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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

# ELECTRIC CO-OP

## Membership & Service Application

The undersigned "Applicant" hereby applies for membership in and electric service from the Cooperative upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The undersigned applicant-member agrees to purchase all central station electric service and energy used on the premises described below from the Cooperative; and warrants that the premises, together with the structures and facilities located thereon, are safely wired in accordance with the requirements of the most recent issue of the National Electric Safety Code.
2. The applicant-member agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the charter and bylaws of the Cooperative and the rules and regulations of the Cooperative as established by its Board of Directors.
3. The applicant-member understands and agrees that the Cooperative shall not be liable for service interruptions caused by acts of nature, accidents, service repair, lawful governmental or regulatory order and other causes beyond the control of the Cooperative.
4. The applicant-member agrees to provide an easement for the facilities of the Cooperative and/or access to the property.
5. Any member found to have an unsealed meter base showing no signs of tampering may have a \$50 fee applied for the first offense and a \$100 fee applied for each subsequent offense. If signs of tampering are present, a \$500 fee will be applied for the first offense and a \$1,000 fee will be applied for each subsequent offense.
6. Per the HOTEK Bylaws Sec. 7.4g, the member voluntarily agrees to assign any paid capital credits to HOTEK if the member cannot be located within three (3) years after payment is issued. If you do not agree to this agreement, you may cross this section out and initial it.
7. Your cooperative is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the USDA which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities. The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is DEIDRE LAUTERBACH, District Manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

**APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Applicant's Full Name (first, middle, last))

Military I.D. # or Social Security # or Tax I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for credit score)

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**JOINT/OTHER OCCUPANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Circle) (Print Applicant's Full Name)

Social Security # or Tax I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for joint membership)

Applicant's Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Occupant's Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Rent or Own (circle one)

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Date Connect Requested \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Occupant Signature** if requesting JOINT MEMBERSHIP (see bylaws section 2.6) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**911 Address (Available from County Office - required before being connected)** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEK has my permission to run a credit check.**  Yes  No **I will pay a deposit, do not run a credit check.** \_\_\_\_\_

**(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)**

FEES:	Paid	Bill	CREDIT SCORE (Phone office)	SCORE LESS THAN 650 - DEPOSIT REQUIRED:
Membership \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Home \$300.00 _____
Connect \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Barn/Well/Deer Camp \$100.00 _____
			Credit Score or Military I.D.	

Aid-to-Construction \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial-(Call Office) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Bylaws Received \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

(Employee Receiving Application)

This completed application signed by an authorized employee of the cooperative shall serve as the member's and joint member's certificate of membership.

Submit Original Certificate with signatures, and backup information to:  
HEART OF TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
Attention: Sales Tax Department  
P. O. Box 357  
McGregor TX 76657-0357

### Texas Sales Exemption Certificate for Electricity Usage

Name of purchaser (Name on Heart of Texas Records)	
Service Address	City, State, Zip code
Account No. (For Multiple Accounts, Complete one form for each meter)	
Federal Employer Identification or Social Security Number	

I, the purchaser named above, claim an exemption from payment of sales and use taxes (for the purchase of taxable items described below) from:

Seller: Heart of Texas Electric Cooperative Inc.

Address: 1111 S Johnson Drive, McGregor, TX 76657

Description of items to be purchased: Electricity

Electricity is purchased for the following tax exempt purpose (choose **ONE** only):

- Exempt Organization under IRC Code Section 501 (3)(4)(8)(10) or (19)-(attach copy of Texas Comptroller letter of exempt status)
- Exploring, producing or transporting material extracted from the earth. (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- Extracting water from the earth (Water Well)
- Governmental entity
- Residential usage
- Other tax exempt use (specify Texas Tax Code Section \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will be liable for payment of all state and local sales or use taxes which may become due for failure to comply with the provisions of the Tax Code and/or all applicable law.

*I understand it is a criminal offense to give an exemption certificate to the seller for taxable items that I know, at the time of purchase, will be used in a manner other than that expressed in this certificate and depending on the amount of tax evaded, the offense may range from a class C misdemeanor to a felony of the second degree.*

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Official Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

This certificate is valid only as long as the person continues to use electricity in a manner, which is for predominantly exempt purposes. At the time the uses of the utilities change so that the predominant use is taxable, it is the person's responsibility to immediately notify the utility company in writing that the exemption is no longer valid.