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**II. RATES AND CHARGES**

201. Rate Classification and Assignment.

Rate classification and assignment shall be made by the Cooperative in accordance with the availability and type of service provisions in its rate schedules. Rate schedules have been developed for the standard types of service provided by the Cooperative. If Member's request for electric service involves unusual circumstances, usage, or load characteristics not regularly encountered by the Cooperative, the Cooperative may assign the applicable rate classification or enter into a special contract. The Cooperative's Board of Directors shall approve any special contract.

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202. Rate Schedules.

202.1 Residential; Schedule RES

A. Availability.

Residential Service is available to Members in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for the following purposes:

- (1) for domestic uses associated with the operation of a full-time, single family residential installation; and
- (2) Rural churches, cemeteries, and community buildings operated by non-profit organizations.

B. Type of Service.

Single Phase Service at the Cooperative's standard secondary distribution voltages, where available. When required by load for single family residential installations, 3-phase service will be provided where 3-phase service is available under Cooperative's Line Extension Policy.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following basic charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$19.28 per meter

This charge is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It includes no kWh of energy.

And

- (2) Distribution Minimum

The first 475 kWh each month at \$.037550 per kWh but not less than \$12.90.

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- (3) Distribution Charge \$.018710 per kWh

This charge for the delivery of energy shall be applied to all kWh usage above 475 kWh during each billing period.

And

- (4) Purchased Generation.  
Energy Charge (Seasonal).

March through October billing period, inclusive; \$.04688 per kWh each month for kWh used during the billing period.

November through February billing period, inclusive; \$.03605 per kWh each month for kWh used during the billing period.

And

- (5) STEC transmission, losses, distribution and ancillary services March through October billing period, inclusive: \$.01633 per kWh each month for kWh used during the billing period. November through February billing period, inclusive; \$.01256 per kWh each month for kWh used during the billing period.

STEC Generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary service billing is subject to all applicable billing adjustments in Section II, ¶203 to result in a flow through of actual generation, transmission, distribution, losses and ancillary services cost to the cooperative members.

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D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) The customer charge plus the distribution minimum plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (2) Thirty-two dollars and eighteen cents (\$32.18) plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (3) The amount stated in any agreement with the Member plus purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services, whichever is greater.

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments in Section II ¶203.

F. Direct Load Control.

When available from the Cooperative at Member's service location, Member may elect to participate in the Cooperative's direct load control program. To participate, Member must agree to

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allow the Cooperative, or its contractor, to install a \*load management relay unit on Member's central air conditioning compressor(s) and electric water heating elements. The Cooperative will remotely control the relay(s) to manage the operation of Member's equipment to conserve capacity for the Cooperative. Member will receive a credit of \*\$25 per month for each relay unit installed on central air conditioning unit(s) so controlled on the billings for energy consumed in June, July, August and September each year, and \*\$25 per month for each relay unit installed on electric water heater(s) so controlled on the billings for energy consumed in June, July, August and September each year. This program is only available for energy purchased by WCEC from South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (\*Rev, 01/22/2014; effective 06/01/2014)

G. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative will charge a \$10 delinquent notice preparation and processing fee for any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within (16) sixteen days after issuance date.

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202.2 Small General Service; Schedule SGS.

A. Availability.

Non-residential, single-phase service is available to members in accordance with the cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for the following purposes:

1. Small Single-Phase & Rural loads such as barns, stock water wells, gate openers, camp houses, etc.
2. Small Single-Phase Commercial loads such as cathodic protection units, sign lighting, fuel pumps, etc.
3. Loads that would ordinarily qualify for this rate which have an average monthly usage in excess of 645 kWh, have the option of being served on the B-3 Schedule.

B. Type of Service.

Single phase service at 120/240 volts.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following basic charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$16.80 per meter

This is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It includes no kWh of energy; and

- (2) Distribution Charge \$0.05218 per kWh

This charge for delivery of energy shall be applied to all kWh usage each billing period; and

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(3) Purchased Generation

Energy Charge \$.03899 per kWh

And

(4) STEC Transmission, Distribution and Ancillary

Services \$.01551 per kWh

Generation, transmission, losses, distribution, and ancillary billing is subject to all applicable billing adjustments in Section II, ¶203 to result in a flow through of actual generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services cost to the cooperative members at the cooperative's cost.

D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) The customer charge plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (2) The amount stated in any agreement with Member plus purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services.

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments.

F. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative will charge \$10.00 for delinquent notice preparation and processing fee for any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within 16 days after the issuance date.

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G. Direct Load \*Management.

When available from the Cooperative at Member's service location, Member may elect to participate in the Cooperative's direct load management program. To participate, Member must agree to allow the Cooperative, or its contractor, to install a *\*load management relay unit* on Member's central air conditioning compressor(s) and/or electric water heater(s). The Cooperative will remotely control the relay(s) to manage the operation of Member's equipment to conserve capacity for the Cooperative. Member will receive a credit of \*\$25 per month for each \*relay unit installed on central air conditioning unit(s) so controlled on the billings for energy consumed in June, July, August and September each year; and \*\$25 per month per relay unit installed on electric water heater(s) so controlled on the billings for energy consumed in June, July, August and September each year. This program is only available for energy purchased by WCEC from South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (\*Rev. 6/1/2014)



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202.3 Commercial and Small Power Service; Schedule B-3.

A. Availability.

Commercial and Small Power Service is available to non-residential members having 50 kVa or less in installed transformer capacity in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for all non-residential uses other than irrigation.

