

OKEFENOKE RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 416

SERVICE CONNECTIONS, MEMBER WIRING, MEMBER EQUIPMENT

I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish policy that ensures adequacy and proper installation of member wiring and equipment.

II. CONTENT:

A. Service Connections

1. The Cooperative will furnish and install only one service drop to a metered point. The member must furnish a point of attachment for the Cooperative's service facilities which will meet the National Electrical Safety Code, the National Electric Code, State, local and Cooperative requirements.
2. The point of attachment furnished by the member must be designated by the Cooperative to ensure construction at a reasonable cost and in accordance with sound engineering practices.
3. The Cooperative's responsibility for installation and/or maintenance of service facilities except load management devices shall not extend beyond the point of attachment to the member's building, central distribution point, or the electric power measuring device.
4. When the member's service requirements are of such nature that a point of attachment must be located on a pole, the member will be responsible for furnishing and installing the pole.
5. No more than one residence, mobile home or separate business will be served through one meter.
6. All service facilities and equipment constructed and installed by the Cooperative shall remain the sole property of the Cooperative and shall not become part of the property of premises to which said facilities are attached or on which said facilities are constructed.

B. General Wiring Requirements

1. The Cooperative's responsibility extends only to the supplying of service at the point of attachment. Any change to electrical installations must meet standards of the National Electrical Code, State, County, Local, and Cooperative requirements.
2. The member assumes full responsibility for the power on member's premises from the point of attachment thereof and for the wires, apparatus, devices, and appurtenances thereon, used in connection with the service except for load management devices. The member shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Cooperative against all claims, demands, cost of expense for loss, damage or injury to persons or property in any manner directly or indirectly arising from, connected with, or growing out of, the transmission or use of power by the member at or on the member's side of the point of delivery.
3. It is the responsibility of each member to cause all premises receiving electric service to become and remain wired in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the Cooperative, the National Electrical Code, and any requirement of local government agencies having jurisdiction over the installation of electric wiring. Reference copies of the National Electric Code are on file at Okefenoke Offices in Hilliard, Florida and Nahunta, Georgia.
4. In the event of a known hazardous condition or potentially hazardous condition because of a violation of requirements, electric service will not be connected until the condition is corrected. In the event service is being received, the member will be notified by certified mail with copy to County or Local Inspector, if applicable, that if the deficiencies are not corrected in a reasonable time, service may be discontinued.
5. Where applicable, members will be required to conform with existing State, County and local wiring regulations.

C. Member Equipment

1. All motor installations on the Cooperative's lines must conform to the rules and regulations as set forth in the National Electrical Code, and such other codes as may be applicable. All motors, single and three-phase, above ten (10) horsepower must be approved by the Cooperative before installation. All motors or other apparatus requiring unchanged phase rotation and/or continuity of three-phase supply shall be equipped with suitable protection against reversal or phase failure.

2. Where auxiliary or standby power is installed by the member to provide emergency power, parallel operation of the member's generating equipment with the Cooperative's system will not be allowed. A double throw switch must be used to prevent possible injury to Cooperative workmen by making it impossible for power to be fed back into the main line from the emergency generator. Any generator found connected to wiring system without an approved double throw switch shall be cause for disconnecting service.
3. Members desiring to operate electric welders or other devices with high inrush or fluctuating currents must supply the Cooperative with information regarding the electrical characteristics of the equipment. Service will not be allowed to equipment which adversely affects the Cooperative's equipment or the service to the members. The Cooperative should be consulted before the purchase of installation of the equipment.
4. The member shall own, maintain, and operate all substations and transforming equipment where voltage, phase, or frequency is desired other than that under which service is rendered and metered.
 - a. All protective devices required by these regulations shall be provided by the member and at the member's sole expense.
 - b. In order for the Cooperative to provide proper voltage and give the best service possible, it is important that members notify the Cooperative when new equipment or major appliances are added such as: electric range, electric water heater, electric clothes dryer, heating and air-conditioning units or large electric motor (5 horsepower or larger). This will give the Cooperative representatives the opportunity to check to determine if the transformer, and wire size are large enough to take care of the member's new equipment.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies to all members and services of the Cooperative.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY:

It shall be the responsibility of the General Manager or his designee to carry out the provisions of this policy.

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