Sumter Electric Membership Corporation

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Retail Rates

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Residential Service
Schedule RS-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to service for domestic uses and use incidental thereto supplied through one meter at permanently occupied residences, subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase residences, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate

A. Service Charge @ $28.00 per month

B. Energy Charges:

Winter (November - May)

First	800	kWh per month	@	11.990¢ per kWh
Next	3,200	kWh per month	@	10.990¢ per kWh
Over	4,000	kWh per month	@	9.990¢ per kWh

Summer (June - October)

First	800	kWh per month	@	11.990¢ per kWh
Next	700	kWh per month	@	13.190¢ per kWh
Next	500	kWh per month	@	14.390¢ per kWh
Next	2,000	kWh per month	@	16.390¢ per kWh
Over	4,000	kWh per month	@	15.390¢ per kWh

C. WPCA - The above rates shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the greater of the sum of the above monthly rate charges or $28.00.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

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Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Cooperative Solar Program for Residential Service
Rider CS-10A

Purpose

The purpose of this Schedule is to establish the methods and procedures for determining credits, payments, and charges applicable to Members of the Cooperative participating in Sumter EMC's Cooperative Solar program.

Applicability

This Rider applies to residential Members of the Cooperative served under Rate Schedule RS-10 and successor rate schedules, who are eligible for and participate in the Cooperative Solar program, hereinafter referred to as "Participants".

Members billed under the Cooperative's Pre-Pay service are not eligible to participate in the Cooperative Solar program.

Each Participant shall be charged for electric service purchases under that rate schedule which would otherwise be applicable if the Participant was not participating in the Cooperative Solar program. Charges and credits under this Rider CS-10 shall be added to (or credited against, as appropriate) such otherwise applicable rate schedule to determine the net amount owed to the Cooperative by the Participant (or owed to the Participant by the Cooperative, as appropriate).

Availability

Participants may apply for and purchase up to four (4) blocks of solar energy on a first-come, first served basis. Once the total number of blocks available under the Cooperative Solar program has been purchased, additional eligible Participants will be placed on a waiting list and may begin participating in the program as blocks become available.

Participants are not required to sign a long-term contract and may discontinue participation in the Cooperative Solar program at any time by notifying the Cooperative, but prior Participants wanting to rejoin the program may be placed on a waiting list due to the aforementioned limited availability of solar energy blocks.

If a Participant discontinues receiving electric service at its current service location and, prior to such service disconnection, notifies the Cooperative of the Participant's desire to continue to participate in the Cooperative Solar program at a specified new service location, then the Participate will remain in the program, provided that the Participant meets all the program's eligibility requirements at that new service location.

Definitions

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1. "Billing Period" means, as to a particular Member, the time period between the dates on which the Cooperative normally reads the retail service meter for billing purposes.
2. "Net Energy" means the positive difference between the electricity supplied to a Participant from the electric grid over the current Billing Period and the electricity generated and fed into the electric grid by the Participant's solar energy block(s) during the prior calendar month.
3. "Excess Net Energy" is the positive difference between the electricity generated and fed into the electric grid by the Participant's solar energy block(s) during the prior calendar month and the electricity consumed by the Participant during the current Billing Period.

Monthly Billing

1. A charge of $25.00 for each 1.25 kW ac solar energy block, plus
2. All charges contained in the Cooperative's rate schedule that would otherwise be applicable if the Participant was not participating in the Cooperative Solar program, except that the energy-related charges in such rate schedule shall be applied to the Participant's Net Energy, plus
3. A credit equal to the product of the Cooperative's avoided cost of energy per kWh times the Participant's Excess Net Energy. The avoided cost of energy shall be applied monthly at the rate of $0.04471 per kWh. The avoided cost herein may be adjusted at any time at the sole discretion of the Cooperative, to reflect the prevailing avoided cost of energy.

Term of Service

The term of service for which this Rider applies shall be month to month, until either the Participant or the Cooperative provides notice of termination to the other party.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
General Service
Schedule GS-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to service of one standard voltage requiring 50 kVA or less of transformer capacity, delivered at one point and metered at or compensated to that voltage. Service hereunder is subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase service, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate

A.	Service Charge		@	$25.00 per month
B.	Energy Charges:			
	First	200 kWh per month	@	17.065¢ per kWh
	Next	1,400 kWh per month	@	16.074¢ per kWh
	Next	8,400 kWh per month	@	14.684¢ per kWh
	Over	10,000 kWh per month	@	10.969¢ per kWh

C. WPCA - The above rates shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge under the above rate shall be $25.00 where 10 kVA or less of transformer capacity is required. For services that require more than 10 kVA of transformer capacity, the minimum monthly charge shall be increased $1.00 per kVA, or fraction thereof, of additional capacity supplied by the Corporation.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

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Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Residential Farm and Home Service
Schedule RF-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to service at residential dwellings, including cabins and lodges, with associated farm and other uses incidental thereto, supplied through one meter where service requirements necessitate the installation of 50 kVA or less of transformer capacity. The capacity of the individual motors served under this Schedule shall not exceed 10 horsepower. Service hereunder is subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate

A. Service Charge @ $28.00 per month

B. Energy Charges:

Winter (November - May)

First	800 kWh per month	@	13.350¢ per kWh
Over	800 kWh per month	@	11.990¢ per kWh

Summer (June - October)

First	3,000 kWh per month	@	13.495¢ per kWh
Next	1,600 kWh per month	@	17.090¢ per kWh
Over	4,600 kWh per month	@	15.870¢ per kWh

C. WPCA - The above rates shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the greater of:

A. The sum of charges as stated in the above Monthly Rate provision.

B. An amount of $28.00 where 10 kVA or less of transformer capacity is required.

For services that require more than 10 kVA of transformer capacity, the minimum monthly charge shall be increased $1.00 per kVA, or fraction thereof, of additional capacity supplied by the Corporation.

Line Extension Cost

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The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Irrigation Time-of-Use Service
Schedule ITS-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable for service to irrigation pumping motors of 15 horsepower or greater, delivered at one point on the member's premises and supplied through one meter, subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Pumps of less than 15 horsepower served under rate schedule IS-9 will be permitted on this schedule. No new accounts less than 15 horsepower will be furnished service hereunder.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages, subject to the Corporation's line extension and rephasing policy contained in this Schedule and in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Annual Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$75.00 per year
B.	Capacity Charge	@	$18.05 per Hp per year
C.	Energy Charges:		
	All On-Peak Energy	@	18.90¢ per kWh
	All Off-Peak Energy	@	11.60¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rate charges shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Determination of On-Peak and Off-Peak Energy

The On-Peak Energy shall be all kilowatt-hours used by the consumer during the on-peak hours beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. from June 1 through September 30 and will exclude weekends (Saturdays and Sundays).

Off-Peak Energy shall be kilowatt-hours used by the consumer during all hours other than on-peak hours as described above.

Minimum Annual Charge

The minimum annual charge shall be the sum of the service and capacity charges stated above.

The member's obligation to pay the full minimum annual charges herein shall not be diminished by discontinuing use of such service during June through August.

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Any application for reconnection of service at any later date shall obligate the member to pay the sum of any accrued charges applicable to the June through August period during which service was discontinued.

Determination of Horsepower

The horsepower for billing purposes shall be the greatest of the following:

A. The manufacturer's nameplate rating of horsepower output of the largest single motor, or

B. The highest thirty-minute kilowatt demand measured in the current month and preceding 11 months.

Line Extension Costs

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

The Service Charge and Capacity Charge shall be billed in three monthly installments in June, July, and August of each year whether or not energy is actually used.

When service hereunder is first made available, the member will be billed a prorated Service Charge and Capacity Charge based on the number of billing days between the availability of service and the next June. The prorating will be based on the number of days remaining until the subsequent June 1st and will be billed on the member's first statement rendered after service is available.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Irrigation Time-of-Use Service - Alternate
Schedule ITSA-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable for service to irrigation pumping motors of 15 horsepower or greater, delivered at one point on the member's premises and supplied through one meter, subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, where the Cooperative has received a contribution in the amount of $262 times the sum of the installed motor horsepower, with a minimum of 15 horsepower, to offset the Cooperative's standard Capacity Charge of $18.05 per Hp per year (as specified in schedule ITS-10).

Pumps of less than 15 horsepower served under rate schedule IS-9 will be permitted on this schedule. No new accounts less than 15 horsepower will be furnished service hereunder.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages, subject to the Corporation's line extension and rephasing policy contained in this Schedule and in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Annual Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$75.00 per year
B.	Capacity Charge	@	$0.00 per Hp per year
C.	Energy Charges:		
	All On-Peak Energy	@	18.90¢ per kWh
	All Off-Peak Energy	@	11.60¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rate charges shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Determination of On-Peak and Off-Peak Energy

The On-Peak Energy shall be all kilowatt-hours used by the consumer during the on-peak hours beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. from June 1 through September 30 and will exclude weekends (Saturdays and Sundays).

Off-Peak Energy shall be kilowatt-hours used by the consumer during all hours other than on-peak hours as described above.

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Minimum Annual Charge

The minimum annual charge shall be the sum of the service and capacity charges stated above.

The member's obligation to pay the full minimum annual charges herein shall not be diminished by discontinuing use of such service during June through August.

Any application for reconnection of service at any later date shall obligate the member to pay the sum of any accrued charges applicable to the June through August period during which service was discontinued.

Determination of Horsepower

The horsepower for billing purposes shall be the greatest of the following:

A. The manufacturer's nameplate rating of horsepower output of the largest single motor, or

B. The highest thirty-minute kilowatt demand measured in the current month and preceding 11 months.

Line Extension Costs

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

The Service Charge and Capacity Charge shall be billed in three monthly installments in June, July, and August of each year whether or not energy is actually used.

In the event that the Capacity Charge in ITS-10 is greater than $18.05/Hp, then the Capacity Charge hereunder shall be billed at a rate equal to the difference between the Capacity Charge in ITS-10 and $18.05.

When service hereunder is first made available, the member will be billed a prorated Service Charge and Capacity Charge based on the number of billing days between the availability of service and the next June. The prorating will be based on the number of days remaining until the subsequent June 1st and will be billed on the member's first statement rendered after service is available.

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Seasonal Service
Schedule SS-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

All seasonal agri-business installations requiring more than 50 kVA of transformer capacity, subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation. Included are all bulk storage bins, corn dryers, peanut dryers, grain dryers, etc., and related equipment.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$23.00 per month
B.	Demand Charge:		
	Winter (November - May)		
	All kW of Billing Demand	@	$3.00 per kW
	Summer (June - October)		
	All kW of Billing Demand	@	$6.80 per kW
C.	Energy Charge:		
	All kWh per month	@	12.20¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rates shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be $1.25 per kVA or fraction thereof of required transformer capacity.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Determination of Billing Demand

The billing demand shall be the highest thirty-minute kW measurement established in the current month.

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Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be based upon the investment required to provide service and the member's projected annual revenue.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Large Power Service
Schedule LP-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to service of one standard voltage requiring more than 50 kVA of transformer capacity, delivered at one point and metered at or compensated to that voltage. Service hereunder is subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase service, 60 Hertz, at standard voltages.

Monthly Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$35.00 per month
B.	Energy Charges:		
	First 1,500 kWh per month	@	18.95¢ per kWh
	Next 8,500 kWh per month	@	17.70¢ per kWh
	Over 10,000 kWh per month	@	14.95¢ per kWh
	All consumption in excess of 200 kWh per kW of Billing Demand	@	9.20¢ per kWh
	All consumption in excess of 400 kWh per kW of Billing Demand	@	8.20¢ per kWh
	All consumption in excess of 600 kWh per kW of Billing Demand	@	7.70¢ per kWh

C. WPCA - The above rates shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the greatest of the following:

A. $40.00 per meter, plus $7.00 per kW of Billing Demand in excess of 10 kW, or

B. $1.25 per kVA or fraction thereof of transformer capacity supplied by the Corporation, or

C. Contract minimum.

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Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Determination of Billing Demand

The Billing Demand shall be based on the highest 30-minute kW measurement in the current month and preceding 11 months.

For the summer months of June through September, the Billing Demand shall be the greatest of:

A. The current month's measurement, or

B. 90% of the highest measurement occurring in any previous applicable summer month, or

C. The contract minimum.

For the winter months of October through May, the Billing Demand shall be the greatest of:

A. 75% of the current month's measurement, or

B. 90% of the highest measurement occurring in any previous applicable summer month, or

C. The contract minimum.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be based upon the investment required to provide service and the member's projected annual revenue.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Large Power Time-of-Use Service
Schedule LP-TOU-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to non-seasonal commercial and industrial members with a metered monthly minimum of 200 kW of demand for all uses including lighting, heating, and power. Service hereunder is subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Multi-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages or at other voltages as might be mutually agreeable. Service under this rate will be provided with demand being measured through the use of metering equipment capable of determining the member's demand during any specific time interval.

Monthly Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$150.00 per month
B.	Capacity Charges:		
	All Maximum Demand per month	@	$2.50 per kW
	Plus, All On-Peak Demand per month	@	$3.50 per kW
C.	Energy Charges:		
	First 500 kWh per kW of On-Peak Demand	@	10.10¢ per kWh
	All additional kWh	@	9.30¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rate charges shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Determination of Maximum Demand

The Maximum Demand shall be the highest 30-minute kW measurement in the current month, but not less than the contract minimum.

Determination of On-Peak Demand

The On-Peak Demand shall be the average of the highest monthly 60-minute kW measurements during the on-peak hours in each of the four preceding months of June through September. The on-peak hours shall be the hours beginning 4:00 p.m. and ending 9:00 p.m. from June 1 through September 30 and will exclude weekends (Saturdays and Sundays).

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This On-Peak Demand so determined shall be effective for monthly billing from January through December for the following calendar year.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the greatest of the following:

A. The sum of Service, Capacity and Energy charges as stated above, or

B. A charge of $1.25 per kVA or fraction thereof of required transformer capacity, or

C. The charge as may be specified in the Agreement for Electric Service contract.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be based upon the investment required to provide service and the member's projected annual revenue.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Cotton Gin Time-of-Use Service
Schedule CG-TOU-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to service used for the operation of cotton gins requiring more than 50 kVA of transformer capacity, subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase service, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Annual Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$375.00 per year
B.	Capacity Charges:		
	All Maximum Demand per year	@	$30.00 per kW per year
	Plus, All On-Peak Demand per year	@	$45.00 per kW per year
C.	Energy Charges:		
	All kWh	@	10.6¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rate charges shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Annual Charge

The minimum annual charge shall be the sum of the Service Charge, Maximum Demand Charge, and On-Peak Demand Charge stated above.

The member's obligation to pay the full minimum annual charges herein shall not be diminished by discontinuing use of such service during September through August of the contract year (this twelve-month period is referred to herein as the "cotton gin contract year").

Any application for reconnection of service at any later date shall obligate the member to pay the sum of any accrued charges applicable to the cotton gin contract year during which service was disconnected.

Determination of Maximum Demand

The Maximum Demand shall be the highest 30-minute kW measurement in the current month, provided however, that the Maximum Demand shall not be less than the highest such demand

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established to date during the current cotton gin contract year, nor less than 75% of the member's required transformer capacity.

Determination of On-Peak Demand

The On-Peak Demand shall be the average of the highest monthly 60-minute kW measurements during the on-peak hours in each of the four preceding months of June through September. The on-peak hours shall be the hours beginning 4:00 p.m. and ending 9:00 p.m. from June 1 through September 30 and will exclude weekends (Saturdays and Sundays).

This On-Peak Demand so determined shall be effective for monthly billing during the following October through December, according to the Terms of Payment provision set forth below.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

The Service Charge, Maximum Demand Charge, and On-Peak Demand Charge shall be billed in three equal monthly installments in October, November, and December of each year, whether or not energy is actually used during the cotton gin contract year.

