

Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation

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Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: Petition to Modify Rates

Office of Commission Clerk:

Enclosed for filing is Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation's (OREMC) petition with supporting documentation to modify its rates. OREMC is proposing to increase the Basic Facility Charge on several rates.

Enclosed for filing are the original and three (3) copies of each of the following:

1. Supporting data and justification Documents
2. Petition of Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to this writer.

Sincerely,



John Middleton
General Manager

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Supporting Data and Justification Documentation

General Information

Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation (OREMC) has a density of ten customers per mile representing a significantly higher cost of construction and maintenance per mile of line in its rural service territory than that of many urban utilities. Additionally, OREMC has many customers taking service under multiple accounts. OREMC currently has 34,781 active accounts, but only 27,238 cooperative memberships. The increased Basic Facility Charge will help send a better price signal and reduce subsidization of these multiple account customers.

Proposed Rate Modifications

OREMC is proposing modifications to its rates which will continue to better align the Basic Facility Charge (BFC) with OREMC's true customer-related cost of service. OREMC began the process of increasing the BFC in January 2010. Based on calculations at that time, OREMC's maximum cost-justified BFC was shown to be \$35.20 per month. In March 2012, OREMC implemented an increase to the BFC based on a maximum cost-justified BFC of \$36.61.

Based on the following calculation, OREMC's maximum cost-justified BFC is currently shown to be \$37.16 per month. OREMC's proposed BFC increases are well below this level. The calculated maximum BFC value adds merit to OREMC's need to increase the current BFC in order to reduce OREMC's exposure to energy-usage based revenue recovery issues such as weather and conservation. Increasing the BFC will help to provide future revenue stability for OREMC.

Calculation of Maximum Basic Facility Charge		
Okefenoke REMC		
	Year End 2013 Est.	
Average Consumers	34,932	
Consumer Accounts Expense	2,122,063	
Customer Service & Information Expense	<u>489,945</u>	
Total Direct Expenses	2,612,007	
Total Operations & Maintenance Expense	8,857,899	
Total A & G Expense	2,533,261	
Depreciation & Amortization	4,620,592	
Interest on Long Term Debt	3,529,064	
Operating Margins	<u>4,156,871</u>	
Total Expenses Related to Plant	23,698,227	
Total Utility Plant	163,171,514	
Services & Meters	23,496,698	14.4%
Other Utility Plant *	131,516,241	80.6%
% of Other Utility Plant Attributed to Customer	50%	
Direct Customer-Related Expenses	2,612,007	\$ 6.23
Plant-Related Expense – Service & Meter	3,412,545	\$ 8.14
Plant-Related Expense -- Other Plant, Customer	9,550,385	\$ 22.78
Total Cost per Customer from Methodology		\$ 37.16
<p>* Other Utility Plant is Total Utility Plant less Station Service, Services & Meters, and Installations on Customers Premises</p>		

In the 2010 rate filing with the Florida Public Service Commission, OREMC proposed a plan with BFC increases possible in 2011 and 2012. OREMC modified this timeline for possible BFC modifications from an annual basis to a bi-annual basis. OREMC submitted rate modifications in February 2012 which were approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. The proposed modifications to the BFCs, to become effective April 1, 2014, are shown below.

Basic Facility Charge Modifications			
	January 2010	March 2012	April 2014
Residential Service (RS)	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$20.00
General Service Non-Demand (GS)	\$17.50	\$20.00	\$22.50
Cumberland Island General Service (CI-GS)	\$20.65	\$23.15	\$25.65
Cumberland Island National Park Service (CI- NPS)	\$20.65	\$23.15	\$25.65

The rate modifications to rates RS-Residential Service, GS-Non-Demand General Service, CI-GS--Cumberland Island General Service and CI-NPS--Cumberland Island National Park Service are designed to be revenue neutral overall within this group of rates that encompasses all of OREMC's energy-only rates. Revenue from energy pricing will be reduced to offset the increase in revenue as a result of the increase in Basic Facility Charges.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: OKEFENOKE RURAL ELECTRIC
MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION'S
PETITION FOR AN INCREASE IN
BASIC FACILITY CHARGES



