

TRI-COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

POLICY BULLETIN NO 3-6

SUBJECT: Installation of Center Pole Service

I. POLICY:

A center pole service shall be provided by the Cooperative for the member with multiple services in nearby locations where the loads cannot be safely and easily served from a single service.

II. PROCEDURE:

- A. A center pole service shall be defined as a CT meter mounted on a service pole serving multiple locations from that service pole. That service pole shall be called the center pole.
- B. The policy shall be governed by Policy #3-10. A center pole service shall serve only one residence and its related out buildings.
- C. This policy shall apply only when the services are within a distance safely and conveniently served by a center pole service, as determined by a field inspection. In addition, this policy shall apply only to those locations where the total connected load is at least 400 amps. Also, depending on load, the Cooperative may require special materials.
- D. If the total connected load is less than 400 amps the member may elect to install his own center pole service on a Cooperative supplied pole. For purposes of installation, this service shall be treated similarly to pole-mounted services and thereby be governed by Policy #3-1.
- E. The member shall supply, retain ownership, responsibility and maintenance of all service wires running from the center pole to the individual service locations. If member finds it necessary to have both underground and overhead services fed from a center pole unit, he shall make sure that the pole is accessible to Cooperative equipment or arrange equipment on the pole in such a manner that Cooperative line personnel can climb the pole in a safe manner.
- F. If the member desires a generator switch to be installed on the center pole, the member shall supply the required switch.
- G. All service entrances directly connected to the center pole shall be inspected by a qualified electrical inspection agency before the service can be energized.

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

President & CEO or Designee

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