



See a Social Security Number? Say Something!
Report Privacy Problems to <https://public.resource.org/privacy>
Or call the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490



Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning****, and ending****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization**SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.**

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

P.O. BOX 1048

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

AMERICUS**GA 31709-1048****D** Employer identification number**16-1639226****E** Telephone number**229-924-8041****F** Group Exemption

Number ▶

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**I** Website: ▶ **WWW.SUMTEREMC.COM/SUMTER EMC FOUNDATIO****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c)() (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

▶ \$ **49,026****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	48,850
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	176
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	49,026
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	56,595
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	76
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	56,671
	Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18
19		Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	76,058
20		Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
21		Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	68,413

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990-EZ** (2014)

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	71,993	22	64,411
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,065	24	4,002
25 Total assets	76,058	25	68,413
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	76,058	27	68,413

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 SEE SCHEDULE O		
(Grants \$ 56,595) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	56,671
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	56,671

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
GREG CROWDER CHAIRMAN	4.00	0	0	0
JOHN T. ARGO, JR. VICE CHAIRMAN	2.00	0	0	0
ANDREA WALKER SEC/TREAS	2.00	0	0	0
RONALD DUPREE TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
MARIE MILES TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
ELAINE RUCKEL TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
REV JACK D. RAY TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
SELETA ROGERS TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
ELIZABETH WATERS TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
ABBIE DILLARD TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
JOSEPH WILLIAMS TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0
DENNIS WILLS TRUSTEE	2.00	0	0	0

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	0	22	
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	0	25	0
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0	27	0

Part III : Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others)

28		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	▶	32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

[illegible]

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a _____		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b _____		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a _____		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b _____		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed GA		
42a The organization's books are in care of SUMTER EMC C/O GREG CROWDER Telephone no 800-342-6978 1120 FELDER ST Located at AMERICUS GA ZIP + 4 31709		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 <input type="checkbox"/>		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		X

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		X
48		X
49a		X
49b		

- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

- f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

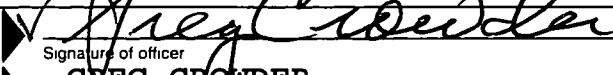
- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

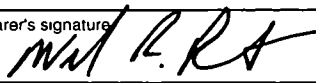
- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Date
 4-3-2015
 Signature of officer CHAIRMAN
 Type or print name and title GREG CROWDER

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name WILLIAM R. ROUNTREE	Preparer's signature 	Date MAR 04 2015	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01231836
Firm's name ▶ MCNAIR, MCLEMORE, MIDDLEBROOKS & CO, LLC	Firm's EIN ▶ 58-1094351			
Firm's address ▶ POST OFFICE BOX ONE MACON, GA 31202-0001	Phone no 478-746-6277			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Public Charity Status and Public Support**Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section
4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2014**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number

16-1639226**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	71,198	53,797	112,904	50,569	48,850	337,318
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	71,198	53,797	112,904	50,569	48,850	337,318
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						337,318

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	71,198	53,797	112,904	50,569	48,850	337,318
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	62	74	92	187	176	591
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						337,909
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.83 %
15 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.87 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

b 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations; (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations; or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer (b) below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a** A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- b** A family member of a person described in (a) above?
- c** A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
- a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
- b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
- c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.
- b** Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.
- 3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.**
- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in **Part VI**.
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year).		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes		
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity		
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations		
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets		
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)		
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions		
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6		
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions		
9	Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6		
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount		

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:			
a			
b			
c			
d			
e From 2013			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c			
d Excess from 2013			
e Excess from 2014			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-0047

2014**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number

16-1639226**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS/SIMILAR AMTS PAID TO ORGANIZATIONS**

NAME AND ADDRESS	CLASS OF ACTIVITY	DATE OF GIFT
	DESC. OF PROPERTY	
	CASH CONTRIB.	NONCASH CONTRIB.
	BOOK VALUE	BV EXPL. FMV EXPL.
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (SEE ATTACHED)		

\$	51,795	\$	0
\$	0		

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EXPENSES	
OTHER	\$ 76
TOTAL	\$ 76

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$ 4,065	\$ 4,002
TOTAL	\$ 4,065	\$ 4,002

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE FOLLOWING:

(1) TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE SUMTER

Name of the organization

SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.