PETITION

INCLUDING TARIFF SHEETS
AND RATE SCHEDULES

OKEFENOKE RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
Nahunta, Georgia

RATE SCHEDULE GS
GENERAL SERVICE NON-DEMAND

AVAILABILITY

Available in all territory served by the Cooperative except Little Cumberland Island and Cumberland Island, Georgia, subject to the Cooperative's established Service Rules and Regulations.

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all Miscellaneous Residential consumers and applicable to single-phase, non-residential consumers supplied through one meter to each separately metered facility whose metered demand is less than 10 kW or whose load is estimated to be less than 10 kW. Consumer service classifications are defined in the Cooperative's Service and Regulation Policies.

TYPE OF SERVICE

Single-phase, 60 cycles, at available secondary voltages.

MONTHLY RATE

Basic Facility Charge	\$22.50 per month
Energy Charge:	
First 1,000 kWh per month	\$.1013 per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh per month	
Winter (October 16-June 15)	\$.1013 per kWh
Summer (June 16-October 15)	\$.1213 per kWh

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Nahunta, Georgia

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AVAILABILITY

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APPLICABILITY

Applicable to consumers supplied through one meter to each individual residence or service unit.

TYPE OF SERVICE

Single-phase, 60 cycles, at available secondary voltages. Three-phase service may be provided under special arrangements.

MONTHLY RATE

Basic Facility Charge	\$25.65 per month
Energy Charge:	
First 1000 kWh per month	\$.1013 per kWh
Over 1000 kWh per month	
Winter (October 15 – June 15)	\$.1013 per kWh
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RATE SCHEDULE CI-NPS
CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

AVAILABILITY

Available to the National Park Service for all uses at all of its facilities located on Little Cumberland Island and Cumberland Island, Georgia. Service under this schedule is subject to the Cooperative's established Service Rules and Regulations.

TYPE OF SERVICE

Single-phase or three-phase, 60 hertz, at standard distribution voltages.

MONTHLY RATE

Service under this schedule shall consist of a Facilities Surcharge, and each location shall be billed a Basic Facility Charge and an Energy Charge.

Facilities Surcharge:	\$1,300.05 per month
Basic Facility Charge per location:	\$ 25.65 per month
Energy Charge per location:	
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RATE SCHEDULE RS
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

AVAILABILITY

Available in all territory served by the Cooperative except Little Cumberland Island and Cumberland Island, Georgia, subject to the Cooperative's established Service Rules and Regulations.

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to single-phase, residential consumers supplied through one meter to each individual residence or service unit. Residential Service hereunder is defined in the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulation Policies. Three-phase service may be provided under special arrangements

TYPE OF SERVICE

Single-phase, 60 cycles, at available secondary voltages.

MONTHLY RATE

Basic Facility Charge	\$20.00 per month
Energy Charge:	
First 1,000 kWh per month	\$.1013 per kWh
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TYPE OF SERVICE

Single-phase, 60 cycles, at available secondary voltages.

MONTHLY RATE

Basic Facility Charge	\$20.00 <u>22.50</u>	per month
Energy Charge:		
First 1,000 kWh per month	\$.10 <u>64.1013</u>	per kWh
Over 1,000 kWh per month		
Winter (October 16-June 15)	\$.10 <u>64.1013</u>	per kWh
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MONTHLY RATE

Basic Facility Charge	\$ 23.15 <u>25.65</u>	per month
Energy Charge:		
First 1000 kWh per month	\$ 1.064 <u>1.013</u>	per kWh
Over 1000 kWh per month		
Winter (October 15 – June 15)	\$ 1.064 <u>1.013</u>	per kWh
Summer (June 16 – October 15)	\$ 1.264 <u>1.213</u>	per kWh

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