A member, who contracts for service hereunder and service is rendered prior to September of the first year, will be billed for a prorated Service Charge, Maximum Demand Charge, and On-Peak Demand Charge based on the number of billing months between the availability of service and the next September. The prorating will be based on the number of days remaining in the cotton gin contract year and will be billed on the member's first statement rendered after service is available.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be based upon the investment required to provide service and the member's projected annual revenue.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
School Time-of-Use Service
Schedule SCH-TOU-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable to public or private educational institutions or universities for redistribution, provided that service hereunder is supplied at a single delivery point through a single meter. New consumers must contract for at least 200 kW of electric service including lighting, heating and power. Existing consumers must demonstrate metered kilowatt demands exceeding 200 kW. Service hereunder is subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Multi-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages, or at other voltages as might be mutually agreeable. Service under this rate will be provided with demand being measured through the use of metering equipment capable of determining the member's demand during any specific time interval.

Monthly Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$150.00 per month
B.	Demand Charges:		
	Maximum Demand		
	First 1,500 kW per month	@	$2.50 per kW
	Over 1,500 kW per month	@	$1.75 per kW
	PLUS		
	All On-Peak Demand per month	@	$3.50 per kW
C.	Energy Charges:		
	First 300,000 kWh per month	@	9.70¢ per kWh
	Over 300,000 kWh per month	@	8.10¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rate charges shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

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Determination of Maximum Demand

The Maximum Demand shall be the highest 30-minute kW measurement in the current month.

Determination of On-Peak Demand

The On-Peak Demand shall be the average of the highest monthly 60-minute kW measurements during the on-peak hours in each of the four preceding months of June through September. The on-peak hours shall be the hours beginning 4:00 p.m. and ending 9:00 p.m. from June 1 through September 30 and will exclude weekends (Saturdays and Sundays).

This On-Peak Demand so determined shall be effective for monthly billing from January through December for the following calendar year.

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the greatest of:

A. The sum of Service, Demand and Energy charges as stated above, or

B. A charge of $1.25 per kVA of required transformer capacity, or

C. The charge as may be specified in the Agreement for Electric Service Contract.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid within fifteen days of the billing date, the bill becomes delinquent.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be based upon the investment required to provide service and the member's projected annual revenue.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Athletic Field Lighting Service
Schedule AF-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity.

Applicability

Applicable only to service for athletic field lighting systems requiring more than 50 kVA of transformer capacity and subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate

A.	Service Charge	@	$17.00 per month
B.	Facilities Charge	@	75.0¢ per kVA of required transformer capacity
C.	Energy Charge	@	12.6¢ per kWh

D. WPCA - The above rates shall be increased or decreased in accordance with the Corporation's Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause.

Minimum Charge

The minimum monthly charge under the above rate shall be the total of the Service and Facilities charges.

Line Extension Cost

The amount specified under the line extension and rephasing policy contained in the Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation, such amount to be provided by the member in a manner specified in that policy.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be based upon the investment required to provide service and the member's projected annual revenue.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Outdoor Lighting Service
Schedule OL-10

Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area from existing lines of adequate capacity. Mercury Vapor lighting fixtures are not available for new installations after July 1, 2008. High Pressure Sodium and Metal Halide lighting fixtures are not available for new installations after May 1, 2018.

Applicability

Applicable only under long-term contract (one year or more), for dusk to dawn lighting of member property by means of photoelectric-controlled, High-Intensity Discharge (HID) fixtures (including mercury vapor, high-pressure sodium, and metal halide), or Light-Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures, and poles conforming to the Corporation's specifications, subject to the established Service Rules and Regulations of the Corporation.

Monthly Rate:

A. Fixture Rates – High Intensity Discharge (HID):
(Prices are for fixtures only and do not include any pole charges. See Section C for pole charges.)

Lamp Nominal Wattage	Type	Monthly Rate Without Contribution-in-Aid	Monthly Rate With Contribution-in-Aid
	UTILITY TYPE FIXTURES		
	(High-Pressure Sodium)		
100	Open Bottom / Cobrahead	$ 10.00	N/A
250	Open Bottom / Cobrahead	$ 11.50	N/A
400	Open Bottom / Cobrahead	$ 16.50	N/A
1000	Open Bottom / Cobrahead	$ 26.00	N/A
	(Mercury Vapor)		
175	Open Bottom / Cobrahead	$ 10.00	N/A
400	Open Bottom / Cobrahead	$ 11.50	N/A
	SHOE BOX OR FLOOD LIGHTING		
	(High-Pressure Sodium)		
100	Flood Light	$ 14.25	$ 10.00
250	Shoe Box or Flood Light	$ 16.50	$ 11.50
400	Shoe Box or Flood Light	$ 22.00	$ 16.50
1000	Shoe Box or Flood Light	$ 32.00	$ 26.00

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	(Metal Halide)		
400/350 PS	Shoe Box or Flood Light	$ 25.00	$ 16.50
1000	Shoe Box or Flood Light	$ 35.00	$ 26.00
	OFF-ROADWAY		
	(High-Pressure Sodium)		
250	Off-Roadway	$ 20.00	$ 11.50
400	Off-Roadway	$ 22.00	$ 16.50
	UNDERGROUND PACKAGES		
	(High-Pressure Sodium)		
100	Post-Mount or Traditional	$ 12.00	$ 10.00
150	Traditional	$ 13.00	$ 10.00
100	Acorn	$ 16.50	$ 10.00
	(Mercury Vapor)		
175	Post-Mount or Traditional	$ 13.00	$ 10.00
	(Metal Halide)		
175/150 PS	Post-Mount or Traditional	$ 14.00	$ 10.00
175/150 PS	Acorn	$ 17.50	$ 10.00

B. Fixture Rates – Light Emitting Diode (LED):
(Prices are for fixtures only and do not include any pole charges. See Section C for pole charges.)

Billing Code	**Fixture Description**	**Monthly Rate**	**Monthly Rate with Metered Energy**
YLS	Yard Light – Small	$ 10.00	$ 9.00
YLM	Yard Light – Medium	$ 11.00	$ 10.00
RWS	Roadway – Small	$ 10.00	$ 9.00
RWM	Roadway – Medium	$ 11.50	$ 9.00
RWL	Roadway – Large	$ 16.50	$ 12.50
RWX	Roadway – Extra Large	$ 26.00	$ 20.50
ALM	Area Light – Medium	$ 16.50	$ 13.50
ALL	Area Light – Large	$ 22.00	$ 18.75
ALX	Area Light – Extra Large	$ 32.00	$ 26.50
FLM	Flood Light – Medium	$ 16.50	$ 14.00
FLL	Flood Light – Large	$ 22.00	$ 19.25
FLX	Flood Light – Extra Large	$ 32.00	$ 23.75

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TRM	Traditional	$ 13.00	$ 12.00
PTM	Post-Top	$ 13.00	$ 12.00
ACM	Acorn	$ 16.50	$ 15.00

C. Pole Rates:
(Charges when a pole is required exclusively for the fixtures.)

Billing Code	Mounting Height	Pole Type	Monthly Rate (per pole)	Standard Pole CIAC (per pole)
N/A	EP[1]	Existing Pole	No Charge	No Charge
WDPL	24	Wood	$ 2.00	$ 400
CNPLDEC	16	Concrete, Decorative	$ 8.50	$ 1800
CNPL16	16	Concrete, Round, Direct Burial	$ 8.00	$ 1000
CNPL20	20	Concrete, Round, Direct Burial	$ 8.50	$ 1200
CNPL25	25	Concrete, Round, Direct Burial	$ 9.50	$ 1400
CNPL30	30	Concrete, Round, Direct Burial	$ 10.00	$ 1500
CNPL35	35	Concrete, Round, Direct Burial	$ 15.50	$ 1600
FGPL16	16	Fiberglass, Direct Burial	$ 4.25	$ 640
FGPL25	25	Fiberglass, Direct Burial	$ 11.25	$ 920
ALPL16	16	Aluminum, Direct Burial	$ 4.50	$ 640
ALPL25	25	Aluminum, Direct Burial	$ 13.25	$ 920
STPL30	30	Steel, Anchor Base	$ 14.75	$ 1600
STPL35	35	Steel, Anchor Base	$ 16.25	$ 1700
STPL40	40	Steel, Anchor Base	$ 17.50	$ 1800

Where an LED fixture has been installed and a non-refundable standard pole CIAC charge has been paid (as is typical for roadway and subdivision lighting being billed to a local government), the monthly pole charges shall be waived.

D. The Corporation reserves the right to require a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction for fixtures and poles installed.

E. Where it is necessary to install a transformer and secondary service to be used only for the outdoor lighting, then in addition to all other charges, a monthly charge of $2.00 will be made except where the transformer provides power to LED lighting fixtures for a government or other entity with multiple roadway and/or subdivision lights.

[1] Existing pole heights are dependent upon distribution pole location. There is no charge when the fixture is mounted on an existing pole.

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F. Overhead service to lights will be provided up to a distance of 200 feet per fixture (averaged between all fixtures at premise). A non-refundable contribution in aid of construction of $2.00 per foot will be charged for service distances over the allowed 200 feet per fixture. Where existing poles must be changed to accommodate the desired mounting height, a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction will be charged.

G. Underground service to lights will be provided up to a distance of 100 feet per fixture (averaged between all fixtures at premise). A non-refundable contribution in aid of construction of $2.70 per foot will be charged for service distances over the allowed 100 feet per fixture. Where obstructions such as sidewalks or paving exist, the member will be required to perform trenching or boring under the obstruction, install duct provided by the Corporation, back fill, and repair disturbed sidewalks or paving.

H. Where a lighting system is installed on a single premise and the Corporation determines that sufficient economies of scale in the construction, operation, and maintenance of the system will be realized, the Corporation may waive the monthly pole and/or transformer charges, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Corporation reserves the right to require a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction for fixtures and poles installed.

2. The fixtures must be in close proximity to one another, so that an average of at least 10 fixtures is connected per secondary service.

I. Where right-of-way obstructions exist, the member will be responsible for all right-of-way clearing, unless otherwise agreed to by the Corporation.

J. Where the Corporation provides metered electric service for the member's other usage and the outdoor light is connected so that the power for operation of the light passes through that meter, for LED fixtures the Monthly Rate with Metered Energy charges in Section A above shall apply. Section B of the Conditions of Service stated below shall apply in addition to all other applicable provisions set forth herein.

Conditions of Service

A. The Corporation shall furnish, install, operate, and maintain the outdoor lighting equipment, including lamp, fixture, bracket attachment, control device, poles, and service drop, electrically connected so that the power for operation of the light does not pass through the meter for the member's other usage, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the member and the Corporation.

B. The Corporation shall operate and maintain all outdoor lights billed in conjunction with metered service under Section I of the above Monthly Rate, and the poles thereto attached, as follows:

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1. Lighting equipment and poles must be the property of the Corporation.

2. Maintenance shall only be performed on the outdoor lighting equipment and poles to which that equipment is attached.

3. Member-owned underground conduit and conductor used for the outdoor lighting system shall remain the property of the member, and the member shall be responsible for the proper operation and maintenance of such underground facilities.

4. Upon failure of any member-owned underground facilities, should the member request that the Corporation replace those member-owned facilities with Corporation-owned facilities, the Corporation may charge the member a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction to cover the cost of that installation.

C. The Corporation shall maintain the lighting equipment, including replacement of the photocell or other components, at no additional cost to the member, as soon as can reasonably be done after notification of Corporation by the member that service has been interrupted. However, the member shall reimburse the Corporation for the cost of any such maintenance work that is required because of vandalism.

D. The lighting equipment shall remain the property of the Corporation, including poles installed when the member makes a non-refundable contribution in aid of construction. The member shall protect the lighting equipment from deliberate damage.

E. The poles for support of the fixtures are to be:

1. Wood, metal, concrete, or composite poles of the Corporation's existing distribution system or extensions from the system, or

2. Poles owned and installed by the member, conforming to standard RUS specifications and mutually satisfactory to both the member and the Corporation.

F. The number and location of service points shall be as specified by the Corporation.

G. A non-refundable contribution in aid of construction will be charged to cover any cost in excess of the cost of standard fixtures.

H. Outdoor lighting service shall be provided only at locations that are accessible to Corporation trucks for servicing purposes. Also, the member shall allow authorized representatives of the Corporation to enter the member's premises and to trim trees and shrubs as necessary for maintenance of the lighting equipment and for removal of the lighting equipment upon termination of service under this schedule.

Terms of Payment

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Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

Term of Contract

The Corporation and the member shall execute an agreement for service for an original term of not less than twelve (12) months and continued thereafter until terminated by either party on thirty days written notice, but the Corporation may require a contract of original term up to five years.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Clause
Schedule WPCA-10

Applicability

This schedule is applicable to and becomes a part of each electric service rate schedule of the Corporation in which reference hereto is made.

Each metered kWh of energy sold by the Corporation shall be increased or decreased by the amount computed as follows:

Formula

$$WPCA = \frac{C - (0.08271 \times P)}{S}$$

Where:

WPCA = Wholesale power cost adjustment factor.

C = The estimated total cost of power in dollars to be incurred by the Corporation for the twelve-month period. The cost of power may include projected wholesale power cost increases beyond the twelve-month period, if such inclusion is for the purpose of mitigating the impact of wholesale power cost increases on the Corporation's WPCA factors and retail rates in future periods.

P = The estimated total kilowatt-hours to be purchased by the Corporation for the twelve-month period.

S = The estimated total metered kilowatt-hours to be sold by the Corporation for the twelve-month period.

$0.08271 = The average cost of wholesale power per kilowatt-hour purchased by the Corporation which is recovered in the Corporation's retail rate schedules.

The WPCA factor will be computed according to the above formula for a twelve-month period beginning January of each calendar year. Should, however, it appear at any time during the twelve-month period that continued use of the WPCA factor then in effect for the remainder of the twelve-month period will result in a substantial under or over recovery of the Corporation's total cost of power described herein, the Corporation may modify the existing WPCA factor to recover the applicable power cost more accurately.

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Replaces Schedule WPCA-9
Effective with all bills rendered on or after April 1, 2025

Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Energy for Small DG Facilities
Schedule SDG-10A

Purpose

The purpose of this Schedule is to establish the methods and procedures for determining credits, payments, and charges applicable to Members of the Cooperative who own and operate a Small Distributed Generation (DG) Facility as defined in the Cooperative's Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure For Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308).

Applicability

This Schedule applies to any Member of the Cooperative owning (or leasing) and operating a Small DG Facility as defined in the Cooperative's Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure For Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308) on or after January 1, 2018.

Each Member Generator shall be charged for electric service purchases under that rate schedule which would otherwise be applicable if the Member was not a Member Generator. Charges and credits under this Schedule SDG-10A shall be added to (or credited against, as appropriate) such otherwise applicable rate schedule to determine the net amount owed to the Cooperative by the Member Generator (or owed to the Member Generator by the Cooperative, as appropriate).

Definitions

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1. "Billing Period" means, as to a particular Member, the time period between the dates on which the Cooperative normally reads the retail service meter for billing purposes.
2. "Bi-directional Meter" is a meter capable of measuring (but not necessarily displaying) electricity flow in both directions and capable of providing Bi-directional Metering.
3. "Bi-directional Metering" means measuring the amount of electricity supplied by the Cooperative and the amount fed back to the Cooperative by the Member's DG Facility using a single meter.
4. "Member Generator" means the owner (or lessee) and operator of a DG Facility.

Conditions of Service

1. There must be a written interconnection agreement with the Member Generator. Sumter EMC and the Member Generator must both have fully executed SEMCO Form 3082, entitled, Agreement for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Member Generation.

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2. The Member Generator must have met all of the conditions of interconnection contained in the Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure For Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308).

