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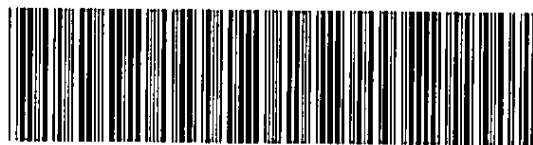
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SUBJECT: SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Ref. Number: 790278

We have received your document for SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. and check(s) totaling \$17.50. However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following reason(s):

There is a balance due of \$26.25. Please return a copy of this letter to ensure your money is properly credited.

see the attach fee schedule

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6050.

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May 29, 2019

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(Amendment to Articles of Incorporation)
Your Letter Number: 419A00010290

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the above-referenced letter, the fee of \$17.50 (filing fee and certified copy), originally enclosed with our letter of April 30, 2019, is correct.

Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a Florida rural electric cooperative. Pursuant to **Florida Statute 425.28** (*copy attached for your convenience*), the fee for filing an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for a rural electric cooperative is \$8.75. The following documents are attached:

1. Letter Number 419A00010290; and
2. An original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Amendment to The Articles of Incorporation with an Affidavit executed by Jerry D. Hatfield, as its President.

Please return the certified copy in the enclosed pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your courtesies and assistance in this regard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Kevin M. Stone

KMS:pa
xc: James P. Duncan, CEO

Enclosures

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO
THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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These Articles of Amendment are executed pursuant to Chapter 425, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 425.13, Florida Statutes, and Article VI, Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, **SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, a Florida Rural Electric Cooperative with its principal office at 330 South U.S. Highway 301, Sumterville, Sumter County, Florida, hereby amends the Articles of Incorporation originally filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 15, 1938, and amended from time thereafter, on this 2nd day of April, 2019, as follows:

Article VI Section 5, which presently reads

Section 5. The voting power and property rights and interests of each member shall be equal, and each member shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members, which vote shall be in person or by proxy as provided in the Bylaws of the Association. Except as otherwise provided by law, these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Association, at all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members present in person or, represented by proxy. The election of Trustees shall be as provided by the Bylaws.


Is deleted and in its place shall be inserted:

Section 5. The voting power and property rights and interests of each member shall be equal, and each member shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members, which vote shall be in person or by proxy as provided in the Bylaws of the Cooperative. Ballots may be received by mail or electronic transmission if and to the extent authorized by the Bylaws of the Cooperative and not prohibited by law. Except as otherwise provided by law, these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Cooperative, at all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members present in person, represented by proxy and, where authorized by the Bylaws

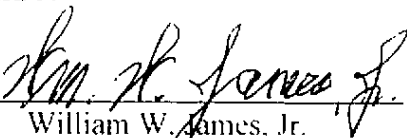
of the Cooperative and not prohibited by law, having delivered ballots by mail or electronic transmission. The election of Trustees shall be as provided by the Bylaws.

The above amendment was duly adopted by the members of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. on the 23rd day of March, 2019 at the annual meeting of members held in accordance with Section 425.09(2), Florida Statutes, and as provided in the Bylaws of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc.

SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.,
a Florida Rural Electric Cooperative

By 
Jerry D. Hatfield
As its President

ATTEST:

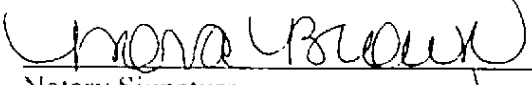
By 
William W. James, Jr.
As its Secretary

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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COUNTY OF SUMTER

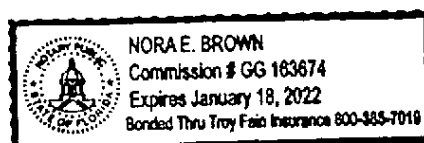
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared JERRY D. HATFIELD and WILLIAM W. JAMES, JR., known to me to be the President and Secretary respectively of the Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. and that they severally acknowledged that they executed the foregoing Articles of Amendment freely and voluntarily under authority duly vested in them by said corporation and that the seal affixed thereto is the true corporate seal of said corporation and that I relied upon the following form(s) of identification of the above-named persons: personally known.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at the County and State last aforesaid, this 22 day of April, 2019.


Notary Signature
NORA BROWN
Printed Notary Signature

My Commission number: 66163674
My Commission Expires: 1-18-2022

(SEAL)



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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SUMTER

COMES NOW, Jerry Hatfield, pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 425.13(2) and having been duly sworn by the undersigned officer, says:

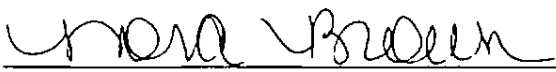
1. That he is the President of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc., a Florida Rural Electric Cooperative.
2. That an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was approved by the Board of Trustees of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. and submitted to a vote of the members at an annual meeting.
3. That the Notice of the Annual meeting set forth the proposed amendment.
4. That the attached Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was passed by more than two-third (2/3) of the members voting thereon at a regular annual meeting, held on March 23, 2019.
5. That all requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 425.13 were duly complied with in connection with the passage of the attached Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

By 
Jerry D. Hatfield, Affiant
As its President

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me this 22 day of April 2019, by Jerry D. Hatfield, President of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc., who is personally known.


Notary Public

My commission number:
My commission expires:

