 West Congress Street, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, during regular business hours; and on the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function and the Docket Number shown above.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **September 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

Public Comment Opportunities

The Commission will take public comment on these matters at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701, as follows:

- At the start of the public hearing on **September 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**
- On August 27, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., or when the last speaker concludes, whichever occurs later.

During public comment meetings at the Commissions' offices in Tucson, **both telephonic and in-person** public comment may be provided. To provide **telephonic** public comments, call 1-877-309-3457 and enter passcode 24601833204##.

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. E-01461A-24-0244** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by submitting comments on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking on "Divisions" then "Hearing" and "eFiling Services" and clicking on "Make a Public Comment in a Docket." If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000.

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket unless you sign up to Follow the Docket. However, all documents filed in this docket are available online (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function. Information on how to Follow a Docket is available on the Commission's website by clicking on "Cases and Open Meetings" and "Follow a Docket or Document Type."

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested persons may intervene. An interested person may be granted intervention if the outcome of the case will directly and substantially impact the person, and the person's intervention will not unduly broaden the issues in the case. Intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other parties' witnesses. Intervention is not required for you to appear at the hearing and provide public comment, to file written comments in the docket for the case, or to receive emailed notice of each filing made in the case by following the docket.

Information about what intervention means, including an explanation of the rights and responsibilities of an intervenor, is available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking on "Cases and Open Meetings" and then clicking on "Intervene in a Case." The information includes a Sample Intervention Request and a Fillable Intervention Request Form.

To request intervention, you must file a written request to intervene, either (a) by a filing a hard copy request (meeting filing requirements) with Docket Control (Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007), or (b) by <u>eFiling</u> the request. Your request **must be filed or eFiled no later than February 21, 2025.** Instructions and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission's website at http://azcc.gov/hearing/efile-for-utilities-instruction. You also **must** serve a copy of the request to intervene on each party of record, on the same day that you file the request to intervene with the Commission.

Your request to intervene **must** contain the information below:

- 1. Your name, address, and telephone number;
- 2. The docket number for the case in which you are requesting to intervene;
- 3. A short statement explaining:
 - a. Your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the regulated company involved, a property owner in an area to be affected by the case, etc.),
 - b. How you will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case, and
 - c. Why your intervention will not unduly broaden the issue in the case;
- 4. A statement certifying that you have sent a copy of your request to intervene to the regulated company or its attorney and to all other parties of record in the case; and
- 5. If you are not represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, and you are not representing yourself as an individual, sufficient information and any appropriate documentation to demonstrate compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 38, 39, and 42, as applicable. This only applies if you are NOT representing yourself and you are not a licensed attorney.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that <u>all</u> motions to intervene must be filed on or before **February 21, 2025.**

ADA/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign

language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator for the Hearing Division, E-mail HearingDivision@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-4250. Requests should be made as early as possible and no later than 48 hours in advance of the event to allow time to arrange the accommodation.