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**AND**

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees  
Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Socorro, New Mexico

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of income, comprehensive income and patronage capital, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### ***Accompanying Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of electric plant in service, accumulated provision for depreciation, other property and investments, and administrative and general expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2021 on our consideration of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP*

Certified Public Accountants

Lubbock, Texas

March 31, 2021

SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Exhibit A

BALANCE SHEETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

ASSETS

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
PLANT AT COST		
Electric Plant in Service	\$ 87,082,660	\$ 85,662,741
Construction Work in Progress	439,884	222,931
	\$ 87,522,544	\$ 85,885,672
Less: Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	35,892,071	33,955,302
	\$ 51,630,473	\$ 51,930,370
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS AT COST OR STATED VALUE		
Investments in Associated Organizations	\$ 12,194,145	\$ 11,791,332
Investments in Marketable Securities - Restricted	318,537	
Notes Receivable	28,142	36,575
	\$ 12,540,824	\$ 11,827,907
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash - General	\$ 7,926,445	\$ 1,397,954
Cash - Restricted	278,461	385,171
Accounts and Notes Receivable (Less allowance for uncollectibles of \$487,459 in 2020 and \$460,139 in 2019)	2,246,961	2,200,681
Accrued Unbilled Revenue	603,340	530,217
Power Cost Undercollected	150,069	104,246
Debt Service Cost Undercollected	4,322	7,583
Materials and Supplies	761,801	781,883
Other Current and Accrued Assets	196,954	196,786
	\$ 12,168,353	\$ 5,604,521
DEFERRED CHARGES		
Regulatory Assets	\$ 2,900,003	\$ 3,032,006
NRECA RS Prepayment	142,295	213,442
CFC Prepayment Premium	651,307	790,856
Other	291,556	490,786
	\$ 3,985,161	\$ 4,527,090
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 80,324,811	\$ 73,889,888

EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES

EQUITIES		
Patronage Capital	\$ 30,955,336	\$ 29,998,840
Donated Capital	100,940	100,940
Other Equities	157,204	137,268
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	66,548	34,024
	\$ 31,280,028	\$ 30,271,072
LONG-TERM DEBT		
RUS Mortgage Notes Less Current Maturities	\$ 74,998	\$ 113,268
FFB Mortgage Notes Less Current Maturities	28,006,972	20,024,190
CoBank Mortgage Notes Less Current Maturities	16,566,729	17,652,035
Line-of-Credit to be Refinanced with Long-Term Debt		1,850,000
RUS Advanced Payments	(974,331)	(2,375,435)
	\$ 43,674,368	\$ 37,264,058
ACCUMULATED PROVISION FOR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS		
Post-Retirement Benefits	\$ 288,059	\$ 286,186
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,694,000	\$ 2,349,000
Current Portion of APBO	25,127	35,600
SEC Educational Foundation	596,998	385,171
Accounts Payable - Purchased Power	1,354,600	1,301,780
Accounts Payable - Other	93,443	283,892
Consumer Deposits and Prepayments	327,806	293,927
Accrued Employee Compensated Absences	230,729	231,894
Accrued Taxes	367,691	361,915
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	191,320	341,497
	\$ 4,881,714	\$ 5,584,676
DEFERRED CREDITS	\$ 200,642	\$ 483,896
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	\$ 80,324,811	\$ 73,889,888

