

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING IN PHASE 2
OF THE RATE APPLICATION OF
SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGARDING RATE DESIGN, EXPORT RATE, AND NET METERING
DOCKET NO. E-01575A-15-0312

Summary

On August 31, 2015, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase, which included proposals to modify the rate design for new residential solar customers and changes to its net metering tariffs. The rate case was subsequently divided into two phases, with Phase 1 addressing the revenue increase and standard offer rate design, among other issues, and Phase 2 addressing export rate, distributed generation and net metering tariff modifications. Phase 2 was to commence following the issuance of a final order in Docket No. E-00000J-14-0023 regarding the Methodology and Valuation of Distributed Generation ("Value of DG Docket").

On January 3, 2017, the Commission issued Decision No. 75859, in the Value of DG Docket. The Commission adopted a methodology for determining the export rate for excess generation from solar distributed generation facilities ("RCP methodology"), or alternative methodologies for cooperatives, and addressed grandfathering existing distributed generation customers. The Commission directed that proceedings be scheduled to incorporate these methodologies into currently pending rate cases.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff and other parties to this case are in the process of reviewing and analyzing the data in order to establish the appropriate export rate, and will file their recommendations concerning the RCP, SSVEC's proposed solar distributed generation rate design and net metering proposals. The Commission will determine the appropriate rates and rate designs based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. **THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY SSVEC, STAFF, OR ANY OF THE PARTIES.**

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Proposals

Copies of SSVEC's proposals in Phase 2 of the rate case proceeding will be available April 28, 2017, at your local SSVEC office (350 N Haskell, Willcox AZ or 311 E Wilcox, Sierra Vista, AZ or 285 W Fifth St, Benson, AZ or 281 McKeown Ave, Patagonia, AZ or 4179 W Thistle Ln, Elfrida, AZ), and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, and at 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, and on the internet via the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **July 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona, 85701.

Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing on July 20, 2017. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. **E-01575A-15-0312** to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by email. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <http://azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

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