COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF SALT RIVER ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR)	Case No.
APPROVAL OF A PREPAY METERING)	2012-00141
PILOT PROGRAM)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Salt River") pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and six copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Salt River shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though

correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Salt River fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond. Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible.

- 1. Refer to the Application, Exhibit A, pages 1 and 2.
- a. The "Rates" section provides for a program fee of 17 cents per day.

 Provide the detailed cost justification to support this fee.
- b. The "Terms and Conditions" section states that "[c]ustomers receiving service under this tariff are required to enter into a contract for a minimum of one (1) year and the prepay agreement will follow the plan." Provide a copy of all contracts or agreements that customers would be required to enter into under the Prepay Program.
- c. The "Terms and Conditions" section states that a customer participating in the Prepay Program must have internet access.
- (1) Provide a listing of all information that will be available to customers via the internet.
- (2) State whether a paper bill, for informational purposes, will be mailed to customers participating in this program.
- d. Paragraph B, under the "Charges and Assessments" section, states that "[t]he fuel adjustment and the environmental surcharge will be credited or debited to the account based upon the purchase. The dollar amount will be the allocation for the month of the purchase." State whether the fuel adjustment clause and environmental

surcharge will be prorated daily or whether each will be applied in one lump sum on a monthly basis.

- e. Paragraph C, under the "Charges and Assessments" section, discusses the minimum initial payment and making payments thereafter. Provide the various payment methods that will be available to customers in the Prepay Program (i.e, in person, over the internet, by phone, etc.).
- 2. State whether Salt River is proposing to utilize any type of in-home displays. If no, explain the following:
 - a. How customers will be able to monitor daily usage.
- b. Will Salt River provide advance notice to customers when remaining funds in their prepay account are low?
 - (1) If no, explain why Salt River will not provide such notice.
- (2) If yes, what level of funds will trigger such notice? Also, what type of notification will be given to customers whose funds are low?
- 3. State the total number of meters on Salt Rivers' system identified by type (i.e, mechanical or digital). State the number of digital meters that are Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") and the number that are Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI").
- 4. Explain any upgrades that would need to be made to a mechanical, AMR, or AMI meter in order to enable customers with each type of meter to participate in the Prepay Program.
- 5. State whether remote disconnections would be allowed to take place on weekends or holidays.

6. State whether Prepay Program customers would incur a fee each time they deposited money into their account. If yes, provide the amount of the fee and the cost justification supporting the fee.

7. Explain how Salt River is planning to inform its gustomers of the Prepay

Program.

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