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Exhibit B

**STATEMENTS OF INCOME, COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND PATRONAGE CAPITAL  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	December 31,				
	2020		2019		Increase (Decrease)
	Amount	%	Amount	%	
OPERATING REVENUES					
Residential	\$ 10,921,310	44.1	\$ 10,667,131	42.4	\$ 254,179
Irrigation	77,055	0.3	48,374	0.2	28,681
Commercial and Industrial	13,441,714	54.4	14,110,661	56.2	(668,947)
Public Buildings and Other Authorities	124,357	0.5	126,844	0.5	(2,487)
Power and Debt Cost Adjustment	42,562	0.2	(10,592)	0.0	53,154
Other Operating Revenues	114,700	0.5	173,285	0.7	(58,585)
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 24,721,698	100.0	\$ 25,115,703	100.0	\$ (394,005)
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Purchased Power	\$ 14,905,737	60.3	\$ 14,764,369	58.8	\$ 141,368
Transmission - Operation	16,680	0.1	16,945	0.1	(265)
Distribution - Operation	1,998,674	8.1	1,811,305	7.2	187,369
Distribution - Maintenance	746,159	3.0	717,817	2.9	28,342
Consumers' Accounts	900,842	3.6	833,685	3.3	67,157
Sales	6,479	0.0	8,474	0.0	(1,995)
Administrative and General	1,311,463	5.3	1,591,733	6.3	(280,270)
Depreciation and Amortization	2,508,707	10.1	2,436,413	9.7	72,294
Taxes	146,067	0.6	172,958	0.7	(26,891)
Other Deductions	132,003	0.5	126,163	0.5	5,840
Other Interest	42,970	0.2	75,862	0.3	(32,892)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 22,715,781	91.8	\$ 22,555,724	89.8	\$ 160,057
OPERATING MARGINS - Before					
Fixed Charges	\$ 2,005,917	8.2	\$ 2,559,979	10.2	\$ (554,062)
FIXED CHARGES					
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,419,654	5.7	2,008,116	8.0	(588,462)
OPERATING MARGINS - After					
Fixed Charges	\$ 586,263	2.5	\$ 551,863	2.2	\$ 34,400
G&T Capital Credits	330,610	1.3	560,903	2.2	(230,293)
Other Capital Credits	234,563	0.9	235,653	0.9	(1,090)
Total Capital Credits	\$ 565,173	2.2	\$ 796,556	3.1	\$ (231,383)
NET OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 1,151,436	4.7	\$ 1,348,419	5.3	\$ (196,983)
NON-OPERATING MARGINS					
Interest Income	\$ 113,166	0.5	\$ 688,193	2.7	\$ (575,027)
Realized Gain on Sale of Securities	2,134	0.0	3,098	0.0	(964)
Loss on Retired Meters		0.0	(531,748)	(2.1)	531,748
Other Non-Operating Margins	71,639	0.3	9,502	0.0	62,137
Total Non-Operating Margins	\$ 186,939	0.8	\$ 169,045	0.6	\$ 17,894
NET MARGINS	\$ 1,338,375	5.5	\$ 1,517,464	5.9	\$ (179,089)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
APBO Gain	31,154		10,442		
Amortization of Net Loss	(630)		(2,805)		
Amortization of Prior Service Cost	2,000		2,000		
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 1,370,899		\$ 1,527,101		
Post-Retirement Benefit Adjustment	(32,524)		(9,637)		
PATRONAGE CAPITAL - BEGINNING OF YEAR	29,998,840		28,556,751		
Patronage Capital Discounted	(19,936)		(39,888)		
Patronage Capital Retired	(361,943)		(35,487)		
PATRONAGE CAPITAL - END OF YEAR	\$ 30,955,336		\$ 29,998,840		

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**Exhibit C**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Margins	\$ 1,338,375	\$ 1,517,464
Items to Reconcile to Net Cash From Operating Activities		
Depreciation	2,750,502	2,643,763
Non-Operating Loss on Retirement of Plant		531,748
Capital Credits	(565,173)	(796,556)
Post-Retirement Benefit Accruals	30,763	24,579
Deferred Charges	541,929	436,089
Deferred Credits	(283,254)	83,989
Accounts Receivable	(46,280)	(258,613)
Power Cost Adjustment	(45,823)	20,086
Debt Cost Adjustment	3,261	(9,494)
Accrued Unbilled Revenue	(73,123)	39,510
Inventories and Other Current Assets	19,914	(159,535)
Accounts Payable and Other Accrued Liabilities	(71,368)	(965,879)
Customer Deposits	33,879	98,557
Net Cash From Operating Activities	<u>\$ 3,633,602</u>	<u>\$ 3,205,708</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Additions to Utility Plant	\$ (2,288,734)	\$ (2,601,361)
Plant Removal Costs Net of Salvage	(161,871)	(203,525)
Notes Receivable	8,433	(2,448)
Other Property and Investments	(156,177)	136,369
Net Cash From Investing Activities	<u>\$ (2,598,349)</u>	<u>\$ (2,670,965)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payments on Long-Term Debt to RUS	\$ (40,270)	\$ (33,143)
Net Activity on RUS Cushion of Credit	711,886	352,571
Advances on Long-Term Debt from FFB	8,554,000	
Payments on Long-Term Debt to CoBank	(1,620,306)	(1,759,801)
Net Activity on CFC Line-of-Credit	(1,050,000)	50,000
Payments on CoBank Line-of-Credit	(800,000)	(200,000)
Payments on Post-Retirement Benefits	(6,839)	(13,743)
Retirement of Patronage Capital	(361,943)	(35,486)
Net Cash From Financing Activities	<u>\$ 5,386,528</u>	<u>\$ (1,639,602)</u>
<b>CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<u>\$ 6,421,781</u>	<u>\$ (1,104,859)</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,783,125</u>	<u>2,887,984</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 8,204,906</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,783,125</u></u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash Paid During the Year for:		
Interest	\$ 1,466,666	\$ 1,730,919
Income Taxes	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of Operations**

Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative) is a non-profit company organized to provide electric service at the retail level to primarily residential and commercial accounts in a designated service area composed of the counties surrounding the City of Socorro, New Mexico. Power delivered at retail is purchased wholesale from Tri-State Electric Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. Any revenues earned in excess of costs incurred are allocated to members of the Cooperative and are reflected as patronage capital equity in the balance sheet.

