

PART I – DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following words and terms, when used in this Retail Tariff, shall have the meanings indicated below.

1. **Applicant** - the developer, builder, property owner, Customer, or other person, partnership, association, corporation or governmental agency applying for Standard Offer Service and/or Distribution Service.
2. **Approved** - acceptable to the Cooperative and to Authorities.
3. **Authorities** - governmental (federal, state, county and municipal) agencies or others having authority over the Customer's electrical installation and equipment.
4. **Boat Slip** - a structure located in, along or over the water for the purpose of mooring a boat or yacht.
5. **Class of Service** - a group of Customers sharing similar service characteristics and service requirements. The class of service determines the applicable rate schedule.
6. **Cogeneration** - the combined production of power and useful heat by the sequential use of energy from one source.
7. **COMAR** - Code of Maryland Regulations; Title 20 of COMAR embodies all the Commission's regulations governing service supplied by electric companies.
8. **Commercial Apartment/Condominium** - a structure enclosed within exterior walls and fire walls, built, erected, and framed of component structural parts and designed to contain more than 12 individual dwelling units, and typically arranged as a multi-story complex.
9. **Commission or PSC** - Public Service Commission of Maryland.
10. **Competitive Power Supply** – unbundled energy, capacity, transmission, and required ancillary services provided by an Electricity Supplier to Customers; except that Competitive Power Supply does not include energy, capacity, transmission, or ancillary services provided to Customers by the Cooperative in the provision of Standard Offer Service.
11. **Cooperative Consolidated Billing** – a single bill rendered by the Cooperative that includes both the Cooperative's and the Electricity Supplier's charges.
12. **Cooperative or SMECO** - the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc.
13. **Customer Choice Act** – the “Electric Customer Choice and Competition Act of 1999.”

14. **Customer** - a person, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental agency being supplied with Distribution Service by the Cooperative.
15. **Demand** - the maximum amount of electricity used during a specific time interval as measured in kilowatts (kW).
16. **Distribution Service** – providing delivery of electricity to the load side of the Cooperative’s meter, including a) the provision of a meter, meter operation and maintenance, and all metering – associated facilities and services, including the acquisition and transfer of meter data, b) the provision of billing services, and c) operations and maintenance of distribution plant owned by the Cooperative.
17. **Electricity Supplier or “Supplier”** – a supplier of electricity that has been certified or licensed by the Commission to sell electricity to Customers within the State of Maryland. For the purpose of this document, the Cooperative is not an Electricity Supplier in the provision of Standard Offer Service.
18. **SMECO Electricity Supplier Coordination Tariff** – a SMECO tariff that sets forth the basic requirements for interaction and coordination between the Cooperative as the Local Distribution Company (SMECO) and each Electricity Supplier necessary for ensuring the delivery of Competitive Power Supply.
19. **Energy** - the total amount of electricity used to provide a service or perform work as measured in kilowatt hours (kWh).
20. **Farm** - a single farm building, together with adjacent farm buildings and farm equipment.
21. **FERC** - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
22. **Independent Power Producer** - one who produces electrical power but is not a utility, does not control transmission facilities, and sells all energy at wholesale.
23. **Industrial Park** - an area which has been zoned for industrial use and which is covered by a recorded subdivision plat.
24. **Inspection Authority** - authorized county electrical inspection department or agency.
25. **Marina** - a place offering docking facilities or secure moorings for boats and yachts.
26. **Mobile Home** - a dwelling unit constructed for permanent occupancy, which is designed for moving along roads and highways by towing with a truck or tractor and which is installed on a permanent foundation.
27. **Multiple-Occupancy Building** - a structure enclosed within walls or fire walls, built, erected, and framed of component structural parts and designed to contain 5 to 12 individual dwelling units.

28. **Point of Delivery** - the meter on self-contained meters or the metering current transformer compartment on current transformer installations.
29. **QF** - Qualifying Facility for cogeneration or small power production, as set forth in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act, Sections 201 and 210.
30. **Residential Building** - a structure enclosed within exterior walls or fire walls, built, erected and framed of component structural parts and designed for up to four single family occupancy units.
31. **Separate SMECO/Electricity Supplier billing** – SMECO and the Electricity Supplier each bill the customer separately for their respective services.
32. **Service Connection** - the conductors and the appurtenances thereto that are installed to supply electricity from the Cooperative's system to the point of connection to the Customer's wiring and associated facilities.
33. **Small Power Producer** - a facility generating not more than 80 megawatts of electrical power and which employs a renewable resource such as water power, solar energy, wind energy, geothermal energy, biomass, or waste as a primary fuel.
34. **Standard Offer Service** – an electric supply service that SMECO will provide to customers pursuant to the Public Utility Companies Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (hereafter "Code") § 7-510(c). The Standard Offer Service provided by SMECO shall include energy, capacity, transmission, and related ancillary services, including administrative services related to Standard Offer Service and, without limitation, energy-, capacity-, transmission-, and congestion-related physical and financial products.
35. **Subdivision** - a portion of real property which includes or otherwise designates lots or locations intended for residential buildings or mobile homes including "planned unit developments" or "new towns" and for which a new electric distribution system is required in order to furnish electric service in it.
36. **Temporary Service** - a service connection installed to supply electricity for a limited time, normally for no more than one year.
37. **Townhouse** - a structure enclosed within exterior walls and fire walls, built, erected, and framed of component structural parts and designed to contain a single dwelling unit, attached to multiples of same.
38. **Underground Electric Distribution System** - that portion of an electric utility distribution plant necessary to furnish permanent underground service to all present and anticipated residential and commercial metering points.
39. **Underground Electric Service Line** - that portion of an electric utility distribution plant necessary to furnish permanent underground service usually constructed from the lot line to the point of service.



The definitions used in Article 100 of the National Electrical Code are applicable to other terms used in this Retail Electric Service Tariff.