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**FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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**GENERAL POLICY NO. 424**  
**SUBJECT: MULTI-CONNECTIONS TO ONE METER**

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**I. PURPOSE:**

This policy is intended to promote safety, fairness, and equity among all consumers by defining acceptable service configurations and ensuring that electric services are properly, accurately, and safely metered.

**II. POLICY STATEMENT:**

It shall be the policy of the Cooperative that only a single service connection be allowed from a meter base, except as expressly permitted by this policy. If more than one building or structure is used for different purposes or residences, a separate service and meter shall be required for each location, unless an approved exception applies.

Each rate class including residential, irrigation, large general service, small general service, and security lighting shall be metered separately, consistent with the applicable rate schedules. Only one single-family dwelling will be allowed per meter, unless under same ownership and used for temporary help or guests. Multiple small and large general service facilities may not be connected through one meter. Security lighting facilities shall be metered separately when not metered by a dwelling or other metered facility as indicated herein. Municipalities may have streetlights metered or may be charged according to the established rate tariffs for municipal street lighting.

Where additional usage is consistent with the consumer's primary usage, extensions from the primary service may be permitted, subject to Cooperative approval, applicable charges, electrical code compliance, and required disconnects. In the event the use at any other location shall be inconsistent with, or of a nature different from that of the primary purpose or use, then it

shall be the policy of the Cooperative that a separate meter base shall be installed, and the applicable rate schedule shall be applied. It shall be the duty of the member to promptly acquire and install as many separate meter bases as may be required and to do so according to the policies of the Cooperative. The appropriate class and rate schedules for the consumption of electricity at each location shall be determined by the Cooperative in a manner that is consistent with the policies and procedures of the Cooperative.

**III. IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL PROVISIONS AND EXAMPLES:**

- A. All new connections or service from and after the effective date of this policy shall fully comply with this policy before the Cooperative will deliver power to said consumer.
- B. Prior existing uses: It shall be the policy of the Cooperative that all consumers shall comply with this provision within twelve (12) months from the date the Cooperative gives notice. This exception is made so as to allow an orderly transfer and revision of existing lines without undo financial difficulties for the Cooperative or the individual consumer.
- C. Examples:
  - 1. Single Family Dwellings are required to be metered separate from commercial or revenue-based services.
  - 2. If buildings or structures are used for both general service or revenue-based services and for residential purposes, said structures shall be metered separately.
  - 3. If separate metering is not feasible due to demonstrated economic hardship or other special extenuating circumstances, the Cooperative may assign a single service classification and applicable rate for the entire service, included demand charges where appropriate.

4. Existence of economic hardships or applicable extenuating circumstances shall be determined solely by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

D. All consumers shall comply with this policy. If a consumer has failed to comply after 12 months from the date the Cooperative gives notice of a violation of this policy, the Cooperative may terminate service to said consumer until such time as this and other relevant policies have been fully complied with.

**IV. RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY:**

All Cooperative employees shall assist in identifying potential violations within their areas of responsibility and promptly report them through supervisory channels. The individual supervisor shall immediately report the same to the CEO/General Manager. The CEO/General Manager shall take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with this policy.

**IV. PRIMACY OF POLICY:**

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

APPROVED BY THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



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Bryan Case, CEO/GM

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