

Section 16 IDLE SERVICES

16.1 Definitions

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

16.2 Charges

The member-consumer or owner may retain the Cooperative's facilities in readiness for service by making a monthly payment for Idle Service Charge within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice. The Idle Service Charge will be applied to the carrying cost of the Cooperative's investment in the facilities at the rate stated in Section 30 of this tariff per month for the months that service is not taken.

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

16.3 Rebuilding

If the member-consumer or owner applies for restoration of service at the location after the facilities have thus been removed for 12 months or less, the member-consumer will be required to 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 rate (section 30) 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 the member will only need to pay for the estimated installation costs of the necessary facilities. However, those services that have been disconnected for twelve 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 the member contends the installation is exempt from such requirement, the Cooperative reserves the right to require a certificate be executed by the member and/or the applicable regulatory authority attesting to the exempt nature of the installation.