

SECTION VII  
DEFINITIONS

500. AMR – Automated Meter Reading system(s) which may utilize differing technologies. Systems which can remotely read and communicate with Cooperative meters and other operating system devices.
501. Applicant - Any person, firm, association, corporation, or body politic or subdivision thereof, requesting that electric service be supplied to a consuming facility by the Cooperative.
502. Board of Directors - The duly elected Board of Directors of San Patricio Electric Cooperative, Inc.
503. Collect or Collection - The act of obtaining payment from a Member for the use of electric service as billed by the Cooperative.
504. Commission - The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT).
505. Connection - The act or state of joining a Member's electric facilities to the Cooperative's distribution system.
506. Cooperative - San Patricio Electric Cooperative, Inc.
507. Delinquent - Any portion of a Member's bill unpaid after sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance, or in reference to a Member, any Member who has not paid the bill in full within sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance, except that if the sixteenth day falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes shall be the next work day after the due date.
508. Disconnection - The act or state of disjoining a Member's electric facilities from the Cooperative's distribution system.
509. Disconnecting Means or Main Disconnect - A switching device or devices located on the load, or Member's side of the point of delivery, by which the Member's entire electric system can be disconnected from the Cooperative's distribution system.
510. Distribution System - The Cooperative's primary and secondary voltage conductors, transformers, switchgear, connections, enclosures, pedestals, poles, guys, anchors, services, meters and all other associated equipment used to provide electric service, installed throughout the Cooperative's service area on and along the dedicated streets and easements of land, developments and subdivisions, such that individual service may be extended therefrom into the lots or tracts upon request by an applicant.
511. Dwelling - A single family housekeeping unit, properly equipped for full-time occupancy.
512. Electric Service or Service - The availability and/or actual delivery of electric power to the Member, including any and all acts done, rendered, or performed in making said electric power available to the Member, whether used by Member or not.

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513. Energy - The capacity for doing work. The unit for measuring electric energy is the watt hour, or kilowatt hour which is 1,000 watt hours (kWh).
514. Facilities - All the plant and equipment of the Cooperative including all tangible personal property without limitation, in any manner owned, operated, leased, licensed, used, controlled, furnished, or supplied for, by or in connection with the business of the Cooperative.
515. Member - Any person having a membership with the Cooperative and receiving electric service.
516. Member's Installation; Installation - All conductors, equipment, buildings, structures, or apparatus of any kind on Member's side of point of delivery excepting only Cooperative's metering equipment.
517. Meter - A device, or devices, together with auxiliary equipment, for measuring electric energy usage and/or demand and/or other data.
518. Meter Loop - A device consisting of conductor, conduit, meter socket, and associated hardware for the purpose of facilitating the connection of the Cooperative's service lead to the Member's electric facilities with facilities for metering the Member's electric usage through a kilowatt hour and/or demand meter in a circuit.
519. Meter Socket - A device that facilitates the connection of a kilowatt hour and/or demand meter in a circuit to measure the electric power flowing through that circuit.
520. Municipality - Any incorporated city, town or village.
521. Non-Permanent Dwelling - A dwelling so constructed as to be easily moved, hauled or otherwise relocated from its original foundation.
522. Non-Permanent Installation or Intermittent Use Installation - Any installation other than a permanent installation.
523. Permanent Installation - Any installation that is:
- A. Constructed on, or permanently affixed to, a concrete slab or concrete piers (not blocks) and which is actually used or occupied on a permanent full time basis; or
  - B. Any other structure which meets all of the following criteria:
    - 1. The structure must be impractical to move. Mobile homes with wheels, trailer hitches, and axle removed are considered impractical to move.
    - 2. The structure must be actually used or occupied on a permanent full time basis;
    - 3. The structure must be permanently connected to a water system and sewer or septic system.

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524. Permanent Residential Dwelling - A dwelling that is so constructed as to be impractical to move, haul, or otherwise relocate from its original foundation, and that is occupied on a permanent, full-time basis.
525. Person - Any individual, partnership, association, joint venture, corporation, Cooperative Member, or governmental entity.
526. Point of Attachment - The point at which the Cooperative's service lead is attached to the Member's meter loop or service entrance equipment.
527. Point of Delivery - The point at which the Cooperative meters the Member's use of electric energy.
528. Premises - A tract of land or real estate including buildings or other structures or appurtenances thereon.
529. Rate Schedules - Any schedule of rates or charges approved by the Board of Directors and contained in these tariffs.
530. Reconnection - The act or state of connecting an existing point of delivery that previously received electric service prior to disconnection.
531. Regulatory Authority - The governing body of any municipality within which service is provided and having legal jurisdiction over the rates and service of the Cooperative.
532. Rules; Service Rules; Service Rules and Regulations - Any service rule or regulation of the Cooperative approved by the Board of Directors and contained in the Cooperative's tariffs.
533. RUS - Rural Utilities Service (USDA) - formerly REA.
534. Service Anchor or Support - The building structure, device, or other object by which the Cooperative's service lead is sufficiently anchored or supported.
535. Service Area - The PUCT certificated area of territory in which the Cooperative provides electric utility service.
536. Service Entrance - The Member's conduit, conductors, service head, and disconnecting mains that connects Member's electric facilities to the Cooperative's point of attachment.
537. Service Entrance Conductors - Conductors provided by the Member extending from Member's electric equipment to the point of delivery where connection is made to the Cooperative's conductors.
538. Service Leads - The Cooperative's service conductors extending from the point of transformation or junction to the point of attachment to Member's meter loop or service entrance.

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539. STEC - South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
540. Temporary - Non-Permanent Account - *(Refer to 521 and 522 of these Definitions)*
541. Transfer of Service - The act of disconnecting a Member's service and connecting service for the same Member at a different location within the Cooperative's service area.
542. Working Hours - The span of time during which Cooperative duties are discharged and/or business is conducted.
1. Normal Working Hours: Normal working hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding all holidays declared by the Cooperative.
  2. Off-duty Hours: Off-duty hours shall be the night-time period from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and the Weekend period from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 8:00 a.m. the following Monday, and all holidays declared by the Cooperative.

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