

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
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IDLE AND ABANDONED SERVICES

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**Objective:**

To reduce costs to the Cooperative resulting from Idle and Abandoned Services in the form of line loss, property taxes, potential public liability and administrative costs.

**Idle Services Definitions:**

Non-Irrigation Services that been disconnected from service in a twelve (12) or more of the preceding (24) months will be classified as an Idle or Abandoned Service.

Irrigation consumers and Agricultural Service consumers with distribution lines installed to serve them or their property who have abandoned the service or failed to use water pumped with electric power for two (2) consecutive irrigation seasons, or who have irrigated by water from another source will be classified as an Idle or Abandoned Service.

**Actions:**

- a) After a system review to identify Idle or Abandoned Services the Cooperative will schedule all such services for removal.
- b) At the discretion of the Cooperative, a letter will be mailed to the property owner that an Idle or Abandoned Service is located on their property. The consumer can elect: (1) to sign an Idle or Abandoned Service agreement and pay the most recently applied monthly minimum charge to retain the Cooperative's facilities in a state of readiness for service and prevent their removal/retirement of the services; or (2) to have the Cooperative, at its convenience, remove/retire the service without further notice or any liability to the consumer.
- c) After receipt of such notice, the consumer or property owner shall have thirty (30) days to provide the Cooperative with written notice of their option to either sign the Idle or Abandoned Services Agreement and pay the monthly minimum charge or have the service removed. This charge is a facility charge

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to be billed to the member each month. The charge is subject to change as new rate changes are implemented. If the member, after due notice, does not respond to the notice or fails to pay the required charge, the Cooperative may remove the facilities from the premises, at its convenience.

- d) After removal of an Idle or Abandoned Service under this rule, if the same consumer applies for service to the same property, the consumer will be required to pay, in advance, the previously incurred cost of removal of the services, in addition to costs of construction and installation, including labor, transportation and overhead costs for the new or rebuilt service. Further, the consumer will not be eligible for revenue credits under the Cooperative's Line and Service Extension Policy. In the event that ownership of the property has changed since removal of the Idle or Abandoned Service, the new owners may apply for construction credit as described in the Cooperative's Line and Service Extension Rule. Proof of ownership by recorded deed will be required and unsatisfied real estate contracts will not qualify as proof of ownership.

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