NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS OF

NEW TEMPORARY NON-STANDARD METER RATE (OPTIONAL)

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("KCEC") hereby gives notice to the public that it intends to file under Advice Notice No. 61 on September 30, 2019, with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") a proposed new temporary optional tariff schedule for all residential consumers who volunteer to Opt-out of a non-standard meter.

Pursuant to Rule 17.9.540 NMAC of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, KCEC's consumers are notified that:

- a) All residential consumers that are individually metered have the option to Opt-out of a non-standard meter on a temporary basis and are eligible for this temporary rate.
- b) This temporary rate shall sunset and expire thirteen (13) months after going into effect. This optional temporary rate shall be available to a maximum of three-hundred (300) consumers on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- c) The proposed rate schedule is as follows:

(1) One-time Service Initiation Fee for single-phase service		\$155.00
(2) System Charge per billing period		\$40.50
(3)Energy Charge per kWh		
0-750 kWh	\$0.11349	

751-1250 kWh	\$0.12430
Over 1,250 kWh	\$0.13511

(4) The Monthly Service Fee will increase annually by 3.0% effective on the annual anniversary starting from the effective date of this rate.

- d) Billing under this schedule may be increased by an amount equal to: The sum of the taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and all other taxes, fees or charges (exclusive of Ad Valorem, State and Federal Income Taxes) payable by the Utility and levied or assessed by any governmental authority on the public utility service rendered, and any amounts paid by the Utility for the right or privilege of rendering the service, or on any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.
- e) <u>Purchased Power Cost Adjustment</u>. The Utility shall, if the purchased power expense is increased or decreased above or below the base purchased power cost of \$0.081517/kWh sold, flow through to the users such increases or decreases, in accordance with 17.9.550 NMAC.
- f) <u>Debt Cost Adjustment</u>. The Utility may flow through increases or decreases in the cost of

debt capital incurred pursuant to securities, above or below the debt cost utilized to establish rates in accordance with 17.9.540 NMAC.

- g) KCEC will promptly notify a member, who so requests, of the date on which the schedule proposing the new rates will be filed with the Commission.
- h) The proposed new rate will go into effect automatically and without hearing by the Commission unless rate protests, signed by the lesser of one percent (1%) of or twenty-five (25) members of a customer rate class of KCEC, are filed with the Commission setting forth the specific grounds for the protests, and the Commission determines there is just cause for reviewing the proposed rates based upon one or more of the grounds of the protests. The protests of the proposed rates must be filed no later than twenty (20) days after KCEC has filed the schedule proposing the new rates at the Commission.

IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES, FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE.

- i) Procedures for protesting a proposed rate or rates are set forth in NMPRC Rule 17.9.540 NMAC, a copy of which can be obtained upon request from or inspected at either Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc., 118 Cruz Alta, Taos, New Mexico or P.O. Box 578, Taos, New Mexico 87571 (phone 575-758-2258), or on KCEC's website www.kitcarson.com; or at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, 1120 Paseo De Peralta, PO Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (telephone 1-888-427-5772) or at the Commission's website through the "Electric Coop Rate Increase Procedures" link on the far left). A form and instructions for protesting cooperative rates are available on the commission's website through the "Forms" link also on the far left. Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17.9.540.11, persons protesting the change in rate rider surcharges must, along with other required information, identify the proposed rate or rates being protested. Forms for protests are also available from KCEC at its main office.
- j) Prior to filing a protest with the Commission, a Cooperative member should attempt to resolve any grievance by presenting your objections to the new rates, in writing, and allowing KCEC seven (7) days in which to attempt a resolution of your objections or otherwise respond.
- k) Any interested person may examine the rate filing together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed at any time at the main office of KCEC or on its website at www.kitcarson.com, or on or after the date of filing at the offices of the Commission, 1120 Paseo De Peralta, PO Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504 (telephone 1-888-427-5772) or at the Commission's website at http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us where such documents may be found through the "Case Lookup Edocket" link (using, for example, the "Company Search" function to find recent Advice Notices filed by the Cooperative or using date filed parameters to search the New Documents List on Edocket's main page).
- Further information concerning this filing, or the protest procedure may be obtained by contacting Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.