

Article 13 TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION AND IDLE SERVICE

13.1 Temporary Disconnection

Temporary disconnection means a specified period during which service is not required by Member-consumer. This may be due to sickness, vacation, seasonal use, or any other reason deemed adequate by Cooperative for discontinuance of service.

13.1.1 Availability

Temporary disconnection may be obtained by written request to Cooperative's office. Requests are subject to all rules and charges pertaining to temporary disconnection. Member-consumer will not be eligible for temporary disconnection until the initial duration of time specified in the service contract has expired.

13.1.2 Inspection Requirements

A service which has been temporarily disconnected for 12 months or longer will not be reconnected or energized until the installation passes an inspection conducted by the State of Iowa, a municipality or other governmental agency under the authority of the Iowa statewide electrician's licensing and inspection program. If Member-consumer contends the installation is exempt from such requirement, Cooperative reserves the right to require a certificate be executed by Member-consumer and/or the applicable regulatory authority attesting to the installation's exempt nature.

13.1.3 Charges

If Member-consumer requests service discontinued temporarily, Cooperative will charge a reconnection fee. If the discontinued service duration is 60 days or less, the above fees will apply. If service is discontinued more than 60 days, Member-consumer shall pay an idle service charge as described in Section 17.6 for each additional month until reconnected.

13.2 Idle Service

An idle service charge will be applicable where Cooperative, pursuant to an application for service at a given premises, has installed the necessary facilities to provide said electric service, but where Member-consumer or owner fails to accept and use said service within a reasonable time; or if Member-consumer or owner, after having taken service at the given premises, thereafter, discontinues service for an indefinite or extended period. In either event, Cooperative will, after due notice to Member-consumer or owner, require Member-consumer or owner to pay an idle service charge to retain Cooperative's facilities in readiness so that the said service may be available upon re-occupancy of the given premises.

13.2.1 Charges

Member-consumer or owner may retain Cooperative's facilities in readiness for service by making a payment as described in Section 17.6 within thirty (30) days of the notice date. The payment will be applied to Cooperative's facilities carrying cost each month for the months that service is not taken.

So long as the idle service charge is paid by Member-consumer or owner, Cooperative's facilities will remain in place. However, any time Member-consumer or owner refuses to pay the idle service charge, Member-consumer or owner will be notified that the facilities may be removed from the given premises by Cooperative whenever Cooperative determines it is economical to do so.

13.2.2 Rebuilding

If Member-consumer or owner applies for restoration of service at the location after the facilities have been removed for 12 months or less, Member-consumer shall pay in advance, an amount equal to the actual removal cost, the estimated installation cost of the necessary facilities, and back pay at the idle service charge as described in Section 17.6 for all months' service was removed.

This will not apply, however, if in the meantime, ownership of the premises has changed. If ownership has not changed hands, and the service has been removed for more than 12 months, then Member-consumer shall only pay the estimated installation costs of the necessary facilities.

17.6 Fees

17.6.1 Reconnection Fee

Member-consumer shall pay a reconnection fee to have electric service reconnected following any service disconnection unless an exception listed elsewhere within the tariff applies.

Member-consumer shall pay a reconnection fee of \$200.00 if the trip is completed on regular time. The charge shall be \$400.00 if any part of the trip is on overtime. Member-consumer shall pay a reconnection fee of \$50.00 if the meter can be remotely reconnected. The charge shall be \$100.00 if the remote reconnection occurs on overtime.

17.6.2 Posting Fee

Member-consumer shall pay a posting fee of \$50.00 anytime Cooperative representatives travel to post the Member-consumer's premises.

17.6.3 Check Return Charge

If a person's check, draft, or order is dishonored (returned unpaid) by the bank or financial institution upon which it was drawn, Cooperative will send the person a notice and require immediate settlement of the account. A \$30.00 charge for processing returned checks, drafts, or orders may apply. Bills are not considered paid with such checks, drafts or orders and the late payment charge will apply.

In the event more than two checks, drafts, or orders of a person are dishonored by the bank or financial institution upon which they were drawn, within a six-month period, Cooperative shall demand the future payments for service rendered must be made by cash, post office money order, or other acceptable legal tender.

17.6.4 Idle Service Charge

The monthly idle service charge shall be 75% of the applicable facility charge and will go into effect on the date of the requested disconnection.

17.6.5 Underground Service Line Extension Charge

Member-consumer shall pay a charge equal to \$11.00 per foot for single-phase service or \$23.00 per foot for multi-phase service for an underground service line extension.

17.6.6 Overhead Service Line Extension Charge

Member-consumer shall pay a charge equal to \$13.00 per foot for single-phase service or \$18.00 per foot for multi-phase service for an overhead service line extension.