

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE  
AUTHORITY (SANTEE COOPER)  
TRANSMISSION POLE  
ATTACHMENT  
SCHEDULE TPA-21

Section 1. Availability:

This Schedule is available where approved and appropriate attachment space exists on Santee Cooper Transmission facilities.

Section 2. Applicability:

This Schedule is applicable to all communications service providers that provide telecommunications services, broadband services, or both, to attach their lines, cables, wireless or other non-linear devices to the Authority's transmission poles for the purposes of providing retail broadband service.

Section 3. Rates and Charges:

(A) Annual Transmission Pole Attachment Billing Rate

- (1) The annual charge for service hereunder shall be \$256.24 for each attachment for each year (or portion of a year), assuming attachment utilizes one foot of space or less on Authority's transmission poles. If attachment utilizes greater than one foot of space on Authority's transmission poles, a revised rate may be required at the discretion of the Authority.
- (2) The above rate will be evaluated annually and may be adjusted if current projected costs of service cause the calculated rate to be outside the range of plus or minus 5 percent of the current published rate. This adjustment will result in a pricing change to this schedule only, with all other terms remaining the same.

(B) Structure Replacement Credit

- (1) Where customer make-ready costs include the replacement of one or more transmission structures, a Structure Replacement Credit shall be calculated representing the year(s) that the Customer has extended the life of each replaced original structure in the following manner:

$$\text{Structure Replacement Credit} = \text{Sum of } (\text{Cost of replacement structure} \times \frac{\text{Years original structure in service}}{\text{Expected service life of original structure}}) \text{ for each structure replaced by customer}$$

- (2) In the above calculation the value of the ratio of "Years original structure in service" and "Expected service life of original structure" shall be no greater than one (1).
- (3) The Structure Replacement Credit shall be credited to the Customer's annual bill and reduced by the annual billed amount until the Credit is zero or the end of the term of the Transmission Pole Attachment contract is reached, at which time the Structure Replacement Credit balance, if any, will be voided.

## (C) 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 annual rate. The charges computed at the above rate also shall be subject to all other 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:

Bills will be rendered annually on a net basis. 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. Where make-ready costs for the customer result in the complete replacement of a transmission structure, the Customer's annual bill shall be reduced by the Structure Replacement Credit calculated as specified in Section 3 (B) until the Credit is exhausted or the end of the contract term is reached.

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 Attachment A hereto (Transmission Pole Attachment License Agreement), which shall govern the provision of such service by the Authority and the use of such service by the Customer.

Adopted April 26, 2021

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