

Heart of Texas Electric Cooperative
Membership & Service Application and Agreement for Electric Service

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____
 Social Security #/Tax I.D. #: _____ Driver's License: _____ State: ____
 Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____
 Email: _____ Rent or Own (Please Circle One)
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

OTHER OCCUPANT OR JOINT MEMBER INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____
 Social Security #/Tax I.D. #: _____ Driver's License: _____ State: ____
 Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____
 Email: _____ Other or Joint (Please Circle One)

*** As an Other Occupant or Joint Member, you have the authority to alter the nature of the account and request information concerning the account, just like the member of record. Additionally, as an Other Occupant or Joint Member, you accept liability for any debt incurred on the account.**

Other/Joint Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

911 Address: _____ 911 Zip: _____
 (Available from County Office - required before being connected)
 Meter Number: _____ Does Property Contain Solar? ____ Yes ____ No
 (if existing service only, write N/A if not applicable)
 Connect Date: ____/____/____ HOTEK has my permission to run a credit check: ____ Yes ____ No

*** If you decide to opt out of a credit check, please be aware that a deposit will be required. Additionally, a membership fee of \$5 and a connect/transfer fee of \$50 will apply on your first bill, regardless of the credit check or deposit status.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Credit Check (Red)

____ Residential	\$300.00
____ Barn/Well/Guest House/Other	\$100.00

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

HOTEC MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE NOTES TO MEMBER / APPLICANT

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 HOTEC Bylaws Sec. 7.4g, the member voluntarily agrees to assign any paid capital credits to HOTEC 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. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all the information requested on the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at progam.intake@usda.gov.
8. **COOPERATIVE MAKES NO WARRANTIES WHATSOEVER WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE AND DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.**
9. This Agreement shall be construed and governed by the laws of the State of Texas and applicable regulations, and venue for any suit shall be in McLennan County, Texas. Customer-Member agrees to pay all attorney or collection agency fees for collection, including reasonable attorney fees and costs of suit, if any.
10. You agree, for HOTEC to service your account or to collect any amounts you may owe, we may contact you by telephone at any telephone number associated with your account, including wireless telephone numbers, which could result in charges to you. We may also contact you by sending text messages or emails, using any email address you provide us with. Methods of contact may include using pre-recorded or artificial voice messages and/or the use of an automatic dialing device, as applicable.

HOTEC MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

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):

- Agricultural, including dairy or poultry operations, and pumping water for farm or ranch irrigation
- 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.