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Joseph Musumeci
1215 Durfor St
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Re: Utah DPU Complaint Number C19-0064

Mr. Musumeci,

We received the complaint you submitted to the Utah Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") regarding having to pay grid access charges for two separate services.

As a member-owned, non-profit cooperative we try to maintain cost-based rates. That is, our rates are designed to recover the costs we incur as an electric utility. The grid access charge is a base charge meant to reflect EEA's costs to maintain the infrastructure that allows a member access to the power grid. This charge is independent of the amount of energy used because the costs it recovers are independent of energy usage.

The grid access charge is calculated on a per service basis. The two services in question are clearly distinct. One is for a residence and the other is for a water well. These services are approximately 3000 feet apart, they are separated by multiple property parcels, and each is served by different transformers and different meters. Thus, we must consider these as two separate services.

I do not know why the subdivision was designed with the water well that far away from the residence. I am also not sure if that well was intended to serve multiple residences. Perhaps the subdivision developer, a homeowner's association (if one exists), or the San Juan County Planning and Zoning department could be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Josh Dellinger
General Manager
Empire Electric Association

Cc: Utah Division of Public Utilities