Employer identification number

16-1639226

ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION (SUMTER EMC) SERVICE AREA BY CREATING, ESTABLISHING OR FUNDING EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS SEMINARS, COURSES, SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.

(2) TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CATASTROPHIC INTERVENTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING AND SAFETY; AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT IN THE SUMTER EMC SERVICE AREA.

(3) TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE COMMUNICATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR ANY AND ALL CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE SUMTER EMC SERVICE AREA.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28 - FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT

THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE FOLLOWING:

(1) TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE SUMTER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION (SUMTER EMC) SERVICE AREA BY CREATING, ESTABLISHING OR FUNDING EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS SEMINARS, COURSES, SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.

(2) TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CATASTROPHIC INTERVENTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING AND SAFETY; AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT IN THE SUMTER EMC SERVICE AREA.

(3) TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE COMMUNICATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR ANY AND ALL CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE SUMTER EMC SERVICE AREA.

6328010 Sumter EMC Foundation, Inc.
16-1639226
FYE: 12/31/2014

Federal Statements

Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e)

Description	Amount
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 48,850
TOTAL	\$ 48,850

Schedule A, Part II, Line 8(e)

Description	Amount
TAXABLE INTEREST	\$ 176
TOTAL	\$ 176

SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHEDULE OF DONATIONS PAID
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Date Awarded</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Boys & Girls Club of Americus	06/04/14	\$ 1,000
Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Parks & Recreation	10/06/14	3,750
Flint River Chapter of the American Red Cross	06/04/14	2,000
Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, Inc.	06/04/14	500
Georgia Southwestern Foundation, Inc.	10/06/14	5,000
Learning for Everyone Avenue to Progress	02/05/14	5,000
Lee County Chamber of Commerece	06/04/14	2,000
Lee County Library	02/05/14	5,000
Marion County Public Library	10/06/14	2,895
Pine Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District	06/04/14	1,000
Positive Direction Youth Center	10/06/14	4,700
Pregnancy Resource Center of Lee County	06/04/14	2,500
Southland Academy	02/05/14	3,000
Terrell Academy	10/06/14	5,000
The Anchorage	02/05/14	3,450
The Methodist Home for Children & Youth	10/06/14	5,000
		<u>\$ 51,795</u>

SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHEDULE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Awarded</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
Emily Abell	08/01/14	\$ 1,200
Jennifer Willis	08/01/14	1,200
Madison Daughtry	08/01/14	1,200
Rachel Erin Doggett	08/01/14	<u>1,200</u>
		<u>\$ 4,800</u>

**BYLAWS
OF
SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.**

Americus, Georgia

**As Amended
December 23, 2008**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ARTICLE I	Name and Offices.....	Page 1
ARTICLE 11	Purpose of Organization.....	Page 1
ARTICLE III	Funding.....	Page 2
ARTICLE IV	Board of Trustees.....	Page 2
ARTICLE V	Qualifications of Foundation Board Membership.....	Page 3
ARTICLE VI	Compensation of Trustees.....	Page 3
ARTICLE VII	Selection of Board of Trustees.....	Page 3
ARTICLE VIII	Quorum.....	Page 6
ARTICLE IX	Removal of Member of Board of Trustees.....	Page 6
ARTICLE X	Officers of the Corporation.....	Page 6
ARTICLE XI	Appointment and Election of Officers and Terms of Office.....	Page 7
ARTICLE XII	Ex-officio Members of Board of Trustees.....	Page 7
ARTICLE XIII	Policies, Rules and Regulations.....	Page 8
ARTICLE XIV	Duties of Officers.....	Page 8
ARTICLE XV	Check Signing.....	Page 9
ARTICLE XVI	Disbursement of Funds.....	Page 10
ARTICLE XVII	Accumulation of Funds.....	Page 11
ARTICLE XVIII	Investment of Funds.....	Page 11
ARTICLE XIX	Accounting System and Reports.....	Page 11
ARTICLE XX	Prohibited Contributions.....	Page 12
ARTICLE XXI	Borrowing Funds.....	Page 12
ARTICLE XXII	Emergency Expenditures.....	Page 12
ARTICLE XXIII	Amount of Expenditures.....	Page 13
ARTICLE XXIV	Expenditures Exceeding Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.....	Page 13
ARTICLE XXV	Retention of Funds.....	Page 14
ARTICLE XXVI	Proxy Voting.....	Page 14
ARTICLE XXVII	Audit.....	Page 14
ARTICLE XXVIII	Fiscal Year.....	Page 14
ARTICLE XXIX	Amendments.....	Page 15

