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#### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:			
JENNIFER LEE HA V. SALT RIVER ELEC CORPORATION	WKS MEFFERT COMPLAINANT TRIC COOPERATIVE DEFENDANT	) ) )	CASE NO. 2025-00130

## **CERTIFICATE OF PREPARATION**

# STATE OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF NELSON

Timothy J. Sharp, being duly sworn, states that he supervised the preparation of responses to The Public Service Commission's Request for response to complaint dated August 12, 2025, in the above-named case, and that the matters and items set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.

Timothy J. Sharp
President and Chief Operating Officer

STATE OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF NELSON

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 19th day of August, 2025

Notary Public, KY State at Large My commission expires: July 05, 2027

Commission No. KYNP74336

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COMPLAINANT	) ) )
V.	) CASE NO. ) 2025-00130
SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION	) )
DEFENDANT	)

#### SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION WRITTEN ANSWER TO

#### COMPLAINT

For its Answer to the Complaint of Jennifer Lee Hawks-Meffert, Salt River Electric
 Cooperative Corporation (SREC) states as follows:

Ms. Hawks-Meffert signed up for electric service on 6/1/2017 at 7182 Bloomfield Rd. The location had a working security light that was listed on her electric bill each month as a line item, referred to as "Metal Halide". (See Attachment A, example bill from 2018)

On 11/16/21, a security light repair ticket was sent on Ms. Hawks-Meffert's behalf, stating that the light located on the side of the home between her house and barn was out and needed to be repaired. It was repaired on the same day.

Ms. Hawks-Meffert received a monthly bill with the Metal Halide light listed up through March of 2022 (See Attachment B, bill from 2022), at which time she was disconnected for unrelated nonpayment and thereafter was converted to Prepay billing. [Prepay billing members do not receive a monthly paper bill.]

On 3/13/2025, Ms. Hawks-Meffert called and spoke to an SREC Service Rep to request the security light at her location be repaired. She stated that she thought her neighbor paid for it, but that she always called in for the repairs. When she was told that she had always been billed for the light on her property, she no longer wanted to pay for the light. She requested the light to be disconnected, removed from her bill and insisted on a refund.

Ms. Hawks-Meffert was not happy when informed SREC would not refund the price of

the security light she had been using between her house and barn. The Service Rep then asked the SREC Manager of Office Services to reconsider since Ms. Hawks-Meffert was no longer receiving an actual paper bill showing the light as a line item.

The decision was made by the Manager to refund 24 months of light charges, which was the amount of time Ms. Hawks-Meffert had not been receiving a paper bill due to being on Prepay billing.

The total amount credited to her account was \$298.57.

No further credit or payment should be required of SREC because Ms. Hawks-Meffert utilized the Metal Halide electrical service, which she was aware of (having requested repairs) and from which she benefited. The payment of \$298.57 was simply one of good faith to a customer (member).

2. Salt River Electric has this date served a copy of this Answer to the complaint and any other filing related to this matter on the Complainant, Jennifer Lee Hawks Meffert, by U.S. Postal Service, First-Class mail at 7182 Bloomfield Rd., Springfield, Kentucky 40069

**BILLING SUMMARY** 

**BALANCE FORWARD** 

METAL HALIDE (MH)

**CURRENT ELECTRIC CHARGE** 

FUEL COST ADJ (-0.002030 X 974 KWH)

EPA COMPLIANCE CHG (0.12300 X \$88.08)

0.00 80.18

9.88

-1.98

10.83

2.97

101.88

106.82

4.94

**BILLING DATE 07/30/18** 



Salt River Electric PO Box 609 Bardstown KY 40004-0609 Address Service Requested

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Nelson County 502-348-3931 Spencer County 502-477-5133 www.srelectric.com Bullitt County 502-543-3083 Washington County 859-336-5080

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**HAWKS JENNIFER** 

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Account Number	Cycle: 210		
Service Address Service Description Bill Type Rate Type Location Number	BLOOMFIELD RD-7182 HOUSE REGULAR A-5 FARM & HOME 9303177301		
Meter Information	703566		
Previous Reading 06/25/18 Reading 07/25/18 Multiplier - 1 KWH Used	6037 6963 d 926		
History	This Year Last Year		
Days in Billing Cycle	30 30		
KWH Used	926 1789		
Thank you for Payment. We appreciate your business.			

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**TOTAL AMOUNT** 

LATE CHARGE AFTER 08/15/18

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE WITH LATE CHARGE

Questions regarding garbage biting in Nelson Co. should be directed to Nelson Fiscal Court al 502-348-1862. All other inquiries regarding garbage service should be directed to 502-348-1876. Salt River is not responsible for USPS mail delivery. Please allow 4-5 days for mail delivery. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt you from penalties or collection action/charges. If electrical service is interrupted, check your fuses or circuit breakers. Also, check to see if your neighbor has power. Promptly report any electrical service outages at 800-221-7465. For information concerning outages, please visit our Outage Viewer at www.srelectric.com.

Do not write on back.

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 BILLING SUMMARY
 BILLING DATE 03/30/22

 PAST DUE - PAYMENT DUE IMMEDIATELY
 410.47

 CURRENT ELECTRIC CHARGE
 176.07

 METAL HALIDE (MH)
 10.19

 FUEL COST ADJ (0.005330 X 2174 KWH)
 11.59

 ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE (0.10870 X \$197.85)
 21.51

Account Number	Cycle: 210
Service Address	BLOOMFIELD RD-7182
Service Description	HOUSE
Bill Type	REGULAR
Rate Type	A-5 FARM & HOME
Location Number	9303177301
Meter Information	703566
Previous Reading 02/25/22	88008
Reading 03/25/22	90134
Multiplier - 1 KWH Used	2126

History	This Year	Last Year
Days in Billing Cycle	28	28
KWH Used	2126	1602
52		

OTHER	98
CONTRACT	94.82
TAXES & FEES	V 0.50
TAXES & FEES SCHOOL TAX	6.58
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HAWKS JENNIFER	Do not write on back.	ACCOUNT #	210
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		Total Amount Due	731,23
Wintercare Contribution \$		Total amount after 04/15/22	742.19
Amount Enclosed \$			

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