B. Type of Service.

Single and/or Three Phase Service at the Cooperative's standard secondary distribution voltages, where available.

C. Basic Charges.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$52.86 per meter

This charge is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It includes no kWh of energy;

And

- (2) Distribution \$.00390 per kWh

For the first 600 kWh of usage and \$.03300 for all kWh usage above 600 kWh during each billing period. This charge for the delivery of energy shall be applied to all kWh usage during each billing period.

And

- (3) Purchased Generation  
Energy Charge \$.04044 per kWh

And

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- (4) STEC Transmission, Distribution and Ancillary Service \$.01566 per kWh  
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D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) The customer charge, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (2) the amount stated in any agreement with the Member, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (3) \$1.40 per KVA of installed transformer capacity, plus purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services, whichever is greater.

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments.

F. Seasonal Service.

For seasonal service, consumer may elect to disconnect and reconnect once annually for which he agrees to pay the monthly minimum during the months connected; however, there shall also be an annual minimum equal to 15 times the monthly minimum.

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G. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative will charge 5%, but not less than \$10.00 on any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within sixteen (16) days after issuance. If the 16<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill will be delinquent on the second working day after the weekend or holiday.

H. Load Management.

A credit of \$2.00 per KW demand savings will be paid in October based on the savings between member's non-coincident demand and member's demand during the hour of the cooperative's demand used to calculate the cooperative's billing demands in June, July, August and September or as defined in the cooperative's wholesale rate. To qualify, the member must agree to attempt to avoid the cooperative's wholesale billing peaks and request a recording demand meter at the cooperative's standard fee for such meter and pay the monthly fee for processing data. Member will be responsible to monitor ERCOT's load and be responsible for removing load at the appropriate time to avoid the peak hours. The credit will then be applied to usage from October through May.

This credit will only apply to generation purchased from STEC through the cooperative.

This credit each month will be based on the demand savings calculated by subtracting the member's peak demand, coincident with the cooperative's billing demand during the cooperative's peak hours as prescribed in the cooperative's wholesale rate, from the member's non-coincident peak for the billing period.

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202.4 Irrigation and Seasonal Agricultural Service; Schedule I.

A. Availability.

Irrigation and Seasonal Agricultural Service is available to Members in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for crop irrigation and other seasonal agricultural uses.

B. Type of Service.

Single or three-phase service at the Cooperative's standard secondary distribution voltages, where available.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following basic charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$50.69 per meter

This charge is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It does not include any kWh of energy.

And

- (2) Distribution \$.052761 per kWh

This charge for the delivery of energy shall apply to all kWh for all kWh usage during each billing period from June through September or \$.03645 for energy used from October through May.

And

- (4) Purchased Generation  
Energy Charge \$.03950 per kWh

Per kWh for kWh used during billing period.

And

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- (5) STEC Transmission, Distribution and Ancillary  
Services \$.01560 per kWh

Generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary billing is subject to all applicable billing adjustments in Section II, ¶203 to result in a flow through of the cooperative's actual generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services billing to the cooperative member.

D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) The customer charge, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (2) The amount stated in any agreement with the Member, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services whichever is greater.

In any calendar year or portion thereof, the minimum charge shall not be less than \$15.00 per kW peak demand established during the June through September billing periods. If demand is not metered, the demand will be calculated by multiplying the connected HP x .746.

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments.

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F. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative may charge 5%, but not less than \$10.00, of any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within sixteen (16) days after issuance. If the 16<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill will be delinquent on the second working day after the weekend or holiday.

G. Power Factor Adjustment.

Demand charges may be adjusted if the average power factor is lower than 95%. Measured demand may be increased by 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 95% lagging.

H. Load Management. (Voluntary Member Managed)

A credit of \$2.00 per KW demand savings will be paid in October based on the savings between non-coincident and coincident demand based on the cooperative's time and amount of peak hour coincident demand used in the cooperative's wholesale rate. To qualify, the member must agree to attempt to avoid the cooperative's wholesale billing peaks and request a recording demand meter at the cooperative's standard fee for such meter and agree to pay the monthly fee for processing data. Member will be responsible to monitor ERCOT's load and be responsible for removing load at the appropriate time to avoid the peak hours. The credit will be based on the June, July, August and September billings.

This credit will only apply to generation purchased from STEC through the cooperative.

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202.5 Commercial and Industrial; Schedule LP3.

A. Availability.

Available to Members having between 51 KVA and 350 KVA of installed transformer capacity in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for all commercial and industrial uses and standby service by special contract. This rate is also available upon request by a member if the member has maintained a demand of less than 437 kW for 60 consecutive months.

B. Type of Service.

Single and three-phase service at the Cooperative's primary or secondary distribution voltages, where available.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following basic charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$74.56

This charge is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It includes no kWh of energy;

And

- (2) Distribution Demand Charge \$2.31 per kW

This charge is applied to the maximum metered kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor, but in no event is billing demand less than 85% of the highest adjusted kW demand established in the preceding June, July, August and September, except for standby service

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where the kilowatt demand will not be less than 85% of installed transformer capacity;

And

(3) Purchased Generation

Demand Charge \$2.00 per KW

Based on the same metered demand as (2) above; and

Energy Charge \$0.03257 per kWh;

And

(4) STEC Transmission, Distribution and Ancillary Services

Demand Charge \$.25 per KW

Based on the same metered demand as (2) above;

And

Energy Charge \$.01604 per kWh

Generation, transmission, distribution, losses and ancillary billing is subject to all applicable adjustments in Section II, ¶203 to result in a flow through of actual generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services cost to the cooperative member.