**BYLAWS OF
SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OFFICES

SECTION 1. Name. The name of this Corporation shall be SUMTER EMC FOUNDATION, INC., (the "FOUNDATION").

SECTION 2. Registered Office and Agent. The FOUNDATION shall maintain a registered office in the State of Georgia, and shall have a registered office whose address is identical with the address of such registered agent, in accordance with the requirements of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

SECTION 3. Other Offices. The FOUNDATION may have other offices at such place or places, within or out of the State of Georgia, as the Board of Trustees may determine from time to time or the affairs of the FOUNDATION may require or make desirable.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the FOUNDATION shall be the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes in the service area of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation. Upon dissolution of the FOUNDATION, any remaining funds shall be distributed only for charitable purposes.

ARTICLE III

FUNDING

The FOUNDATION shall be funded by such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation and from any other source of funds available to the said FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The business and affairs of the FOUNDATION shall be managed by a thirteen (13) person Board of Trustees. The initial Board of Trustees shall be composed of eleven (11) persons residing in districts coexistent with and designated by the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation ("District Trustees"), and two (2) employees of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation to be appointed at all times by the President/CEO of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation ("Employee Trustees").

At the initial organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees, District Trustees shall by lot draw for initial terms of office of one (1) and two (2) year terms. The initial term for all Employee Trustees shall be two (2) years.

Thereafter, the terms of office for each trustee shall be for a period of two (2) years. At the end of each two-year term, trustees shall be eligible for reappointment to the Foundation Board.

ARTICLE V

QUALIFICATIONS OF FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERSHIP

A District Trustee of the FOUNDATION Board shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a permanent resident of the district from which he is chosen and of good moral character. District Trustees of the FOUNDATION Board will be Members or spouses of Members of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation. No person seeking or holding a seat on the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation shall remain a member of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE VI

COMPENSATION OF TRUSTEES

No trustee shall receive compensation for serving on the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION. Such trustees may, however, be reimbursed for mileage and out of pocket expenses incurred while on the business of the FOUNDATION when such business is sanctioned by the Board of Trustees of said FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE VII

SELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The initial District Trustees shall be designated by the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation. Each member of the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation shall appoint one such Trustee. Thereafter, when vacancies are to be filled, District Trustees shall be named to fill the vacancies on the Board of Trustees by a

majority vote of the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation. The existing Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION may make recommendations to the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation for nominees for District Trustees of the FOUNDATION Board.

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall be held at least semi-annually at the office of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, 1120 Felder Street, Americus, Georgia. The Board of Trustees may meet at such other times as they may deem, in their discretion, to be necessary.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Chairman or any three (3) Trustees, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause a notice of such meeting to be given as hereafter provided. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Trustees may fix the place and time for holding any special meeting called by them.

SECTION 3. Notice. The Secretary shall give notice of any regular or special meeting at least five (5) days prior to the meeting by personal delivery, telex, telecopy, cablegram, telegram, or mail. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any trustee may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

SECTION 4. Action Without a Meeting. Any action that may be taken by the Board of Trustees at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken, shall be signed before such action by all of the Trustees.

SECTION 5. Participation in Meetings Through Any Means of Communication. Trustees may participate in meetings of the Board of Trustees, through the use of any means of communications by which all trustees participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

SECTION 6. Presumption of Assent. A trustee of the FOUNDATION who is present at a meeting of the Board of Trustees at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting, or unless he shall file his written dissent to such action with the person acting as the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered or certified mail to the Secretary of the FOUNDATION immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a trustee who voted in favor of such action.

