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Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed are four final and two legislative copies of proposed revisions to a Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECO Energy) tariff sheet. The following rate sheets were modified:

- Miscellaneous Charge Amounts
 - Tenth Revised Sheet No. 16.00
 - Fourth Revised Sheet No. 16.01
 - First Revised Sheet No. 16.02

The revisions to Sheet No. 16.00 change various fees and deposit amounts and provides for minor updates to Automated Meter Program Opt-Out requirements.

The revisions to Sheet No. 16.01 change various fee amounts and provide for fees for remote delinquent account disconnect and disconnect due to failure to comply with terms, reflects new fees for trip charge due to unnecessary, excessive member requested trips and fees for interconnection application processing.

The revisions to Sheet No. 16.02 eliminate the Automated Metering Opt-Out Agreement Form, replaced by an online or recorded voice agreement process.

During more than 11 years since many of these items have been modified, related Cooperative costs have increased substantially. More recently, the integration of innovative technologies such as solar and AMI necessitates new fees to accommodate new processes. The proposed adjustments and additions are intended to make the various fee and deposit amounts more reflective of current needs and conditions.

We are proposing an effective date of May 1, 2024. During the review process, if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please contact me at 352-569-9622 or by email at anh.reynolds@secoenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Anh Reynolds
Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services

cc: Curtis Wynn, CEO



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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE AMOUNTS

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$5.00 for each membership. One member may have more than one electrical connection (account) but only one membership fee is required.

RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT: The minimum deposit for a residential account is \$400.

- NOTES:*
- 1) *The deposit requirement, including additional residential accounts, may be waived if one of the following criteria is met:*
 - *A residential member with satisfactory credit rating from a SECO approved reporting agency.*
 - *A residential member with preceding 24 consecutive months of satisfactory payment record.*
 - 2) *A payment delinquency initiates an account deposit reassessment. Deposit calculation is equal to two times the average monthly bill for the service address during the 12 preceding occupied months, \$400 minimum.*
 - 3) *A \$400 deposit applies when notes 1 and 2 do not apply.*

NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS: Two times the average billing for the service location during the preceding 12 months of normal use.

- NOTES:*
- 1) *If the service address is new and has not had service before, the deposit will be an amount equal to 2 months estimated usage based on an estimated load factor for that type of account.*

EXISTING SERVICE – CONNECT OR RECONNECT FEE:

Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	\$ 45.00
Outside these days/hours		\$200.00

NEW SERVICE – CONNECT FEE:

Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	
Permanent Service		\$110.00
Temporary Service		\$ 60.00

AUTOMATED METER PROGRAM OPT OUT: \$40.00 per month

Accounts that opt out of automated metering will be required to accept opt-out terms and to pay a monthly \$40 manual meter reading fee. The \$40 charge represents the partial cost of dispatching an employee to read the non-AMI meter when other meters in the billing cycle are being read by automated metering. There are no additional charges for the installation of the non-AMI meter.

CHANGE OF ACCOUNT FEE: \$25 for each change of account where reconnect of existing service or field visit is not required.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT RECONNECT FEE:

Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	\$ 45.00
Outside these days/hours		\$200.00

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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE AMOUNTS

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RETURNED CHECKS:

Current Returned Check Table

Check Amount	Fee
Less than or equal to \$800	\$30
Greater than \$800	5% of check amount

METER TEST: Each meter test (over once per year) \$ 75.00

UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS FEE: \$250.00 plus applicable reconnect fee.

METER TAMPERING FEE: \$250.00 plus expenses

CURRENT DIVERSION: Estimated cost of lost revenue plus expenses.

UNDERGROUND DIFFERENTIAL: Members requesting underground electric distribution facilities will pay the calculated differential installed cost between the underground facilities and the suitable overhead facilities.

DORMANT FACILITIES CHARGE: 75% of monthly customer charge for applicable rate schedule payable annually 12 months in advance.

SURGE PROTECTION LEASE PROGRAM: Service is provided for a minimum of 12 months.

Installation charge:	\$ 40.00
Monthly service fee:	\$ 5.95

EV CHARGER LEASE PROGRAM: Service is provided for a minimum of 12 months.

Installation charge:	\$ 75.00
Monthly service fee:	\$ 14.50

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FEE: \$5.00 processing fee for all payment arrangements made outside of the Cooperative's Interactive Voice Response system

FEE for EXCESS MONTHLY PAYMENTS ON PREPAID METERING RATE: \$3.00 transaction fee for all payments received in excess of 5 payments during a calendar month.

REMOTE DELINQUENT ACCOUNT DISCONNECTED FEE: \$45.00

DISCONNECTED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY FEE: \$250.00

TRIP CHARGE: \$250.00 fee for each member requested trip determined unnecessary or excessive.

