

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY (SANTEE COOPER)
EXCESS FIBER LEASE
SCHEDULE EF-21

Section 1. Availability:

This Schedule is available for third-party use of the Santee Cooper telecommunication system's unused fiber optic capacity as defined by the Authority.

Section 2. Applicability:

This Schedule is applicable to all communications service providers which provide telecommunications services, broadband services, or both, as provided for by the Code of Laws of South Carolina section 58-31-230(A), and defines rates for connectivity to and use of existing fiber installations along with system operations and maintenance in accordance with Santee Cooper's practices for excess fiber systems. Excess Fiber Rates are based upon a lease of a portion of Santee Cooper's fiber system rather than an ownership right.

Section 3. Rates and Charges:

(A) Monthly Excess Fiber Leasing Rate

- (1) The monthly rate for service hereunder shall be \$58.91 per fiber strand per mile. The monthly charge shall be the Monthly Rate multiplied by the lengths of each fiber mile identified in the customer's Excess Fiber Lease Agreement. This monthly charge is calculated based on each leased fiber optic strand as measured from the customer's patch panel.
- (2) The monthly rate may be adjusted every 5 years from the effective date as costs of service or market conditions change. This adjustment will result in a pricing change to this schedule only, with all other terms remaining the same.

(B) Taxes

Amounts for "payments in lieu of taxes," as prescribed by the Code of Laws of South Carolina §58-31-80, §58-31-90, and §58-31-100, as amended, have been included in the establishment of the above monthly rate. The charges computed at the above rate also shall be subject to all other applicable taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, franchise fees, assessments, and surcharges imposed by any governmental authority. In addition, South Carolina Sales Tax, if any, will be added to each bill unless the Customer has furnished the Authority evidence of specific exemption secured by the Customer from the South Carolina Tax Commission or its successor.

Section 4. Payment:

All bills are due and payable at the offices of the Authority or at such other place as the Authority may designate within thirty (30) days after the date in which the bill is mailed or otherwise rendered. If the amount is not received by said due date, the amount of the bill will be increased by one percent (1%) of the amount then outstanding, including late payment charges.

Where make-ready costs for the customer are incurred, the customer shall bear the full costs of any make-ready activity.

Section 5. Terms and Conditions:

In order to receive service hereunder, the Customer shall be required to enter into a contract with the Authority in the form of Attachment A hereto (Excess Fiber Lease Agreement), which shall govern the provision of such service by the Authority and the use of such service by the Customer. In the event of any inconsistency between this schedule and the Excess Fiber Lease Agreement, the terms of this Rate Schedule shall take precedence.

The monthly rate is based upon use of the Santee Cooper fiber optic telecommunications system to specific points of interconnection as specified the customer's Excess Fiber contract.

Adopted April 26, 2021

Effective for bills rendered on and after May 26, 2021.