

**SECTION: UTILITY OPERATIONS**

101. Description of Electric Utility Operations

101.1 Organization

San Patricio Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SPEC, Co-op, San Patricio, San Patricio Electric) is an electric cooperative corporation organized and operating under the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act (Chapter 161 of PURA) and the laws of the State of Texas and is owned by its Members. The Cooperative's business affairs are managed by a board of directors who are elected to the board in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws from and by the Cooperative's members.

101.2 Type of Service

The Cooperative provides electric utility service through the operation of a retail electric distribution system. The Cooperative does not engage in the generation of electric power.

101.3 Service Area

A. Certification

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) authorized the Cooperative to provide electric utility service by the issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN). A copy of the CCN may be obtained from the PUCT at 1701 N. Congress (P O Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326), Austin, Texas.

B. Counties

The service area of the Cooperative includes all or portions of the following counties:

San Patricio	Bee
Live Oak	Refugio
McMullen	Jim Wells
Goliad	Nueces
Aransas	

C. Cities

The service area of the Cooperative includes all or portions of the incorporated municipalities of Odem, Beeville, San Patricio, Lake City, Mathis and Sinton.

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102. Purpose and Scope

These tariffs define the service relationship between the Cooperative and persons desiring or receiving electric utility service from the Cooperative.

Contractual rights and obligations of both parties are specified in a manner consistent with regulations affecting the Cooperative's method of operation.

103. Applicability of Tariffs

These tariffs are applicable to the provision of all electric utility service by the Cooperative in all areas in which the Cooperative provides service except as may be precluded by law.

104. Severability

If any provision of these tariffs is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these tariffs, which can be given effect without the invalid provision, or application, and to this end the provisions of these tariffs are declared to be severable. These tariffs shall not be construed so as to enlarge, diminish, modify, or alter the jurisdiction, powers or authority of the Cooperative granted by appropriate Regulatory Authority.

105. Modification of Tariffs

Any class of service may be redefined and these tariffs may be changed, modified, or abrogated in whole or in part by any Regulatory Authority having jurisdiction thereof, whether or not at the request of the Cooperative, a Member, or otherwise. Any changed tariff or redefined class of service shall be applicable to electricity and related services provided from and after the effective date of such change.

106. Waiver

The failure of the Cooperative to enforce any of the provisions of this tariff shall not be considered a waiver of its right to do so.