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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF DUNCAN VALLEY ELECTRIC)
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS INTERCONNECTION MANUAL AND)
INTERCONNECTION APPENDIX.)

DOCKET NO. E-01703A-20-0225

DECISION NO. 78229

ORDER

Open Meeting
August 17 and 18, 2021
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Background

1. Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("DVEC" or "Cooperative") is certificated to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona. DVEC is an Arizona member-owned non-profit rural electric distribution cooperative headquartered in Duncan, Arizona. Per the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103(A)(3)(q), DVEC is classified as a Class B Utility.

2. In Decision No. 77437 (Docket No. RE-00000A-07-0609), the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC" or "Commission") adopted A.A.C. Title 14, Chapter 2, Article 26 in the Notice of Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking relating to the Interconnection of Distributed Generation ("DG") Facilities, and directed the Commission's Utilities Division/Legal Division to prepare and file a Notice of Final Rulemaking package with the Office of the Attorney General for review and approval under A.R.S. §41-1044. The Interconnection of DG Facilities rules ("Interconnection

1 Rules” or “Rules”) were incorporated into the A.A.C. as a new Article 26, with an effective date of
2 February 25, 2020.

3 A.A.C. R14-2-2628(A) states:

4 “No later than 90 calendar days after the effective date of this Article, each Utility
5 shall file with Docket Control, for Commission review and approval, an
6 Interconnection Manual that:

7 1. Contains detailed technical, safety, and protection requirements necessary
8 to interconnect a Generating Facility to the Distribution System in
9 compliance with this Article and Good Utility Practice; and

10 2. Specifies by date, either within its main text or in an appendix, the version
11 of each standard, code, or guideline with which an Applicant’s Generating
12 Facility must comply to be eligible for Interconnection and Parallel
13 Operation.”

14 3. On April 21, 2020, in Docket No. E-01703A-20-0089, DVEC filed a request for a
15 60-day extension of the May 25, 2020, deadline to file its Interconnection Manual (“Manual”)
16 pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-2628(A).

17 4. On May 14, 2020, the Commission issued Decision No. 77613 which approved
18 DVEC’s request for an extension of time and ordered DVEC to file its Manual for Commission
19 review and approval by July 24, 2020. On July 22, 2020, DVEC filed its Manual with the
20 Commission in the instant docket.

21 5. After reviewing DVEC’s Manual, Staff provided DVEC with commentary to help
22 better align the text of the Manual with the provisions of Article 26. DVEC filed a revised Manual
23 for Commission review and approval on June 16, 2021.

24 **Staff Analysis and Recommendations**

25 6. DVEC’s Manual contains twelve sections, and an appendix and is organized as
26 follows: (1) Introduction to Distributed Generation Interconnection, (2) Definitions, (3) Utility
27 Policy on Customer-Owned Generation, (4) Distributed Generation Types, (5) Customer Rights and
28 Responsibilities, (6) Mutual Understanding, (7) Design Considerations and Definition of Classes,

1 (8) Interconnection Technical Requirements, (9) Meter Requirements, (10) Application Process and
2 Documentation Requirements, (11) Testing and Start-Up Requirements, (12) Operational and
3 Maintenance Requirements, and Appendix A.

4 7. Staff notes that in Section 10 of DVEC’s Manual, the Cooperative states that it will,
5 “employ best reasonable efforts to comply with the timelines set forth in the applicable provisions
6 of the Arizona Interconnection Rules (A.A.C. R14-2-2614 and R14-2-2616 through 2623).” Staff
7 concludes this is reasonable and appropriate.

8 8. Staff further concludes that DVEC’s revised manual complies with the requirements
9 contained in the Commission’s Interconnection Rules.

10 9. Staff recommends the Commission approve DVEC’s revised Interconnection
11 Manual, filed on June 16, 2021.

12 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13 1. Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a public service corporation within the
14 meaning of Article XV, Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution.

15 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. and
16 the subject matter of the application.

17 3. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff’s memorandum,
18 concludes that it is in the public interest to approve Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.’s
19 Interconnection Manual filed pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-2628(A).

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Interconnection Manual, filed on June 16, 2021, is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MATTHEW J. NEUBERT, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 1 day of September, 2021.

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MATTHEW J. NEUBERT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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