**System of Accounts**

The accounting records of the Cooperative are maintained in accordance with the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) prescribed for RUS electric borrowers.

**Electric Plant, Maintenance, and Depreciation**

Electric plant is stated at the original cost of construction, which includes the cost of contracted services, direct labor, materials, and overhead items. Contributions from others toward the construction of electric plant are credited to the applicable plant accounts.

When property which represents a retirement unit is replaced or removed, the average cost of such property as determined from the continuing property records is credited to electric plant and such cost, together with cost of removal less salvage, is charged to accumulated provision for depreciation.

Maintenance and repairs, including the renewal of minor items of plant not comprising a retirement unit, are charged to the appropriate maintenance accounts, except that repairs of transportation and service equipment are charged to clearing accounts and redistributed to operating expense and other accounts.

**Accounts Receivable**

In the normal course of business, the Cooperative recognizes accounts receivable for energy delivered and billed. The Cooperative allows 20 days from the date of the bill for payment to be received or the service is considered delinquent. Delinquent accounts receive a penalty of .0667%. If no payment is received within 24 days the account is subject to disconnect.

The Cooperative provides an allowance for doubtful accounts to recognize the portion of receivables considered uncollectible. The Cooperative accrues for this allowance, as needed, in order to keep the allowance above the total amounts owed in excess of 90 days per the accounts receivable aging report. The Board of Trustees reviews delinquent accounts annually and charges off accounts over five years old.

**Inventories**

Materials and supplies inventories are valued at average unit cost.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are represented by cash-general and cash-restricted.

**Cash – Restricted**

The Cooperative holds cash that is restricted for scholarships.

**Electric Revenues from Contracts with Customers**

The Cooperative's operating revenues are under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Substantially all operating revenues and customer accounts receivables are derived from contracts with customers. Performance obligations related to the sale of energy are satisfied as energy is delivered to customers. The Cooperative recognizes revenue that corresponds to the price of the energy delivered to the customer. The measurement of energy sales to customers is generally based on the reading of their meters, which occurs on a systematic basis throughout the month. At the end of each month, amounts of energy delivered to customers since the date of the last meter reading are estimated, and the corresponding unbilled revenue is recognized. The Cooperative has calculated that its unbilled revenue for delivered power usage which has not been billed to customers at December 31, 2020 and 2019 amounted to \$603,340 and \$530,217, respectively.

The Cooperative does not recognize a separate financing component of its collections from customers as contract terms are short-term in nature. The Cooperative presents its revenues net of any excise or sales taxes or fees.

The Cooperative's tariffs for electric service include a power cost recovery factor and a debt cost adjustment factor. These factors provide for the adjustment of electric rates charged to customers to reflect the changes in the cost of power and in interest costs, from the costs which were established in the test year of the Cooperative's last rate case. In order to match power costs and interest costs and related revenues, costs to be billed in subsequent periods are recognized as accrued under-collected power cost and debt cost adjustments, and amounts to be refunded to customers in subsequent periods are recognized as over-collected power cost and debt cost adjustments.

**Income Tax Status**

The Cooperative is an exempt organization for federal income tax purposes under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Cooperative has adopted the "uncertain tax positions" provisions of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The primary tax position of the Cooperative is its filing status as a tax exempt entity. The Cooperative determined that it is more likely than not that its tax positions will be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and that all tax benefits are likely to be realized upon settlement with taxing authorities.

The Cooperative files its income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. The Cooperative is no longer subject to U.S. federal tax examinations by federal taxing authorities for years before 2017.

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The Cooperative recognizes interest accrued related to income tax activities in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses. There were no penalties or interest recognized during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

**Patronage Capital Certificates**

Patronage capital from associated companies is recorded at the stated amount of the certificates.

**Group Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The Cooperative's headquarters facility is located in Socorro, New Mexico. The service area includes members located in several counties surrounding the City of Socorro. The Cooperative records a receivable for electric revenues as billed on a monthly basis.

The Cooperative requires a deposit from its members upon connection, which is applied to unpaid bills and fees in the event of default. The deposit accrues interest annually and is returned along with accrued interest with an established history of current payment or when the service is disconnected. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, deposits on hand totaled \$327,806 and \$293,927, respectively.

