



**CLARKE**  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## HEAT RATE AGREEMENT

**Location No.** \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_, between Clarke Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereinafter the "Cooperative", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called the "Member-Consumer", whereby the parties mutually agree to the following:

1. The member-consumer shall make provisions in their electrical wiring for the installation of a separate meter, if necessary.
2. The primary heating source must be electric and metered separately.
3. The primary electric heating source must operate first, with the backup system operating only when the primary system is unable to satisfy the indoor thermostat setting.
4. An electric water heater must be installed and provide 100% of the domestic water heating for the home (except for the energy supplied from an electric heat pump desuperheater). However, the water heater cannot be included on the heat rate.
5. The space heated by the primary electric system must be an area of 400 square feet or more and a minimum set temperature of 45 degrees must be maintained at all times.
6. A detached structure may also qualify for the heat rate, if it can be metered separately, the heated area is at least 400 square feet, the minimum set temperature maintained is 45 degrees and if the home on the property has an electric water heater providing 100% of the domestic hot water needs.
7. The member-consumer is responsible for the installation and maintenance costs of the heat meter.
8. The member-consumer shall agree not to hold the Cooperative liable for any loss resulting from the failure of the heating system being metered.
9. The Heat Rate is not intended for periodic heating applications or to provide heat during peak conditions only. A building that is unheated during unoccupied times is unacceptable.

10. Clarke Electric may suspend the rate and remove all metering equipment if the member is no longer using the equipment or violates any of the above program requirements.
11. Member-consumer agrees, at the Cooperative's request, to allow Clarke Electric Cooperative employees to inspect the premises to ensure all requirements are met both prior to heat meter being installed and after the heat meter is installed. Member also agrees to make arrangements for these inspections during normal Cooperative business hours. Meters outside of the home may be inspected by the cooperative at any time.
12. If member meets all eligibility requirements, and the heat rate is available to the Cooperative through CIPCO, the heat rate to the member will remain in effect.
13. Heat meter needs to be accessible to Cooperative. i.e.. avoid covering it with deck, shrubs, or any other structures that would make access difficult.
14. Any tampering or changes to the breakers inside the breaker panel that result in incorrect meter readings is the Member's responsibility and will not be reimbursed by the Cooperative.
15. The Heat meter will be installed upon the Member's request and when the work schedule of the Cooperative allows. There will be no reimbursement for kWh's used for heating prior to the heat meter installation.
16. If a Heat Meter is removed due to any of the above conditions not being met, and the member wants to have the meter reinstalled, the member will be required to pay a trip charge and any additional charges if cooperative deems it necessary to charge more.
17. The breaker powering the meter must be left on at all times.

Member/Home Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_