D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) The demand charge, plus customer charge, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or



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- (2) Any amount stated in any agreement with Member, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (3) \$1.40 per KVA of installed transformer capacity plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services, whichever is greater.

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments.

F. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative may charge 5%, but not less than \$10.00, of any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within sixteen (16) days after issuance. If the 16<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill will be delinquent on the second working day after the weekend or holiday.

G. Power Factor Adjustment.

Demand charges may be adjusted if the average power factor is lower than 95%. Measured demand may be increased by 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 90% lagging.

H. Load Management. (Voluntary Member Managed)

A credit of \$2.00 per KW demand savings will be paid in October based on the savings between member's non-coincident demand and member's demand during the hour of the cooperative's demand used to calculate the cooperative's billing demands in June, July, August and September or as defined in the

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cooperative's wholesale rate. To qualify, the member must agree to attempt to avoid the cooperative's wholesale billing peaks and request a recording demand meter at the cooperative's standard fee for such meter and pay the monthly fee for processing data. Member will be responsible to monitor ERCOT's load and be responsible for removing load at the appropriate time to avoid the peak hours. The credit will then be applied to usage from October through May. The credit will only apply to generation purchased from STEC through the cooperative.

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202.6 Large Industrial; Schedule LP-2B

A. Availability.

Available to Members having 351 KVA or greater of installed transformer capacity in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for all commercial, industrial, non-seasonal aquaculture uses and standby service by special contract.

B. Type of Service.

Three phase Service at the Cooperative's primary or secondary distribution voltages, where available.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing period the Member shall be obliged to pay the following basic charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$77.52

This charge is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It includes no kWh of energy.

And

- (2) Demand Charge \$4.63 per kW

This charge for the rate at which energy is used is applied to the maximum metered kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor, but in no event is billing demand less than 100% of the highest adjusted kW demand established in the preceding June, July, August and September, except for standby service where the kilowatt demand will not be less than 85% of installed transformer capacity.

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(3) Purchased Generation

Demand Charge \$4.92 per kW

Based on the same metered demand as (2) above. And

Energy Charge \$0.03076 per kWh

And

(4) STEC Transmission, Distribution and Ancillary Services

Demand Charge \$.61 per kW

Based on the same metered demand as (2) above. And

Energy Charge \$.01515 per kWh

- (5) If metered at primary voltage, metered demand kW and energy kWh will be reduced by 2.0% for billing to allow for transformer losses.

Generation, transmission, distribution, losses and ancillary billing is subject to all applicable adjustments in Section II, ¶203 to result in a flow through of actual generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services cost to the cooperative member.

D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) \$1.40 per KVA of installed transformer capacity, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (2) The demand charge, plus cost of service charge plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or

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(3) The amount stated in any agreement with Member, plus any purchased generation, whichever is greater; or

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments.

F. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative may charge 5%, but not less than \$10.00, of any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within sixteen (16) days after issuance. If the 16<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill will be delinquent on the second working day after the weekend or holiday.

G. Power Factor Adjustment.

Demand charges may be adjusted if the average power factor is lower than 95%. Measured demand may be increased by 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 95% lagging.

H. Load Management. (Voluntary Member Managed)

A credit of \$2.00 per KW demand savings will be paid in October based on the savings between member's non-coincident demand and member's demand during the hour of the cooperative's demand used to calculate the cooperative's billing demands in June, July, August and September or as defined in the cooperative's wholesale rate. To qualify, the member must agree to attempt to avoid the cooperative's wholesale billing peaks and request a recording demand meter at the cooperative's standard fee for such meter and pay the monthly fee for processing data.

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Member will be responsible to monitor ERCOT's load and be responsible for removing load at the appropriate time to avoid the peak hours. The credit will then be applied to usage from October through May. The credit will only apply to generation purchased from STEC through the cooperative.

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202.7 Security Light Service; Schedule SL

A. Availability.

Single phase security light service is available to Members in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for pole mounted area security lighting on the Cooperative's existing electric distribution poles where 120v, single phase service is present.

B. Type of Service.

Single phase service at the Cooperative's standard secondary distribution voltages.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges:

<u>Security Light Fixtures</u>	Customer Charge
150 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$13.44
175 Watt Mercury	\$13.44
<u>Flood Light Fixtures</u>	
400 Watt Mercury, Metallic or High Pressure Sodium	\$22.32
1000 Watt Mercury, Metallic or High Pressure Sodium	\$40.44

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D. Billing Adjustments.

This rate subject to all applicable billing adjustments, except ¶203.1 and ¶203.2. Additionally, underground service, special poles, transformers, and equipment, etc. will be installed to serve fixtures of wattage shown above based on a contribution in Aid-of-Construction calculated by WCEC based on unit installed cost or estimated cost of construction plus current overhead percentage as used in RUS accounting.

E. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative may charge a \$10.00 delinquent notice preparations and processing account fee in accordance with its tariff.

F. Billing Period.

Monthly.



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202.8 Very Large Power; Schedule VLP.

A. Availability.

Available in accordance with the Cooperative's tariff and Service Rules and Regulations and the Agreement for Very Large Power Electrical Service, but not less than 1000 KVA for contracts served under Very Large Power; Schedule VLP.

B. Type of Service.

Three-phase service, 60 hertz at one of the Cooperative's standard primary voltages.

