

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBER-REGULATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 167 of 2008

460.37 Establishment, maintenance, and applicability of rates and charges; adoption, amendment, repeal, or addition to billing practices and service rules; availability of electronic copy; notice of rate increase or other changes.

Sec. 7.

(1) A cooperative electric utility that is member-regulated under this act shall determine how rates and charges for service provided are to be established, maintained, and applied. The rates and charges shall reasonably reflect the costs of providing service and shall be uniform within the classes of service provided by the cooperative.

(2) The board of directors of a cooperative electric utility that is member-regulated may adopt, amend, repeal, or add to the cooperative's billing practices and service rules provided it has given written notice to members at least 30 days prior to the effective date of any action taken.

(3) Each cooperative which has elected to be member-regulated shall maintain and make available to the public an electronic copy of its rates, charges, accounting standards, billing practices and service rules, and terms and conditions of service on a website and shall maintain a paper copy at all offices of the cooperative for review by the general public. In addition, the cooperative shall provide a copy of the same to the commission as well as a copy of the cooperative's most recent audited financial statement.

(4) If a cooperative is member-regulated under this act, the board shall give at least 10 days' notice to all members of the cooperative of the time and place of any meeting of the board at which an increase in rates affecting at least 5% of the members or substantive changes in billing practices and service rules or terms and conditions of service are to be discussed and voted on. Any such meeting shall be open to all members. Notice under this subsection shall be sent by first-class mail to all members or may be published in a periodical issued by an association of cooperative electric utilities and mailed to each member of record of the cooperative electric utility.

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