

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF GRAHAM COUNTY  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO TRANSFER PORTIONS OF ITS SERVICE  
TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF THATCHER**  
**Docket No. E-01749A-16-0337**

**Summary**

On February 3, 2016, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") and the Town of Thatcher ("Town") entered into a "Distribution Wheeling and O&M Agreement" ("Agreement"), which addresses the transfer of electric service territory within areas recently annexed by the Town ("Annexation Area") and the right to supply electricity to that Annexation Area from GCEC to the Town. On September 23, 2016, GCEC filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to obtain approval for the transfer of service territory and related assets from GCEC to the Town. GCEC's application requests the Commission to: 1) amend GCEC's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to reflect the change in service territory; 2) authorize GCEC to transfer to the Town the meters used to serve the Annexation Area; 3) allow GCEC to share any necessary customer information with the Town in connection with the transfer of the service territory; and 4) authorize GCEC to waive the disconnect fee that would otherwise be charged to the customers transferred to Thatcher pursuant to the Agreement.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the application and has not yet made recommendations regarding GCEC's request. The Commission will issue a Decision regarding the application following consideration of testimony and evidence at an evidentiary hearing. **THE COMMISSION IS NOT BOUND BY THE PROPOSALS MADE BY GCEC, STAFF, OR ANY INTERVENORS.**

If you have any questions concerning how GCEC's application will affect your service you may contact GCEC (Than Ashby at 928-485-2451) or the Town (Rachael Nicholas at 928-428-2290).

**How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application**

Copies of the application are available at GCEC's offices at 9 West Center Street, Pima, Arizona, and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and its Tucson office, 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, and on the internet via the Commission website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using the e-Docket function.

**Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **April 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. E-01749A-16-0337 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 [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov) and click on "submit a public comment for a utility". If you require assistance, you may contact the Commission's Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000 or 1-800-535-0148 or 520-628-6556.

**If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will not receive further notice of the proceedings in this 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](http://www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the website homepage. RSS feeds are also available through e-Docket.

### **About Intervention**

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than **April 3, 2017**, and send a copy of the motion to GCEC or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself.
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, etc.).
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.
4. Unless the proposed intervenor is an individual representing himself or herself, or is represented by an attorney who is an active member of the Arizona State Bar, information and any appropriate documentation demonstrating compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38 and 42, as applicable.
5. The Motion to Intervene should be accompanied by written comments or testimony detailing your position on the application

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene and proposed intervenor comments/testimony on the application must be filed on or before April 3, 2017. If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at [www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf](http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf). The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

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