C. Monthly Rate.

A Facilities Charge plus the actual flow through Generation Demand Charge and Energy Charge (including fuel) all other charges, and all adjustments billed to the Cooperative by the Cooperative's wholesale supplier applicable to wholesale service to the Cooperative for power and energy, transmission, distribution, losses and ancillary services and fees used to serve this load plus \$1.482240 per kW Distribution Demand and \$.0055373 per kWh Distribution Energy Charge.

D. Power Factor Adjustment.

The demand charge shall be adjusted if the power factor at peak demand is less than 95% lagging or 95% leading. Measured demand shall be increased by 1% for each 1% by which the peak kilowatt demand is less than 90% leading or lagging.

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E. Determination of Billing Demand.

Generation Billing demand shall be determined in the same manner as defined in the wholesale tariff of the Cooperative's wholesale supplier applicable to firm wholesale service to this point of delivery.

Distribution Demand shall be the maximum metered kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor but in no event is Distribution Demand less than 85% of the highest adjusted KW demand established in the preceding 12 months.

F. Minimum Monthly Charge.

Each billing period member shall be obligated to pay as a minimum bill an amount equal to the Facilities Charge plus:

- (1) \$1.40 per KVA of installed transformer capacity as set forth in the Agreement for Very Large Power Service, plus any purchased power; or
- (2) The Demand Charge, plus any purchased power; or
- (3) The amount stated in any agreement with Member, plus any purchased power, whichever is greater.

G. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is not subject to adjustment pursuant to Section II, ¶203.1 and ¶203.2 of this tariff.

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H. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative may charge 5%, but not less than \$10.00, of any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within sixteen (16) days after issuance. If the 16<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill will be delinquent on the second working day after the weekend or holiday.

I. Demand Ratchet Liability upon Termination.

Upon the expiration or termination of this agreement, the Cooperative shall calculate the ratchet, or take or pay liability or the cost to the cooperative under its wholesale power rate in subsequent periods by reason of Member's demand prior to termination of service, and submit said calculation to Member. Member shall pay the Cooperative within sixty days (60) following submission of said calculation an amount equal to the future ratchet liability imposed on the Cooperative by reason of Member's demand during the term of this agreement.

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202.9 Public Schools; Schedule LPS.

A. Availability.

Available to Members having at least 150 KVA of installed transformer capacity in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for all public school uses.

B. Type of Service.

Three-phase service at the Cooperative's primary or secondary distribution voltages, where available.

C. Monthly Rate.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following basic charges:

- (1) Customer Charge \$55.36

This charge is an availability charge for providing electric distribution service. It includes no kWh of energy;

And

- (2) Distribution Demand Charge \$2.81 per kW

This charge is applied to the maximum metered kilowatt demand for any period of fifteen consecutive minutes during the billing period as adjusted for power factor, but in no event is billing demand less than 85% of the highest adjusted kW demand established in the preceding June, July, August and September. And

- (3) Purchased Generation

Demand Charge \$4.92 per KW

Based on the same metered demand as (2) above; and

Energy Charge \$0.03076 per kWh;

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And

(4) STEC Transmission, Distribution and Ancillary Services

Demand Charge \$ .61 per KW

Based on the same metered demand as (2) above;

And

Energy Charge \$.01515 per kWh

Generation, transmission, distribution, losses and ancillary billing is subject to all applicable adjustments in Section II, ¶203 to result in a flow through of actual generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services cost to the cooperative member.

D. Minimum Charge.

Each billing period the Member shall be obligated to pay the following charges as a minimum, whether or not any energy is actually used:

- (1) The demand charge, plus customer charge, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services; or
- (2) Any amount stated in any agreement with Member, plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services.
- (3) \$1.40 per KVA of installed transformer capacity plus any purchased generation, transmission, distribution, losses, and ancillary services, whichever is greater.

E. Billing Adjustments.

This rate is subject to all applicable billing adjustments.

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F. Delinquent Payment.

The Cooperative may charge 5%, but not less than \$10.00, of any delinquent bill. Bills are delinquent if not paid within sixteen (16) days after issuance. If the 16<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill will be delinquent on the second working day after the weekend or holiday.

G. Power Factor Adjustment.

Demand charges may be adjusted if the average power factor is lower than 95%. Measured demand may be increased by 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 90% lagging.

H. Load Management. (Voluntary Member Managed)

A credit of \$2.00 per KW demand savings will be paid in October based on the savings between member's non-coincident demand and member's demand during the hour of the cooperative's demand used to calculate the cooperative's billing demands in June, July, August and September or as defined in the cooperative's wholesale rate. To qualify, the member must agree to attempt to avoid the cooperative's wholesale billing peaks and request a recording demand meter at the cooperative's standard fee for such meter and pay the monthly fee for processing data. Member will be responsible to monitor ERCOT's load and be responsible for removing load at the appropriate time to avoid the peak hours. The credit will then be applied to usage from October through May. The credit will only apply to generation purchased through the cooperative.

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202.10 Cogeneration.

A. Waiver of Purchase/Sale Obligation.

By its order in Docket 7754, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the “PUC”) granted to South Texas Electric Cooperative (“STEC”) a waiver of its obligations to sell retail capacity and energy to Qualifying Facilities (QFs) and granted to Karnes Electric Cooperative, Inc., Nueces Electric Cooperative, Inc., San Patricio Electric Cooperative, Inc., Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (collectively the “Members”) a waiver of their obligations to buy capacity and energy directly from QFs. STEC will purchase energy and capacity, which a QF may seek to sell, and the Members will sell retail capacity and energy to QFs within the Member’s service area.

