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Application for Membership and Electric Service

To set up an electric account, please complete this application. Once the application is received, we will use your Social Security number to run a mandatory online soft credit check to verify your identity in accordance with government-enacted Red Flag Rules and to determine whether a credit deposit will be collected. A credit deposit (see #13 on reverse) may be necessary to establish service. Please return this completed Membership Application on or before _____ to avoid disruption in electric service.

Membership Type: Single Membership Joint Membership Business/Organization

Applicant/Company Name _____ SSN or Fed Tax ID# _____
Last Full First Mid. Initial

Drivers License # _____ State _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Phone _____ Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____

Work Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Joint Applicant Name _____ SSN or Fed Tax ID# _____
Last Full First Mid. Initial

Drivers License # _____ State _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Phone _____ Cell #1 _____ Cell #2 _____

Work Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Premise Address _____
Street City State Zip

Billing Address _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

- Check if premise address should be used as your billing address
- Permanent Residence or Seasonal Residence or Other (tile pump, bin site, etc.)
- I own this property
- I rent this home/building/site — Landlord's Name _____ Phone _____
- I am 18 years of age or older

I have read the "Conditions of Application for Electric Service" on the reverse side of this form and hereby agree to comply with same. By signing this form, I understand that I am authorizing an identity and soft credit check as outlined in #13 of the "Conditions." (If applying for joint membership, both applicants must sign.)

Please sign below. If signing on behalf of an organization/business entity, please include your title/official position.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Office use:
Location # _____ Account # _____ Transfer Date _____ Deposit: Yes No Amount \$ _____

Conditions of Application for Electric Service

- 1). The signed Application for electric service shall constitute a contract between the parties upon acceptance by the Cooperative.
- 2). A Member is any person or entity receiving energy through facilities owned and/or maintained by the Cooperative. As used herein, the term "Member" shall include any applicant.
- 3). The Member's premises must be wired in compliance with the National Electrical Code.
- 4). By completing the application, or upon use of electricity prior to the completion of this application, you agree to accept the terms and conditions contained in this application/agreement. The Member agrees to comply with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and policies of Traverse Electric Cooperative. The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Statement of Nondiscrimination can be found on our website at www.traverseelectric.com.
- 5). Billing for new service will begin when the Cooperative has completed its construction and the meter is energized, or if not energized 60 days after the Cooperative places the transformer, the consumer will be charged an amount equal to the monthly facility charge for the service size. Electric service purchased from the Cooperative will be purchased at rates set by the Cooperative, which includes a minimum monthly charge regardless of energy used.
- 6). The Member hereby grants to the Cooperative an easement, and specifically authorizes the Cooperative to enter onto said Member's premises to construct, repair, operate, upgrade, inspect, and maintain the lines serving said residence/business/premises, including all extra equipment and/or additional wiring subsequently attached, up to the meter or weather-head and lines on the premises serving other residences, and/or businesses. This easement and authorization shall include the right to trim, clear, remove, cut, and spray in, on, and/or around any equipment owned and/or operated by the Cooperative and the right to maintain clearance of any equipment owned and/or operated by the Cooperative in accordance with state, federal and RUS standards/specifications. This shall also include the right to install, read, maintain, and replace the Cooperative's Smart meters.
- 7). If the Member defaults on said Member's account and the Cooperative commences collection proceedings, the Member must pay applicable late payment fees and all costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. Connections or reconnections shall be made when all delinquent accounts owed by the member have been fully paid and all policies and regulations of the Cooperative have been met. The Member grants the Cooperative a security interest in whatever capital credits the Member is either currently entitled to receive or will receive in the future.
- 8). The Cooperative will endeavor to provide continuous service, but does not guarantee an uninterrupted supply of electric service. The Member hereby agrees and acknowledges that the Cooperative will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from the interruption or disturbance of service for a cause other than gross negligence of the Cooperative. The Member hereby agrees and acknowledges that the Cooperative will not be liable for any loss of profits or other consequential damages resulting from the use of service or any interruption or disturbance in service. The Cooperative recommends that three-phase protection be added to three-phase equipment and motors to protect that equipment in the case of a single or multiphase outage or interruption of service.
- 9). All fees (deposits, construction charges and other applicable fees) that are not paid prior to the use of electric service shall be billed on the Member's regular electric bill. Payment on the bill will apply first to the balance of fees and other charges until they are paid. If payment on the account is not sufficient to cover both the fees and electric usage, the account will go into past due status.
- 10). The Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-6410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.
- 11). It shall be the sole responsibility of the Member to secure any and all electric information and/or communication from or to the Cooperative, or that in any way relates to the Cooperative, for the purpose of identity theft prevention. Further, in the event that the Member moves, it shall be the Member's responsibility to immediately notify the Cooperative stating that (i) they have moved out, and (ii) future Cooperative correspondence should no longer be sent in the Member's name to the address on file with the Cooperative. If the Member fails to comply with this requirement, the Cooperative shall not be liable for any resulting identity theft damages.
- 12). You agree, in order for us to service your account, collect amounts you may owe, describe services and products available, or otherwise communicate with you, that we may contact you by telephone at any telephone number (landline or wireless) associated with your account, which could result in charges to you. We may also contact you by sending text messages or emails, using any email address and phone numbers you provide us. Methods of contact may include using pre-recorded or artificial voice messages and/or the use of an automatic dialing service, as applicable. I/We agree that the Cooperative may contact me/us as described, including making products and services known or marketed to me.
- 13). I give my consent for the Cooperative to conduct an identity check and soft credit check in compliance with the Red Flag Rules mandated by Federal FACT Act 2003, 16 C.F.R. 681. I understand that all information is confidential and will not affect my credit score in any way. If that check is negative, a credit deposit in an amount determined by the Cooperative is required. Any required deposit will be held until the Member leaves the Cooperative's service territory and will be applied to the final bill, if any or refunded. Or, If the Member pays the monthly electric bill on or by the due date for six consecutive months, the deposit will be refunded with interest to the active electric account the following month.