FEE for INTERCONNECTION REQUEST APPLICATION: Processing fee for all requests for Interconnection payable at time of application submittal

TIER 1 (<10kW)	\$500.00
TIER 2 (10kW to 100kW)	\$750.00
TIER 3 (>100kW)	\$1,000.00
Modification fee (any size)	\$500.00



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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE AMOUNTS

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$5.00 for each membership. One member may have more than one electrical connection (account) but only one membership fee is required.

RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT: ~~Two times the average monthly bill for the service address during the 12 preceding occupied months.~~ The minimum deposit for a residential account is \$400.

- NOTES: 1) ~~The deposit requirement, including additional~~ A residential member with a good payment record at one active accounts, may be waived if one of the following criteria is met: is not required to have a deposit for any additional residential accounts:
- A residential member with satisfactory credit rating from a SECO approved reporting agency.
 - A residential member with preceding 24 consecutive months of satisfactory payment record.
- 2) ~~A payment delinquency initiates an account deposit reassessment. Deposit calculation is equal to two times the average monthly bill for the service address during the 12 preceding occupied months. \$400 minimum will be required when a member establishes a poor payment record at the current location or at a prior location or has a poor credit rating from a SECO approved reporting agency.~~
- 3) ~~If the service address is new and has not had service before, a \$400 deposit applies when notes 1 and 2 do not apply. will be required of \$300.00 or \$0.20 per square foot of conditioned space, whichever is greater.~~

NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS: Two times the average billing for the service location during the preceding 12 months of normal use.

- NOTES: 1) ~~If the service address is new and has not had service before, the deposit will be an amount equal to 2 months estimated usage based on an estimated load factor for that type of account.~~

EXISTING SERVICE – CONNECT OR RECONNECT FEE:

Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	\$ 40 <u>5</u> .00
Outside these days/hours		\$ <u>21</u> 00.00

NEW SERVICE – CONNECT FEE: Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Permanent Service <u>Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays</u>	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	\$110.00
<u>Temporary Service</u>		\$ <u>60</u> .00

AUTOMATED METER PROGRAM OPT OUT: \$40.00 per month

~~Members wishing to~~ Accounts that opt out of automated metering will be required to ~~accept sign an opt-out agreement (attached 16.02), terms and to pay a monthly \$40 manual meter reading fee.~~ The \$40 charge represents the partial cost of dispatching an employee to read the ~~member's non-AMI~~ member's non-AMI meter when other meters in ~~the~~ the billing cycle are being read by automated metering. There are no additional charges for the installation of the non-AMI analog meter.

Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	\$40.00
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CHANGE OF ACCOUNT FEE: ~~\$125~~ for each change of account where reconnect of existing service or field visit is not required.



DELINQUENT ACCOUNT RECONNECT FEE:

Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	\$ 405 .00
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Greater than \$800	5% of check amount

METER TEST: Each meter test (over once per year) \$ ~~7550~~.00

UNAUTHORIZED ~~RECONNECT~~ ACCESS FEE: \$250 plus applicable reconnect fee.;

METER TAMPERING FEE: \$250 plus expenses ~~or~~

CURRENT DIVERSION: ~~Estimated cost of lost revenue plus expenses \$250, plus expenses, plus the estimated cost of lost revenue.~~

UNDERGROUND DIFFERENTIAL: Members requesting underground electric distribution facilities will pay the calculated differential installed cost between the underground facilities and the suitable overhead facilities.

DORMANT FACILITIES CHARGE: 75% of monthly customer charge for applicable rate schedule payable annually 12 months in advance.

SURGE PROTECTION LEASE PROGRAM: Service is provided for a minimum of 12 months.

Installation charge (less than 300 amp):	_____	\$ 2540 .00
Installation charge (300 amp or greater):	_____	\$100.00
_____ Monthly service fee:		\$ 5.95

EV CHARGER LEASE PROGRAM: Service is provided for a minimum of ~~123~~ months.



Installation charge: \$ ~~7550.00~~
Monthly service fee: \$ 14.50

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Automated Metering Opt-Out Agreement



Customer Name	
Street Address	
City, State and ZIP	
SECO Account Number	

Terms & Conditions

I agree that I am a named, authorized person on the customer account number entered above. Further, I am indicating that I want to opt-out of the Automated Metering Program, am opting for the analog mechanical meter alternative, and am aware of the ongoing monthly charge of \$40.00, which will be added to my energy statement. By opting out, I understand that all Automated Metering enabled services, including energy alerts and energy usage graphs, among others, will no longer be available to me, and I thus agree to forfeit these services and benefits.

Printed or Typed Name _____

Signature _____