Types of Metering

Metering will be accomplished using Bi-directional Metering for DG Facilities interconnected on the Member Generator's side of the retail service meter and single directional metering for DG Facilities interconnected with the Cooperative's distribution system on the Cooperative's side of the retail service meter.

Where a DG Facility is interconnected with the Cooperative's distribution system on the Cooperative's side of the retail service meter and, in the opinion of the Cooperative, the electricity consumed by the DG Facility during the Billing Period may be in excess of energy generated by the DG Facility, the Cooperative may install a Bi-directional Meter instead of a single directional meter.

Disposition of Energy

When electricity generated by the Member Generator is delivered to the Cooperative's distribution system, then such energy shall be purchased or credited by the Cooperative at rates as provided under the Purchase Rate section of this Schedule.

Monthly Rate

1. A facilities charge based on the total incremental cost of metering equipment times the Cooperative's monthly Fixed Charge Rate.

   The Fixed Charged Rate of the Cooperative shall be a percentage factor that includes components for the recovery of operations and maintenance expense, administrative and general expense, taxes, depreciation and the cost of capital which are all associated with owning and operating the utility plant necessary for interconnection and for the provision of metering pursuant to this schedule. The Fixed Charge Rate may be modified at any time by the Cooperative to reflect prevailing costs.

2. $8.00 per month administrative charge.

Installation Charges

The incremental costs of all facilities required to accommodate the DG interconnection will be paid to the Cooperative by the Member Generator prior to receiving service under this Schedule, except for the incremental costs of metering facilities as described above.

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Purchase Rate

The rates paid or credited to the Member Generator for energy purchased by the Cooperative shall be based upon the Cooperative's avoided cost of energy. The avoided cost of energy shall be applied monthly at the rate of $0.04471 per kWh. The rate as quoted herein may be adjusted at any time at the sole discretion of the Cooperative, to reflect the prevailing avoided cost of energy.

Term of Service

The term for which this Schedule applies shall be determined by the Agreement for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Member Generation, SEMCO Form 3082, as executed by both Member Generator and Sumter EMC.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Qualifying Facilities Service
Schedule QF-10A

Availability

Available to the members of the Corporation who qualify under Section 201 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) as a co-generator or a small power producer (hereafter referred to as QF Member), for the provision of Supplemental, Backup, Maintenance, and Interruptible services as defined in PURPA.

Applicability

Applicable to any QF Member with a total capacity requirement of 50 kVA or more who is a self generator with on-site generation of at least 50 kWac but not more than 1,000 kWac operating more than 100 hours per year, electrically engineered so that it can meet part or all of the QF Member's power requirement, for service not specifically covered by one of the Corporation's other retail rate schedules.

Services on a firm and interruptible basis will be provided upon request to QF Members not meeting the foregoing requirements, under rates, terms and conditions that will be established on a case-by-case basis.

Conditions of Service

To receive service hereunder, the QF Member must have signed an interconnection agreement pursuant to the Corporation's Interconnection of Distributed Generation Resources Policy, and paid all costs as required therein, where such agreement includes the following provisions:

A. Specify the maximum capacity to be made available by the Corporation for power supplied to or received from the QF Member on an unscheduled basis in any hour (Maximum Unscheduled Capacity), subject to the Corporation's mutual agreement, and

B. Specify the capacity of on-site generation for which backup power (Backup Demand) may be provided by the Corporation, and

C. Specify the portion, if any, of the Backup Demand that is to be interruptible (Interruptible Backup Demand), and

D. Arrange with the Corporation for the installation of metering to measure and record interval load data, and

E. Arrange with the Corporation for the delivery of Maintenance Service.

Type of Service

Single-phase or three-phase service, 60 Hz, at standard voltages.

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Monthly Rate

All capacity made available and all energy delivered to QF Members shall be billed under one or more of the applicable provisions as follows:

A. Supplemental Service

Firm Service

Charges for Supplemental-Firm service will be calculated by applying the Corporation's applicable retail rate schedule to the metered load.

Other Services Available Upon QF Member's Request

Supplemental-Interruptible service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and charges for such service will be calculated on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing interruptible service to the QF Member.

B. Backup Service

Firm Service

The charge for Firm Unscheduled Backup Service is $5.98 per kW applied to the kW amount, if any, by which the Maximum Unscheduled Capacity exceeds the kW demand billed to the QF Member for Supplemental-Firm service; provided, however, the amount of such excess kW shall not be greater than the total generation capability of the QF Member.

Following establishment of the initial Maximum Unscheduled Capacity, the QF Member may increase or decrease such specification of the Maximum Unscheduled Capacity at any time, but any decrease will take effect only after 12 months of billing based on the previously specified level. If the QF Member's metered kW demand for any month exceeds the Maximum Unscheduled Capacity, then such metered kW demand shall become the new Maximum Unscheduled Capacity until subsequently modified as provided herein.

Other Services Available Upon QF Member's Request

Interruptible Unscheduled Backup Service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and the terms and charges for such service will be determined on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing interruptible unscheduled backup service to the QF Member.

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Firm Scheduled Backup Service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and the terms and charges for such service will be determined on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing firm scheduled backup service to the QF Member.

Interruptible Scheduled Backup Service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and the terms and charges for such service will be determined on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing interruptible scheduled backup service to the QF Member.

C. Additional Charges for Service

In addition to any charges computed in Sections (A) and (B) above, the Corporation will bill the QF Member for any other actual or reasonably estimated costs incurred by the Corporation as a result of providing service hereunder. The determination of such costs will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Terms of Payment

As specified in the contract for service.

Wholesale Cost Adjustment

Should there be any change in the level or structure of the Corporation's wholesale cost of power purchases, the Corporation reserves the right to modify the charges and provisions stated above correspondingly.

Purchase Rate

Should the Corporation purchase power from the QF Member, such purchase shall be made in accordance with the Corporation's Interconnection of Distributed Generation Resources Policy and Schedule QF-EPR-10A.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Energy Purchase Rate for Qualifying Facilities
Schedule QF-EPR-10A

Purpose

The purpose of this Schedule is to establish the standard purchase rates applicable to distributed generation (DG) owners who sell and deliver electric energy to the Cooperative from a DG Facility that is owned and operated by the DG owner where the distributed generation qualifies under Section 201 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) as a co-generator or a small power producer (hereafter referred to as QF Member).

Applicability

This Schedule applies to any QF Member that meets the following requirements:

1. Owns (or leases) and operates a DG Facility as defined in the Cooperative's Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure for Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308).
2. The DG Facility qualifies under Section 201 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) as a co-generator or a small power producer.
3. The energy delivered to the Cooperative must be produced by a solar photovoltaic system.
4. The generation capacity of the DG Facility is 1,000 kW or less.

For all other Qualifying Facilities that do not meet the above requirements, energy purchase rates shall be developed on a case-by-case basis based on the Cooperative's avoided cost of energy, and may consider the availability of the energy during peak periods, whether the facility is dispatchable, the reliability of the facility and other factors.

Conditions of Service

To receive service hereunder:

1. The QF Member must have signed an interconnection agreement pursuant to the Corporation's Interconnection of Distributed Generation Resources Policy, and paid all costs as required therein.
2. The DG Facility must have been granted Qualifying Facility status by FERC (or satisfied the requirements under PURPA to be exempt from filing for Qualifying Facility status).
3. The QF Member must arrange with the Corporation for the installation of metering to measure and record interval generation data.

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Purchase Rate

The rate paid to the QF Member for energy purchased by the Cooperative shall be based upon the Cooperative's avoided cost of energy. Such purchase rate shall be applied monthly at the rate of $0.04471 per kWh and may be adjusted at any time at the sole discretion of the Cooperative, but not less than every two years, to reflect the prevailing avoided cost of energy.

Term of Service

The term for which this Schedule applies shall be determined by the Agreement for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Member Generation, SEMCO Form 3082, as executed by both QF Member and Sumter EMC.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Qualifying Facility Rate Rider
Schedule Q-10A

Availability

Available to members of the Corporation who qualify under Section 201 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) as a co-generator or small power producer (hereafter referred to as a QF member).

Applicability

Applicable to QF members for service not covered under Schedule "QF-10A".

Monthly Rate

The charges contained in the Corporation's approved rate under which the QF member is served shall be adjusted by the amount equal to the change in the Corporation's wholesale power cost resulting solely from the Corporation providing service to the member as a qualifying facility. In addition, the QF member will be charged for any other actual or reasonably estimated costs incurred by the Corporation as a result of providing service hereunder.

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Replaces Schedule Q-10
Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Residential Qualifying Facilities Service
Schedule RQF-10A

Availability

Available to the members of the Corporation who qualify under Section 201 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) as a co-generator or a small power producer (hereafter referred to as QF Member), for the provision of Supplemental, Backup, Maintenance, and Interruptible services as defined in PURPA.

Applicability

Applicable to any QF Member who receives service under the Cooperative's Residential Service Schedule RS-10 and successor rate schedules, and who is a self-generator with on-site generation of at least 10 kWac but not more than 50 kWac operating more than 100 hours per year, electrically engineered so that it can meet part or all of the QF Member's power requirement, for service not specifically covered by one of the Corporation's other retail rate schedules.

Services on a firm and interruptible basis will be provided upon request to QF Members not meeting the foregoing requirements, under rates, terms and conditions that will be established on a case-by-case basis.

Conditions of Service

To receive service hereunder, the QF Member must have signed an interconnection agreement pursuant to the Corporation's Interconnection of Distributed Generation Resources Policy, and paid all costs as required therein, where such agreement includes the following provisions:

A. Specify the maximum capacity to be made available by the Corporation for power supplied to or received from the QF Member on an unscheduled basis in any hour (Maximum Unscheduled Capacity), subject to the Corporation's mutual agreement, and

B. Specify the total on site kWac generation capability of the QF Member, and

C. Specify the portion, if any, of the Backup Demand that is to be interruptible (Interruptible Backup Demand), and

D. Arrange with the Corporation for the installation of metering to measure and record 60-minute interval load data, and

E. Arrange with the Corporation for the delivery of Maintenance Service.

Type of Service

Type of service is 60 Hz, alternating current, single-phase, 240 volt, or 60 Hz, alternating current, single-phase or three-phase at the Corporation's standard voltages or other such voltage as is mutually agreeable.

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Monthly Rate

All capacity made available and all energy delivered to QF Members shall be billed under one or more of the applicable provisions as follows:

A. Supplemental Service

Firm Service

Charges for Supplemental-Firm service will be calculated by applying the Corporation's Residential Service Schedule RS-10 (and successor rate schedules) to the metered load.

Other Services Available Upon QF Member's Request

Supplemental-Interruptible service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and charges for such service will be calculated on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing interruptible service to the QF Member.

B. Backup Service

Firm Service

The charge for Firm Unscheduled Backup Service is $1.25 per kW applied to the kW amount by which the total kWac generation capability of the QF Member exceeds 10 kW.

Following establishment of the initial total kWac generation capability of the QF Member, the QF Member may increase or decrease such specification at any time, but any decrease will take effect only after 12 months of billing based on the previously specified level.

Other Services Available Upon QF Member's Request

Interruptible Unscheduled Backup Service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and the terms and charges for such service will be determined on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing interruptible unscheduled backup service to the QF Member.

Firm Scheduled Backup Service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and the terms and charges for such service will be determined on a case-by-case basis to reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing firm scheduled backup service to the QF Member.

Interruptible Scheduled Backup Service will be provided upon the QF Member's request, and the terms and charges for such service will be determined on a case-by-case basis to

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reflect the benefits to the Corporation of providing interruptible scheduled backup service to the QF Member.

C. Additional Charges for Service

Administrative Charge

$8.00 per month.

Other Charges

In addition to any charges computed in Sections (A) and (B) above, the Corporation will bill the QF Member for any other actual or reasonably estimated costs incurred by the Corporation as a result of providing service hereunder. The determination of such costs will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Terms of Payment

As specified in the contract for service.

Wholesale Cost Adjustment

Should there be any change in the level or structure of the Corporation's wholesale cost of power purchases, the Corporation reserves the right to modify the charges and provisions stated above correspondingly.

Purchase Rate

Should the Corporation purchase power from the QF Member, such purchase shall be made in accordance with the Corporation's Interconnection of Distributed Generation Resources Policy and Schedule QF-EPR-10A.

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Sumter Electric Membership Corporation
Net Energy Metering for Small DG Facilities
Schedule NEM-10A

Purpose

The purpose of this Schedule is to establish the methods and procedures for determining credits, payments, and charges applicable to Members of the Cooperative who own and operate a Small Distributed Generation (DG) Facility as defined in the Cooperative's Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure For Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308).

Applicability

This Schedule applies to any Member of the Cooperative owning (or leasing) and operating a Small DG Facility as defined in the Cooperative's Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure For Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308) prior to January 1, 2018.

Each Member Generator shall be charged for electric service purchases under that rate schedule which would otherwise be applicable if the Member was not a Member Generator. Charges and credits under this Schedule NEM-10A shall be added to (or credited against, as appropriate) such otherwise applicable rate schedule to determine the net amount owed to the Cooperative by the Member Generator (or owed to the Member Generator by the Cooperative, as appropriate).

Definitions

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1. "Billing Period" means, as to a particular Member, the time period between the dates on which the Cooperative normally reads the retail service meter for billing purposes.
2. "Bi-directional Meter" is a meter capable of measuring (but not necessarily displaying) electricity flow in both directions and capable of providing Bi-directional Metering.
3. "Bi-directional Metering" means measuring the amount of electricity supplied by the Cooperative and the amount fed back to the Cooperative by the Member's DG Facility using a single meter.
4. "Member Generator" means the owner (or lessee) and operator of a DG Facility.
5. "Excess Net Energy" is the positive difference between the electricity generated by the Member's DG Facility and supplied to the Cooperative during the Billing Period and the electricity consumed by the Member Generator during the same Billing Period.
6. "Net Metering" means measuring the difference, over the Billing Period, between electricity supplied to a Member Generator from the electric grid and the electricity generated and fed into the electric grid by the Member Generator, using a single Bi-directional Meter or an additional single direction meter.

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Conditions of Service

1. There must be a written interconnection agreement with the Member Generator. Sumter EMC and the Member Generator must both have fully executed SEMCO Form 3082, entitled, Agreement for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Member Generation.
2. The Member Generator must have met all of the conditions of interconnection contained in the Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure For Parallel Generation Equipment (Exhibit A to Board Policy #308).

Types of Net Metering

Net Metering will be accomplished using Bi-directional Metering for DG Facilities interconnected on the Member Generator's side of the retail service meter and single directional metering for DG Facilities interconnected with the Cooperative's distribution system on the Cooperative's side of the retail service meter.

Where a DG Facility is interconnected with the Cooperative's distribution system on the Cooperative's side of the retail service meter and, in the opinion of the Cooperative, the electricity consumed by the DG Facility during the Billing Period may be in excess of energy generated by the DG Facility, the Cooperative may install a Bi-directional Meter instead of a single directional meter.

Disposition of Energy

If the electricity supplied by the Cooperative and consumed by the Member Generator during the Billing Period exceeds the electricity generated by the Member's DG Facility and supplied to the Cooperative during the Billing Period, then all electricity generated by the Member Generator and supplied to the Cooperative shall be deemed to have been used by the Member Generator and set off against the electricity supplied by the Cooperative. If the electricity generated by the Member Generator and supplied to the Cooperative during the Billing Period exceeds the electricity supplied by the Cooperative and consumed by the Member Generator, then the Excess Net Energy shall be purchased or credited by the Cooperative at rates as provided under the Purchase Rate section of this Schedule.

Monthly Rate

1. A facilities charge based on the total incremental cost of metering equipment times the Cooperative's monthly Fixed Charge Rate.

