PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF INTERSTATE RENEWABLE ENERGY COUNCIL, INC. (IREC)

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (IREC) files a proposed amendment in this docket. IREC continues to strongly support Staff’s primary recommendation that the Commission should resolve the issues raised in this docket in a rate case. In addition, IREC continues to agree with Staff that the Commission should develop an agreed-upon methodology for the valuation of distributed generation to inform any net metering policy changes. In her amendments proposed on November 12, 2013, Commissioner Bitter Smith acknowledges that it may be beneficial to offer some more up-front structure to the workshop process proposed by Staff. IREC agrees and we respectfully request that the Commission consider the amendment attached to this filing.

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Our recommended amendments reflects best practices in distributed generation valuation methodology contained in IREC's Regulator's Guidebook, which in turn are based in part on studies done in Pennsylvania, Vermont and California. The list of considerations in this amendment are not intended to be exhaustive; we are attempting to highlight some of the most critical elements. IREC believes that there are other very important factors to consider and we look forward to participating in the proposed workshop process.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of November, 2013,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day filed an original and thirteen copies of the foregoing with Docket Control and all parties of record in this proceeding.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona.

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INSERT new Findings of Fact after #52, page 14, line 8:

53. In developing such a methodology, at least the following assumptions and inputs should be considered:
   (a) the appropriateness of analyzing energy exports only (versus all generation);
   (b) which rate classes to evaluate (residential, commercial, etc.);
   (c) the time frame for the study (e.g., 30 years); and,
   (d) the appropriateness of estimating benefits and costs on levelized basis (versus an annualized basis).

54. Furthermore, at least the following benefits should be considered:
   (a) avoided energy costs;
   (b) avoided system losses (i.e., avoided line losses);
   (c) generation capacity benefits;
   (d) transmission and distribution capacity benefits; and,
   (e) grid support services (i.e., ancillary services);

INSERT new additional sentence at end of Ordering Paragraph, page 21, line 21 (or at the end of Commissioner Bitter Smith’s proposed amendment):

This investigation shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the assumptions, inputs, benefits and costs described above.

MAKE ALL CONFORMING CHANGES.