SECTION 7. Committees. The Board of Trustees may, by resolution passed by a majority of the entire Board, designate one or more committees to consist of two or more of the trustees of the FOUNDATION, which, to the extent provided in the resolution, shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Trustees. Such committee or committees shall have such members as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

A majority of the Board of Trustees shall, unless otherwise designated in these Articles, constitute a quorum. In the event that less than a majority of the Board of Trustees is present at any meeting, the majority of those Trustees present may adjourn the meeting and designate a place and time for the next meeting, under which circumstances the Secretary shall notify the absent members of the place and time of the next meeting. An act of the majority of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, and unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, shall be the act of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE IX

REMOVAL OF MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Any member of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall automatically cease to be a member of said Board if and in the event such member misses three (3) successive "regular" meetings as defined in Section 1 of Article VI of these Bylaws. Any members of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION may otherwise be removed for cause from the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation.

ARTICLE X

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

The officers of the FOUNDATION shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as may be determined by the Board from time to

time. For the purposes of these Bylaws, the above three (3) officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE XI

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer shall be Employee Trustees as appointed by the President/CEO of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation. The remaining officers shall be elected by secret ballot annually by the Board of Trustees at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on an annual basis after the initial organizational meeting.

The terms of office shall be for one (1) year, however, nothing shall prevent an officer from being re-appointed or re-elected to consecutive terms of office.

ARTICLE XII

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The President/CEO of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, or his designee, shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION. The FOUNDATION may from time to time have other such ex-officio members as the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation may in its discretion determine as necessary or prudent. The President/CEO, or his designee, of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, in his capacity as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees, shall upon request assist the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees with their official duties hereinafter shown in Article XIV.

ARTICLE XIII

POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION, with the approval of the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, shall have the power to make and adopt such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as it may deem advisable for the management, administration and regulation of the business and affairs of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE XIV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Chairman shall be the principal executive officer of the FOUNDATION and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and in general perform all duties incidental to the office of the Chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

SECTION 2. In the absence of the Chairman, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall also perform such other duties as from time to time as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees in one or more books provided for that purpose; be responsible for seeing that all notices are duly given in accordance with these Bylaws or as

required by law; be the custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the FOUNDATION and affix the seal of the FOUNDATION to all necessary documents, the execution of which on behalf of the FOUNDATION under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws; have general charge of the books of the FOUNDATION; be responsible for the keeping on file at all times a complete copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the FOUNDATION containing all amendments thereto; and, in general, perform all duties incidental to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the FOUNDATION; be responsible for the receipt of and the issuance of receipt for monies due and payable to the FOUNDATION from any source whatsoever, and for the deposit of all such monies in the name of the FOUNDATION in such bank or banks as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and in general perform all the duties incidental to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XV

CHECK SIGNING

Any and all checks issued by the FOUNDATION, for any purpose, shall be signed by two (2) officers or one (1) officer and such other person(s) as may be designated by the Board of Trustees as having check signing authority.

ARTICLE XVI

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, and subject to Article XIII herein, the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall have the responsibility for the disbursement of all monies of the FOUNDATION in accordance with the Bylaws and the policies as adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Prior to consideration by the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION of any disbursement, member(s) of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall disclose and explain any personal and/or business interest, connection, kinship or other association he or she has with the group, corporation or other entity under consideration for funding by the FOUNDATION. Such interested trustee shall not participate in the discussion of or voting on the disbursement.

Members of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION, immediate family members of the members of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION, members of the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, immediate family members of the members of the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation, employees of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation and immediate family members of employees of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation shall not be eligible to receive any disbursement of monies from the FOUNDATION. For the purposes of this Article XVI, "immediate family members" means spouse, parent, son, daughter, brother, sister, niece, nephew, half-sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, grandchild, in-laws and step-parents.