B. Purchases from QFs by STEC.

STEC’s payment to QFs for purchases of energy and capacity will be based upon the cost STEC can avoid, which is in turn based upon the incremental cost of energy and capacity to the STEC/Medina Power Pool as more particularly set forth in STEC’s avoided cost filing with the PUC. A QF selling energy and/or capacity to STEC at a price based on STEC’s avoided cost shall not be required to pay or absorb any expense in connection with the transmission of such QF energy and/or capacity to the STEC system from a point of interconnection between the QF and a Member, except as would otherwise be required under PUC Substantive Rules (See § 23.66 (k)(2)).

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C. Superseding Effect.

To the extent that any other provisions of this tariff, previously approved, are contrary to the waivers granted by the PUC in Docket 7754 such provisions are superseded and no longer of any effect.



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202.11 Sales to Qualifying Facilities.

A. Availability.

This tariff is applicable to sales of electricity to a “Qualifying Cogeneration Facility” (“QF”) as defined in Section 3 (18) of the Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C.A. 796 (18) and regulations thereunder provided the QF is interconnected with and served directly from the transmission system of South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“STEC”) and provided the QF is located in the retail service area of the Cooperative.

B. Type of Service.

Retail electric service for Supplementary, Backup, Maintenance, and Interruptible Power or combinations thereof.

C. Rates:

Rates for sales shall be just and reasonable and shall not discriminate against a QF in comparison to rates for sales to other customers served by the Cooperative. The rate, exclusive of cost reimbursement under Section 23.66(k), to be charged by the Cooperative for such retail service(s) shall be developed at the time such service is requested, and shall be designed on a basis which (I) excludes system distribution costs to the extent the Cooperative’s distribution facilities and services are not involved in the rendition of such service, and (ii) is uniform among the STEC member distribution cooperatives providing such service insofar as the cost of power and energy from STEC to STEC’s member cooperative. The Cooperative waives the monthly customer service charge for QFs selling energy and/or capacity directly to STEC.

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D. Interconnection Standards.

Interconnection shall be carried out in a manner consistent with the standards utilized by STEC in establishing interconnections generally, and in compliance with the Interconnection Plan developed by, and on file with, the Cooperative pursuant to Section 23.66(k)(1) of the Substantive Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

E. Interconnection Costs.

The QF shall pay in advance all interconnection costs, in accordance with Section 23.66(k)(2) of the Substantive Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. No QF electing to take service under the terms described above shall be subject to duplicative interconnection charges for wheeling of back-up power from the Cooperative, and, no QF shall be required to build separate facilities to the Cooperative to receive back-up services.

F. Terms & Conditions.

The availability of this tariff and terms and conditions under which this tariff is applied shall be subject to the provisions of Section 23.66 of the Substantive Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas including subsection (j)(2)(B).

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203. Billing Adjustments.

The Cooperative shall adjust all bills in accordance with the following adjustments if applicable:

203.1 Generation Cost Recovery Factor. (GCRF)

The monthly charges for all customers other than billings under the Very Large Power and Security Light rates, shall be increased or decreased on a per kWh basis by rate computed monthly as follows:

$$\text{GCRF} = \frac{\text{A} - \text{B} + \text{C}}{\text{kWhs}}$$

Where:

GCRF = Generation Cost Recover Factor (expressed in \$ per kWh) to be applied to estimated energy sales, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, for the billing period.

Generation cost is the cost of purchased generation from all sources which the cooperative purchases on behalf of the member.

A = Total estimated purchased power generation cost, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, from all suppliers.

B = Total estimated purchased power generation cost, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, from all suppliers which is included in the Cooperative's base rates. The base generation cost is computed as:

$$\text{B} = (\text{D}) (\text{kWhs})$$

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D = Base generation power cost in units sold of:

Residential (March – October)	\$.04688/kWh
Residential (November – February)	\$.03605/kWh
General Service	\$.03899/kWh
B-3	\$.04044/kWh
Irrigation	\$.03950/kWh
LP3	\$.03257/kWh and \$2.00/kW
LP-2B	\$.03076/kWh and \$4.92/kW
LPS	\$.03076/kWh and \$4.92/kW

kWh = Total estimated energy sales, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, for the billing period.

C = Adjustment to be applied to the current billing to account for:

- (1) Differences in actual purchased generation cost, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates and actual GCRF revenues recovered in previous periods;
- (2) Generation fuel cost refunds and adjustments from wholesale power suppliers by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates.
- (3) Load control device owning and operating cost and credits; the GCRF shall be increased by the estimated total amount of load control device and associated communication system; owning and operating cost and load management credits paid by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, during the month. Any difference between the estimated and actual amounts of credits paid shall be reconciled in the next succeeding month.

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203.2 Transmission and Distribution Cost Recovery Factor. (TDCRF)

The monthly charges for all customers other than billings under the Very Large Power and Security Light rates, shall be increased or decreased on a per kWh basis by rate computed monthly as follows:

$$\text{TDCRF} = \frac{A - B + C}{\text{kWhs}}$$

kWhs

Where:

TDCRF = Transmission and Distribution Cost Recover Factor (expressed in \$ per kWh) to be applied to estimated energy sales, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, for the billing period. Transmission and distribution costs shall include all purchased transmission and distribution services plus associated losses and all ancillary services which are not a part of generation cost as defined in ¶203.1.

Generation cost is the cost of purchased generation from all sources which the cooperative purchases on behalf of the member.

A = Total estimated purchased power transmission and distribution cost, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, from all suppliers.

