



Empire Electric Association, Inc.

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April 18, 2017

Gary Widerburg, Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South, Fourth Floor
P. O. Box 45585
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Empire Electric Association plans to update its meter tampering fee and institute a meter reading fee. The meter tampering fee is charged when Empire discovers that someone has tampered with a meter in order to steal power. The present meter tampering fee is \$50.00 and Empire plans to increase this fee to \$250.00 in order to more accurately recover the costs to deal with tampering events. The meter reading fee is a new fee that will apply only to those who opt-out of having their meter read remotely. This fee will be \$54.80 per quarter and is meant to recover costs associated with manually reading a meter. The dollar amount was determined by estimating the costs to manually read a meter. Those who have their meter read remotely will not be charged a meter reading fee. Empire's board of directors approved these changes at their March 17, 2017 meeting.

These changes are scheduled to go into effect on June 1, 2017. A public meeting to discuss these changes is scheduled for Monday, May 8th, 2017 at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at Empire's main office located at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado.

Empire has also created a new tariff sheet, Sheet 17, that lists the fees we charge. This was done so that all our fees could be listed in one location. Although this is a new sheet, only the meter tampering and meter reading fees have been updated. The rest of the fees in this sheet were approved with our Rules and Regulations in 1988 and have not changed.

Please find the following enclosed:

- Copy of a public notice to be published in the San Juan Record on April 26, 2017.
- Copy of a Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association *Tariff Revision or Other Rate Change Notice*.
- Copy of the notice sent to the Rural Utilities Service.
- Copy of the following tariff sheets:
 - 19th Revised CO-UT No. 3 Sheet No. 2, Index
 - Original CO-UT No. 3 Sheet No. 17, Fee Schedule

These changes are being sent to you electronically at PSC@utah.gov without formal Commission hearing as authorized under Utah Code Section 54-7-12. I am assuming we will receive notification from you that you have received this and we are good to go. A copy is being sent to the Division of Public Utilities as well. Should you need any additional information, contact our Executive Secretary, Denise Rosenbaugh, at denise.rosenbaugh@eea.coop.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Josh Dellinger
General Manager

cc: Division of Public Utilities

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Notice – Empire Electric Association, Inc.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & FEE UPDATES

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ASSOCIATION

TARIFF REVISION OR OTHER RATE CHANGE NOTICE

As required by law, Utah Code 54-7-12(7: b-d) states that any change in rate or tariff must comply with the statute below:

- (b) The cooperative's board of directors and any appropriate agency of the federal government have approved the rate increase or other rate change and all necessary tariff revisions reflecting the increased rate or rate change.
- (c) Before implementing any rate increases, the cooperative has held a public meeting for all its customers and members. The cooperative shall mail a notice of the meeting to all of the cooperative's customers and members not less than 10 days prior to the date that the meeting is held.
- (d) The cooperative has filed its tariff revisions reflecting the rate increase or other rate change with the commission, who shall make the tariffs available for public inspection.

Name of Cooperative: Empire Electric Association

Address: 801 North Broadway, P.O. Box K, Cortez, CO 81321

Phone Number: 970-565-4444

Contact Person: Josh Dellinger, General Manager

Date of Mailing Notice for Meeting (must be at least 10 days prior to public meeting) April 26, 2017

Date of Public Meeting for all Cooperative Customers or Members May 8, 2017

Date of Tariff or Rate Change Approved by the Board of Directors March 17, 2017

Date of Implementation for New Tariff or Rate Change (must be after the public meeting date) June 1, 2017

New Tariff or Rate Change Language (attach if necessary)

Empire is increasing its meter tampering fee from \$50.00 to \$250.00 to better reflect actual costs of dealing with tampering events. Empire is also instituting a meter reading fee of \$54.80 per quarter for those who desire to opt-out of having their meter read remotely. This fee is meant to recover costs associated with manually reading meters. This fee is not applicable for those who allow their meter to be read remotely.



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Mr. Victor T. Vu, Deputy Assistant Administrator
Rural Development Electric Program
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Room 0270 South Agriculture Bldg, Stop 1568
14th & Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250-1568

Dear Mr. Vu:

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We are enclosing for your information:

- A copy of a Public Notice that has been published in local newspapers of general circulation.
- Empire's notice to both the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and the Utah Public Service Commission
- Copies of the following tariff sheets:

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1-800-709-3726 Toll Free

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If you have any questions please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Josh Dellinger
General Manager

cc. Arsenio Dela Cruz, RUS GFR w/ attachments

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(General Service Classification)

COMPANY
RATE CODE

(Rate Title or Number)

RATE

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DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY

All Areas In Montezuma, Dolores and San Miguel Counties, Colorado, Provided In P.U.C. Decision No. 47068 Dated January 7, 1957

All areas in the City of Monticello, Utah and adjacent territory in San Juan County, Utah

INDEX TO MARGINAL SYMBOLS

R	To Signify Reduction
I	To Signify Increase
C	To Signify Changed Regulation
T	To Signify A Change In Text But No Change In Rate Or Regulation
N	To Signify New Rate Or Regulation
D	To Signify Discontinued Rate or Regulation

Advice Letter No. 139

Signature of Issuing Officer

Issue Date 04/18/2017

Decision or Board Action
Authority No. 03/17/20176

General Manager

Effective
Date 06/01/2017

Title

N

FEE SCHEDULE

(Rate Title or Number)



APPLICABILITY:

These fees apply to all customers of the cooperative. These fees are only charged when certain conditions are met. Conditions for charging these fees are defined in Board Policies, the Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative, or other documents approved by the Cooperative's Board of Directors.

RATE:

Connect Fee	\$20.00
After Hours Connect Fee	\$45.00
Late Fee	\$4.00
Disconnect for Non-Payment Trip Charge	\$20.00
Return Check Fee	\$20.00
Meter Tampering Fee	\$250.00
Meter Reading Fee	\$54.80

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Advice Letter No.	139		Issue Date	04/18/2017
Signature of Issuing Officer				
Decision or Authority No.	Board Action 03/17/2017		Effective Date	06/01/2017
Title				