ARTICLE XVII

ACCUMULATION OF FUNDS

Sumter Electric Membership Corporation shall transfer funds collected by it for the benefit of the FOUNDATION on a regular basis, but in no event less than quarterly. The FOUNDATION may also solicit and accept contributions from other sources as deemed appropriate by its Board of Trustees, and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation.

ARTICLE XVIII

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

The Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall be responsible for the funds entrusted to it and shall make such investment of such funds in a manner which is reasonable and prudent and in keeping with these Bylaws and the policies of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE XIX

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS

The Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall cause to be established and maintained a complete accounting system in keeping with sound financial management and furthermore the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall make reports to the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation on the operation and expenditures of the FOUNDATION as may be necessary and prudent, but in no case less than annually.

ARTICLE XX

PROHIBITED CONTRIBUTIONS

No funds of the FOUNDATION shall in any fashion be used to support any candidate for political office or for any political purpose. No funds shall be contributed to individuals or families. No funds shall be used for direct payment of utility bills.

ARTICLE XXI

BORROWING FUNDS

The FOUNDATION shall NOT have the authority to borrow monies from any bank, savings and loan or other institutions for any purpose.

In case of a serious emergency, by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION (seven [7] members), the FOUNDATION shall have authority to request and receive from Sumter Electric Membership Corporation an advance of funds needed for such emergency not to exceed six (6) months' anticipated receipts as shown by the previous six (6) months' records. Any such advance supplied by Sumter Electric Membership Corporation is to be repaid by the FOUNDATION to Sumter Electric Membership Corporation as soon as funds are paid in on regular monthly receipts.

ARTICLE XXII

EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES

The Executive Committee of the FOUNDATION by a unanimous vote of the three (3) members may from time to time make expenditures on an emergency basis, in accordance with

these Bylaws and policies adopted by the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION and in accordance with the purpose of this FOUNDATION, in an amount not exceeding ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS, to any group or organization.

Such emergency expenditure shall be fully disclosed by the Executive Committee at the next regularly called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE XXIII

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

UNLESS otherwise provided by these Bylaws and in keeping with the purpose of this FOUNDATION, the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION may make annual expenditures of FOUNDATION funds by majority vote of members present at a meeting and constituting a quorum, except that not more than TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS shall be contributed annually to any single group, organization, charity or like organization.

ARTICLE XXIV

EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION may by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Trustees (nine [9] members), make expenditures in any amount to any group, organization, charity or like organization when such members determine it is in keeping with the purpose and spirit of the FOUNDATION and these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XXV

RETENTION OF FUNDS

From time to time, funds from whatever source derived may be disbursed and otherwise disposed of by the FOUNDATION, for any purpose as allowed in accordance with these Bylaws, excepting a sufficient balance as required by a bank or other institution to maintain an account without charge for the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE XXVI

PROXY VOTING

There shall not exist proxy voting at any meeting of the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE XXVII

AUDIT

- (A) The Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall, at least every three (3) calendar years, but more often if either the FOUNDATION deems it appropriate to do so, or if requested by the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation to do so, cause the books and records of the FOUNDATION to be audited by a certified public accountant and a report in keeping with sound accounting principles to be issued to the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION and to the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation.

- (B) The Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION shall, on an annual basis, cause to be conducted an annual review of the books and records of the FOUNDATION by a certified public accountant and a report in keeping with sound accounting principles to be issued to the Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION and to the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation upon completion of such annual review.

ARTICLE XXVIII

FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of the FOUNDATION shall commence on the 1st day of January of each calendar year and end on the 31st day of December of each calendar year.

ARTICLE XXIX

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by majority vote of the entire Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation. The Board of Trustees of the FOUNDATION may make advisory recommendation concerning the alteration, amendment or repeal of these Bylaws and the adoption of new Bylaws to the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation.

The above Bylaws are hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of Sumter Electric Membership Corporation this 23rd day of December 2008.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of December 2008.

Ida N. Chambers, Secretary

Bob Jernigan, Chairman

Original Adoption Date: October 29, 2002

First Amendment Adopted: April 29, 2003

Second Amendment Adopted: July 29, 2003

Third Amendment Adopted: February 22, 2005

Fourth Amendment Adopted: December 23, 2008