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Dear Sir:

**Re: Underground Residential Service to ----- (Santee Cooper Map No. -----)**

In reply to your request that Santee Cooper install an underground electric distribution system in the above referenced development in \_\_\_\_\_ County, South Carolina, be advised that under Santee Cooper's interim line extension policy, a charge for the underground electric system for the entire project, will be assessed. This charge will be calculated for each development but will be a minimum of \$150 per lot for single-family residences (permanent, mobile homes, etc.) or \$150 per apartment in multi-family developments (condos, apartments, etc.) and the total amount will be required prior to underground service being installed. The actual cost per lot may be higher than the minimum.

In the event that all of the energy needs of the subdivision are supplied by Santee Cooper, Santee Cooper would recognize a savings, which justifies a credit to be applied against the cost of underground installation. These savings would result from Santee Cooper fully and efficiently utilizing the facilities that it installs. Under our interim line extension policy, this credit would be equal to the total amount of the installation charge for underground service set forth in the first paragraph.

Santee Cooper offers the following proposal:

1. A satisfactory blanket easement, or dedicated easement and property plat for Santee Cooper's facilities will be granted without cost to Santee Cooper.
2. Each individual residence will be supplied single-phase, three wire service at a nominal voltage of 120/240 volts, 60 hertz.
3. Santee Cooper will not install electric distribution facilities unless the project is at final grade. The developer is responsible for having the project at final grade prior to the installation of electric distribution facilities. The developer is responsible for all costs associated with raising or lowering electric distribution facilities due to changes in grade.
4. The developer will install all meter sockets/centers, necessary service conduit(s) extended at least twenty-four (24) inches below finished grade, and proper grounding, all in accordance with the N.E.C. and Santee Cooper's specifications. Santee Cooper will determine the type of meter socket to be used. Single, or gang type sockets (up to six (6) gang), will be furnished by Santee Cooper. Meter centers incorporating main disconnects will be furnished by the developer. Santee Cooper will also designate the location of the meter socket, which in general will be a location at the nearest point to its transformer or underground service junction box. Extra expenses, generated due to requests beyond the scope of the Santee Cooper specification, are the developer's responsibilities.

5. Santee Cooper will provide necessary trenching, power cables, single-phase transformer pads, etc. for delivery of electric service to each type meter base. Three-phase concrete transformer pads will be provided by the developer and constructed per Santee Cooper specifications.
6. Power will be delivered at the load side of the meter socket with the exception of meter center rooms, where the developer will provide secondary conductor to the transformer.
7. The developer or individual customer will be responsible for furnishing and installing the service conductors from the meter socket to the residence.
8. The developer will coordinate the construction program with the installation of the electric distribution facilities by Santee Cooper so as to permit unimpeded access of Santee Cooper's equipment used for the installation of trenches, cables, etc. Where streets, curbs, water lines, drainage systems (including sock pipe), or other obstructions have been installed prior to installation of Santee Cooper's underground distribution system, Santee Cooper will not be liable for any damage to such facilities or obstructions. However, it is understood that Santee Cooper will install its facilities in a safe and workmanlike manner in accordance with recognized engineering practices for such installations.

Due to the delicate nature of sock pipe, installation is recommended after power installation has been completed. If sock pipe is installed prior to Santee Cooper's power installation, the sock pipe crossings must be exposed by the developer. After Santee Cooper installs power conduits, the developer is responsible for backfilling, compaction and ensuring proper sock pipe slope is maintained.

9. Temporary service may only be provided in an underground area in accordance with Santee Cooper's "Terms and Conditions of Retail Electric Service" at a transformer or underground secondary junction box location.
10. The use of Santee Cooper trenches by other utilities will be permitted only in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code and applicable law.
11. All facilities installed by Santee Cooper will be solely owned by Santee Cooper.
12. Santee Cooper will furnish the electrical service indicated in accordance with its then current rate schedule and "Terms and Conditions of Retail Electric Service."
14. It is Santee Cooper's policy to locate underground primary cable and transformers one (1') foot from front of property line as indicated on the attached drawing, URSLA-1. The developer will be required to adequately clear the right-of-way for installation of facilities. A twenty (20') foot easement is required with a minimum of ten (10') feet cleared behind the property line. Obstructions such as fences, buildings, or other permanent objects will not be allowed on this twenty (20') foot easement.

15. Planting of shrubs within 10' of the doors of SC equipment and within 3' of the other sides of this equipment is not permitted.
16. A minimum of six (6) weeks prior to Santee Cooper's beginning work to provide service, the owner or developer must furnish Santee Cooper with the following:
  - a. One (1) set of approved, final construction drawings showing drainage structures and water and sewer installations. These drawings shall include a R.L.S. certified staking plan (without drainage and water and sewer) showing lot lines, paved areas, and building locations as applicable.
  - b. An electronic file of the project in CADD format containing a R.L.S. certified staking plan.

From these drawings or duplications, Santee Cooper will determine the proposed locations of its electrical facilities, which will include transformers, underground cable, meter bases, etc. Two copies (an original and a copy) of the electrical design will be provided to the owner for final approval. Upon signed approval by Santee Cooper and the owner/developer, the original will be kept on record at Santee Cooper, and the copy will be used by the developer for staking electrical facilities. The developer will be responsible for staking the facilities and obtaining approval for the staking plan with the appropriate governing authority. A grade stake shall be provided for Heritage light poles after conduit is installed and prior to pole installation.

16. The developer and the electrical contractor will ensure that all multi-meter sockets are permanently marked with the unit numbers to which they are connected. Meters will be installed after all units have been properly marked, service application(s) submitted, electrical inspection(s) passed, and utility wiring completed. The marking system used must be approved by Santee Cooper. (For further clarification, see Santee Cooper's enclosed example drawing.)
17. Santee Cooper will backfill trenches with the same material that is excavated from the trench. Santee Cooper will compact the backfill material to the best of its ability, which only includes utilizing the weight of our equipment for compaction. Rough grade elevations will be reasonably restored, using the existing equipment (typically a backhoe or trackhoe), but resulting grade will be largely dependent on soil material and site conditions. Any exception to this is the responsibility of the developer.
18. Charges to the developer may be incurred if the master plan changes after electrical facilities have been installed.
19. Any damage to Santee Cooper's facilities will be repaired or replaced at the developer or customer's expense. The developer will be responsible for subcontractor damages to Santee Cooper facilities, during the construction period of the project.

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20. The developer will be responsible for acquiring storm water discharge permits and for implementing the SWPPP for the associated land disturbance activities of Santee Cooper. The developer shall provide a certification statement for Santee Cooper to sign, allowing Santee Cooper to work under the acquired permit. (example: SC NPDES General Permit SCR100000)

If these conditions are satisfactory to you, please indicate your acceptance by executing the original of this letter agreement in the space provided. Return it to me, along with the properly executed easement and property plat. Work on this project will not be scheduled until this agreement and attached easement are signed and returned.

It is the responsibility of the endorser of this letter to ensure that the easement is signed by the landowner of record in the courthouse. Failure to do so may result in delays and/or a service charge. You may keep the copy for your records.

Sincerely,

Gregg A. Turbeville, P.E.  
General Supervisor  
Distribution Design

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Attachments

ACCEPTANCE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_