The financial institutions in which the Cooperative had deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At times during the year, the Cooperative's deposits exceeded the insured amounts.

**Investments in Marketable Securities**

In January 2016, FASB ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, Topic 321* (ASC 321). The Cooperative implemented the guidance on January 1, 2020. Results and disclosures for reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2019 are presented in accordance with ASC 321, while prior period results have not been adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with prior accounting guidance.

ASC 321 eliminates the distinction between trading and available-for-sale equity securities. Beginning in 2020 these securities are valued at fair value with unrealized gains or losses recognized in net income. Prior amounts that were reported in accumulated other comprehensive income are presented as a cumulative effect of the adoption of ASC 321 and will be reported as other equities at the consolidated level.

Investment levels are based on inputs used to calculate fair market value of investments. Those inputs are defined for each level as follows:

Level 1 - inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Cooperative has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - inputs are other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2019 financial statement balances to conform to the 2020 presentation.

**2. Assets Pledged**

All assets of the Cooperative are pledged as security for the long-term debt to Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Federal Financing Bank (FFB), and CoBank.

**3. Plant at Cost**

The major classes of plant are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Intangible	\$ 906,486	\$ 906,486
Electric Transmission Plant	2,342,653	2,338,518
Electric Distribution Plant	77,236,611	75,616,375
General Plant	6,596,910	6,801,362
Total Plant in Service	\$ 87,082,660	\$ 85,662,741
Construction Work in Progress	439,884	222,931
Total Plant	<u>\$ 87,522,544</u>	<u>\$ 85,885,672</u>

Provision has been made for depreciation of transmission plant at straight-line composite rates of 2.75% and distribution plant at composite rates ranging from 1.90% - 4.10%. AMI meters are being depreciated at 6.66% and meter software is being depreciated at 20.00%.

General plant depreciation rates have been applied on a straight-line basis and are as follows:

Structures and Improvements	2.00%
Office Furniture and Fixtures	6.00%
Computer Equipment	14.28% - 33.00%
Transportation Equipment	20.00%
Store Equipment	6.00%
Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment	20.00%
Laboratory Equipment	6.00%
Communication Equipment	12.00%
Mapping & Miscellaneous Equipment	6.00%
GIS Hardware/Software	20.00%

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Depreciation and amortization for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, was \$2,750,502 and \$2,643,763, of which \$2,508,707 and \$2,436,413 was charged to depreciation expense, and \$241,795 and \$207,350 was allocated to clearing and other accounts.

**4. Investments in Associated Organizations**

Investments in associated organizations consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation		
Capital Term Certificates	\$ 470,920	\$ 476,620
Patronage Capital	167,040	174,806
Membership	1,000	1,000
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Cooperative	10,574,247	10,243,637
Federated Insurance	348,357	333,310
Southeastern Data Corporation	127,656	127,727
CoBank	475,484	407,030
Western United Electric Cooperative	18,700	17,276
Other	10,741	9,926
	\$ 12,194,145	\$ 11,791,332

**5. Investments in Marketable Securities - Restricted**

Marketable securities at fair value:

	December 31, 2020
Money Market Funds	\$ 60,005
Bond Funds	151,495
Stock Funds	107,037
	\$ 318,537

The cost and approximate fair values of these investments at December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	Original Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Fair Value
Money Market Funds	\$ 60,005	\$	\$ 60,005
Bond Funds	153,814	(2,319)	151,495
Stock Funds	97,742	9,295	107,037
	\$ 311,561	\$ 6,976	\$ 318,537

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The Cooperative had realized gains of \$10,597 in 2020 from the sale of marketable securities. The unrealized gains (losses) for the year ended December 31, 2020 for investments still held on that date was \$6,976.

Based on the Fair Value Hierarchy presented in Note 1, the investments are considered to be Level 1.

These investments are restricted for use by the Cooperative's foundation. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized as changes to the liability that reflects the amount owed to the foundation.

**6. Notes Receivable**

Notes receivable consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Line Extension Loans	\$ 62,742	\$ 65,675
Less: Current Portion of Line Extension Loans	34,600	29,100
	<u>\$ 28,142</u>	<u>\$ 36,575</u>

The Cooperative issues notes receivable for customers for aid to construction on line extensions. These notes are received in monthly payments over three to five year contracts.

