

**Instructions for Protesting an Electric Cooperative Rate  
Increase NMPRC Rule 17.9.540**

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) Rule 17.9.540 implements a state law, NMSA 62-8-7 G, which allows rural electric cooperatives to propose rate increases to its members. If the lesser of 1% of or 25 members of a customer class protest to the Commission, the Commission will determine if there is just cause to review the rate proposal through a formal rate hearing. If no members protest, the rates will go into effect automatically with no Commission review.

To file a protest you must be a member of the Cooperative. The protest must be received by the Commission within twenty (20) days from the date the rates are filed with the Commission. The date the rates are filed will be stated on the notice to customers that you have received from the cooperative, either through the Enchantment or through a special notice.

To protest, completely fill out the enclosed protest form. You may leave the case number blank and if there is no attorney, you do not need to fill out the attorney information. The protestor is not required to retain an attorney to file a protest. **Please note: Failure to properly address all pertinent issues (see page 4) may be grounds for the rejection of the protest.**

You must deliver a copy of the protest to the Cooperative. Then in accordance with NMPRC Rule 17.9.540, you must send an original plus ten (10) copies of the rate protest form and certificate of service to:

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission  
Attn: Records Division  
P.O. Box 1269  
1120 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1269

For more information call the Commission at 505-827-4500 or toll free 1-888-427-5772, or contact the cooperative.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING )  
OF NEW RATES BY )  
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ) CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
)

**PROTEST  
TO PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

SUBMITTED BY:

Name of Protestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach the name, mailing address, and telephone number of each protestant.)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTORNEY INFORMATION:

Attorney's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach the name, mailing address, and telephone number of attorney of each protestant.)

I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Cooperative)

I protest the rates being proposed by the above named Cooperative.

I protest the proposed rate(s) affecting the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class of customers (i.e., residential,  
commercial, industrial, irrigation, etc.).

**YOU MUST ADDRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES**

1. A clear concise statement of the effect of the proposed rate or rates on you.
  
2. A clear and concise state of the specific grounds upon which you believe the proposed rate or rates are unjust, unreasonable or otherwise unlawful.
  
3. A brief description of your efforts to resolve your objections directly with the Regulation.
  
4. A clear and concise statement of the relief you want from the Commission (i.e. what you want the Commission to do regarding the rate proposal).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF )
NEW RATES BY \_\_\_\_\_ )
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ) CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached protest issued on
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, was mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the
following cooperative:

COOPERATIVE \_\_\_\_\_
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Protestor)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.