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C & L Electric Cooperative Corporation

Name of Company

Kind of Service: Electric Class of Service: As Applicable

Part III. Rate Schedule No.: 27

Title: **EXTENSION OF FACILITIES**

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27. EXTENSION OF FACILITIES

27.1. APPLICABLE SERVICE AREA

27.1.1. All areas allocated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission to the Cooperative for the provision of retail electric service.

27.2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

27.2.1. The ownership of the line, including any extensions, remains with the Cooperative and the Cooperative reserves the right to connect others and to determine all construction specifications and distances.

27.3. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

27.3.1. The Cooperative will be guided by the provisions of the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and standards recommended by State and Federal regulations, including the Rural Utilities Service, and other such codes imposed for the area by local governmental entities. For each extension, the Cooperative will be guided by the standards and regulations in effect at the time that construction begins.

27.3.2. Distance will be measured by the Cooperative based on the most economically feasible route from the nearest point of connection from an existing line to the applicant's point of delivery, consistent with sound engineering design for the Cooperative's system. To minimize interference with land uses, as far as practical, electric distribution lines and service lines will be located adjacent to public roads, along fence lines, section lines, lot lines, private drives, or in access ways designated in platted areas for utility use.

27.4. DEFINITIONS

27.4.1. Contribution in Aid of Construction: a non-refundable amount paid by the applicant before construction begins that is based on the applicant's share of the cost of providing the extension.

27.4.2. Permanent Installation: any load that will remain connected for a length of time sufficient to recover the investment required to extend service to the load. A permanent installation will retain electric service on a year-round basis. To qualify as a permanent installation, a building or structure used as a dwelling must have a permanent water supply and approved septic tank system with at least 500 square feet of heated area. A modular or mobile home may be considered as a permanent installation if all of the following items are in place:

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- A. The applicant must own or have a lease hold interest in the site where electric service is to be provided.
- B. The wheels and tow bar have been removed.
- C. It is located on a solid foundation or concrete pad and is underpinned.
- D. It has permanent water and approved septic system.
- E. It has accessible road to structure.

27.4.3. Temporary or Non-Permanent Installations: those installations which are not expected to retain and use electric service on a year-round basis or will not remain connected for a length of time sufficient to recover the investment required to extend the service. These installations typically may include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Modular and mobile homes not qualifying as a permanent installation as outlined in paragraph 27.4.2.
- B. Service to seasonal loads not expected to retain year-round service such as tents and water pump installations where the pumping requirements are of a temporary nature.
- C. Temporary service for construction loads where electric facilities are to be removed upon completion of construction.
- D. Temporary service for one-time or transient events such as carnivals, fairs and road shows.

27.5. EXTENSION OF SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS

27.5.1. A line extension may not be built until sufficient work has been completed at a construction site to assure that a permanent residence or other permanent installation will be built.

27.5.2. The applicant shall provide for the acquisition of right-of-way easements for the extension.

27.5.3. The applicant shall provide the Cooperative with an accessible entrance to the site.

27.5.4. If a contribution in aid of construction will be required in order to extend service to the applicant, the applicant must sign an Extension of Service Agreement, before construction begins.

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27.6. SINGLE PHASE OVERHEAD LINE EXTENSIONS - PERMANENT

27.6.1. When the distance is 1,320 feet or less, service will be extended to a permanent installation without any contribution in aid of construction required of the applicant.

27.6.2. When an extension of more than 1,320 feet in length is required, the applicant must pay a contribution in aid of construction equal to 100% of the cost of the line in excess of 1,320 feet, less the cost of transformers and meters. A contribution may not be required for an extension over 1,320 feet under the following conditions:

- A. The extension of lines would result in an improvement of the Cooperative's operating plant, such as a tie line or the upgrading of a line which is already overloaded.
- B. The extension represents service to a sub-division or other installation which would likely result in more than one consumer being served in the near future on the line that is to be extended.
- C. The extension of new lines or the upgrading of existing lines are recommended in the annual work plan of the Cooperative.

27.6.3. The amount of the contribution in aid of construction will be calculated by the Cooperative. The charge will be based on the Cooperative's average cost per foot of installing permanent single phase overhead extensions, excluding the costs of transformers and meters and any contributions in aid of construction provided for the extensions. The Cooperative will review the contribution amount at least once a year. The average cost per foot will be based on the most recent twelve month history of data available at the time of review.