The contracts mature over the next five years as follows:

2021	\$ 29,100
2022	14,900
2023	9,800
2024	7,100
2025	4,775

**7. Materials and Supplies**

Materials and supplies consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Construction Materials and Supplies	\$ 709,140	\$ 725,937
Other Materials and Supplies	52,661	55,946
	<u>\$ 761,801</u>	<u>\$ 781,883</u>

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**8. Deferred Charges**

Deferred charges consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Regulatory Assets - Tri-State Merger Costs	\$ 2,900,003	\$ 3,032,006
Premium on Debt Refinance	651,307	790,856
RS Plan Prepayment	142,295	213,442
Four Year Work Plan	151,426	224,584
State Land Right-of-Way Renewals	140,130	251,886
Other		14,316
	<u>\$ 3,985,161</u>	<u>\$ 4,527,090</u>

Deferred charges are being amortized to expense over applicable periods.

Tri-State merger costs represent the amount paid by the Cooperative to complete a transfer from Plains Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. The merger cost amounted to \$4,633,175 and is being amortized to expense over 35 years from August 1, 2000.

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Original Cost of Merger	\$ 4,633,175	\$ 4,633,175
Accumulated Amortization	(1,733,172)	(1,601,169)
	<u>\$ 2,900,003</u>	<u>\$ 3,032,006</u>

The Cooperative is recovering the merger cost and interest from the Cooperative's members through electric rates as approved by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Cooperative refinanced \$8,951,955 of CFC debt with CoBank. This early payment resulted in fees amounting to \$1,709,476. These fees are being amortized to interest expense on long-term debt over 135 months, which approximates the anticipated repayment period of the new refinancing debt.

In May 2013, the Cooperative elected to participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Retirement Security Plan (RS Plan) Prepayment. The Cooperative's original contribution was \$711,475 and is being amortized over ten years. Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$71,148.

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**9. Return of Capital**

Under the provisions of the mortgage agreements, until the equities and margins equal or exceed 30.00% of the total assets of the Cooperative, the return to patrons of capital contributed by them is limited generally to 25.00% of the patronage capital or margins received by the Cooperative in the prior calendar year. The equities and margins of the Cooperative represent 38.86% of the total assets at December 31, 2020 excluding the accumulated other comprehensive income and 38.94% including the accumulated other comprehensive income. Capital credits totaling \$381,879 and \$75,375 were retired for 2020 and 2019, and were within guidelines set by RUS for return of capital.

**10. Patronage Capital**

Patronage capital consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Assigned	\$ 29,013,621	\$ 27,951,159
Assignable	1,007,765	956,561
Assignable - G&T	330,610	560,903
	\$ 30,351,996	\$ 29,468,623
Unbilled Revenue (Assignable)	603,340	530,217
	<u>\$ 30,955,336</u>	<u>\$ 29,998,840</u>

**11. Other Equities**

Other equities consisted of retired capital credit gains of \$157,204 and \$137,268 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**12. Mortgage Notes – RUS**

Long-term debt due RUS is represented by 35-year mortgage notes payable to the United States of America. Principal and interest on the notes are paid in monthly installments. Following is a summary of long-term debt due RUS and maturing at various times through 2028:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Fixed Rate Notes (2.000%)	\$ 112,998	\$ 153,268
Less: Current Maturities	38,000	40,000
	<u>\$ 74,998</u>	<u>\$ 113,268</u>



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As of December 31, 2020, annual maturities of long-term debt due RUS for the next five years are as follows:

2021	\$ 38,000
2022	26,000
2023	26,000
2024	2,000
2025	3,000

**13. Mortgage Notes – FFB**

The long-term debt due FFB is represented by 35-year mortgage notes, guaranteed by the RUS, and payable to the FFB. Principal and interest on the notes are paid in quarterly installments.

Following is a summary of long-term debt due FFB and maturing at various times through 2054:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Fixed Rate Notes (1.171% - 4.114%)	\$ 28,577,972	\$ 20,713,190
Less: Current Maturities	571,000	689,000
	<u>\$ 28,006,972</u>	<u>\$ 20,024,190</u>

The Cooperative has made advance payments to RUS in the amount of \$974,331 and \$2,375,435 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

As of December 31, 2020, annual maturities of long-term debt due FFB for the next five years are as follows:

2021	\$ 571,000
2022	728,000
2023	800,000
2024	818,000
2025	833,000

**14. Mortgage Notes – CoBank**

Long-term debt due CoBank is represented by mortgage notes payable to CoBank. Principal and interest on the notes are paid in monthly installments. Following is a summary of long-term debt due CoBank and maturing at various times through 2037:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Fixed Rate Notes (3.00% - 3.60%)	\$ 17,651,729	\$ 19,272,035
Less: Current Maturities	1,085,000	1,620,000
	<u>\$ 16,566,729</u>	<u>\$ 17,652,035</u>

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As of December 31, 2020, annual maturities of long-term debt due CoBank for the next five years are as follows:

2021	\$ 1,085,000
2022	1,124,000
2023	1,165,000
2024	1,205,000
2025	1,154,000

**15. Short-Term Borrowing**

The Cooperative has a line of credit for short-term, variable rate financing from National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) in the amount of \$4,700,000. There was \$0 and \$1,050,000 outstanding on this line of credit as of December 31, 2020 and 2019. The interest rate as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 was 2.45% and 3.25%, respectively.

