

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF SALT RIVER)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP. TO)	CASE NO.
IMPLEMENT AN ADVANCED METERING)	2022-00357
SYSTEM (AMS) OPT-OUT TARIFF FOR)	
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS)	

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

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corp. (Salt River Electric), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on December 1, 2022. The Commission directs Salt River Electric to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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 Salt River Electric obtains information that indicates 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, Salt River Electric 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 applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. 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. State whether Salt River Electric has received any requests from members to opt-out of the Advanced Metering System (AMS). If so, state how many such requests Salt River Electric has received and when those requests were received.

2. State what efforts have been made by Salt River Electric, if any, to encourage those members who do not wish to be metered using AMS to acquiesce. If none, explain.

3. Confirm that the AMS is fully deployed in Salt River Electric's service territory. If this cannot be confirmed, provide the estimated date when Salt River Electric expects full deployment.

4. Explain why Salt River Electric decided to include an AMS opt-out for residential customers.

a. Explain whether and in what ways the AMS opt-out could negatively impact Salt River Electric.

b. Explain whether and in what ways the AMS opt-out could positively impact Salt River Electric.

5. Provide an explanation for the \$30 initial fee, including but not limited to a breakdown of the cost justification.

6. Provide an explanation for the \$30 recurring monthly fee, including but not limited to a breakdown of the cost justification.

a. Explain how Salt River Electric decided upon a \$30 recurring monthly fee when the estimated monthly cost is \$43.88.

b. Refer to Salt River Electric's current tariff on file with the Commission. Explain whether Salt River Electric's policy regarding meter reading is still the same. If it is not the same, provide the revised policy.

c. Salt River Electric currently charges \$27.25 for meter reads. Explain why Salt River Electric does not propose to adopt \$27.25 for the recurring monthly fee.

7. Explain what account in its general ledger Salt River Electric will use to book the income from the meter read charge and what account in its general ledger it will book the income from the AMS opt-out monthly fee.

8. State whether meter reads are performed by contractual labor or whether they are completed by employees of Salt River Electric.

9. Explain whether Salt River Electric has estimated the number of opt-outs and how these opt-outs will impact the robustness of the system. Provide supporting work papers which quantify any effect.



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