27.6.4. The Cooperative may negotiate a returnable contribution and/or special minimum or waive the contribution in unusual or under extenuating conditions as determined by the Cooperative.

27.6.5. If the applicant requests a line extension to a service location where facilities have been previously removed at the request of the applicant, the line extension will require a contribution in aid of construction equal to the total estimated cost of the line extension, less the cost of transformers, meters, and other salvageable materials.

27.7. SINGLE-PHASE OVERHEAD LINE EXTENSIONS - TEMPORARY

27.7.1. The applicant shall be required to pay, before construction begins, a contribution in aid of construction equal to the total estimated cost of the line extension and of the retirement of that extension, less the cost of transformers, meters, and other salvageable materials.

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27.8. THREE-PHASE OVERHEAD LINE EXTENSIONS - PERMANENT

- 27.8.1. For the first 1,320 feet of the three phase overhead line extension from a three phase line to a permanent non-residential establishment or load, no additional contribution in aid of construction will be required.
- 27.8.2. When an extension of more than 1,320 feet in length is required, the applicant must pay a contribution in aid of construction equal to 100% of the cost of the line in excess of 1,320 feet, less the cost of transformers and meters. A contribution may not be required for an extension over 1,320 feet under the following conditions:
 - A. The extension of lines would result in an improvement of the Cooperative's operating plant, such as a tie line or the upgrading of a line which is already overloaded.
 - B. The extension represents service to a sub-division or other installation which would likely result in more than one consumer being served in the near future on the line that is to be extended.
 - C. The extension of new lines or the upgrading of existing lines are recommended in the annual work plan of the Cooperative.
- 27.8.3. The amount of the contribution in aid of construction will be calculated by the Cooperative. The charge will be based on the Cooperative's average cost per foot of installing permanent three phase overhead extensions, excluding the costs of transformers and meters and any contributions in aid of construction provided for the extensions. The Cooperative will review the contribution amount at least once a year. The average cost per foot will be based on the most recent twelve month history of data available at the time of review.
- 27.8.4. The Cooperative may negotiate a returnable contribution and/or a special minimum or waive the contribution in unusual or under extenuating conditions as determined by the Cooperative.
- 27.8.5. When there is no three-phase line near the applicant's point of delivery, three phase overhead service will be installed upon the applicant's prepayment of a contribution in aid of construction equal to the excess cost of installing three phase overhead service over the cost of installing single-phase overhead service, excluding meters and transformers, less the cost of installing single phase overhead for the first 1,320 feet.
- 27.8.6. When the conversion of an existing electric line is necessary to provide the desired electric service, the length of line extension will be measured from the point where the line conversion begins.

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- 27.8.7. If the applicant requests a line extension to a service location where facilities have been previously removed at the request of the applicant, the line extension will require a contribution in aid of construction equal to the total estimated cost of the line extension, less the cost of transformers, meters, and other salvageable materials.
- 27.9. **THREE PHASE OVERHEAD LINE EXTENSIONS - TEMPORARY**
- 27.9.1. The applicant shall be required to pay, before construction begins, a contribution in aid of construction equal to the total estimated cost of the line extension and of the retirement of that extension, less the cost of transformers, meters, and other salvageable materials.
- 27.10. **MULTIPLE APPLICANTS FOR SERVICE FROM THE SAME EXTENSION**
- 27.10.1. The Cooperative will make reasonable efforts to identify and notify residents, farmsteads, businesses, and other establishments in the general area of a proposed extension of service and give them an opportunity to participate in the extension. Any contribution in aid of construction required under this policy will then be paid by the participants in the extension on the basis of a proportionate share. Proportionate shares will be calculated by the Cooperative on a cost per foot basis.
- 27.10.2. If the Cooperative sizes facilities in excess of the applicant's requirements for service, any cost to be paid by the applicant will be adjusted to reflect only the cost of his service requirements.
- 27.10.3. When a customer pays for an extension of service and later moves from that service location, the Cooperative will attempt to leave those facilities in place for use by other customers.
 - A. If the Cooperative removes the facilities, an applicant requesting the same extension of service at the premises shall obtain the extension cost-free.
 - B. If the facilities were removed at the request of a previous customer at the service location, the extension will be provided based on the Cooperative's regular line extension policy.

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