



Where Service Matters

FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

GENERAL POLICY No. 405.2

SUBJECT: EASEMENTS – TRANSMISSION LINES

I. **PURPOSE:**

The Cooperative recognizes the individual property and land rights of consumers and landowners and that transmission lines, in order to be reliable, safe, and cost effective should be constructed along practical and cost-efficient alignments. Property rights should be secured on all property to be crossed by the Cooperative transmission lines.

II. **POLICY:**

It shall be the policy of the Cooperative to secure transmission easements or acquire land interests as necessary, including through eminent domain where authorized by law, to ensure reliable transmission service.

III. **RESPONSIBILITY:**

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

IV. **PROVISIONS:**

- A. The Cooperative will compensate property owners for transmission right-of-way easements based on fair market value, and will compensate for actual crop or surface damages, as applicable.
- B. The Cooperative may purchase land interests when necessary. If voluntary acquisition is unsuccessful, the Cooperative may pursue condemnation proceedings as authorized by law. Easement rights shall revert to the property owner upon abandonment and retirement of the transmission facilities, subject to any continuing rights necessary for system safety or access.

The Cooperative will not construct transmission facilities on any property until all required easements, permits, and recorded documents are obtained and on file with the Cooperative.

Easements will be reviewed by the Cooperative's legal counsel and recorded in the appropriate county of record when an easement covers property on which the Cooperative has constructed, or plan to construct facilities.

The standard transmission easement form shall be prepared or approved by the Cooperative's legal counsel.

V. PRIMACY OF POLICY

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

APPROVED BY THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



Bryan Case, CEO/GM

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