



FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

**GENERAL POLICY No. 422
SUBJECT: IDLE SERVICES**

I. PURPOSE:

The Cooperative may remove electric facilities that stand idle and produce no revenue in order to maintain system efficiency, safety, and financial responsibility. Definition of an “idle service” is an installation where electric power is available but not being utilized. The installation may consist of facilities such as primary line, transformer(s) service drop, and meter(s). Any of the latter three items may be lacking.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Cooperative to have the option of removing facilities not being utilized unless one of the following applies:

- A. The service is under contract and the monthly payments are currently paid.
- B. The idle service is being billed as an idle service and the account is current.
- C. The primary line is idle but is in coordination with the Cooperative’s plans and/or not a hindrance to new construction.
- D. The service is an irrigation account expected to be used within the next twelve months.

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

The CEO/General Manager is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this policy.

IV. PROVISIONS:

The following practices and procedures shall apply to the provisions of this

policy:

- A. Upon the expiration of the original term of contract or agreement, idle services will be handled on one of the following options:

The property owner shall select one of the following available options :

1. Where the owner no longer desires electric service, the Cooperative may remove all Cooperative-owned facilities. Any future service shall be treated as a new service request.
 2. Where the owner desires to have electrical service left in place for future use, but has no immediate need of electric energy, the monthly idle services charge will be applicable. This is payable monthly. The poles and wires shall be left intact. Should the owner require service within a twelve-month period of disconnection the owner will pay the minimum charge per applicable rate schedule, plus the reconnect fee.
 3. Where the owner no longer desires electric service, the line, transformer, and all facilities shall be removed at the option of the Cooperative. Should this service be desired later, the property owner shall be required to pay installation costs in accordance with the policy for new services.
- B. An idle service that is activated, is subject to charges for improvements or upgrading as necessary to serve new or improved loads. The owner of the property upon which the Cooperative has an idle service shall be contacted in person. If staff is unable to contact the property owner, written notice outlining available options shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

If the owner does not respond within sixty (60) days of the certified notice, the Cooperative may proceed in accordance with this policy and remove Cooperative-owned facilities.

V. **PRIMACY OF POLICY**

This policy supersedes any existing policy that may conflict with its provisions.

APPROVED BY THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



Bryan Case, CEO/GM

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