   The Fixed Charged Rate of the Cooperative shall be a percentage factor that includes components for the recovery of operations and maintenance expense, administrative and general expense, taxes, depreciation and the cost of capital which are all associated with owning and operating the utility plant necessary for interconnection and for the provision

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of Net Metering pursuant to this schedule. The Fixed Charge Rate is 1.5% and may be modified at any time by the Cooperative to reflect prevailing costs.

2. $8.00 per month administrative charge.

Installation Charges

The incremental costs of all facilities required to accommodate the DG interconnection will be paid to the Cooperative by the Member Generator prior to receiving service under this Schedule, except for the incremental costs of metering facilities as described above.

Purchase Rate

The rates paid or credited to the Member Generator for net energy purchased by the Cooperative shall be based upon the Cooperative's avoided cost of energy. The avoided cost of energy shall be applied monthly at the rate of $0.04471 per kWh. The rate as quoted herein may be adjusted at any time at the sole discretion of the Cooperative, to reflect the prevailing avoided cost of energy.

Term of Service

The term for which this Schedule applies shall be determined by the Agreement for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Member Generation, SEMCO Form 3082, as executed by both Member Generator and Sumter EMC.

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Availability

Throughout the Corporation's service area, at the Corporation's discretion and subject to the Corporation's Service Rules and Regulations. Service under this rate schedule is contingent upon execution of a written Agreement for Electric Service between the Corporation and [redacted]. as well as the connected load being equal to or greater than 900 kW at the time of "initial full operation". Such Agreement shall be considered a confidential document. Only the Georgia Public Service Commission and its staff may review the terms and provisions described in the Agreement and such review shall be made under the confidentiality rules of the Commission.

Applicability

Applicable to [redacted] (referred to herein as the "Member") for electric service of one standard voltage delivered at a single point for the [redacted].

Type of Service

Three-phase service, 60 Hertz, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate

A. Service Charge @ [redacted]

B. Facilities Charge @ [redacted]

C. Energy Charge @ [redacted]

Minimum Monthly Charge

The minimum monthly charge shall be the greater of:

1. The sum of all charges as stated in the above Monthly Rate provision.
2. The charge as may be specified in the Agreement for Electric Service between the Corporation and the Member.

Facilities Charge

The Facilities Charge shown above shall be determined by multiplying a Monthly Carrying Cost Factor of [redacted] times the Distribution Facilities Investment. The Distribution Facilities Investment is the total investment in electric plant facilities installed by the Corporation (including any net replacements made from time to time) for providing electric service to the Member. Such facilities include both specific and reasonably allocable investment amounts. In addition, if applicable, the Facilities Charge will include recovery of the transmission facilities investment and related costs incurred by the Corporation pertaining to electric service provided hereunder to the Member.

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Indexed Energy Price (IEP) Adjustment

Prior to each calendar year, the Corporation shall calculate the IEP Adjustment to be used for billing for the following January through December usage periods. Such Adjustment will be calculated as follows:

The IEP Adjustment shall be the difference between the Indexed Energy Cost and a Base Cost of [redacted]. The Indexed Energy Cost will be calculated by determining the Corporation's average cost of energy ($/kWh) from the mix of electric generation resources that the Corporation has assigned or allocated to provide the energy supplied hereunder.

Term of Contract

Contract term of service hereunder shall be set forth in the Agreement for Electric Service between the Corporation and the Member.

Terms of Payment

Bills are due when rendered monthly. In the event the current monthly bill is not paid by the due date, the bill becomes delinquent.

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For the purpose of better understanding of these Service Rules and Regulations, the words and expressions listed below shall have the following meanings:

Abbreviations: The following commonly used abbreviations will be used:

Horsepower	HP
Kilovolt ampere(s)	kVA
Kilowatt(s)	kW
Kilowatt Hour(s)	kWh
Reactive Kilovolt Ampere	kVAR

Agreement or Application: A written contract or service request for a supply of electric service.

Apartment: Premises containing two or more residential dwellings. (Hotels, tourist camps, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, etc., consisting primarily of guest rooms and/or transient accommodations are not included.)

Auxiliary Service: Service supplied for a part of a Member's electric requirements, the wiring for which is entirely separate and apart from the wiring to the remainder of the Member's electric requirements when the latter are furnished by the Member's privately owned generating equipment.

Billing kW or Billing kVA: Member's maximum load expressed in kW or kVA (as adjusted in accordance with the applicable rate) which will be used in the calculation of the bill.

Billing Cycle: Cooperative's schedule for meter reading and billing which defines the starting dates for billing periods.

Billing Period of Month: The interval between two consecutive meter readings that are taken for billing purposes. Such readings will be taken as nearly as practical every 30 days. All rate schedules are on the basis of charges per month unless otherwise specifically stated in the rate schedule.

Contracted Capacity: Member's specified requirements expressed in hp, kW, or kVA for which the Member contracts and the Cooperative is obligated to supply.

Delivery Voltage: The voltage of the Cooperative's facilities at the delivery point.

Energy: The active component of the quantity of supply expressed in kWh.

Hertz: The unit of frequency, cycles per second.

Irrigation Services: Electric service accounts which meet the applicability provisions of the Cooperative’s Irrigation Time-of-Use rate schedule.

kWh: The use of the active component of power.

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Member: The individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity in whose name service is rendered at a single premise, or an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity who is an applicant for membership and electric service.

Meter: The complete installation of equipment needed to measure the maximum load and/or energy supplied to the Member.

Metered Voltage: The voltage at which service is metered irrespective of the delivery voltage.

Mobile Home: A portable vehicular structure, constructed on a chassis and designed to be used without permanent foundation as a dwelling unit. A mobile home park is defined as a developed area of land containing water and sewer systems, containing streets, and five or more contiguous sites for mobile homes, each site containing at least 2,000 square feet (exclusive of streets, recreational areas, parking areas, and any commercial areas.)

Nominal Voltage: The designated voltage assigned to a circuit or system of a given voltage class for the purpose of convenient identification.

Outdoor Lighting: Outdoor lights installed and provided electric service pursuant to the Cooperative's Outdoor Lighting rate schedule.

Other Services: Billboards, signs, barns, camp houses, grain bins, water pumps, and residences of a non-permanent nature.

Overhead System: Those parts of the Cooperative's distribution system which are constructed on and supported primarily by wooden poles.

Permanent Other Services: Schools, public buildings, churches, commercial and industrial establishments, controlled environment livestock and poultry housing, or any other structure or facilities deemed by the Cooperative to be of a permanent nature for which the Member requests electric service on a continuous, around-the-clock basis.

Permanent Residence: A Residential Dwelling which has a freshwater well and a state approved septic tank or is connected to a municipal water and sewer system and requires active electric service on a continuous basis.

Power Factor (PF): In rate schedules providing for power factor adjustment, PF will be calculated from the relation between the kVA and the active kW components of demand used, expressed in percent.

Premises: A distinct portion of real estate on which is located the living quarters for the use of a single family, or the main building of a commercial or of an industrial Member and which may include the outlying or adjacent buildings used by the same Member, provided the use of service in the outlying buildings is supplemental to the service used in the main residence or buildings.

Primary Line: Any distribution line of the Cooperative operated at a voltage of 7,200 or 14,400 volts.

Prudent Cooperative Utility Practices: Determinations, construction, operational and maintenance, methods, accounting practices and standards, fiscal practices and standards and acts made in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time the

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decision was made, which could have been expected to accomplish the desired operational, fiscal and member relationship results consistent with good cooperative business and fiscal practices, reliability, safety and expedition at a reasonable cost. Prudent Cooperative Utility Practices is not intended to be limited to the optimum practice, method, standard or act to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be a spectrum of reasonable practices, methods, standards or acts.

Public Road: A federal, state, or local road that is maintained by the federal government, state government, or local government.

Rate Schedule: A part of the tariff which sets forth the availability and charges for service supplied to a particular class of Members.

Residential Dwelling: An individual residence, including mobile homes and trailers, with a room or combination of rooms equipped with facilities for private living for an individual or single family.

Rider: A part of the Service Rules and Regulations and Rate Schedules setting forth supplemental provisions which have limited applications to rate schedules.

Seasonal Service: Service rendered to a permanent Member for a short-term operating period each year, with or without some off-season use.

Secondary Line: Any distribution line of the Cooperative operated at a voltage under 7,200 volts.

Service Area: Any premise, area, or tract of land lying within the legal territory of the Cooperative as defined in the Georgia Territorial Electric Service Act and administered by the Georgia Public Service Commission.

Service Point: The point of the physical connection between the Cooperative's and the Member's facilities beyond which point the Member receives and assumes responsibility and liability for the service rendered.

Service Regulations: A booklet describing the Cooperative's requirements for connection of its electrical system. It is used as reference primarily for electricians and contractors planning on constructing buildings or installing, repairing or renewing apparatus or equipment to be connected to the Cooperative's distribution system.

Standby Capacity: Service available for Member's requirements in whole or in part, for use in the event of temporary in operation of Member's privately owned generating equipment.

Substation: The electric equipment and structures, including transformers, switches, protective devices and other apparatus necessary to transform energy from a transmission voltage.

Temporary Service: Service to facilities requiring electric service of a short and/or transient nature.

Transmission Lines: Any line of the Cooperative operated at a voltage of 44,000 to 235,000 volts for the purpose of transmitting power to distribution points from power generating stations.

Underground System: Those parts of the Cooperative's distribution system which are constructed and installed underground.

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100 ELECTRIC SERVICE AVAILABILITY

100 Application of Rules and Regulations

These Rules and Regulations apply to each and every Member or applicant for membership and electric service. They are a part of every contract for service made by Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Cooperative, unless modified by special terms written therein, and govern all classes of service. Copies are on file in the Cooperative's office and are open to inspection by Members.

They may be revised, amended, supplemented, or otherwise changed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Board of Directors, and such changes shall have the same force as the present ones.

The Cooperative reserves the right to apply or make proper and fitting exceptions to these provisions, particularly special charges, where unusual circumstances and conditions may warrant.

The failure of the Cooperative to enforce any of the terms of these Rules and Regulations shall not be deemed as a waiver of the right to do so.

A periodic review will be made of the amounts of special charges specified for the purpose of determining their appropriateness as related to the rights and interests of all Members and their relation to actual costs of operations affected.

101 Application for Membership

Any person (as defined in Section 1.01 of the Cooperative's Bylaws) using, receiving, or purchasing any service, product, commodity, equipment or facility from or through the Cooperative, reasonably related to the Cooperative furnishing, or the Person receiving: (1) electric power or (2) any other utility service, (collectively, "Cooperative Services"), is eligible to become a Member.

Application for membership - wherein the applicant shall agree to purchase Cooperative Services from the Cooperative and to be bound by and to comply with the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Board policies and all rules, regulations and rate schedules established pursuant thereto, as all the same then exist or may thereafter be adopted or amended (the obligations embraced by such agreement being hereinafter called "membership obligations"), shall be made in writing on such form as is provided for that by the Cooperative. With respect to any particular classification of service for which the Board of Directors shall require it, such application shall be accompanied by a supplemental contract, executed by the applicant on such form as is provided therefor by the Cooperative. The membership application shall be accompanied by payment of the Membership Fee (as listed in section 904) (together with any service security deposit, service connection deposit or fee, facilities extension deposit, or contribution in aid of construction that may be required by the Cooperative) which fee (and such service security deposit, service connection deposit or fee, facilities extension deposit, or contribution in aid of construction, if any) shall be refunded in the event the application is not approved.

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Members desiring additional service connections must pay a service connection fee, a security deposit (if required), and any other fees or charges as necessary.

Upon the termination in any manner of a person's membership, he or his estate, as the case may be, shall be entitled to refund of his membership fee (and to his service security deposit, if any, theretofore paid the Cooperative), less any amounts due the Cooperative.

In case of a conflict between the provisions of this Service Rule and Regulation #101, Application for Membership, and the provisions of the Cooperative's Bylaws, the provisions of the Cooperative's Bylaws shall control.

102 Service Security Deposits

A. General Requirements Applicable to All Classes

A service security deposit shall be collected in advance of connecting any service with respect to which the Cooperative determines that such deposit is needed to assure payment of the power bill.

In determining the need for service security deposits, and in fixing the amounts of such deposits, the Cooperative will give careful regard to the following:

1. Type of service involved;
2. Risk involved in a new business enterprise;
3. The reputation of the involved premises;
4. The credit rating of the Member;
5. History of connects, disconnects, and reconnects at the involved premises or for the involved Member; and
6. Any other factor having a realistic bearing on the Member's financial dependability.

For high-risk cases, the Cooperative may charge a deposit, not to exceed two times the average monthly bill, if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The Member has established a poor payment history with the Cooperative in the past. (History shows returned checks, disconnects, or bad debt.)
2. The Utility Payment Report from the previous utility indicates poor payment history.
3. Proper identification cannot be provided and the account does not qualify for Prepaid Electric Service. (If proper identification cannot be provided and the service is of a type that is eligible for Prepaid Electric Service, the account shall be set up as a Prepaid Electric Service in lieu of requiring a deposit.)
4. Other conditions indicate that lesser deposits may create security risks for the Cooperative.

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In the case where a Member left owing Sumter EMC a balance (bad debt), a deposit of two times the average monthly bill at the location of service will be required unless the Member is enrolled in a debt management program associated with a Prepaid Electric Service account. In addition, any bad debt remaining must be paid with the deposit and fees before service will be connected.

B. Security Deposit Requirements Applicable to Specific Classes

1. Residential Post-Pay (Homeowner or Renter)

a. A security deposit will be set after assessing the credit risk of each residential Member using the Online Utility Exchange as follows:

1) Verification of Social Security Number

2) Credit Risk Score

- Green Light – Deposit waived.
- Yellow Light – Charge $150.00 deposit.
- Red Light – Charge $250.00 or up to two times the average expected bill.

b. Utility Payment Report

1) The Cooperative may accept in lieu of a security deposit a utility payment report from the previous utility provided that the Member has no previous bad debt experience with Sumter EMC, and the Utility Payment Report from the most recent power supplier meets all the following conditions:

- The Utility Payment Report indicates the Member has paid utility bills on a timely basis for the most previous twelve consecutive months.
- The Member has had no checks returned and has not been disconnected for non-payment for twelve months.
- The Member has left the utility in good standing, leaving no outstanding balance.
- The Cooperative is granted approval to contact the previous utility to discuss any credit information which is omitted or unclear.

2) Utility Payment Reports must be received by the Cooperative prior to the connection of service. Members wishing to place a security deposit until a utility payment report can be secured can have their deposit credited to their account upon the Cooperative's approval of the Utility Payment Report.

c. Additional Residences

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A security deposit of not less than $150.00 and not more than two times the average monthly bill will be charged for each additional residence unless all of the following conditions are met:

1) The Member has established a twelve-month consecutive history with the Cooperative, indicating a good payment record; and,

2) The Member provides the Cooperative with the names of the occupants.

d. Exceptions

1) The Cooperative will not permit any Member (or potential Member) to establish service in his name when to do so circumvents the Cooperative's rights of debt recovery under its Service Rules and Regulations, Bylaws and Policies.

2) Where risk conditions appear exceptionally high, management is authorized to collect all amounts currently owed, plus a total deposit of up to two times the average actual or estimated monthly bill.

2. Temporary Service – Residential Construction

Contractors establishing service for residential construction will provide a security deposit of $50.00. However, the deposit may be waived with good prior payment history or a good Credit Risk Score.

3. General Service

The Cooperative may collect a security deposit not to exceed two times the average monthly bill.

4. Irrigation

The Cooperative may collect a security deposit not to exceed two times the average summer (June - August) bill.

5. Large Power

The Cooperative may collect a security deposit not to exceed two times the average monthly bill.

