

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2016-310-E - ORDER NO. 2016-751

OCTOBER 25, 2016

IN RE: Petition of Lockhart Power Company for) ORDER APPROVING
 Increase in Reconnect Fees) INCREASE IN
) RECONNECTION FEES

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-339.5, this matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Petition of Lockhart Power Company (“Lockhart”) to increase its reconnect fee for those customers whose service has been discontinued under 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-342. The fee is currently \$15.00, and Lockhart proposes to increase that amount to \$30.00 per reconnection when payment is made during business hours, and \$100.00 per reconnection when payment is made after business hours. Lockhart is apparently the only investor-owned electric utility in South Carolina that offers to reconnect customers after business hours, and the company would like to continue offering its customers that service. However, the cost of reconnecting a customer after business hours is several times the cost of reconnection during business hours.

The Office of Regulatory Staff supports this increase in fees and informs the Commission that these are reasonable considering that they are less than the Company’s actual cost incurred in reconnecting service.

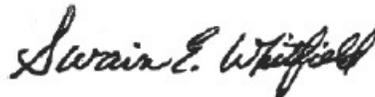
Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F), we find that Lockhart's Petition does not affect the entire rate structure or overall rate of return and is required for orderly rate administration. As a result, no hearing is required in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

An increase in the reconnection fee for those customers whose service is discontinued under 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-342 is approved. The current fee is \$15.00, and the increased fee will be \$30.00 per reconnection, when payment is made during business hours, and \$100.00 per reconnection, when payment is made after business hours.

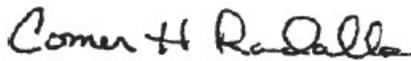
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Swain E. Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:



Comer H. Randall, Vice Chairman