



---

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

---

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

---

**I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to maintain safety and be fair and equitable to all consumers and to define acceptable service uses; and, correctly and safely meter those services.

**II. POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of the Cooperative that only a single connection be allowed to be made from a meter base. If more than one building or structure is used for more than one purpose or residence, it shall be required that a separate service and meter be installed for each location.

Each rate class for residential service, irrigation facility, large general service facility, small general service facility, and security lighting facility shall be metered separately. 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 street lights metered or may be charged according to the established rate tariffs for municipal street lighting.

In the event that an additional usage by a consumer is consistent with the primary usage of that consumer then one or more extensions may be made from the primary source or service to one or more other buildings used in connection with the primary use. In such cases the customer may be charged for facility or equipment necessary, will maintain electrical codes and may be required to supply a disconnect switch. 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, either because of economic hardship to the consumer or other special extenuating circumstances, a service classification for said usage shall be assigned by the Cooperative with an applicable rate for the entire

service and will include a demand charge if appropriate. The Cooperative shall maintain the facilities to one point of delivery.

4. Existence of economic hardships or applicable extenuating circumstances shall be determined solely by the Board of Directors on an individual 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 employees of the Cooperative shall be responsible to police their individual areas of responsibility to help ascertain if this policy is being complied with. Any potential violation shall be immediately reported to their supervisor. The individual supervisor shall immediately report the same to the CEO/General Manager. The CEO/General Manager shall take such steps as may be necessary to obtain compliance with this policy.

**IV. 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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Schmier, President

DATE APPROVED: September 23, 2002

DATE REVISED: January 26, 2015

June 17, 2019