C. Alternative Methods of Deposit

The preferred method of deposit is payment in cash to the Cooperative prior to service connections. Where circumstances warrant, management may allow the following exceptions:

1. The full amount of the security deposit may be deposited in an FDIC insured bank, mutually agreed upon between the Cooperative and the Member, with the bank as Escrow Agent, with escrow providing that all interest shall be payable jointly to the Cooperative and the Member, and if the Member is current in its obligations, then the Cooperative shall forward the interest to the Member, and if not, the interest shall be applied against the obligation, and the principal amount

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of the escrow shall further stand as security for the obligation of the Member and shall be used to meet any past-due obligation of the Member.

2. A Letter of Guaranty acceptable to the Cooperative wherein the Guarantor meets the credit risk assessment and other requirements contained in this Section #102.

3. A Letter of Irrevocable Credit from an FDIC bank acceptable to the Cooperative.

4. A Surety Bond from a surety company acceptable to the Cooperative.

D. Additional Deposits

When a disconnect occurs, the deposit will be reevaluated for adequacy, subject to a total deposit limit of two times the average expected bill.

E. Security Deposit Refunds

Refunds of security deposits will be made without interest under the following conditions:

1. As provided for in the written contract for service

2. Upon Termination of Service

The security deposit shall be refunded by check, less any amounts the Member may owe the Cooperative. Should the resultant amount (deposit less amount owed) be less than $1.00, refund will not be made unless requested in writing within 10 days after disconnection of service.

3. Prior to Service Termination – (Residential Only)

Upon written request, Residential Deposits may be refunded by applying the deposit as a credit to the Member's electric service account, provided all of the following conditions are met:

a. The Member has established 24 consecutive months of continuous electric service with the Cooperative, and

b. The Member has made timely payment during the 24-month period in a manner that has prevented the account from being cut-off, and

c. No checks have been returned and charged against the account for the 24-month period, and

d. The Member has not previously left the Cooperative's service allowing an outstanding balance to become listed in the Cooperative's bad debt records, and

4. Upon such other conditions as may be established by the Cooperative with respect to service risks of similar characteristics.

Security Deposits must be refunded in the same name as the Member's electric service account and are not generally transferable. However, transference of a

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security deposit may be permitted in order to facilitate transferring an account from the name of a deceased Member to a succeeding family member.

103 Prepaid Electric Service

A. General Requirements

Members opting into the Prepaid Electric Service program (prepaid service), in addition to the requirements of the Cooperative's other rules and regulations, will be held accountable for compliance with the rules and regulations of this Service Rule and Regulation 103. In the event of a conflict with the Cooperative's other rules and regulations, the terms of this Service Rule and Regulation 103 shall apply.

B. Applicability / Availability

Prepaid service is available to all single phase, 120/240 volt, self-contained, non-demand residential accounts with a maximum rated capacity of 200 Amps.

C. Establishing Prepaid Electric Service – New Members

Members opting into prepaid service at the time of establishing a new electric service account shall complete an Application for Membership. If not already a Member of the Cooperative, the Member shall pay a membership fee as described in Service Rule and Regulation 101. The Member shall also pay an Account Origination Fee (as listed in section 904) and, in addition, pay the Minimum Initial Prepaid Account Balance (as listed in section 904).

D. Establishing Prepaid Electric Service – Existing Members

Members with an existing residential postpaid account that are opting to convert their existing account to prepaid service shall have their current service deposit amounts, if any, applied first to their existing postpaid account and secondly to their prepaid account. Members must complete a prepay application that provides the Cooperative with information required for providing prepaid electric service. Members must pay all pre-existing fees and unbilled energy charges, including unpaid charges under levelized billing, or select to participate in the debt management program before an account can be converted from postpaid to prepaid service. The new prepaid account must have a minimum balance equal to the Minimum Initial Prepaid Account Balance (as listed in section 904). Reconnect fees and account origination fees will be waived when electric service accounts are converted from postpaid to prepaid service.

E. Debt Management

Existing Members with account balances that are establishing or converting to prepaid service may utilize the debt management program. For each payment on a Member's prepaid account that is enrolled in debt management, 25% of each payment will be applied to the debt until the balance is eliminated. Debt recovery will not be applied to the initial $50.00 minimum balance.

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F. Payments

G. Payments on prepaid accounts can be made using the same methods that are acceptable for all other electric accounts, except that automatic bank draft and automatic credit card draft cannot be utilized with prepaid accounts. See Service Rule and Regulation #601 for accepted methods of payment. Bill Calculation

Prepaid accounts charges will be calculated on a daily basis with daily adjustments of all charges and fees deducted from the prepaid account balance. Prepaid accounts will be reconciled at the end of the month to conform to the Cooperative's applicable retail rate schedule. From time to time, this reconciliation may result in a credit or debit adjustment to the account.

H. Bill Viewing

Prepaid accounts will not receive monthly paper statements or monthly e-bills. Daily prepaid account history (usage, charges and payments) will be available by phone, via the Cooperative's internet web site, and through the Cooperative's smart phone app.

I. Notifications and Alert Messages

Low balance and disconnect notices will be provided via automated messages from the Cooperative. Available delivery methods for automated messages shall include email, text message, push messages via smartphone app and automated phone calls from an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. The Member will be responsible for specifying account balance thresholds and notification delivery methods utilizing the Cooperative's web site, smart phone app, or with the assistance of a member service representative during normal business hours. The Member shall be solely responsible for managing and updating notification settings on their prepaid account. Failure to maintain or properly configure the notification settings may result in disconnection without further notice. The Cooperative will not be responsible for the Member's failure to receive advanced notification prior to service disconnection.

J. Disconnection and Minimum Payments for Reconnection

Prepaid accounts will be subject to automated mechanical disconnection any time the Member's account does not have a credit balance. Any returned checks or other fees on the account will be charged to the Member's account immediately. If the charging of such fees on the account causes the credit balance to be exhausted, service will be subject to disconnection.

To restore service, the Member must make a payment sufficient to pay the balance due on the account and, in addition, establish a minimum credit balance equal to the Prepaid Minimum Account Balance for Reconnection (as listed in Section 904).

K. Payment Arrangements

Prepaid accounts are not eligible for payment arrangements.

L. Termination of Service and Final Billing

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If an account is disconnected and does not become active after seven (7) calendar days, the account will be considered inactive and the Cooperative will mail a final bill to the last known address on file. Service terminated at the request of the Member will receive a final bill to the address on file. A refund of any remaining credit on the account after all final bill amounts have been calculated will be transferred if the Member has another active account or will be mailed to the Member if the credit is greater than $1.00.

M. Conversion to Post-paid Service

A prepaid account may be converted to post-paid service at any time, subject to payment of all account balances and required deposits, and subject to compliance with all other provisions of the Cooperative's bylaws and service rules and regulations.

N. Levelized Billing

Levelized billing is not available for prepaid accounts.

O. Bank Draft

Payments by bank draft are not available for prepaid accounts.

P. Payments at Collection agents

Payments on prepaid accounts will not be accepted by Collection Agents.

200 DISTRIBUTION LINE EXTENSIONS

201 Classification of Premises

Based on the characteristics of the type of use of a Premises and the type of electric service to be provided to a Premises, a Premises shall be assigned to one of the following classifications as defined in Section 010: (A) Permanent Residences; (B) Permanent Other Services; (C) Other Services; (D) Irrigation Services; (E) Temporary Services; (F) Seasonal Services; (G) Outdoor Lighting.

202 Line Extension Standards

The Cooperative will design, install, operate, maintain and extend its electric distribution system in accordance with Prudent Cooperative Utility Practices. Line extensions to provide Electric Service to Premises in the various classifications located within the Cooperative's Service Area shall be made upon request of the owner or occupant on the terms and conditions provided in Sections 203 through 205.

203 Overhead Line Extension

The Cooperative will extend overhead lines to provide electric service pursuant to the following terms and conditions, the provision of an easement in such form as may be required by the Cooperative, and such other reasonable terms and conditions as the Cooperative may require based on Prudent Cooperative Utility Practices.

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The cost to construct single phase overhead lines in parallel with Public Roads to provide service to Permanent Residences, Permanent Other Services, or Irrigation Services will not require a contribution in aid of construction, except that the following costs will be allocated to the project and payable by the Member (to the extent the total project costs exceed the allowable investment for such project):

i) Where underground construction is required in parallel with Public Roads the direct cost (excluding overheads) of underground construction less the direct cost of single-phase overhead line construction.

ii) Where right-of-way cutting is required (as determined at the discretion of the Cooperative) and the right-of-way cutting is done by the Cooperative or its contractor, the Member shall pay to the Cooperative the cost of right-of-way cutting; and,

iii) Where the Cooperative incurs costs associated with obtaining easements, rights-of-way, or permits, the Member shall pay to the Cooperative the cost of such easements, rights-of-way, or permits; and,

iv) Where three-phase service is provided, the direct cost (excluding overheads) of three-phase line construction less the direct cost of single-phase overhead line construction.

A. Overhead Extensions for Permanent Residences

1. Single-phase overhead line extensions will be made to Permanent Residences subject to the following terms and conditions:

   a. A contribution-in-aid of construction shall be required if the Service Point is located more than 1,000 feet from an existing primary overhead line or a Public Road. The 1,000-foot extension allowance will be increased by an additional 1/2 ft. for each square foot of residence size in excess of 2,000 square feet. If the premises are total electric, the allowance will be further increased by 1/4 ft. for each square foot of overall residence size.

   b. Extensions beyond the above limits will require a contribution in aid of construction. Such contribution in aid will be on a direct cost per-foot basis for all construction beyond the limits stated above at the Standard Construction Cost as specified in Section 904.

   c. Where a line extension to a Permanent Residence consists of a combination of both overhead and underground lines and the majority of new lines are overhead, then the above overhead line extension allowance shall apply to both the overhead and underground sections of the project. Payment of the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904) is required for line extensions consisting of both overhead and underground lines where the Service Point is terminated with underground cables.

2. Multi-phase overhead line extensions will be made to Permanent Residences subject to the following terms and conditions:

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Electric service facilities will be extended with a calculation of extension allowance based upon 2.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue. Extensions that require a distribution investment (excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment) in excess of 2.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue will require a contribution in aid of construction, calculated by subtracting the extension allowance from the estimated cost of construction. The estimated cost of construction shall include all the direct costs (excluding overheads) required to extend service (including right-of-way cutting), including primary and secondary, but excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment.

B. Overhead Extensions for Permanent Other Services

1. Loads Requiring Up to 50 kVA Capacity

Electric service facilities will be extended with a calculation of extension allowance based upon 3.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue. Extensions that require a distribution investment (excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment) in excess of 3.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue will require a contribution in aid of construction, calculated by subtracting the extension allowance from the estimated cost of construction. The estimated cost of construction shall include all the direct costs (excluding overheads) required to extend service (including right-of-way cutting), including primary and secondary, but excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment.

2. Loads Requiring More Than 50 kVA of Capacity

Electric service facilities will be extended, and contributions-in-aid of construction will be computed, case by case, based upon the following conditions:

a. Estimated annual electric service revenue.

b. Costs of line extensions (single or three-phase), including both secondary and primary.

c. Applicant-specific requirements that include, but are not limited to, installing or inventorying of equipment that is not commonly used elsewhere by the Cooperative and unusual or extremely large electric service requirements.

C. Overhead Extensions for Other Services

Electric service facilities will be extended with a calculation of extension allowance based upon 3.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue. Extensions that require a distribution investment (excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment) in excess of 3.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue will require a contribution in aid of construction, calculated by subtracting the extension allowance from the estimated cost of construction. The estimated cost of construction shall include all the direct costs (excluding overheads) required to

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extend service (including right-of-way cutting), including primary and secondary, but excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment.

D. Overhead Extensions for Irrigation Services

Electric service facilities will be extended with a calculation of extension allowance based upon:

1. Where there is only one irrigation pump motor connected to the service, the nominal nameplate horsepower rating of the single electric motor times $220; or,

2. Where there is more than one irrigation pump motor connected to the service, the smaller of:

    a. the sum of the nominal nameplate horsepower ratings of all irrigation pump motors times $220; or,

    b. the nameplate kVA capacity of the transformer(s) installed times $220. Where two services are served from the same transformer bank, the allocated kVA capacity of the transformer(s) for the subject service shall be multiplied by $220.

Extensions that require a distribution investment (excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment) in excess of the above extension allowance will require a contribution in aid of construction, calculated by subtracting the extension allowance from the estimated cost of construction. The estimated cost of construction shall include all the direct costs (excluding overheads) required to extend service (including right-of-way cutting), including primary and secondary, but excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment.

E. Overhead Extensions for Temporary Services

1. Temporary single-phase service will be furnished for construction and other purposes. Unless the Member expects to take permanent service from the Cooperative, such service must be located within 200 feet of the Cooperative's existing distribution lines. Unless the Member expects to take permanent service from the Cooperative, the Member shall pay in advance the cost of furnishing, installing and removing (with salvage allowance) the temporary facilities necessary to supply the required service, metering and transformation equipment excepted. Applications for temporary service of more than 200 feet distance shall be handled on a case-by-case basis.

2. A Member applying for temporary service will be required to supply a suitable pole or underground pedestal, meter socket, and disconnect set at an approved location. For overhead service drops, the top of the meter pole shall be at least 14 feet above grade (or higher, if required to meet the clearance requirements specified in the current edition of the National Electrical Safety Code). The Member will be required to obtain an inspection and permit for such installations, if such inspection is required by the local governing authority.

F. Overhead Extensions for Seasonal Services

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Electric service facilities will be extended with a calculation of extension allowance based upon 3.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue. Extensions that require a distribution investment (excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment) in excess of 3.5 times the anticipated annual electric service revenue will require a contribution in aid of construction, calculated by subtracting the extension allowance from the estimated cost of construction. The estimated cost of construction shall include all the direct costs (excluding overheads) required to extend service (including right-of-way cutting), including primary and secondary, but excluding the cost of transformers and metering equipment.

G. Overhead Extensions for Outdoor Lighting

Outdoor Lighting fixtures installed will require payment of a contribution in aid of construction pursuant to the applicable Rate Schedule.

204 Underground Line Extensions

A. Underground Extensions for Permanent Residences

1. Single-phase underground line extensions will be made to Permanent Residences subject to the following terms and conditions:

   a. A contribution in aid of construction, in addition to Payment of the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904), shall be required if the Service Point is located more than 500 feet from an existing primary overhead line or a Public Road. The 500-foot extension allowance will be increased by an additional 1/2 ft. for each square foot of residence size in excess of 2,000 square feet. If the premises are total electric, the allowance will be further increased by 1/4 ft. for each square foot of overall residence size.

   b. Extensions beyond the above limits will require a contribution in aid of construction. Such contribution in aid will be on a direct cost per-foot basis for all construction beyond the limits stated above at the Standard Construction Cost as specified in Section 904.

   c. Where a line extension to a Permanent Residence consists of a combination of both overhead and underground lines and the majority of new lines are underground, then the above underground line extension allowance shall apply to both the overhead and underground sections of the project. Payment of the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904) is required for line extensions consisting of both overhead and underground lines where the Service Point is terminated with underground cables.

2. Multi-phase underground line extensions will be made to Permanent Residences in a manner consistent with Section 203-A-2.

3. Underground Subdivisions

   a. Developers of subdivisions will be required to make a non-refundable payment of the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as

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listed in section 904) per lot before construction may begin. In addition, the developer must also pay:

1) Any applicable contribution in aid cost for outdoor lighting as such contribution in aid cost for lighting as required for compliance with requirements of the local governing body.

