



Santee Cooper Broadband Principles

- **Enable Expansion of Broadband Services** - Provide access, consistent with the Act, to certain Authority resources, including poles, conduit, rights of way, and excess fiber capacity, to communications service providers in order to facilitate their delivery of more widespread broadband services within the State, with an emphasis on unserved and underserved areas.
- **Access** – Offer access to these Authority resources to communications service providers on a non-discriminatory basis, subject to safety and operational considerations electric systems.
- **Reliability** – The reliable delivery of power is paramount to all other uses of the engineering and operational standards.
- **Pricing** - Provide capacity at market rates and on terms and conditions that are not harmful to competition, while rates for pole attachments will be cost-based.
- **No Cost Shift** - No cost shift to service providers.
- **Engagement** – Engage federal and state officials responsible for full broadband access, communications service providers who are working to provide broadband in unserved and underserved areas, counties and municipal entities as appropriate, and other electric utilities who may have broadband resources that could be jointly leveraged along with the Authority.
- **Transparency** – The Authority will publish and report on the use of its resources to enable broadband in a public forum.