



## FEES AND CHARGES

### **Membership Fee:** **\$5**

Each member joining Southern Pine Electric will be required to pay a refundable membership fee for each account. This fee will be held by the cooperative until the account is no longer in service.

### **Connection/Transfer Fee:** **\$20**

When a new account is established or requested to be reconnected after voluntary disconnection, a non-refundable fee will be assessed to help offset the cost of setting up the account and setting the meter. This fee will also be assessed when a Southern Pine Electric member moves from one location to another served by Southern Pine Electric.

### **Meter Test Fee:** **\$30**

If a member requests a test of the calibration of their meter and the calibration is found to be accurate, a meter test fee will be assessed. If the calibration is found to be inaccurate, the member will not be assessed this fee and the account will be adjusted for any inaccurate readings.

### **Returned Payment Fee:** **\$35**

If a payment is returned by the member's bank, a returned payment fee will be charged to the member each time this occurs.

### **Reconnection Fee – Non-Payment:** **\$50**

When an account has been disconnected because of non-payment of the bill, a reconnection fee will be charged to re-establish electric service.

### **Reconnection Fee – Member Request:** **\$200**

If an account has been disconnected at the request of the member because of a minimum bill or seasonal location, a reconnection fee will be charged to re-establish electric service.

### **Delinquent Fee - Residential:** **5% of current charges with \$3 minimum/\$10 maximum**

### **Aid to construction:** **Based on construction costs**

### **Power Diversion/Tampering Fee:** **First Offense - \$250; Second Offense - \$500**

When there is evidence that a member's service has been altered, the appropriate fee and cost will be charged to the account in addition to an estimated amount for the un-metered electricity. On the second offense of meter tampering, a certified letter will be sent from Southern Pine's attorney detailing the legal consequences the co-op will pursue. It is required that a member come into the office for the service to be restored. A Tampering Agreement must be signed and all fees, costs, and any past due amounts paid in full. Southern Pine Electric reserves the right to charge the maximum

deposit of \$600 on any account with less than a maximum deposit at the time of tampering. Southern Pine Electric reserves the right to recover all costs related to power diversion and/or meter tampering and to pursue all legal remedies.

### **Distributed Generation Commission Fee: \$135**

Members who install distributed generation systems and connect to the cooperative's electric distribution system will be assessed an initial connection fee to cover the cost of inspecting the facility and the connection to SPE's distribution system.

**\*Additional fees may be required. This list does not include all fees and charges.**

### **Initial Deposits - Residential**

- **\$0**: Minimum credit risk
- **\$200**: Moderate credit risk
- **\$400**: High credit risk or member denies credit risk check
- **\$600**: A current or previous bankruptcy or other applicable circumstances such as meter tampering (Bankruptcy deposit may vary according to court ruling.)

### **Initial Deposit - Poultry Farm**

- A **\$400** deposit may be required for each member-owned poultry house.
- An **\$800** deposit may be required for each leased poultry house.

### **Initial Deposit - Commercial and Industrial**

A deposit of two times the average bill, either estimated or actual, may be required.

### **Residential Deposits for Reconnection, Returned Payment, Etc.**

For accounts that have deposits of less than \$200, Southern Pine Electric may require deposits (not to exceed \$400) prior to service being reconnected as follows:

- First disconnect: **\$200**
- Second disconnect: **\$100**
- Third disconnect: **\$100**

For accounts disconnected with a deposit of \$200 or more, Southern Pine Electric reserves the right to require additional deposits (not to exceed \$400) prior to service being reconnected as follows:

- First disconnect: **\$100**
- Second disconnect: **\$100**

### **Poultry Farm Deposits for Reconnection, Returned Payment, Etc.**

A \$400 deposit for each house may be required on poultry accounts requiring collection activity or for reconnection when disconnected for nonpayment.

*\*Deposits may be credited to the account after 12 consecutive months of payments without incurring a delinquent fee.*