2) Any applicable contribution in aid cost for line extensions to a subdivision where the total length of line extension divided by the number of lots exceeds the Line Extension Allowance for Permanent Residences as stated in Section 204-A-1 above. In determining the Line Extension Allowance, the Cooperative shall assume the square footage of homes in the development will be 2000 square feet, unless restrictive covenants exist for the subdivision that specify a minimum home size of more than 2000 square feet. If restrictive covenants specify a minimum square footage in excess of 2000 square feet, the Cooperative shall use the minimum home size as stated in the covenants as the basis for determining the Line Extension Allowance.

b. Where multiple meters exist off single service laterals such as apartments or duplexes, the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904) shall be per service lateral.

c. Developers of subdivisions and mobile home parks requesting underground service will be required to make an initial deposit in the amount equal to the Cooperative's total cost of providing underground service (excluding the 120/240 volt service lateral to the meter socket) with such total cost to include applicable overhead costs. This deposit will be returned to the developer on a per-connected lot basis with the balance on deposit to be returned in lump sum when the lots are 50% connected.

d. The Cooperative may, at its discretion, permit the developer to provide the Cooperative with a Letter of Credit on a local bank and a Letter of Credit Agreement with the Cooperative in lieu of the required initial deposit. The Letter of Credit and Letter of Credit Agreement must incorporate the following provisions:

1) The amount payable under the Letter of Credit to Sumter EMC will be the waived initial deposit amount described above diminished by a "per developed lot" credit. The "per developed lot" credit is computed by dividing the total waived initial deposit by the number of lots in the subdivision (or mobile home park).

2) The amount payable under the Letter of Credit will be made to Sumter EMC upon demand provided that Sumter EMC must show that 50% of the subdivision (or mobile home park) lots have failed to develop (permanent electric service to a permanent residence) within three years of the date of the Letter of Credit.

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3) Subsequent to payment under the Letter of Credit, Sumter EMC will return to the developer the "per developed lot" credit as permanent service is provided each lot, and it will return all deposit funds held when 50% of all lots are developed.

4) The return of all deposit funds held when the subdivision (or mobile home park) lots are 50% developed will be made based upon the development of a number of lots that equals half the number of lots originally laid out and to which underground electric service was anticipated when distribution facilities were designed and installed. The subsequent development of fewer lots by virtue of the purchase of multiple lots per constructed home will not change the number of homes required to take permanent service in order to qualify for the return to the developer of all deposit funds held. Accordingly, the payment to Sumter EMC under the Letter of Credit shall be made when, in three years, the number of permanent residence electric services has not developed, equal to half the number of lots originally anticipated when distribution facilities were designed and installed.

5) All obligations under the Letter of Credit Agreement and the Letter of Credit will be satisfied when 50% of the subdivision lots (or mobile home park lots) are developed within said three years. At that time, the Letter of Credit may be cancelled and satisfied with no further obligation by said bank or by the developer in connection with the Letter of Credit Agreement.

e. The Cooperative may, at its discretion, bear the expenses of providing the underground service (excluding the 120/240 volt service laterals to meter sockets) with no deposit nor letter of credit agreement required of the developer where, in the Cooperative's judgement, the early development of the subdivision is very likely.

B. Underground Extensions for Permanent Other Services

Underground service to Permanent Other Services will be furnished as provided in Section 203-B, and the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904), shall apply.

C. Underground Extensions for Other Services

Underground facilities for Other Services will be furnished as provided in Section 203-C, and the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904), shall apply.

D. Underground Extensions for Irrigation Services

Underground facilities for Irrigation Services will be furnished as provided in Section 203-D, and the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904), shall apply.

E. Underground Extensions for Temporary Service

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Underground facilities for Temporary Service will be furnished as provided in Section 203-E.

F. Underground Extensions for Seasonal Services

Underground facilities for Seasonal Services will be furnished as provided in Section 203-F, and the Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service (as listed in section 904), shall apply.

G. Underground Extensions for Outdoor Lighting

Outdoor Lighting fixtures installed will require payment of a contribution in aid of construction pursuant to the applicable Rate Schedule.

H. Other Requirements Applicable to Any Underground Line Extension

1. The Member, owner or developer of the Premises, or the agent of the Member, owner or developer, will reimburse the Cooperative for the cost of installing and removing any temporary overhead facilities requested and for the cost of cutting and replacing pavement within the development necessitated by such installation or removal.

2. The Member, owner or developer requesting service shall pay all costs associated with directional drilling and/or rock removal above and beyond standard contribution in aid of construction.

3. Prior to installation of underground facilities to serve a Premises, the Member, owner, or developer shall provide, without cost to the Cooperative, clear (free of stumps, debris, and other obstructions) easements and rights-of-way, suitable for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground facilities.

4. The owner or developer will be required to have the rights-of-way and all streets, alleys, sidewalks, and driveway entrances graded to final grade, and will have lot lines established before construction of the electrical distribution system begins.

5. The execution of a contract with such other reasonable terms and conditions as the Cooperative may require due to the unique characteristics of the Premises on which the underground facilities are to be constructed.

6. The provision of security or collateral acceptable to the Cooperative to ensure performance of this provision.

7. Except for primary distribution feeders, the Cooperative will not install overhead or replace underground with overhead, in an area served by an underground system unless sound engineering practices dictate otherwise.

205 Special Conditions Applicable to All Line Extensions

Unless more specifically provided for in Section 203 and Section 204, the following special conditions apply to all classifications:

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A. Any contribution in aid of construction shall be paid by the Member, owner, or developer before construction begins. (See Section 206 for possible financing alternative.)

B. Members applying for the construction of an extension may be required to secure for the Cooperative all necessary and convenient grants of easements or rights-of-way and pay any cost of securing the same.

C. Applications for service for an extension to be constructed where grants of easements or rights-of-way are not held by the Cooperative will only be accepted subject to delays incident to obtaining satisfactory grants of easements or rights-of-way or other permits such as highway or railroad crossing approval.

D. Where right-of-way cutting is required (as determined at the discretion of the Cooperative) and the right-of-way cutting is done by the Cooperative or its contractor, the Member shall pay to the Cooperative the cost of right-of-way cutting. If the total investment in the line extension, including right-of-way cutting, is less than the above-described allowable investment, then the cost of right-of-way cutting that is billed to the Member shall be reduced, as applicable. The amount of credits for right-of-way trimming costs (if any, and as described above) shall not be in excess of the Cooperative's total cost of cutting the right-of-way for the line extension.

E. The Member shall be responsible for all additional costs for line extensions that cause the cost of extending service to exceed the Cooperative's stated allowable investment. Typical additional costs could include, but are not limited to, permits from other entities such as railroads and the US Army Corps of Engineers, directional boring or other specialized equipment required for construction, easements, or special permitting or regulatory approvals.

F. The Member will be responsible for locating and marking the location of all existing underground facilities prior to the start of line construction. Damage to a Member's property by Cooperative personnel, or its agents, resulting from a Member's failure to properly locate and mark existing underground facilities will relieve the Cooperative of any damage liability and the Member will be responsible for any repair cost incurred.

G. Credits applied for improvements that benefit all Members of the Cooperative

1. Where facilities are improved for the extension of service, a credit shall be issued if the improvement would have been necessary in the foreseeable future to maintain service to other Members. The amount of credit shall reflect the cost to the Cooperative of accelerating the improvement in order to extend service.

2. Expired service life credit shall be given where existing facilities are replaced prematurely for the extension of service. The amount of credit shall reflect the cost to the Cooperative of accelerating the replacement in order to extend service.

3. The expected life of improvements and replaced facilities will be 40 years for the purpose of credit calculation.

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H. If the Member prefers an alternative method of service that differs from the Cooperative's preferred method of service, but such preferred alternative is otherwise feasible and acceptable to the Cooperative, the Member may be required to pay a non-refundable contribution for the extra cost of providing and maintaining service via the Member's preferred alternative method.

I. The Cooperative may, at its discretion, require the Member (or developer) to install conduit (in conformance with technical specifications of the Cooperative) from the meter base or service disconnect to the Cooperative's transformer, secondary junction box, or other designated location. Where the Member or developer installs asphalt, concrete, septic tanks, drain lines, or other obstructions prior to placement of the Cooperative's underground service line, the Member or developer shall be responsible for installing conduit consistent with the Cooperative's technical requirements for use by the Cooperative in installing its secondary service line.

J. When it can be determined that the increased capacity or additional phases installed for one Member may benefit other Members sufficiently that the costs for such shared facilities are adequately recovered by the Cooperative, such shared facilities may be omitted in determining the cost of service to that Member.

K. Where the line to be built for one Member's use can, within the foreseeable future, be extended to other new Members, and additional load growth is anticipated to adequately compensate the Cooperative for the extension costs, the contributions-in-aid of construction may be reduced accordingly.

L. Where the Cooperative deems the field of conditions sufficiently adverse as to cause the cost of providing underground extension to be unusually high, the Cooperative may elect to offer the Member the following options:

1. The Cooperative will provide overhead extension per its service rules and regulations.

2. The Cooperative will provide underground extension with the Member bearing the full and actual costs thereof.

3. The Member may provide his own trenching, backhoe, and clearing of right-of-way work (consistent with the Cooperative's technical requirements) to accommodate the underground extension. The Member would then bear the Cooperative's actual costs of work and materials in excess of that provided by the Cooperative at no charge.

M. A partial or total refund of contribution in aid of construction may be made when a new Member utilizes facilities for which the in-plant costs were offset by a previously paid-contribution-in aid of construction. The Member who paid the initial contribution in aid of construction (initial Member) must request a refund within 36 months of receiving electric service. Refunds shall be calculated as follows:

1. For the purpose of determining refunds, the Members receiving service shall be considered as applying and receiving service at the same time, as long as construction to each Member is not more than 36 months apart.

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2. Refunds shall be calculated using the line extension policies applicable to each Member for the type of electric service they utilize.

3. If refunds are requested after the 36 month time frame has expired, no refunds shall be issued.

206 Financing Contributions-in-Aid

In lieu of collecting an up-front contribution in aid of construction, the Cooperative may elect to finance the contribution in aid for the Member based upon the following conditions:

A. The line extension, line upgrade and/or line relocation costs may be financed for not more than 60 months; and,

B. Financing shall be based upon either of the two following payment methods:

1. Installment loan financing, with monthly payments at an annual interest rate equal to the greater of 7 percent interest or Prime plus 1; or,

2. Installment loan financing, with annual payments at an annual interest rate equal to the greater of 7 percent interest or Prime plus 1, provided that one-fifth of the line extension, line upgrade or line relocation cost, as the case may be, is paid upfront.

C. Financing shall be authorized only for Members where credit and longevity both are adequate.

D. For the purposes of this Section, the applicable Prime rate shall be the current Wall Street Journal prime rate.

207 Facilities Extension Ownership

A. All line extensions, service wire and connections, no matter who pays or contributes toward paying the cost thereof, are to be made by and remain the property of the Cooperative. The only exception to Cooperative ownership will be when the Cooperative only serves up to and including primary metering. Upon prior agreement between both the Cooperative and the Member, the Member may purchase and maintain all line and equipment on the Member side of the primary metering. The Cooperative shall not be required to serve any Member over a line built, owned, operated, and maintained by the Member or a third party unless the line is built to REA specifications.

B. All property of the Cooperative placed in or upon the Member's premises and used in supplying service, is placed there under the Member's protection.

C. The Cooperative shall have access to its property at all reasonable times. The Member shall not commit or permit any act that could result in property damage, personal injury, or loss of life in relation to the Cooperative's property on his premises.

208 STANDARD SUPPLY VOLTAGES

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One system of alternating current, 60 hertz, is supplied throughout the Cooperative's system. The voltage, number of phases, and type of metering which will be supplied depends upon the Cooperative's facilities available and upon the character, size, and location of the load to be served. Therefore, the Member shall consult the Cooperative before proceeding with the purchase or installation of wiring or equipment. To avoid misunderstanding, this information should be in writing. The standard secondary voltages described below are nominal and are subject to variation as provided in ANSI standard C84.1 (generally, plus 6% or minus 10% variation from the stated nominal values).

Single-phase, 2 wire, 120 volts
Single-phase, 3 wire, 120/240 volts
Single-phase, 3 wire, 120/208 volts
Three-phase, 4-wire, 120/208 volts
Three-phase, 4-wire, 277/480 volts
Three-phase, 4-wire, 120/240 volts – See Note
Three-phase, 4-wire, 240/480 volts – See Note

Other supply voltages may be provided as approved by the Cooperative.

Note: Three-phase delta-connected services (including 120/240 volts and 240/480 volts) are normally served only from overhead lines and equipment, unless the size and type of connected load is suitable for an open-delta connection.

300 SERVICE CONNECTIONS, MEMBER WIRING, AND MEMBER EQUIPMENT

301 Service Connections

A. The wiring and electrical equipment in or upon the premises of the Member to the Point of Service must have the approval of the constituted authority of the local government agency, or any other constituted authority, if any is required, and must conform to the requirements of the National Electrical Code, the Service Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative, and any other lawfully applicable standards before it may be connected to the system.

B. The point of attachment furnished by the Member must be located at a point where the Cooperative’s facilities can be constructed at reasonable cost, and in accordance with sound engineering practices. The Cooperative reserves the right to designate where attachments, meters, and the Service Point will be located. The Member shall provide suitable means of supporting service wires to the premise which will provide the minimum ground clearance and give adequate clearance over driveways and other obstructions as provided by the National Electric Code. The Cooperative shall not be required to build without cost to the applicant more service line than is necessary to reach the Service Point as agreed to by the Cooperative.

C. The Cooperative's responsibility for installation and/or maintenance of facilities shall not extend beyond the point of attachment to the Member’s building, central distribution point, or the meter.

D. When the Member’s service requirements are of such a nature that a central distribution point needs to be located on a pole, the Cooperative may furnish and

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install the central distribution point pole for the attachment of the Cooperative's service facilities and the Member may attach his required facilities to the pole.

E. A Member may have any number of service connections under one membership. Members desiring additional service connections, however, must file a written application for each such desired service connection on a form provided by the Cooperative. A non-refundable Account Origination Fee (as listed in section 904) will be charged on each service connection. However, this connection fee may be waived under the following conditions:

1. When it is necessary to transfer an account from the name of a deceased Member to a family member successor.

2. In order to accommodate a landlord/rental property owner in cleaning a vacated property in preparation for a new tenant.

A security deposit may be required on any service.

302 General Wiring Requirements

Each Member shall cause all premises receiving electric service pursuant to his membership to become and to remain wired in accordance with the requirements of the National Electric Code, the Cooperative, any applicable state authority, and in accordance with the limitations of municipal and/or county authorities having jurisdiction. Each Member shall be responsible for and shall indemnify the Cooperative and any other person against injury, loss, or damage resulting from any defect and/or improper use or maintenance of such premises and all wiring and apparatus connected thereto or used thereon. In no event shall the responsibility of the Cooperative extend beyond the point at which its service wires are attached to the meter loop provided for measuring electricity used on such premises, unless specifically provided for in schedules or agreements.

303 Member Equipment

A. Electric Motors

The Cooperative should always be consulted on motor installations other than motors used in normal home appliances.

It is the characteristic of most electric motors to draw a heavy momentary current when started resulting, in many cases, in variation of the voltage supplied to the other Members who receive service from the same circuits or transformer. To limit the inrush of apparent power (kVA) at the Service Point, the Member shall install and maintain adequate motor-starting and control equipment as required by the Cooperative. It shall be the responsibility of the Member to ensure that the inrush current (under both starting and running conditions) as well as the frequency and magnitude of variations of running current at the Service Point do not exceed limits as specified by the Cooperative. It shall be the responsibility of the Member to ensure that starting torque produced by the motor/starter combination is adequate for the motor loads. The Cooperative shall not be responsible for motor, starter, or other equipment damage due to improper design, manufacturing, installation, or maintenance of Member equipment.

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For prevention of losses beyond the control of the Cooperative, the Member shall provide protective devices for all electrical equipment to prevent equipment problems and failures due to low or high voltage, restarts after power interruptions, phase failure, phase reversal, frequency failure, and lightning damage.

