

**TRI-COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**POLICY BULLETIN NO 3-27**

**SUBJECT: STAND-BY ELECTRIC GENERATION**

**I. POLICY:**

A member receiving electric service from the Cooperative may generate electricity for their own use during times the Cooperative cannot provide normal electric service due to natural disaster or other reasons beyond the Cooperative's control.

**II. PROCEDURE:**

- A. If stand-by generation is to be connected to the member's electrical installation served by the Cooperative, the member will be required to install, prior to the use of the stand-by generator, a control device, approved by the Cooperative, at the point of connection of any ungrounded current-carrying conductors.
- B. The control device shall be installed as part of the member's permanent electrical installation. It must provide a positive means of disconnection of all ungrounded current-carrying conductors of the member's electrical system, normally served by the Cooperative, before connection of current-carrying conductors from the stand-by generator to the member's electrical installation, thereby eliminating any possibility of feedback to the Cooperative's electric distribution system.
- C. The control device and its installation must be approved by an inspector for a recognized electrical inspection agency or the approved electrical inspector for the township or political subdivision.
- D. To protect the safety of Cooperative personnel, the Cooperative will disconnect electric service to any location where stand-by electric generation equipment is not properly connected to the member's electrical installation as specified above. If the service is disconnected, it shall remain disconnected until the installation meets the requirements stated above. Reconnection fees (see Schedule of Fees) will apply when reconnection to the Cooperative distribution system is made.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY:**

President & CEO or Designee

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