

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF
GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
TO TRANSFER SERVICE TERRITORY TO
THE CITY OF SAFFORD
Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185

Summary

On December 19, 2008, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") and the City of Safford ("City") entered into a "Territorial Settlement Agreement" ("TSA"), which involves the transfer of certain electric service territory (the "Safford Service Area") and the right to supply electricity to that area from GCEC to the City. Following notice and a hearing, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") approved the TSA in Decision No. 71471 on January 26, 2010. Under that Decision and the TSA, GCEC continued to serve its existing customers in the Safford Service Area until January 1, 2016.

As required by Decision No. 71471 and the TSA, on October 1, 2015, GCEC filed an application with the Commission to effect the final transfer of service territory and related assets from GCEC to the City. GCEC's current 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 City all distribution assets used to serve the territory; and 3) allow GCEC to share any necessary customer information with the City in connection with the transfer of the service territory.

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 at 928-485-2451 or the City of Safford, Julie Bryce at 928-4324062.

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) using the e-Docket function.

Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **November 16, 2015, 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. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. E-01749A-09-0185 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, 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) 628-6550.

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 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 **November 12, 2015**, 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 November 12, 2015. 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. 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.

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 Shaylin Bernal, E-mail SABernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602/542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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**NOTICE OF TRANSFER
ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDER CHANGE FROM
GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO THE CITY OF SAFFORD**

October 31, 2015

Dear Customer,

On December 19, 2008, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC") – your electric service provider – and the City of Safford ("City") entered into a Territorial Settlement Agreement ("TSA"). The TSA involves the transfer of certain electric service territory, including the area where you currently receive or may receive electric service, and the right to supply electricity to that area from GCEC to the City. On April 17, 2009, GCEC filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") concerning the TSA. GCEC also sent a notice letter to you or the current resident at that time and published a notice in the Eastern Arizona Courier regarding the application with the Commission on September 23, 2009. The Commission issued Decision No. 71471 on January 26, 2010 approving the TSA and requiring GCEC to file another application in 2015 in order to obtain Commission approval for the completion of the transfer of the service territory and assets from GCEC to the City.

On October 1, 2015, GCEC filed the application required by the Commission in Decision No. 71471. GCEC's October 1 application requests that the Commission (1) amend GCEC's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to reflect the above-referenced change in service territory, (2) authorize GCEC to transfer to the City all distribution assets used to serve the territory and (3) allow GCEC to share any necessary customer information with the City in connection with the transfer of the service territory.

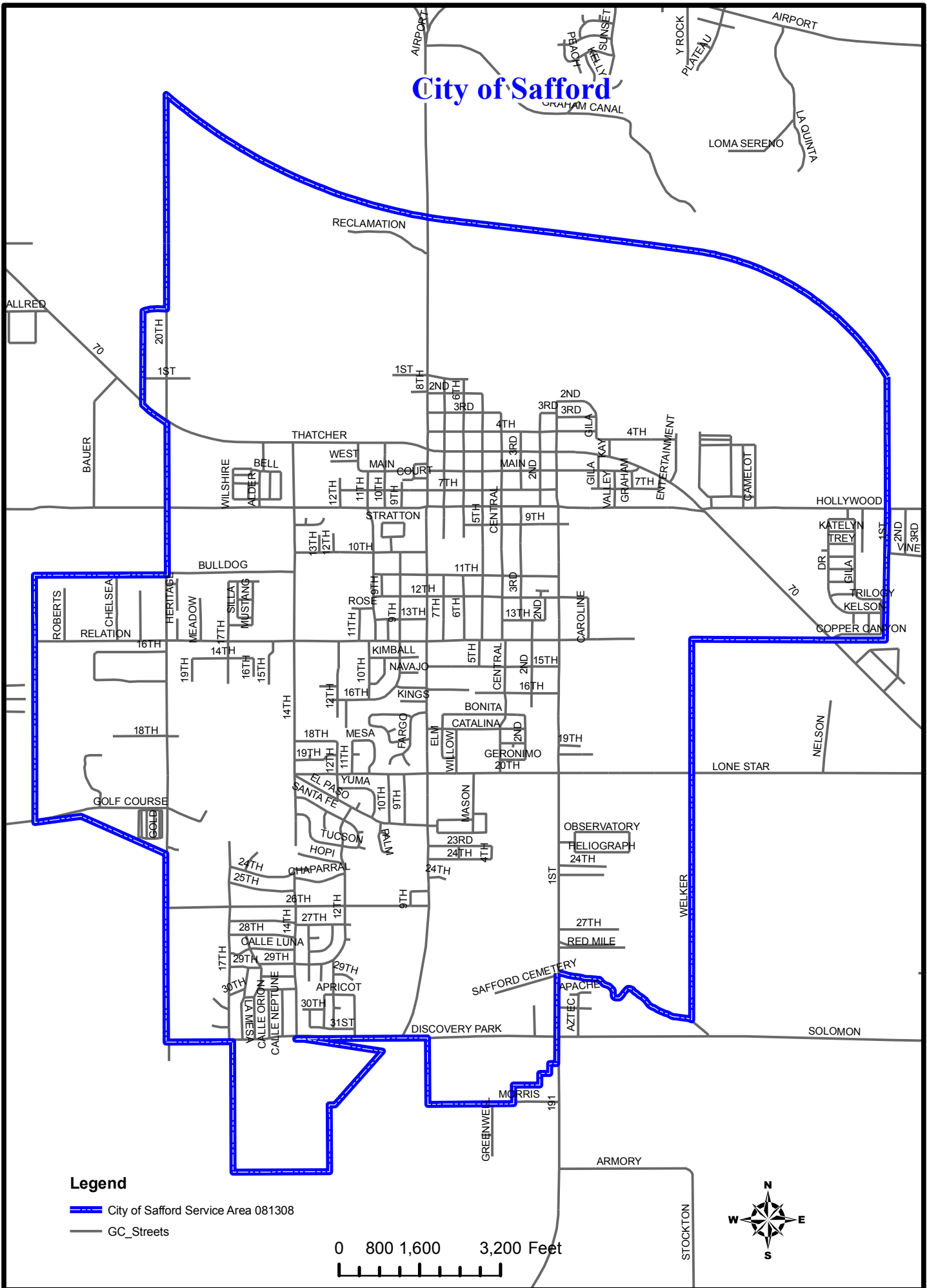
As required by the TSA and subject to Commission approval, GCEC will begin to transfer service territory to the City of Safford for your service location on or after **January 1, 2016**. Please be aware there may be some intermittent loss of power during the transfer but that should only be temporary. Your final bill with GCEC will be mailed to you after the transfer is complete. All future electric utility bills will then be sent to you from the City of Safford. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding this transfer or your final bill. The contact information for the City of Safford is also listed below. It has been our pleasure to be your electric utility service provider.

Sincerely,



Graham County Electric Cooperative
928-485-2451

City of Safford Contact Info:
Julie Bryce
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