The Cooperative also has a \$4,000,000 line of credit with CoBank at an interest rate of 2.45% for the year ended December 31, 2020 with a maturity date of July 31, 2021. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, \$0 and \$800,000 were outstanding on this line of credit, respectively.

Both line of credit amounts were presented on the balance sheet as long-term debt as of December 31, 2019 since both outstanding amounts were to be refinanced with FFB.

**16. Deferred Credits**

Deferred credits consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Unclaimed Capital Credit Retirements	\$ 185,701	\$ 471,484
Miscellaneous Deferred Credits	14,941	12,412
	<u>\$ 200,642</u>	<u>\$ 483,896</u>

**17. Pension Plan**

**Defined Benefit Plan**

The NRECA RS Plan is a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Section 401 and tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a multiemployer plan under the accounting standards. The RS Plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number is 53-0116145 and the RS Plan Number is 333.

A unique characteristic of a multiemployer plan compared to a single employer plan is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.

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The Cooperative contributions to the RS Plan in 2020 and 2019 represented less than five percent of the total contributions made to the RS Plan by all participating employers. Socorro made contributions to the RS Plan of \$261,388 in 2020 and \$241,574 in 2019. Pension expense for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, including amortization was \$332,535 and \$312,722, respectively.

In the RS Plan, a “zone status” determination is not required, and therefore not determined, under the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006. In addition, the accumulated benefit obligations and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employers. In total, the RS Plan was over 80% funded on January 1, 2021 and 2020 based on the PPA funding target and PPA actuarial value of assets on those dates.

Because the provisions of the PPA do not apply to the RS Plan, funding improvement plans and surcharges are not applicable. Future contribution requirements are determined each year as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan and may change as a result of plan experience.

**Defined Contribution Plan**

The employees also participate in a 401(k) plan, a defined contribution plan provided through National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The Cooperative makes monthly contributions to the plan. The cost for the Cooperative was \$138,548 and \$138,227 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**18. Post-Retirement Benefits**

The Cooperative provides post-retirement medical and life insurance premium coverage for eligible employees and trustees.

A summary of the plan follows:

**Medical Benefits – Health Insurance Premiums**

Eligibility	Eligible employees who have reached age 55 with 20 years of service.
Covered Group	Current retirees limited to \$6,000 per year, active employees and trustees with varying levels of Cooperative and participant provided premiums based on age and years of service.
Period of Coverage	Up to age 65.
Type of Plan	Point of Service Plan.

**Life Insurance Benefits – Group Term Life Insurance Premiums**

Eligibility, covered group, and period of coverage similar to medical benefits, but insurance, in effect, begins to be reduced starting at age 70.

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**Economic Assumptions**

The discount rate used to develop the accumulated Post-Retirement Benefit Obligation was 2.65%. The assumed health care cost trend rate was 6.65% for 2020, declining to an ultimate level of 5.0% by 2027.

Management of the Cooperative intends to fund the plan as health care claims are required to be paid. Benefits are paid on behalf of retirees and are a function of medical insurance costs and number of retirees. Benefits paid for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 were \$6,839 and \$13,743, respectively.

This information is based on the most recent actuarial valuation calculated as of January 1, 2020.

The following tables set forth the benefit obligation, the fair value of plan assets, the funded status of the Cooperative's plan, and amounts recognized in the Cooperative's financial statements:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Funded Status at End of Year:		
APBO Balance	\$ 313,186	\$ (321,786)
Plan Assets		
Funded Status at End of Year	<u>\$ 313,186</u>	<u>\$ (321,786)</u>
Change in Benefit Obligation:		
Benefit Obligation at Beginning of Year	\$ (321,786)	\$ (320,587)
Service Cost	(19,720)	(15,426)
Interest Cost	(9,673)	(9,958)
Benefits Paid	6,839	13,743
Net Actuarial Gain	31,154	10,442
Benefit Obligation at End of Year	<u>\$ (313,186)</u>	<u>\$ (321,786)</u>
Net Periodic Benefit Cost:		
Service Cost	\$ 19,720	\$ 15,426
Interest Cost	9,673	9,958
Amortization of Actuarial Gain	(630)	(2,805)
Amortization of Prior Service Cost	2,000	2,000
Post-Retirement Benefit Expense	<u>\$ 30,763</u>	<u>\$ 24,579</u>