B = Total estimated purchased power transmission and distribution cost, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, from all suppliers which is included in the Cooperative's base rates. The base transmission and distribution cost is computed as:

$$B = (D) (\text{kWhs})$$

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D = Base transmission and distribution power cost in units sold of:

Residential (March – October)	\$.01633/kWh
Residential (November – February)	\$.01256/kWh
General Service	\$.01551/kWh
B-3	\$.01566/kWh
Irrigation	\$.01560/kWh
LP3	\$.01604/kWh and \$0.25/kW
LP-2B	\$.01515/kWh and \$0.61/kW
LPS	\$.01515/kWh and \$0.61/kW

kWh = Total estimated energy sales, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, for the billing period.

C = Adjustment to be applied to the current billing to account for:

- (1) Differences between the actual purchased transmission and distribution cost, by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, and actual TDCRF revenues recovered in previous periods;
- (2) Load control device owning and operating cost and credits; the TDCRF shall be increased by the total amount of load control device owning and operating costs and load management device credits paid by rate, excluding Very Large Power and Security Light rates, during the month.

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203.3 Sales Tax & Franchise Fees or Other Tax.

All bills shall be adjusted by the amount of any sales tax, franchise fees, or other tax attributable to the sale of electric service to the Member unless Member has previously provided to the Cooperative satisfactory proof of exemption.

203.4 Meter Error Adjustment.

If a meter is found to be outside the accuracy standards established by the American National Standards Institute, Incorporated, proper correction shall be made of previous readings for the period of six (6) months immediately preceding the removal of such meter from service for test, or from the time the meter was in service since last tested, but not exceeding six (6) months, as the meter shall have been shown to be in error by such test, and adjusted bills shall be rendered. No refund is required from the Cooperative except to the Member last served by the meter prior to the testing. If a meter is found not to register for any period, unless bypassed or tampered with, the Cooperative shall make a charge for units used, but not metered, for a period not to exceed two (2) billing periods based on amounts used under similar conditions during a period or periods preceding or subsequent thereto, or during corresponding periods in previous years.

203.5 Power Factor Adjustment.

Demand charges may be adjusted if the average power factor is lower than 95%. Measured demand may be increased by 1% for each 1% by which the average power factor is less than 95% lagging. The application will be at the discretion of the cooperative based on the relative cost of metering or power factor correction equipment versus the recovery under this adjustment.

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204. Service Fees.

204.1 Trip and Account Transfer Fees.

Except as provided in these rules, the Cooperative may charge \$100 for each trip to Member's premises whether on regular or overtime which is requested by the Member or reasonably necessary under these rules or standard operating practice. This fee will be reduced to \$55 if the work required could be safely performed by one person (e.g. trip to Member's premises for collection of a bill, connection, reconnection, or to make disconnection).

If an account can be transferred without the necessity of a trip, a fee of \$20 will be charge.

Once each calendar year irrigation meters may be connected and disconnected without charge.

No charge shall be made to investigate an outage or service irregularity unless caused by Member or Member's installation or equipment.

If the problem is found to be in Member's equipment or facilities, or if cooperative personnel are required to standby while member has additional work performed, then actual cost of time and material plus 8% will be billed but not less than \$100.00 per trip.

204.2 Membership Fee.

Each applicant shall be charged a membership fee of \$5.00.



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204.3 Returned Check.

The Cooperative shall charge \$35.00 for each check or other form of payment which is dishonored or returned to the Cooperative. Any Member having a check or other form of payment dishonored two or more times in a 12-month period may be required to pay by cash, money order, or certified check.

204.4 Meter Test Fee.

No charge shall be made for a meter test except as provided in this rule. If Member's meter has been tested at Member's request and within a period of four (4) years the Member requests a new test, the Cooperative shall make the test but if the meter is found to be within the accuracy standards established by the American National Standards Institute, Inc., the Cooperative may charge the Member a fee which reflects the cost to test the meter as follows; however, this charge shall not be more than:

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| 1. | Single Phase Meter          | \$120.00 |
| 2. | Three Phase No Demand Meter | \$150.00 |
| 3. | Three Phase Demand Meter    | \$175.00 |

204.5 Delinquent Accounts.

Non-Residential Accounts.

The Cooperative may assess a one-time charge of five percent (5%), but not less than \$10.00, of each delinquent non-residential bill (including but not limited to commercial, industrial, irrigation, etc.).

Residential Accounts.

The Cooperative may assess a one-time charge of \$10 for each time that it is necessary to prepare and issue a delinquency notice made necessary by the Member's failure to pay his residential bill by the delinquent date. An

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additional trip fee will be charged if a trip is required to collect, disconnect or reconnect service.

204.6 Switchover Fee.

1. In areas designated as “Dually Certificated” by the Public Utility Commission of Texas where electric service is being provided to a consumer by the Cooperative, and said consumer requests the disconnection of electric service in order to obtain electric service from another certificated utility, the following rules shall apply:
  - a. The consumer shall request in writing to the Cooperative, the removal of electric service facilities from his/her location, specifying the date that service be terminated and the Cooperative’s account number(s) of the location to be disconnected.
  - b. Prior to disconnection, the consumer shall pay the Cooperative in full; all amounts owed the Cooperative on the account(s) involved including: current bills, payments due under contract, deferred payment agreement, delinquent payments and penalties if applicable.
  - c. In addition, the consumer shall pay the Cooperative, prior to disconnection date, a \$180.00 disconnection fee.
  - d. The consumer shall also pay the Cooperative, prior to the disconnection date an amount equal to the original total construction cost of all distribution facilities rendered idle and unusable as a result of this disconnection, less the

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depreciation and salvage value of those facilities. Any contributions in aid of construction provided by the consumer for the disconnected facilities will be deducted from the original cost. Direct labor and transportation costs associated with removing unusable distribution facilities shall also be charge. In no case; however, shall this charge be less than the average investment per customer for customer's class based on the Cooperative's most recent cost of service study.