All motors should be provided with devices that will protect the motor against overload and short-circuit as defined in the National Electrical Code. The direction of phase rotation and the continuity of all three-phase current are guarded with great care, but the Cooperative cannot guarantee against accidental or temporary change in phase rotation or phase failure. Therefore, motors shall be equipped with suitable protection against such reversal or phase failure.

In addition to the above, the Member is responsible for installing all motor protections as specified by the latest edition of the National Electrical Code and the NEMA Standard MG-1.

B. Electric Generators

Where distributed generation is installed by the Member with the intent of operating in parallel with the distribution system, the Member shall adhere to the requirements and provisions of the Cooperative's Distributed Generation Interconnection Procedure for Parallel Generation Equipment and enter into an Agreement for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Member Generation. The distributed generation may be to provide emergency power and/or for generation from renewable resources.

Where standby service is installed by the Member to provide emergency power, parallel operation of the Member's generating equipment with the Cooperative's system will not be allowed. A double throw switch must be used to prevent possible injury to the Cooperative workmen by making it impossible for power to be fed back into the main line from the emergency generator.

C. Electric Welders and Miscellaneous Devices

Members desiring to operate electric welders or other devices with high inrush or fluctuating currents must supply the Cooperative with information regarding the electrical characteristics of the equipment. Electric service will not be provided to equipment which adversely affects the Cooperative's equipment or the service to other Members.

The Cooperative must be consulted before the purchase or installation of the equipment.

D. Member Responsibility for Protective Devices

All protective devices required by these regulations shall be provided by the Member and at the Member's sole expense.

E. Meter Pole

Members with installations requiring their point of delivery on a pole, including farmstead systems and mobile home poles, shall communicate with the Cooperative

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on details of load data. The Cooperative will designate the proper location of a pole of proper height and class, which the Member shall furnish, install, and maintain along with appropriate service entrance equipment (including weather-tight disconnecting means), according to the National Electric Code and National Electric Safety Code requirements, and provide space for the metering equipment furnished by the Cooperative.

Meters, service entrance equipment, and/or other foreign attachments will not be installed on Cooperative poles without the expressed consent of the Cooperative. In case of such consent, the Member agrees to assume all liability for any damages to persons or property for misuse and to hold harmless the Cooperative on any such liability. At its option, the Cooperative retains the right to terminate service and remove the meter for any misuse.

F. Relocation of Delivery Point

If the Cooperative shall be required by orders of Court or other persons having legal jurisdiction to move or relocate any of the Cooperative's poles, wires, or other appurtenances which would make it impossible or impractical to supply service to a Member's existing service entrance, the Member shall at his own expense relocate his service entrance equipment at a point designated by the Cooperative.

304 Power Factor Correction

The maintenance of high power factor is of primary importance in the economic operation and maintenance of the distribution system. Underloaded motors contribute largely to the creation of a low power factor unfavorable to both the Cooperative and the Member.

When the overall power factor of the Member's load is less than 85% lagging, the Cooperative may require the Member to install, at his own expense, equipment to correct the power factor. The Cooperative reserves the right to measure the power factor at any time.

305 Phase Load Balance

When multiphase service is furnished, the Member will, at all times, maintain a reasonable balance of load between the phases.

306 Reselling of Electricity

The Cooperative is not primarily engaged in the business of providing electrical energy to a Member for subsequent reselling of that energy by the Member. There may be special cases, however, which necessitate reselling by the Cooperative's Member. These cases will be negotiated on an individual basis with the Member. Reselling energy bought from the Cooperative without the express consent of the Cooperative is prohibited.

307 Service Interruptions

When a Member experiences interruption in electric service, he should first check the service entrance panel, breakers, and/or fuses to assure proper operation. If the trouble is not found to be on the premises, then the Cooperative should be called immediately. The

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numbers to call are 229-924-8041 or, if outside the Americus area, 800-342-6978. Service crews will be dispatched to the trouble as soon as possible.

When a Member repetitively reports power interruptions resulting in the Cooperative's sending personnel to the location to restore service and the cause of the interruptions are determined to be in Member-owned equipment, i.e., tripped breaker, blown fuse, or bad wiring on the Member's premises, the Member may be held responsible for the Cooperative's cost in making the trips. The member services employee receiving the repetitive calls should notify a Vice President, who will conduct an investigation. The Vice President may charge the Member a Member Breaker/Fuse Check fee (as listed in section 904) if the Vice President finds the trips are repetitive and avoidable.

308 Limits for Harmonics, Voltage Fluctuation, and Flicker Control

To protect infrastructure, ensure system reliability, and maintain power quality across the Cooperative's network, the Member is responsible for compliance with the requirements outlined in the latest revisions of IEEE Standard 519 (IEEE Standard for Harmonic Control in Electric Power) and IEEE Standard 1453 (IEEE Standard for Measurement and Limits of Voltage Fluctuations and Associated Light Flicker on AC Power Systems). These standards shall apply to:

- All new and existing installations connected to the Cooperative's AC power system,
- All installations with non-linear loads, fluctuating loads, or distributed energy resources.
- Distributed energy resources (DERs) such as solar photovoltaic systems.
- All points of common coupling (PCC) between Member equipment and the Cooperative's network where installations may impact voltage stability.

The Member shall not allow harmonic distortion or voltage fluctuation and flicker to exceed levels that will adversely affect the reliable distribution of electric energy of the Cooperative.

Harmonic distortion will be determined at the PCC. IEEE Standard 519 will be used as a guide for allowable limits of harmonic distortion. If harmonic distortion exceeds acceptable levels, the Member shall, at the Member's expense, mitigate the problem immediately using filters, reactors or other recommendations of the manufacturer of the harmonic producing equipment. The Cooperative will help the Member measure levels of harmonic distortion and determine a solution.

Members shall ensure that their equipment does not cause voltage flicker exceeding the visible flicker limit as defined by IEEE Standard 1453 and measured at the PCC. Flicker shall be quantified using the short-term (Pst) and long-term (Plt) indices, as defined in IEEE 1453.

Rapid Voltage Changes (RVCs) caused by switching events or load variations must remain within acceptable limits as outlined in IEEE 1453. If a member's installation is found to exceed emission limits, the cooperative may require mitigation measures, including but not limited to equipment upgrades, operational changes, or installation of

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flicker mitigation devices. The Member is responsible for ensuring their equipment complies with this rule and for any costs associated with testing, mitigation, or upgrades required to meet IEEE 1453 standards.

400 MEMBER RATE CLASSIFICATION

401 Rate Schedule Availability

When two or more rates are available for certain classes of service, the conditions under which each rate is applicable to the requirements for the individual Member are plainly set forth in the Cooperative's published rate schedules. The choice of such rates lies with the Member.

The Cooperative will at any time upon request advise any Member as to the rate best adapted to existing or anticipated service requirements as defined by the Member, but the Cooperative does not assume responsibility for the selection of such a rate or for the continuance of the lower annual cost under the rate selected should the volume or character of service change.

A Member having selected a rate adapted to his service may not change to another rate within a twelve-month period unless there is a substantial change in the character or conditions of his service. A new Member will be given reasonable opportunity to determine his service requirements before definitely selecting the most favorable rate therefor.

402 Filing of Rate Schedules

A copy of the Cooperative's applicable retail rates shall be on file at the Georgia Public Service Commission, shall be published on the Cooperative's website, and will be provided at either the headquarters or any district office of the Cooperative.

500 METERING

501 Electric Meters

All meter bases shall be installed on an exterior surface as nearly as possible at eye level. Upon receipt of the application for service, a representative of the Cooperative will, upon request, survey the premises to be served and locate the metering point in the most convenient and satisfactory location.

Meter pole service may be provided, upon request, and subject to the Cooperative's discretion, where such installations may be necessary to adequately supply power to the served premises. A meter pole shall be provided by the Member in any case where a suitable building for mounting the meter is not available.

The Cooperative will furnish the meter socket.

All meters shall be placed ahead of all switches and fuses unless otherwise agreed to by the Cooperative.

502 Meter Reading

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Meters will be remotely read through the Cooperative's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), or manually if necessary. If the member refuses installation of an AMI meter, a Non-AMI Monthly Read Fee (as listed in section 904) will be charged each month to cover the cost associated with manual reads and processing of manual reads. If for some reason the meter reader cannot gain access to the meter, the meter reading and corresponding usage for the month will be estimated based on the member's previous usage. Since meter readings are continuous from reading to reading, any error in such estimate will automatically be corrected in the next subsequent period when the meter is actually read.

503 Incorrect Reading of Meter

Corrections shall be made whenever meters are incorrectly read. The correct reading shall be ascertained whenever possible, and the bills will be re-calculated as nearly as possible to reflect the correct usage.

505 Meter Tests

The Cooperative will, upon request, test the accuracy of a Member's meter at the Member's location with portable field-testing equipment. Should this field testing and subsequent double metering leave doubt of the meter's accuracy, the meter will be changed out and brought into the office for testing.

This above procedure will be performed at no charge once per year. Requests by a Member for more frequent tests will incur a $10.00 meter test charge.

If the meter's registration is greater than 102%, the $10.00 will be applied to the Member's electric service bill. The account will be adjusted for up to the three months immediately preceding the test. Otherwise, the $10.00 will be applied toward the cost of the test.

506 Tampering with Cooperative Equipment, Current Diversion, Theft of Services

Members shall protect Cooperative equipment on premises and shall not interfere with, alter, or permit interference with, or alteration of, meters or other Cooperative property except by duly authorized Cooperative representatives. Cost of necessary replacements and repairs to correct damage to Cooperative property due to, caused by, or arising from carelessness, neglect, vandalism, or misuse by unauthorized persons, shall be paid by the person or persons responsible for such damage.

When it is determined that someone has tampered with Cooperative equipment, any appropriate action deemed necessary will be taken, particularly as it relates to safety.

Meter base seals will be broken or removed only by employees or contract employees of the Cooperative except when another person is authorized, such as an electrician or fireman, to break the meter seal and remove the meter from the base in cases warranting such action. A record of such action will be filed in the records and the meter base resealed as soon as practical.

When the Cooperative has reasonable evidence that a Member is obtaining part or all of their electricity by any method that interferes with the proper metering of electric service or has made an unauthorized connection to obtain electric service, the electric service may be disconnected at any time.

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At its discretion, the Cooperative will bill the Member for tampering with a Cooperative meter or other Cooperative equipment or for making an unauthorized electrical connection. Such bill may include charges for:

A. The estimated cost of unmetered electric service and/or current diversion; and,

B. The cost of repair or replacement of equipment damaged because of the tampering or other interference with metering or other equipment, including labor and other costs associated with repair or replacement; and,

C. Penalties, trip charges or other applicable charges as determined by the Cooperative, including a Tampering, Theft, or Damages Fee (as listed in section 904) for investigation of the tampering, theft, or damages; and,

D. The cost of reconnection of service in accordance with the appropriate trip charges (during or after regular working hours); and,

E. All current and past due amounts (Includes bad debt); and,

F. Additional deposit requirements, with total deposit equal to 2 times the highest monthly bill for the premise; and,

G. Membership fee (if applicable); and,

H. Any other costs imposed upon the Cooperative because of the tampering with Cooperative equipment, current diversion, or theft of services.

I. If the Member requests to be reconnected as a prepaid account, all fees and monies due to the Cooperative must be paid in advance. Debt management is not an option where theft of service has occurred.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 16-7-25 and local ordinances (where applicable) damaging, injuring, or interfering with meter or related equipment is unlawful and may result in prosecution. Individuals involved with power theft or vandalism may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

No Member or non-member shall be permitted to provide electric service for the enjoyment of and use by the offender by establishing such in their own name (or otherwise) unless all associated charges and restitution, where appropriate, have been paid.

507 Seasonal Restrictions for Non-pay Disconnect

Disconnection of electric service for non-payment will be restricted due to low temperatures and high temperatures as follows:

A. Low Temperatures

If the National Weather Service forecasts a low temperature at 8:00 a.m. for the Americus, GA area that is below 32º Fahrenheit for a 24-hour period beginning at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday on the date of proposed disconnect, service shall not be disconnected on that day unless requested by the Member.

If, on Friday at 8:00 a.m., the National Weather Service forecasts a low temperature for the Americus, GA area that is below 32º Fahrenheit any time during a 72-hour

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period beginning Friday at 8:00 a.m., service shall not be disconnected on that day unless requested by the Member.

B. High Temperatures

If at 8:00 a.m. a National Weather Service Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning is in effect for a 24-hour period beginning at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday on the date of proposed disconnect, service shall not be disconnected on that day unless requested by the Member.

If, on Friday at 8:00 a.m., a National Weather Service Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning is in effect any time during a 72-hour period beginning Friday at 8:00 a.m., service shall not be disconnected on that day unless requested by the Member.

508 Separate Meter for Each Service

A separate meter shall be used at each separate premise, except as provided for in rate schedules, for measuring electric service to each Member except that apartments, mobile home parks, commercial parks and shopping centers may be served through a central meter where the cost of the utilities is included in the rent charged the occupants. Meter readings will not be consolidated for the same Member at different premises, or for more than one Member on the same or different premises. Each metered service shall be billed at a service schedule prescribed for the class of service and service supplied through more than one meter at the same or different locations shall not be combined and billed under one service schedule.

600 BILLING

601 Billing Period and Payment of Bills

All Members shall be billed monthly, except those receiving Prepaid Electric Service. Bills for regular service will be rendered monthly from the meter readings taken by the automatic meter reading system or a meter reader. All bills shall be billed on a net basis and are due and payable upon rendering.

For Members billed monthly, bills are due and payable when rendered. If the bill has not been paid eighteen days after rendering, the Member will be sent a delinquent notice to this effect. Members may be assessed a Late Payment Fee (as listed in section 904).

If the bill is not paid within twenty-five days after being rendered, service becomes subject to disconnection.

If a bill has been found to be in error and accordingly rebilled at a later date, the Member will have twenty-five days from the rendering of the corrected bill to pay the same before service will be subject to disconnection.

Members with a prepaid account will be responsible for maintaining a credit balance on their prepaid account to avoid disconnection for non-payment. Prepaid accounts are not subject to late fees.

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Payments by credit card, cash, or check can be made at the Cooperative's business offices to a member services representative (during business hours) or via payment kiosk (24 hours a day). Payments by credit card and e-check can also be submitted via the Cooperative's website or mobile app. Payments by phone may be accepted where the Cooperative has the member's credit card or checking account information on-file or else via automated interactive voice response system. Payments by cash or check can be made at any of the Cooperative's third-party payment locations throughout the service area. Credit card, debit card, and e-check payments (via phone, internet or in-person) will not be assessed a convenience fee.

Payments by check submitted by mail will be credited to the member's account by the next business day after receipt. Payments made at one of the Cooperative's third-party payment locations will be credited to the member's account by the next business day.

The Cooperative also offers automatic bank draft and automatic credit card draft for non-prepaid accounts.

602 Post-pay Disconnects for Failure to Pay and Reconnection Fee

All Members whose service has been disconnected for failure to pay their bill in accordance with the provisions of Section 601 shall be required to pay a Reconnection Fee (as listed in section 904) prior to reconnection.

Members disconnected for non-payment may be required to furnish additional service security deposits before being reconnected. For those Members disconnected who originally were not required to pay a security deposit, an appropriate deposit may be required before reconnection.

603 Returned Checks and Electronic Payments from Bank

A Member's account will be considered unpaid if any form of paper check or electronic payment given the Cooperative in payment of the account is returned by the bank. A Returned Payment Fee (as listed in section 904) will be charged for a returned item.

Upon such item being returned by the bank, the Member will be notified in writing that unless the service charge is paid and the returned item is redeemed in full within ten calendar days in the form of cash, card, certified check or money order, electric service will be disconnected subject to the provisions in Section #602.