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	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Other Changes in Plan Assets and Benefit Obligations		
Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income:		
Net Actuarial Gain	\$ 31,154	\$ 10,442
Amortization of Actuarial Gain	(630)	(2,805)
Amortization of Prior Service Cost	2,000	2,000
Other Comprehensive Income	\$ 32,524	\$ 9,637
Amounts Not Yet Recognized in Net Periodic		
Post-Retirement Benefit Cost:		
Unrecognized Actuarial Gain	\$ 68,148	\$ 37,624
Net Prior Service Cost	(1,600)	(3,600)
Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	\$ 66,548	\$ 34,024

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires an employer that sponsors a defined benefit post-retirement plan to report the current economic status (the overfunded or underfunded status) of the plan in its balance sheet, to measure the plan assets and plan obligations as of the balance sheet date, and to include enhanced disclosures about the plan.

The estimated prior service cost and net gain for the post-retirement medical benefit plan that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net post-retirement benefit cost over the next year is expected to be (\$451).

Estimated benefit payments for the next five years and five years thereafter are as follows:

2021	\$ 4,182
2022	10,557
2023	12,816
2024	15,067
2025	4,547
2026-2030	57,118

**19. Litigation and Commitments**

There is no pending or threatened litigation at December 31, 2020 that would materially affect the Cooperative's financial condition.

As of December 31, 2020, the Cooperative had committed to purchase large trucks totaling approximately \$872,000. These trucks were on order and expected to be received in 2021.

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**20. Related Party Transactions**

The Cooperative purchases all of its power from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State), Inc. As a member of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., the Cooperative has representation on the Board of Trustees. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Cooperative had investments in Tri-State of \$10,574,247 and \$10,243,637, and owed Tri-State \$1,354,600 and \$1,301,780 for purchased power, respectively.

**21. Subsequent Events**

The Cooperative has evaluated subsequent events through March 31, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**22. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncement**

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-02, *Leases*. The new standard establishes a right-of-use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be clarified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The new standard is effective for nonpublic entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. The Cooperative is evaluating the impact of the new standard on the financial statements.

**ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION**

**SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**Schedule 1**

**ELECTRIC PLANT IN SERVICE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Balance 1/1/2020</u>	<u>Additions And Transfers</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2020</u>
<b>CLASSIFIED ELECTRIC PLANT IN SERVICE</b>				
Intangible Plant				
Organization	\$ 906,486	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 906,486
Transmission Plant				
Land and Land Rights	\$ 2,228	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 2,228
Poles and Fixtures	1,001,676			1,001,676
Overhead Conductors and Devices	1,334,614	4,135		1,338,749
Total	<u>\$ 2,338,518</u>	<u>\$ 4,135</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,342,653</u>
Distribution Plant				
Land and Land Rights	\$ 42,960	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 42,960
Station Equipment	5,266,588	12,627	10,698	5,268,517
Poles, Towers, and Fixtures	25,280,528	559,438	45,347	25,794,619
Overhead Conductors and Devices	17,996,838	598,213	92,552	18,502,499
Underground Conductors and Devices	5,765,525	199,570	11,141	5,953,954
Line Transformers	10,505,065	292,214	84,217	10,713,062
Services	5,527,252	1,471	10,168	5,518,555
Meters	4,122,023	216,211	14,101	4,324,133
Installations on Consumers' Premises	862,818	23,735	15,019	871,534
Street Lighting and Signal Systems	246,778			246,778
Total	<u>\$ 75,616,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,903,479</u>	<u>\$ 283,243</u>	<u>\$ 77,236,611</u>
General Plant				
Land and Land Rights	\$ 41,073	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 41,073
Structures and Improvements	990,424			990,424
Office Furniture and Computer Equipment	949,632	28,718		978,350
Transportation and Power Operated Equipment	3,708,061	135,247	368,619	3,474,689
Store Equipment	9,911			9,911
Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment	156,218			156,218
Laboratory Equipment	14,148			14,148
Communications Equipment	272,552	202		272,754
Miscellaneous Equipment	659,343			659,343
Total	<u>\$ 6,801,362</u>	<u>\$ 164,167</u>	<u>\$ 368,619</u>	<u>\$ 6,596,910</u>
Total Classified Electric Plant in Service	\$ 85,662,741	\$ 2,071,781	\$ 651,862	\$ 87,082,660
Construction Work in Progress	<u>222,931</u>	<u>216,953</u>		<u>439,884</u>
Total Utility Plant	<u>\$ 85,885,672</u>	<u>\$ 2,288,734</u>	<u>\$ 651,862</u>	<u>\$ 87,522,544</u>



