

**OKEFENOKE RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**

**POLICY NO. 401**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish policy to provide for establishment of membership with the Cooperative.

II. CONTENT:

Any person, firm, association, corporation, or public body shall sign a written application for membership, if requested, and shall pay a membership fee as prescribed by the Board of Directors for the first separate service connected, whether metered or unmetered, together with any service security deposit that may be required by the Cooperative. Each additional service shall require a security deposit as required by the Service Security Deposit Policy. When the application is accepted by the Cooperative, it constitutes a contract and becomes operative on the day the customer is connected to the Cooperative's system. The member agrees to purchase from the Cooperative all electric energy used on premises and to be bound by the Cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation and bylaws and all rules, regulations and rate schedules established pursuant thereto, and pay the minimum monthly bill stated in the application or applicable current Rate Schedule, or in the event of a written contract for service, the minimum set forth in said contract. Upon termination of membership, the membership fee will be refunded or applied against any unpaid balance owed the Cooperative. Since the Cooperative members are owners of the Cooperative, no interest will be payable on membership fees except as may be required by State and Federal Laws.

The Cooperative shall not be required to furnish electric service to an applicant who at the time of such application, is indebted to the Cooperative for service previously furnished applicant as a member, or as an occupant of another household, or furnished any other member or occupant of applicant's household or business until such indebtedness or any other indebtedness has been satisfied.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies to all members and services.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY:

The General Manager will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy.

Date Adopted: July 25, 2006

Supersedes: July 23, 2002

Effective Date: November 1, 2006

Issued by: John Middleton, General Manager

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