



Notwithstanding these rules, and recognizing the possible appearance of conflict of interest, Trustees that are former employees and that are serving on the Board of Trustees upon passage of these Bylaws shall continue to maintain eligibility to serve as a Trustee but shall recuse themselves for a period of five (5) years from taking any actions or participate in any debates involving the employment or review of employment of the General Manager or other executive staff.

Membership Qualifications. While a Trustee, and during the 180 days immediately prior to becoming a Trustee, a Trustee or Trustee candidate must:

- h. Be current in all respects in regard to payment to the Cooperative of membership fees, Additional Payments and obligations, and not be subject to disconnection for electric service at the Trustee or Trustee candidate's primary residence;
- i. Use, receive, or purchase a Cooperative Service at the Trustee's primary residence; and
- j. Maintain their primary residential abode within the boundaries of the applicable Trustee District.

Conflict of Interest Disqualification. While a Trustee, Trustee or Trustee candidate must not be:

1. A spouse of any existing Trustee;
2. An existing, or a Close Relative of an existing Cooperative employee;
3. Employed by, materially affiliated with, or share a material interest with, any other Trustee; or
4. Engaged in, nor employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any individual or entity;
 - a. Directly and substantially competing with the Cooperative; or
 - b. Possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative

Continuing Qualifications. Only natural persons complying with the General Trustee Qualifications and the Membership Qualifications, and not qualified due to the a Conflict of Interest Disqualification may serve, or continue to serve, as a Trustee.



1. I am currently a Cooperative member and a bona fide resident whose primary residence is in the district which I seek to represent.
2. I meet all of the above requirements and do hereby declare my candidacy for the office of Trustee for the Board of Trustees of Cooperative for the term of three (3) years commencing upon certification of the trustee election by the Credentials and Election Committee and ending on the Annual Meeting of Members in the third year of my term or until my successor is elected and qualified.
3. I further state upon my oath that the above statements are true and correct.

Candidate's Signature

Phone Number

Mailing Address

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Declaration of Candidacy filed at the Office of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. on

_____ at _____
Date

Time

Received by: _____