

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF SALT RIVER ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO DISCONTINUE)	CASE NO.
ITS RESIDENTIAL MARKETING RATE)	2018-00251

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

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation (Salt River Electric), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an original and ten copies in paper medium of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before September 5, 2018, pursuant to the Commission July 30, 2018 Order herein. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the individual responsible for responding to 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 Electric 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

Electric 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. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filing a paper containing personal information, Salt River Electric shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Confirm that customers currently being served under the Residential Marketing Rate are still receiving the 40 percent discounted rate for the electricity the Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) heater uses.
2. State whether there were any discussions of moving customers affected by the proposed discontinuance of the Residential Marketing Rate to Salt River Electric's Farm and Home Service (Time of Day) Schedule A-5-TOD. If so, explain why this option was not proposed.
3. Provide a copy of the contract customers signed when applying for service under the Residential Marketing Rate.
4. Provide the amount spent on repairs for ETS heaters from 2013 to date.
5. Confirm that ETS heaters are no longer manufactured. If this cannot be confirmed, provide the manufacturer and the cost of the unit and installation.
6. Explain if ETS heater parts for repairs are available.

7. If an ETS heater requires service, does Salt River service the unit or is the customer responsible for having the unit serviced by a third party?

8. Refer to the May 7, 2018 letter to Gwen R. Pinson.

a. Salt River Electric states that the Residential Marketing Rate has not been effective since East Kentucky Power Cooperative changed its rate structure. Explain what Salt River Electric means when saying the rate has not been effective.

b. Salt River Electric indicated that it had not been able to resolve certain concerns of one of its customers. State whether those concerns have now been resolved.

c. For the members that did not respond to the January 1, 2017 letter sent to customers, provide the following:

(1) Confirm that these customers are still eligible for the \$1,000 high-efficiency heat pump rebate.

(2) Explain what Salt River will do with the ETS heater for those customers.

d. If a member does not wish to keep the ETS heater, provide whose cost it will be to remove the meter, install a blank cover, and seal off the meter base.

e. Salt River Electric states that for those members who choose to keep the ETS heater, Salt River will remove the time clock.

(1) Explain whether the time clock must be removed.

(2) Provide whose cost it will be to remove the time clock.

9. Provide a list of those contractors who will continue to service the ETS heater after January 1, 2019.

10. Refer to the January 1, 2017 letter mailed to Salt River's members regarding the ETS units.

a. Provide the number of members who have requested the \$1,000 rebate to date.

b. Provide the number of members Salt River Electric estimates will request the \$1,000 rebate.

c. Provide the cost of the mini-Split heat pump and installation.

d. Provide the average cost of a heat pump with a SEER rating of 15 or higher, the average cost of installation, and the average cost of any additional ductwork.

e. Salt River Electric states if the member elects to keep the ETS heater after January 1, 2019, the member will be required to have an electrician wire the heater so that the electricity it uses goes through the house meter.

(1) Provide who is responsible for the cost of the electrician.

(2) Provide how Salt River Electric will notify the customer for the removal of the meter currently installed in the ETS heater.



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