

February 24, 2021

2021 BROADBAND RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND
PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Adopted

Rejected

Postponed

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The South Carolina Public Service Authority (the "Authority") is authorized, pursuant to the State of South Carolina's Broadband Accessibility Act, to lease its dark fiber and certain facilities, including its transmission poles, to communications service providers for the purpose of facilitating the provision of retail broadband services; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Authority (the "Board of Directors") is authorized to establish rates, fees, or other charges for the use of its dark fiber and facilities pursuant to Section 58-31-230 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Director of Innovation and Chief Information Officer has presented to the Board of Directors such recommendations as set forth in the presentation titled "Proposed Broadband Rate Structures and Terms," including a rates process and schedule for consideration of the proposed rates schedule ("Process and Schedule") attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has been provided the "Santee Cooper - Fiber Lease Rate Review" and the "Santee Cooper - Fiber Lease Rate Summary" (the "Proposed Excess Fiber Lease Rates") prepared by NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, dated February 22, 2021, in connection with the proposed excess fiber rates and attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has also been provided the "Santee Cooper - Transmission Pole Attachment Rate" and the "Santee Cooper - Transmission Pole Attachment Summary" (the "Proposed Transmission Pole Attachment Rates") prepared by NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, dated February 22, 2021, in connection with the proposed transmission pole attachment rates and attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has also been provided proposed term sheet summaries and proposed agreements for dark fiber leasing and transmission pole attachments attached hereto as Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, The Process and Schedule satisfies the requirements of submitting rates and terms and conditions to the Office of Regulatory Staff for review and comment, and posting rates, fees, and other charges along with terms and conditions on the Authority's publicly available website pursuant to Section 58-31-230(D) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and further allows sufficient opportunity for all customers to make comments about Proposed Excess Fiber Lease Rates and the Proposed Transmission Pole Attachment Rates; and

WHEREAS, The Management of the Authority recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Process and Schedule and authorize the Authority to publish the Proposed Rates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Process and Schedule establishing the public comment period, a public meeting, and submission of rates and terms and conditions to the Office of Regulatory Staff for review and comment is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, That the Authority is directed to publish the Proposed Excess Fiber Lease Rates, the Proposed Transmission Pole Attachment Rates and associated terms and conditions pursuant to the Process and Schedule; and

RESOLVED, That the President & CEO is authorized to appoint a panel for the purpose of conducting the public meeting and the submissions required by the Process and Schedule.