


Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

How to Become a Trustee of Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

I. Qualifications:

1. General Trustee Qualifications. A Trustee or Trustee Candidate must:
 - a. Be a natural person;
 - b. Have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts;
 - c. While a Trustee and during the 365 days immediately preceding the Trustee election, maintain their primary residential abode within the boundaries of the applicable residential Trustee District;
 - d. While a Trustee, and during the twenty-five (25) years immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, not:
 - i. Be, nor have been, convicted of a felony; or
 - ii. Plead, nor have pled, guilty to a felony.
2. Membership Qualifications. While a Trustee, and during the 365 days immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, a Trustee or Trustee candidate must:
 - a. Be a Member using, receiving, and purchasing electric service from the Cooperative at the Trustee's or Trustee candidate's principal residence, as determined by South Carolina voter registration law; and
 - b. Be current in all respects regarding payment to the Cooperative of Additional Payments and obligations, and not be subject to disconnection for non-payment of electric service at the Trustee or Trustee candidate's primary residence.
3. Conflict of Interest Disqualification. A Trustee or Trustee candidate must not be or have been:
 - a. A Close Relative of any current Trustee, Cooperative employee, or Cooperative subsidiary employee;
 - b. Employed by, materially affiliated with, or share a material financial interest with, any other Trustee;
 - c. Engaged in, nor employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any individual or entity:
 - i. Directly and substantially competing with the Cooperative or any Cooperative subsidiary; or
 - ii. Possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative or any Cooperative subsidiary.
 - d. Previously subject to an involuntary separation of employment from the Cooperative subsidiary; or
 - e. While a Trustee or during the five (5) years immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, employed by the Cooperative or any Cooperative subsidiary, or engaged contractually (as an employee, principal, owner, partner, or shareholder, except through passive investment) with a firm that contracts with the Cooperative or any Cooperative subsidiary as a prime or sub-contractor.

II. Nominations:

Below are the two methods that may be used to become nominated for the purpose of being elected as a member of the Cooperative's Board of Trustees.

1. A member may be nominated by the appointed Nominating Committee of the Cooperative as a candidate for the Board of Trustees from the Trustee District in which the member lives and for the District's seat. The Nominating Committee will meet at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. For the exact date of the Nominating Committee meeting, call the office at (843) 369-2211.
2. A member can also be nominated by petition as a candidate for the Board of Trustees from the Trustee District in which the member lives and for that District's seat. Official forms must be obtained from the Cooperative and must be signed by at least twenty-five or more active members in order to be considered valid. The deadline for petition candidates is at least forty-five days and not more than sixty days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of Members. This date is specified on the Official Petition Form.

I. Election:

The following is how the election will take place at the Annual Meeting:

All members who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee or who have been nominated by Petition, and meet the qualifications, will have their names appear on the official ballot of the Cooperative. The members who are in attendance at the Annual meeting will then select their representative to the Board of Trustees by secret written or electronic ballot by the Members, with polling and early voting required by state law; PROVIDED that in the event of an uncontested race, secret balloting may be dispensed with and the particular election may occur by acclamation.

For additional information on this procedure, please refer to the Cooperative's Bylaws, which are posted on horryelectric.com. For a printed copy of the Bylaws, please stop by one of our offices.