



FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

GENERAL POLICY No. 410
SUBJECT: JOINT USE OF OCCUPANCY OF LINE OR RIGHT-OF-WAY

I. PURPOSE:

Power and service or utility organizations sometimes find it economical and more desirable to jointly use and/or occupy the line or right-of-way in front of a member's premises, or along roads.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Cooperative to allow joint use and/or occupancy of lines or the right-of-way upon the following provisions.

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

Board of Directors and CEO/General Manager.

IV. PROVISIONS:

The following provisions and procedures shall apply to this policy.

- A. It shall be permissible to allow joint use and/or occupancy of the Cooperative's line and/or right-of-way on the distribution system upon terms and conditions provided for in the "Joint Use Facilities Agreement".
- B. Joint use and/or occupancy of the Cooperative's line and/or right-of-way may be permitted on an individual agreement provided the joint use and/or occupancy would not contribute to a hazard to the Cooperative's employees while maintaining lines and equipment. Any attachments or joint use trenches must meet all Federal, State, and local codes. Any cost required to accommodate joint use requirements shall be borne by the entity making application.
- C. Use or occupancy that does not meet the provisions of Section A or B above, shall be removed at the expense of the entity or the individual jointly occupying and/or using the line or right-of-way.

- D. If there is joint occupancy and/or use of the line and/or right-of-way by any other person, association or corporation, the Cooperative shall bill them as further described in the current “Joint Use Facilities Agreement”.
- E. No individual shall be permitted to perform work on the Cooperative lines or right-of-way who is not property qualified, or does not have prior written approval, and the Cooperative shall not assume any responsibility or liability for any individuals who are not employees of the Cooperative.
- F. Any company or individual attempting to jointly use or occupy Cooperative poles, lines, or right-of-way without prior approval shall be in a state of trespass and shall be liable for criminal prosecution.
- G. All signs, billboards or posters, including election posters, etc. are prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing on an individual basis by the CEO/General Manager.

V. PRIMACY OF POLICY

This policy supersedes any existing policy that may be in conflict with the provisions of this policy.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Georg Behrens, President

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