Section 16 IDLE SERVICES

16.1 Definitions

An idle service charge will be applicable where the Cooperative, pursuant to an application for service to a given premise, has installed the necessary facilities to provide said electric service, but where the member-consumer or owner fails to accept and use said service after twelve months. The Cooperative will, after due notice to the member-consumer or owner, require the member-consumer or owner to pay an idle service charge in order to retain the Cooperative's facilities in readiness so that the said service may be available upon re-occupancy of the given premises.

16.2 Charges

A member-consumer or owner who has requested the Cooperative’s facilities but has subsequently elected to discontinue that service may retain the facilities, in readiness for electric service. The member-consumer or owner will be charged a monthly facility charge equal to 100% of the service’s rate category. At the request of the member-consumer, with the consent of the owner, should they not be one in the same, the service will be removed and the monthly facility charge will be discontinued.

So long as the idle service charge is paid by the member-consumer or owner, the Cooperative's facilities shall remain in place. However, any time the member-consumer or owner refuses to pay the idle service charge, the member-consumer or owner shall be notified that the facilities may be removed from the given premises by the Cooperative whenever the Cooperative determines it is economical to do so.

16.3 Rebuilding

If the member-consumer or owner applies for restoration of service at the location after the facilities have thus been removed, the member-consumer will be required to pay in advance, an amount equal to the actual removal cost, plus the estimated replacement cost of the necessary facilities. This will not apply, however, if in the meantime, ownership of the premises has changed. However, should it be
determined that such a transfer of ownership, from one member-consumer to another, has been done for the purpose of avoiding the costs associated with restoration of service, the Cooperative will implement the restoration charges as listed above.