2. In areas designated as "Dually Certificated" by the Public Utility Commission of Texas where electric service is being provided to a consumer by a utility other than the Cooperative and said consumer requests service from the Cooperative, the following rules shall apply:
  - a. The consumer shall notify the utility presently providing service of his desire to switch electric service to that of the Cooperative.
  - b. The consumer shall provide evidence that he/she has satisfactorily complied with the switchover tariff requirements of the utility from which service is being terminated.
  - c. Service will be extended to the consumer upon the completion of (a) and (b) above in accordance with the standard line extension policy of the Cooperative for the class of service required.

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3. If a switchover is requested of a consumer by the Cooperative in a “Dually Certificated” area for reasons of economics of service, elimination of duplication of facilities or other sound reason, then only those amounts agreed upon by the consumer or affected utility will apply.

204.7 Recorder Under Glass.

When the customer requests special metering such as recording devices, time of use, interval, etc., a one-time charge for actual cost plus labor plus 8% may be made. If this meter also serves as the billing meter which the Cooperative is required to supply, then the value of the standard non-recording meter for the customer class will be deducted from the above amount.

204.8 Translation of Special Metering.

A monthly printout of translated special metering data will be supplied for the cost of materials plus labor plus 8% but not less than \$60.00 per month.

204.9 Fee Schedule Digest.

Trip Fee.

Actual cost plus 8% with following minimum:

Minimum Trip Fee *1 man required	\$55
Minimum Trip Fee 2 men required	\$100

(\*whether 1 or 2 men actually go)

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For Member Problems, Connect, Disconnects, Collection, Standby Time,  
Regular or Overtime.

Transfer of account without trip. \$20/account/  
Transfer

Once each year irrigation meters may be connected and disconnected without charge; however, if transferred to new name, \$20/account/transfer will apply.

Rebill and Delinquent Notice Fee (residential) \$10

Return Check Fee \$35

\*Recorder under Glass Actual Cost,

Less Normal Meter Cost + 8% \$390

\*Translation – Minimum \$60/month

Meter Test – 1<sup>st</sup> test in 4 years FREE

Additional Tests – 1-phase residence \$120

3-phase no demand \$150

3-phase demand \$175

Test fee waived if problem found with meter.

\*Credit may be made at discretion of Cooperative if in opinion of the Cooperative, special metering is needed or desired for load research or to more accurately apply rates or to verify proper billing by others.

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205. Service Rider Fees

205.1 Facilities & Rental Rider.

Service under this Rider is available under contract for facilities charges required by certain rates or riders contained herein or when the Cooperative finds it necessary or convenient to lease facility to a Member in order to provide service under any of the rates or riders contained here.

Monthly Rate.

The monthly rate will be determined by calculating the value (V) of the facilities based on an engineer's estimate of the labor plus material plus the Cooperative's overhead rate less any contribution in aid-of-construction from the member and multiply this sum by the factor of .0175.

$$V \times .0175 = \text{Monthly Rate}$$

205.2 Energy Services & Energy Services Facilities Rider.

The Cooperative will provide various optional services as approved by the Cooperative's board of directors related to the consumption, efficiency, conservation, control, protection, safety, financing, and convenience related to electric service.

Service under this rider is available under written agreement with the consumer for one time or recurring monthly services. Terms of the agreement for the service will be determined by the Cooperative based on ownership, the estimated investment, the life of the equipment, and the total estimated cost of providing the service.

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One-time services will be billed in a lump sum. For monthly services, billing will be on a monthly basis as part of the consumer's monthly electric service bill.

Monthly Rate. .1042 (C)

Where: C = Total Estimated Cost to the Cooperative. For monthly services, the rate will be billed on a monthly basis as part of the consumer's monthly electric service bill.

For Monthly Service Billed Monthly:

$$C = (D+OM+I+T+R)$$

Where:

D = Annual depreciation based on total estimated installed cost of labor & materials & overhead multiplied by annual depreciation rate.

OM = Operations & maintenance & overhead cost based on the estimated annual cost of operation & maintenance & overhead.

I = Annual cost of money based on estimated life of equipment & Cooperative's interest rate estimated for a fixed loan of the same term.

R = Removal cost less salvage value divided by life of equipment in years.

T = Estimated annual taxes.

Lump Sum Rate: 1.08 (E)

For one time services billed in a lump sum:

$$E = L+M+F+W+O$$

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Where:

- L = Estimated cost of labor or professional services or equipment time.
- M = Estimated cost of materials & supplies.
- F = Estimated cost of freight, shipping or transportation.
- W = Estimated warehousing & handling cost.
- O = Cooperative estimated overhead costs for the service.



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205.3 Multiple Metering Rider.

A. This Rider is available to members under electric service agreement in accordance with the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations for service at more than one point of delivery under the Cooperative's Rate Schedule I, LP3, LP2B, and VLP.

The provisions of such Rate Schedules are modified as shown herein.

