

**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. **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 ten (10) copies of the rate protest form and certificate of service to:

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
PO Box 1269
1120 Paseo De Peralta
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

For more information call the Commission at 505827-6940 or toll free 1-888-427-5772, or contact the cooperative.

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

P R O T E S T
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.)

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.).

I request a variance to limit the number of copies of the rate protest to 5 (five) to be sent to the NMPRC.

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____.