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Via Email Only

Board of Trustees
Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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RE: Electric Cooperative 2021 Compliance Examination in Accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 33-49-150(A)

Dear Members of the Board:

In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 33-49-150(A), the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has conducted its examination of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., pursuant to the provisions of Act 56 which was enacted in 2019, relating to compliance with the provisions of the Act.

ORS conducted its examination in accordance with amended Section 58-4-50. Sections of the Act covered by our examination are listed as follows:

- 33-49-255 - Restrictions on Interruption of Electric Service to Residential Customers for Nonpayment of Bill; Exceptions and Complaints
- 33-49-280 - Bylaws
- 33-49-420 - Meetings
- 33-49-430 - Quorum
- 33-49-440 - Voting
- 33-49-450 - Disposition of Propositions Presented by Not Less Than Ten Percent of Members
- 33-49-610 - Trustees
- 33-49-615 - Disclosure of Compensation and Benefits
- 33-49-620 - Voting Districts for Trustees and For Delegates
- 33-49-625 - Notice, Votes, and Minutes
- 33-49-630 - Compensation or Employment of Trustee; Actions and Conduct Prohibited
- 33-49-640 - Annual Election and Term of Trustees
- 33-49-645 - Conduct of Elections
- 33-49-1420 - Termination Procedures; Contents

Accordingly, the timing and extent of our tests were conducted as follows:

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- (1) The examination involved testing compliance with the sections of Act 56 listed above, for the period from the effective date of the provision to June 30, 2021.
- (2) ORS's examination procedures included the following: questionnaires, inquiries, review of the Electric Cooperative's bylaws, review of board meeting notices, review of minutes of meetings, review of Trustee compensation and benefits related to board meeting attendance, and other analytical analysis.

Based upon the examination procedures performed and the results obtained from the examination and the affirmations provided, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is in compliance with Act 56.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Herpel', is written over a horizontal line.

David Herpel, CPA
ORS Audit Manager

cc: Christopher R. Koon, Esquire (via email)