



AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CANDIDACY

STATE OF _____)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____ (*candidate's name, please print*), being first duly sworn, state that:

1. I am familiar with the following Socorro Electric Cooperative (“Cooperative”) Bylaw requirements and qualifications to hold the Office of Trustee:

SECTION 5.02 – Qualifications.

Any Trustee or Trustee candidate must comply with this Bylaw.

General Trustee Qualifications. A Trustee or Trustee candidate must:

- a. Be a natural person;
- b. Have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts;
- c. While a Trustee, and during the five (5) years immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, not:
 - i. Be, nor have been, convicted of a felony; or
 - ii. Plead, nor have pled, guilty to a felony;
- d. Within three (3) years of becoming a Trustee, and unless excused by the Board for good cause, a Trustee is expected to receive a Trustee’s Certificate or similar certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association;
- e. While a Trustee, and during the five (5) years immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, not:
 - i. Been employed as an employee of the Cooperative; or
 - ii. Been engaged contractually (as a principal or primary owner, partner, or majority shareholder) of a firm that contracts with the Cooperative as a prime or sub-contractor;
- f. Unless excused for good cause by the Board or Members, a Trustee shall attend at least two-thirds (2/3) of all Board Meetings during any calendar year; and
- g. Comply with any other reasonable qualifications determined by the Board, which shall specifically include but not be limited to refraining from engaging in discriminatory or harassing conduct with respect to a Member or other person’s race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, veteran status or any other category subject to legal protection under any applicable Federal or State law.

Notwithstanding these rules, and recognizing the possible appearance of conflict of interest, Trustees that are former employees and that are serving on the Board of Trustees upon passage of these Bylaws shall continue to maintain eligibility to serve as a Trustee but shall recuse themselves for a period of five (5) years from taking any actions or participate in any debates involving the employment or review of employment of the General Manager or other executive staff.

Membership Qualifications. While a Trustee, and during the 180 days immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, a Trustee or Trustee candidate must:

- h. Be current in all respects in regard to payment to the Cooperative of membership fees,



Additional Payments and obligations, and not be subject to disconnection for electric service at the Trustee or Trustee candidate's primary residence;

- i. Use, receive, or purchase a Cooperative Service at the Trustee's primary residence; and
- j. Maintain their primary residential abode within the boundaries of the applicable Trustee District.

Conflict of Interest Disqualification. While a Trustee, Trustee or Trustee candidate must not be:

- 1. A spouse of any existing Trustee;
- 2. An existing, or a Close Relative of an existing Cooperative employee;
- 3. Employed by, materially affiliated with, or share a material interest with, any other Trustee; or
- 4. Engaged in, nor employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any individual or entity;
 - a. Directly and substantially competing with the Cooperative; or
 - b. Possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative

Continuing Qualifications. Only natural persons complying with the General Trustee Qualifications and the Membership Qualifications, and not disqualified due to a Conflict of Interest Disqualification may serve, or continue to serve, as a Trustee.

- 1. I am currently a Cooperative member and a bona fide resident whose primary residence is in the district which I seek to represent.
- 2. I meet all of the above requirements and do hereby declare my candidacy for the office of Trustee for the Board of Trustees of Cooperative for the term of three (3) years commencing upon certification of the trustee election by the Credentials and Election Committee and ending on the Annual Meeting of Members in the third year of my term or until my successor is elected and qualified.
- 3. I further state upon my oath that the above statements are true and correct.

Candidate's Signature

Phone Number

SEC Member Account Number

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

(SEAL)

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

Declaration of Candidacy filed at the Office of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. on

_____ at _____ Received by: _____
Date Time

 Please initial that you have received a current copy of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. By-Laws when you file at the Office.