B. Terms and Conditions.

Service furnished under this Rider is subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. Multiple points of delivery along the primary voltage or secondary voltage lines of the Cooperative will be provided by the Cooperative at locations agreed upon between the parties and shown on a drawing attached to the Electric Service Agreement under which this Rider will be applied. Demand and energy meters will be provided and installed by the Cooperative at each point of delivery.

2. Combined metering and billing under the appropriate Rate Schedule will be used and for the purpose of billing, the maximum kW demand established by the Customer will be the sum of the maximum coincident kW demands registered on all demand meters served by a single substation. If the cost of coincident demand metering is not justified by the size and nature of the load by mutual agreement of Member and Cooperative, conventional kW demand meters will be used and maximum kW demand will be the sum of the maximum kW demand measured for the loads so

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metered. The kWh delivered will be the sum of deliveries registered by all energy meters.

3. Customer will pay to Cooperative monthly in connection with the payment for power and energy the additional amount specified in the Cooperative's Facilities & Rental Rider to cover the additional cost and expense to the Cooperative of delivery and metering said service at more than one point of delivery. The Multiple Metering Rider may reduce the Cooperative's cost and expense in serving new or added loads. In such cases, no Facilities & Rental Rider will be applied.
4. Additional points of delivery may be provided by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. Any change in the number and location of points of delivery will be accompanied by a corresponding change in the amount of the additional charge shown in the Facilities & Rental Rider, if any, and a corresponding change in the drawing required by 205.4(B)(1).

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205.4 Competitive Contract Power Service; Rider CCS.

Availability.

Available in all territory served by the Cooperative as a rider to the Very Large Power; Schedule VLP in accordance with the Cooperative's established service rules and regulations and subject to the execution of a written agreement for Very Large Power electrical service and a written agreement for service provided herein between the Cooperative, the customer, and South Texas Electric Cooperative, which is the cooperative's wholesale power supplier. Service under this rider is available only to customers whose electrical loads qualify the Cooperative to purchase power and energy under its wholesale supplier's Competitive Rate Schedule. This rider is not available in conjunction with service taken under the EIR or other discounted rate and is not available for temporary, standby, or breakdown service, or for parallel operation.

Applicability.

Applicable to existing customers of the Cooperative with measured loads of not less than 1000 kW peak demand who have measurable and economically viable alternative source of power to serve all or a portion of their electrical requirements. This rider is only applicable to that portion of the customer's load which is currently being served or being evaluated for service by sources of power other than the Cooperative. Also applicable to new customers with projected metered loads of not less than 1000kW, or existing customers who propose to add additional load such that the combined existing and additional load can be substantiated to be not less than 1000 kW.

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Service under this rider will normally be supplied to a retail customer through one point of delivery, except those meters serving the same consuming facility may be aggregated. In addition, oil well pumping and oil production related loads may be served through multiple points of delivery and combined for service under this rider if:

- 1) each point of delivery has a metered demand of not less than 100 kW for a combined total metered load of not less than 1000 kW, and
- 2) all points of delivery combined for service under this rider are under the same ownership for financial responsibility (all owned by the same customer), and
- 3) all points of delivery combined for service under this tariff are located within, and are for loads within a single oil field as identified by the Texas Railroad Commission.

Type of Service.

Three-phase, 60-hertz at available voltages or other voltage as is mutually agreeable.

Monthly Rate.

Monthly rate will be the same as stipulated in the Cooperative's Very Large power; Schedule VLP.

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205.5 Residential Distributed Renewable Generation Installations Rider (DRG).

A. Availability.

This rider will be available to members in good standing receiving service under the Cooperative's standard residential rate schedule RES. Items B, C, and D of this rider apply to the interconnection and parallel operation of a single renewable generation installation that has a rated design capacity of 20kW or less. In order to qualify for this program, the Distributed Renewable Generation (DRG) installation must utilize renewable technologies (defined as wind, solar, or hydro) to produce energy. The Cooperative reserves the right to determine if a DRG installation qualifies for this program and may take in to account future renewable technologies.

B. Basic Charge

Member will be billed a basic interconnection charge of \$15.00 per month for providing this interconnection service.

C. Purchases from Producer.

The Cooperative will pay the producer for all power purchased at the current renewable rate which is calculated by taking an average of the Cooperative's wholesale power costs for generation only for the RES rate class and multiplying this rate by the total energy purchased by the cooperative. Energy to be purchased shall be the metered kWh produced by the DRG installation in excess of kWh consumed by the home where the DRG installation is installed. This credit will be shown on the member's standard RES monthly statement.

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D. Metering and equipment.

In addition to any existing meters, a separate meter will be required to measure the output of the DRG installation. All meters shall be ratcheted to measure flow in one direction only. A fused disconnect switch accessible to the cooperative shall be installed between the DRG meter and cooperative's facilities. The cooperative reserves the right to install additional relays on equipment and the right to disconnect a member's DRG installation if operational or safety issues are suspected or detected. Meter enclosures and meters will be supplied by the cooperative to the member at cooperative's standard price. The meters will remain the property of the cooperative and will be operated under the cooperative's standard policies.

Equipment to be interconnected must be certified to be compliant for parallel operation with a central station electric system as specified by UL1741/IEEE 1547 standards. All wiring shall be in accordance with the National Electric Code and all local, State and Federal codes. Member's equipment must be controlled to prevent the flow of energy into the cooperative's facilities in the event that cooperatives power is interrupted. All DRG metering and equipment as well as associated wiring and switchgear up to the point of interconnection with Cooperative, will be installed at customer's expense.

E. Renewable Energy Credits.

The Cooperative shall retain ownership of Renewable Energy Credits produced.