

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND
GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC.'S JOINT APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATIONS ASSOCIATED
WITH THEIR MERGER. (DOCKET NO. E-01749A-21-0258 and W-02527A-21-0258)**

Summary

On July 14, 2021, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") and Graham County Utilities, Inc. ("GCU") (collectively "Applicants") filed a joint application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for authorizations associated with their merger. Specifically, Applicants request approval of the merger of GCU into GCEC, with GCEC as the surviving entity, the transfer of GCU's and CC&N to GCEC, and the application by GCEC of GCU's Commission-approved service tariffs, rates, charges, and adjustors.

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

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Application

Copies of the Application are available from **GCEC AND GCU at 9 West Center Street, Pima, Arizona and on GCEC's website (www.gce.coop)**; at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona and the Commission's office at 400 West Congress Street, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona, during regular business hours; and on the Commission's 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 **October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress St., Tucson, Arizona 85701. **The hearing will be held videoconference with telephonic public comments.**

Public comment will be taken telephonically at the beginning of the first day of hearing. To provide telephonic public comments, **call 1-888-450-5996 and enter this code: 457395#, by 10:00 a.m. on the date of the hearing.**

Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket Nos. E-01749A-21-0258 and W-02527A-21-0258** 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 "Cases and Open Meetings" and "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 eDocket 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 record of the case, or to the hearing and provide public comment, to file written comments in the record of 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 filing a hard copy request (meeting filing requirements) with Docket Control (Docket Control, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007), or (b) by eFiling the request. Your request **must be filed or eFiled no later than October 8, 2021.** 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 issues in the case;
4. If a hearing has not been scheduled, whether and why you believe a hearing is needed;
5. 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
6. 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, 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 all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **October 8, 2021.**

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, Carolyn Buck, E-mail ADACoordinator@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-2247. 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.