



FALL RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

GENERAL POLICY No. 507
SUBJECT: ENERGY CONSERVATION

I. PURPOSE:

To provide a leadership role in energy conservation by example, education, communication and assistance.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Cooperative to assist in and comply with a joint conservation program with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC), as it applies to members of the Cooperative and to conduct a program to make the most efficient use of energy in the operation of the Cooperative facilities.

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

The CEO/General Manager is responsible for seeing that the provisions of this policy are carried out.

IV. PROVISIONS:

- A. The Board of Directors shall provide the necessary authority to develop a plan and budget to accomplish the objectives of this policy.
- B. The CEO/General Manager shall develop a plan and budget to implement this policy.
- C. The Department Managers shall coordinate with the CEO/General Manager in conservation planning by submitting energy conservation plans applicable to their departments and to BPA and PNGC, qualifying measures and accounting procedures.
- D. The Cooperative may provide assistance for electrical energy conservation in irrigation pumping by identifying, sponsoring and assisting

in programs designed to increase efficiency of electrical energy application in irrigation. These programs may consist of pump efficiency testing, load management, power factor correction, water application or any other cost-effective electric energy conservation program available to its members.

- E. Assistance may consist of, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Providing of information to the consumer of the availability of the program and the estimated cost and benefit of application.
 - 2. Supervision or coordination in application of energy conservation programs as required.
 - 3. Provide assistance in acquiring financing for electrical conservation application.
 - 4. Record keeping and reports for the evaluation of energy conservation programs as required.
- F. Directors and employees shall practice and encourage energy conservation in the use of the Cooperative facilities.
- G. Conservation plans shall be reviewed once each year to determine their effectiveness in accomplishing the objectives of this policy.
- H. Conservation plans may include cooperation and coordination with BPA and PNGC. Partnering with them in the development and implementation of a joint energy conservation plan that will provide the Cooperative members with energy conservation opportunities equal to or exceeding the provisions of this policy.
- I. The Cooperative shall provide electric energy conservation opportunities to all members:
 - 1. By identifying opportunities to promote more efficient use of energy and set priorities for assistance to consumers by analysis of consumer uses of energy, billing records, high bill complaints, delinquent accounts, etc.
 - 2. By providing trained personnel to provide a “one to one” basis technical assistance, advice and information for members of the

Cooperative for the efficient use of electric energy in the home, farm, business or public building, including estimates of the cost of insulation or other expenditures necessary to achieve energy conservation and the estimated savings in electricity costs resulting from any investment or conservation practice.

3. By encouraging and promoting insulation standards as recommended by BPA and PNGC.
4. By cooperating with consumers who want to install renewable alternative energy systems for their own use, such as wind turbines, biomass facilities, micro-hydro generation, and solar systems for cooling, space, water heating and wood burning systems.
5. By seeking assistance and where appropriate, coordinate conservation efforts with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), other statewide electric cooperatives, power suppliers, state energy offices, and other organizations with programs or resources that can help the Cooperative with its conservation objectives.
6. May provide assistance in acquiring financing for electrical conservation application.
7. By working with local contractors and suppliers in helping assure that consumers received quality workmanship and proper conservation materials.
8. By working with local building contractors to help assure the construction of energy efficient homes.
9. In advising electric Cooperative members about electric heating or air conditioning, that the Cooperative provide estimates of the long-range cost of electric service.

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



Doug Schmier, President

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