The Cooperative reserves the right to disconnect electric service without further notice for the following conditions:

A. if the returned item was given for the purpose of having power restored after disconnection for non-payment.

B. if the returned item was given to avoid immediate disconnection for non-payment.

C. if the returned item was given for the original payment of fees for connecting electric service.

D. if the returned item given was found to be fraudulent.

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If the Member pays with paper checks or electronic payments that are not honored by the bank twice within a fifteen-month period, the Cooperative may elect to place the account on a cash-only basis and require an additional deposit (minimum additional deposit of $25.00, subject to a total deposit limit of two times the average monthly bill).

604 Failure to Receive a Bill

Failure to receive a bill will not entitle the Member to the deferment of any charge for non-payment within the time specified.

Deposit of the bill and/or delinquent notices in the U.S. mail relieves the Cooperative of further responsibility for the delivery of bill and/or notice.

605 Other Reasons for Disconnections or Reconnection

A. Service may be disconnected immediately and without notice for the following reasons:

   1. Discovery of meter tampering (see Service Rule and Regulation #506, Tampering with Cooperative Equipment, Current Diversion, Theft of Services)
   2. Diversion of electric current (see Section #506)
   3. Use of power for unlawful reasons
   4. Discovery of a condition determined by the Cooperative to be hazardous

B. Electric service will be reconnected in the above cases under the following conditions:

   1. Correction of infraction
   2. Payment for any unmetered current used if applicable, unless due process of law dictates otherwise, and any other charges required by Section #506
   3. Payment of a reconnection fee and other fees and/or deposits required by the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations
   4. Member must agree to comply with reasonable requirements to protect Cooperative against further infractions

C. Service may be disconnected, but only after notice, opportunity for hearing with Sumter EMC management, and reasonable time has been allowed to comply with correction of infraction for the following reasons:

   1. For violation of and/or non-compliance with any applicable state or other local laws, regulations, and codes pertaining to electric service.
   2. For non-compliance with Bylaws, Service Rules and Regulations, and provisions in rate schedules and supplemental contracts of the Cooperative.

D. Electric service disconnected for the above reasons will be reconnected upon correction of infractions under same conditions as if Member had requested disconnection.

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606 Extension of Credit

The Cooperative may deviate from its policy on disconnection for delinquent bills only in accordance with the following standards:

A. When it is determined that enforcement of the policy will constitute an undue hardship in relation to the amount of the delinquent bill and that an extension of credit for a fixed time, or arrangement for installment payment of the bill will not unduly impair the Cooperative's ability to effectuate final collection of the bill; or

B. When the Member involved establishes to the satisfaction of the Cooperative that his failure to pay the bill has resulted from some mistake on the Cooperative's part or some mistake for which the Member was not responsible. In such instances, the Member may make a lump sum payment of the additional amount due or he may make installment payments the term of which will be no longer than the time period involved around the mistake; or

C. When the involved bill is a final bill covering service to a farm, house, or other residential account and the main building thereof has been destroyed by fire not caused by act of arson on the part of the Member or his family; or

D. When to disconnect service might pose immediate danger to the Member or other persons due to illness or when the household is immediately and directly affected by death. A Member should notify the Cooperative whenever he feels circumstances surrounding a delinquent bill warrant the need to discuss the matter with Cooperative personnel. Every effort will be made to resolve the matter with fairness to both parties. Such requests for extension must be approved by a supervisor or manager in the Billing or Member Services Departments or a Vice President.

E. Typically, extensions will be limited to not more than two in any twelve-month period and will not be granted in consecutive months. In cases of inordinate credit risk or habitual requests for extensions, no extensions will be granted.

F. For hardship cases, a past due amount may be paid in installments over a 90-day period. The current bill must be paid along with each installment during the installment period. The late fee may be waived when such arrangement is made. This exception is limited to cases where the Cooperative has reason to believe the arrangement will be honored by the Member.

G. Requests for additional extensions beyond two as described in Item E and requests for hardship cases as described in Item F must be approved by a supervisor or manager in the Billing or Member Services Departments or a Vice President.

607 Payment of Multiple Accounts

All payments for services received from a Member having two or more accounts shall be presumed to apply pro rata to the two or more accounts for two or more served premises. This regulation applies even if the Member fails to make payment for one or more of the accounts as billed. The regulation also applies regardless of the internal accounting treatment given to the payment.

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609 Incorrect Billing

Accounts billed in error due to rate assignment, stopped meter, wrong multiple applied to the meter reading, mechanical equipment failure, billing errors, or human errors will be re-calculated as nearly as possible to reflect the correct usage. When estimates are necessary, the corrected bill amount will be based on estimated consumption using the Member's previous billing history, if available. Consideration also will be given to consumption in similar periods of other years, comparative usage and sizes of connected loads of similar accounts, and any other relevant facts.

A. Corrected bill is more than the Member has been billed

The Cooperative shall not attempt to collect the under billing if either of the following conditions are not met:

1. the amount of under billing can be determined with virtual exactitude; and,
2. the Member either knew or should have known that the billing was probably incorrect.

If both the above conditions are met, the Cooperative may attempt to collect the under billing provided:

1. in cases where the under billing occurred over a period longer than 6 months, the under billing collected shall be limited to 6 months; and,
2. the collection of the under billing shall be by lump sum or monthly installments.

When circumstances surrounding the under billing warrant such action, management may negotiate a recovery of less than the under billing.

B. Corrected bill is less than the Member has been billed

If the corrected bill amount is less than the Member has been billed, the Cooperative will repay the Member the overbilled amount. Where it can be reasonably determined, the overbilling shall be computed back to the point of origin; however, it may be limited to not more than two years. Payment shall be by lump sum.

The Member bears responsibility to give notice (at any office of the Cooperative) of any concerns of evidence that their billing information or amounts may be improper.

700 EASEMENTS, RIGHT OF ACCESS AND COOPERATIVE PROPERTY

701 Member to Grant Easements to Cooperative if Required

Each Member shall, upon being requested to do so by the Cooperative, execute and deliver to the Cooperative grants of easement or rights-of-way over, on, and under such lands owned or leased by the Member, and in accordance with such reasonable terms and conditions as the Cooperative shall require for the furnishing of electric service to him or other Members or for the construction, operation, maintenance or relocation of the Cooperative's electric facilities or otherwise authorizing, satisfying, or facilitating an obligation incurred, or right granted, by the Cooperative regarding use of structures,

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facilities, easements, or other goods or property owned, controlled, operated, or furnished by the Cooperative.

702 Right of Access

Cooperative's identified employees shall have the right of access to Member's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, testing, repairing, removing, maintaining, or exchanging any or all equipment and facilities which are the property of the Cooperative and for the purpose of cutting, recutting, and properly maintaining adequate right-of-way and tree clearance from power lines owned by the Cooperative.

703 Retirement of Facilities at Member's Request

When a Member desires the Cooperative to remove pole facilities from his land for valid purpose, the Cooperative will make every effort to oblige.

If it can be determined that the line no longer serves a useful present function or has no potential for future use for the Cooperative, the facilities will be removed at the Cooperative's expense.

If the line does have a useful present function or future potential, the Cooperative will relocate the facilities pursuant to Section 703.

704 Retirement of Idle Services

Idle services shall be retired in cases where such services have not been active for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months and where it is obvious that the premise to which it is attached is no longer habitable or it can otherwise be determined that the service is no longer needed.

Such retirements shall be accomplished in a manner which will maintain labor and transportation costs at a minimum.

No service shall be retired when there is a possibility that such retirement will have an adverse effect on the territorial integrity of the Cooperative.

705 Cooperative Property

All meters, service connections, and other equipment furnished by the Cooperative shall be, and remain, the property of the Cooperative. Meter bases furnished by the Cooperative must be installed and maintained by the Member. The Member shall exercise proper care to protect the property of the Cooperative on his premises; and, in the event of loss or damage to the Cooperative's property arising from neglect of the Member to care for same, the cost of necessary repairs or replacement shall be paid by the Member.

800 MEMBER WITHDRAWAL

801 General Conditions for Member Withdrawal

A. A Member receiving electric service may withdraw from the membership upon compliance with the generally applicable conditions as provided in the Bylaws of the Cooperative, Article II, Membership Suspension And Termination.

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B. A Member receiving Cooperative Services other than electric service may withdraw from the membership and shall automatically be deemed to have voluntarily withdrawn from the membership, upon ceasing to receive such service for a period of five (5) years.

900 MISCELLANEOUS

901 Sale of Miscellaneous Electric Service Inventory Items

Sumter EMC will sell miscellaneous electric service inventory items only to Members or contractors. A mark-up of thirty percent (30%) will be added to each item unless the item is specifically priced elsewhere in the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations. The item must be paid for at the time of purchase.

For computational purposes, the item cost shall be defined as Last In First Out (LIFO) basis plus freight plus sales tax.

902 Sale and Installation of Meter Poles and Pedestals

Sumter EMC shall be authorized to sell to Members, subject to availability, meter poles, with or without disconnects, and pedestals, fully assembled at purchase prices based upon the Cooperative's costs (including but not limited to labor, materials, and overhead).

Payment for sales and installation of meter poles and pedestals shall be, either

A. in cash, or

B. for an existing account, and subject to credit approval of the Member, added to the next regular bill for electric service to be paid in full on the next billing cycle, or

C. in twelve (12) consecutive monthly installments commencing upon the first billing cycle after the completion of the sale and installation, financed at seven percent (7%) per annum, subject to credit approval of the Member, such monthly payments being billed upon the Member's monthly electric service bill.

The Member shall sign such documents as may be required by the Cooperative at the time the sale occurs as to which payment method the Member desires to utilize.

903 Relocating of Poles and Other Facilities

A. The Cooperative will make no charge for relocation of poles for Members where such relocations are necessary due to the construction of new homes or other structures that the Cooperative will serve with electric power provided that the additional electrical load justifies the expense of the distribution facility relocation.

B. Charges for other relocations for Members shall be on the basis of actual costs, to include direct labor, materials (including minor materials), and equipment, and shall exclude all other costs categorized as overhead. Such total charges shall be reduced by any salvaged, usable materials, if any, returned from the job. A credit will be applied to the total charges for the expired service life of the removed facilities. Such credit will be given as a pro-rated value of the material costs, less

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salvage, based upon the average age of the pole(s) involved. The expected life of the pole(s) will be 40 years for the purpose of the credit calculation.

C. Charges for relocations for counties, cities, state, and non-members shall be on the basis of actual costs, to include all costs (both direct and related) of labor, material, and overhead with such charges reduced by salvaged, usable materials, if any, returned from the job.

904 Membership Fees, Deposits, Account Origination Fees, Special Charges

For further details, see the referenced sections of the Service Rules & Regulations

A. Membership Fee (Sections 101, 103, 506)

Payment for initial membership $5.00

B. Deposits (Sections 102, 506, 602, 603, 605)

1. Residential Post-Pay

   a. Residential - Based on credit history: $150, $250, or up to 2 times average monthly bill

   b. Residential reconnections – when an account has been disconnected for non-payment, up to two times average monthly bill

2. General Service – Up to two times average monthly bill

3. Irrigation – Up to two times average summer bill

4. Large Power – Up to two times average monthly bill

C. Account Origination Fees (Sections 103, 301)

Next business day connection $15.00

Same day connection $30.00

Minimum Initial Credit balance (Pre-pay accounts) $50.00

D. Special Charges

1. Member Breaker/Fuse Check (repetitive and avoidable) (Section 307)

   a. During working hours $15.00

   b. After working hours $25.00

2. Non-AMI Monthly Read Fee (Section 502)..... $20.00

3. Meter Tests (Section 505)

   Per test, with one free per year $10.00

4. Tampering, Theft, or Damages Fee (Section 506)

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Investigation of tampering, theft, or damages $150.00

5. Late Payment Fee (Section 601)

..... Greater of $5.00 or 2.5% of the amount past due

6. Reconnection Fee (Section 602)..... $35.00
7. Prepaid Minimum Account Balance for Reconnection..... $20.01
8. Disconnect/Reconnect for landlord $25.00
9. Returned Payment Fee (Section 603)..... $30.00

E. Standard Construction Costs (excluding right-of-way clearing & boring) (Sections 203 and 204)

1. Overhead, Single Phase, direct cost per foot..... $6.00
2. Underground, Single Phase, direct cost per foot..... $7.00

F. Underground Service Charge (Sections 203, 204, and 205)

1. Minimum Contribution in Aid for Underground Service..... $400.00

1000 POLE ATTACHMENTS

1001 Pole Attachment Engineering Fees

The Cooperative will perform engineering studies at the written request of communications and cable TV providers to determine distribution system changes, improvements, or additions necessary to meet RUS and NESC standards for accommodation of new or modified pole attachments. The study will include an inspection of each pole, preparation of RUS unit staking sheets, and a schedule of estimated construction labor, overhead, equipment, and material costs based on current contractor or Sumter EMC work force costs (at the Cooperative's discretion). The work will be performed after an engineering fee of $40.00 per pole has been submitted (unless provided otherwise by a joint-use or pole attachment agreement). The engineering fee will be based upon the existing pole count along the proposed pole attachment route.

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SUMTER EMC STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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REVISIONS OF SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

July 30, 1991	January 1, 2013
August 25, 1992	October 31, 2013
July 27, 1993	November 1, 2013
August 21, 1997	February 1, 2014
October 27, 1998	May 1, 2015
March 29, 2005	May 29, 2015
June 1, 2005	June 1, 2016
April 28, 2009	September 22, 2022
June 1, 2009	November 22, 2022
September 29, 2009	December 1, 2024
November 30, 2009	January 1, 2026
May 25, 2010	
September 28, 2010	
March 30, 2011	
December 1, 2011	

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use this affidavit for each tariff filed that contains trade secrets.

AFFIDAVIT OF ANDREA WALKER

CAME BEFORE, the undersigned attesting officer, Andrea Walker, who, being duly sworn, deposed and stated as follows:

1.

My name is Andrea Walker. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer from no legal disabilities and am able to give this Affidavit.

2.

I am the Vice President of Marketing and Administration and have been duly authorized by Sumter EMC's Board of Directors to prepare this Affidavit and cause it to be submitted with a request that the PSC acknowledge that the submitted materials contain information that constitute trade secrets covered by Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.

3.

The mailing address for Sumter EMC is: PO BOX 1048, Americus, Georgia 31709-1048.

4.

I hereby verify and affirm the following, as required by O.C.G.A. §50-18-72(a)(34):

(a) Sumter EMC is filing its tariff designated: IEP-H Contract Service for Indexed Energy Pricing.

(b) The information which has been redacted from the enclosed "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT" (hereinafter, the "trade secrets") constitute a trade secret covered by Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.

(c) The legal and factual basis for Sumter EMC's assertion that the protected information is a trade secret includes, among other things, the following:

(1) The trade secrets are of great economic value to Sumter EMC by virtue of its not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

(2) Maintaining the confidentiality of the trade secrets is of commercial value to Sumter EMC because, among other reasons:

I. The information could be used by competitors to determine Sumter EMC's cost of power and may be detrimental to the Cooperative when seeking to acquire competitive retail electric service contracts in the future.

(3) Other persons can obtain economic value from the disclosure of the trade secrets by, among other things:

I. "Knowledge of the trade secrets could permit other energy suppliers to undercut Sumter EMC's pricing, fee structure or service terms within this rate classification.

(4) Sumter EMC uses the following procedures, among others, to maintain the secrecy of the trade secrets:

I. Sumter EMC uses nondisclosure agreements and limits the distribution of the trade secrets to only those who need the information for the benefit of

Sumter EMC, and who have agreed not to use or distribute the information to others.

5.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is are true, correct, and complete.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Andrea Walker

Andrea Walker

Sumter EMC

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

05 day of January, 2026.

NOTARY PUBLIC

JENNIFER LYNN STOKES NOTARY PUBLIC EXPIRES GEORGIA July 10th 2028 TERRELL COUNTY, GA

My Commission Expires:

July 10th 2028