

**CLAVERACK RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
WYSOX, PENNSYLVANIA 18854**

**Policy Bulletin B-18**

**SUBJECT: Member's Responsibility**

**POLICY:**

When service is made available by the Cooperative, the member shall assume full responsibility for abiding by all rules and regulations, bylaws and other policies which are or may be established by the Board of Directors.

The Cooperative will use reasonable diligence to maintain uninterrupted service but does not guarantee a constant or regular supply of electrical energy and shall not be liable for damage due to variations or cessation in such supply. The Cooperative may interrupt service to any member or members for the protection of life or property, to make repairs, changes, or improvements in any part of its system for the general good of the service or safety of the public, or when in Cooperative's sole judgment such interruption will prevent or alleviate an emergency threatening the integrity of its system or will aid in the restoration of service.

When circumstances allow and warrant it, as determined by the Cooperative, the Cooperative will give reasonable notice of any contemplated suspension of service. Should service be interrupted for any of the above reasons, or should service fail by reason of any accident, strike, legal process, governmental interference, or any cause whatsoever beyond its control, the Cooperative shall not be liable for damages, direct or consequential, resulting therefrom.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** President & CEO or Delegate

**PROCEDURE:**

Service Available - Service shall be deemed available upon completion of the construction of the line and the installation of the transformer by the Cooperative, the completion and approval of the member's wiring installation by a recognized electrical inspection agency, and the connection and energization of these facilities at the point of delivery. In the event of failure of the member to accept or continue to use service, the Cooperative may, after the line has been completed or not used for a period of six months, remove the material and equipment, which has been installed to serve such member. If such member desires service at a later date, the Cooperative shall require payment of the costs of removing and reinstalling such material and equipment.

Point of Delivery - The Cooperative will construct and maintain the facilities required to provide service to the point of delivery. The point of delivery is that point on the member's premises, or other agreed point, where the Cooperative connects its electric equipment or service conductors to the member's service conductors or equipment. All equipment and conductors on the member side of the point of delivery shall belong to and be the responsibility of the member, except meters and metering equipment and any other equipment provided by the Cooperative. It is the responsibility of any member receiving three-phase service from the cooperative to protect their own equipment and facilities from loss or reduction of voltage, on one or more phases of the three-phase service. The Cooperative will designate the locations of all metering equipment and points of delivery.

Member's Liability - The member shall indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend the Cooperative against all claims, demands, cost of expense for loss, damage or injury to persons or property in any manner directly or indirectly arising from connected with, or growing out of, the transmission or use of electrical current at or on the member's side of the point of delivery.

Hazardous Conditions - Hazardous conditions or the improper use of member-owned equipment may result in immediate disconnection or disconnection after member notification and failure to correct the identified hazard.

Damages - It shall be the member's responsibility to pay for damages to co-op equipment including labor, materials, and equipment to repair it, as well as applicable service charges and legal fees.

Vandalism - Vandalism involving any Cooperative property or equipment should be immediately reported to the Cooperative office.

Member's Wiring and Equipment - Because of the risk of damage to property and the possibility of fire or personal injury resulting from improper wiring and manner of attachment or use and maintenance of electric appliances, fixtures, and apparatus, it is advisable that the member and/or owner of property allow no one except qualified electricians to install or make any change, alteration, addition, or repair to any part of the installation.

Equipment and lines owned by the Cooperative have specific capacity limitations. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the Cooperative before any change is made in the load characteristics or change of purpose or location of their installation. Changes in member-owned wiring may require an electrical inspection.

The member will be liable for any damages or losses incurred by the cooperative due to their failure to provide advance notice of load or service changes. For example, electric vehicle chargers, large HVAC equipment additions, etc.

The Cooperative shall have the right to disconnect service to any member, without notice upon determining that the member has installed equipment or has caused a situation that adversely affects the Cooperative's ability to safely provide service to other members. The service shall not be reconnected until the Cooperative is satisfied that the condition has been properly alleviated.

If a member's service has been disconnected for longer than one year, the service must be inspected by a recognized inspection agency before it will be reconnected and energized.

Resale of Energy - All purchased electric service on the premises of the member shall be supplied exclusively by the Cooperative and the member shall not directly or indirectly sell, sublet, assign or otherwise dispose of the electrical energy, or any part thereof, without the consent of the Cooperative.

Forms - It shall be the members' responsibility to ensure that all necessary forms are properly executed and necessary fees paid in connection with their request for electric service. These forms may include, but are not limited to, membership application, easement(s), and tax exemption forms, if applicable. Members who have not met membership requirements but continue to receive service are still required to pay for service received and may be immediately disconnected if membership requirements are not met. The member shall be

required to secure easements from other individuals if it is necessary for the Cooperative to cross other properties in order to provide service to the member.

Termination of Service - Members who wish to discontinue service must give at least three regular business days notice prior to the requested disconnection date. Notice to discontinue service will not relieve the member from any minimum or guaranteed payment due.

Bill Payment - As outlined in Policy Bulletin B-4.

Report Outages and/or Trouble – It is critical that members report service interruption or other hazardous conditions to the cooperative in a timely fashion. In the event that service is interrupted, or any hazardous condition is discovered it is the responsibility of the member to notify the Cooperative of such condition. Outages or hazardous conditions may be reported by phone or SmartHub mobile app. The Cooperatives outage contact phone numbers are printed on monthly electric bills and are available via our website [www.Claverack.com](http://www.Claverack.com).

If the member's electric service fails, they shall first endeavor to determine if they have blown fuses, tripped breakers, or their equipment is at fault before notifying the Cooperative. If a serviceman is dispatched at the member's request, and it is determined that the Cooperative equipment is not at fault, actual costs may be rendered against the member.

Reporting Adverse Right-of-Way Conditions - If at any time the member becomes aware of a condition along the rights-of-way of the Cooperative that warrants attention in order to maintain dependable service, they should immediately notify the Cooperative. Examples of such conditions include: trees leaning or laying against electric lines, leaves being scorched as a result of touching the wires, electrical arcing on a pole or around an electric line, and trees or limbs growing into the wires.