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**Schedule 2**

**ACCUMULATED PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>Balance 1/1/2020</u>	<u>Accruals And Transfers</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2020</u>
Transmission Plant	\$ 725,742	\$ 64,259	\$	\$ 790,001
Distribution Plant	\$ 27,369,294	\$ 2,332,520	\$ 442,578	\$ 29,259,236
General Plant				
Structures and Improvements	\$ 886,433	\$ 6,035	\$	\$ 892,468
Office Furniture and Computer Equipment	759,799	59,410		819,209
Transportation and Power Operated Equipment	3,013,360	241,795	368,619	2,886,536
Stores Equipment	7,517	248		7,765
Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment	129,402	11,030		140,432
Laboratory Equipment	12,253	248		12,501
Communications Equipment	253,952	10,185		264,137
Intangible Plant	154,833	24,772		179,605
Miscellaneous Equipment	659,342			659,342
Total General Plant	\$ 5,876,891	\$ 353,723	\$ 368,619	\$ 5,861,995
Total Classified Electric Plant in Service	\$ 33,971,927	\$ 2,750,502	\$ 811,197	\$ 35,911,232
Retirement Work in Progress	(16,625)		2,536	(19,161)
	<u>\$ 33,955,302</u>	<u>\$ 2,750,502</u>	<u>\$ 813,733</u>	<u>\$ 35,892,071</u>
Charged to Depreciation Expense		\$ 2,508,707		
Charged to Clearing and Other Accounts		<u>241,795</u>		
		<u>\$ 2,750,502</u>		
Cost of Plant Retired			\$ 651,862	
Plant Removal Cost Net of Salvage			<u>161,871</u>	
			<u>\$ 813,733</u>	

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**Schedule 3**

**OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
<b>INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Memberships		
National Rural Telephone Cooperative	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation	1,000	1,000
CoBank	1,000	1,000
Southeastern Data Corporation	100	100
Cooperative Response Center	2,500	2,500
Patronage Capital		
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation	167,040	174,806
Federated Insurance	348,357	333,310
Southeastern Data Corporation	127,656	127,727
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Cooperative	10,574,247	10,243,637
Western United Electric Cooperative	18,700	17,276
CoBank	475,484	407,030
Cooperative Response Center	5,547	4,733
Capital Term Certificates		
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation	470,920	476,620
Other	594	593
	<u>\$ 12,194,145</u>	<u>\$ 11,791,332</u>
<b>NOTES RECEIVABLE</b>		
Line Extension Contracts	\$ 62,742	\$ 65,675
Less: Current Portion of Line Extension Loans	(34,600)	(29,100)
	<u>\$ 28,142</u>	<u>\$ 36,575</u>
<b>OTHER INVESTMENTS - RESTRICTED</b>		
Homestead Investments Funds	\$ 318,537	\$ 0
 Total Other Property and Investments	 <u>\$ 12,540,824</u>	 <u>\$ 11,827,907</u>

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**Schedule 4**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

	December 31,		Increase (Decrease)
	2020	2019	
Administrative and General Salaries	\$ 668,899	\$ 592,230	\$ 76,669
Office Supplies and Expenses	94,589	100,308	(5,719)
Injuries and Damages	746	4,059	(3,313)
Outside Services Employed	146,421	132,903	13,518
Regulatory Commission Expenses	64,868	371,962	(307,094)
Directors' Fees and Expenses	44,619	77,628	(33,009)
Association Dues	113,714	117,424	(3,710)
Annual Meeting Expenses	26,366	62,170	(35,804)
Scholarship Fund Expenses	16,492	15,812	680
Miscellaneous Expenses	63,331	32,248	31,083
Maintenance of General Plant	71,418	84,989	(13,571)
Total	\$ <u>1,311,463</u>	\$ <u>1,591,733</u>	\$ <u>(280,270)</u>

**COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL SECTION**

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL  
AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC BORROWERS**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees  
Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Socorro, New Mexico

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2020, and the related statements of income, comprehensive income and patronage capital, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2021. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2021, on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Cooperative failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers and Grantees*, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Cooperative's noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding the Cooperative's accounting and records to indicate that the Cooperative did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts;

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the electric system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments.

See Note 4 and Schedule 3 for the schedule of investments. See Notes 8 and 16 for the schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits.

The purpose of this report is solely to communicate, in connection with the audit of the financial statements, on compliance with aspects of contractual agreements and the regulatory requirements for electric borrowers based on the requirements of 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers and Grantees*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP*

Certified Public Accountants

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March 31, 2021

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees  
Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Socorro, New Mexico

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2021.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Certified Public Accountants

Lubbock, Texas

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