MEMBER POLICY #7

SUBJECT: LINE EXTENSION

I. Line and Service Extensions

The Cooperative shall make electric service available to the largest practicable number of consumers possible within its defined territory boundaries. It is the intention to provide area coverage, consistent with overall feasibility requirements, to the largest practicable number of permanently inhabited dwellings and other establishments requiring electric service. Service will be extended at the rate established in the standard rate schedule to the maximum practicable extent, to as many types of consumers and to as many consumers within each classification. The Cooperative will not build to any location within the Bowie-Cass easement. These line extensions shall be made under one of the following:

II. Permanent Facilities

Permanent facilities shall be defined as: "Permanent installation – Any installation that is constructed or placed in and permanently affixed to a foundation, and is, or will be used or occupied on a permanent full-time basis. A manufactured home or prefabricated structure shall qualify as a permanent installation only if it is installed on a foundation system according to regulations of the Texas Department of Labor and Standards or is otherwise impractical to move and has the wheels, axles and hitch or towing device removed, and if it is connected to a permanent water and sewer system."

III. Overhead Primary and Secondary Line Extensions

An applicant requesting overhead electrical service from the Cooperative shall pay an application membership fee, connect fee, or an inspection fee. Each applicant should secure his own right-of-way easements or assist the Cooperative in securing them. The Cooperative will provide the appropriate overhead meter base of 100 amp or larger to the member at no cost.

For overhead primary line extensions to permanent installations as such are defined and in these rules and regulations and the substantive rules of the commission, the Cooperative will extend service according to the following criteria:

Single-phase, up to 600 feet – (see Rate Schedule)
Single-phase, over 600 feet – (see Rate Schedule)

Multi-phase, up to 300 feet – (see Rate Schedule)
Multi-phase, over 300 feet – (see Rate Schedule)

The cost per foot will be an aid-in-construction cost paid to the Cooperative to help defray the cost of construction.

For overhead secondary line extensions to permanent installations as such are defined and in these rules and regulations and the substantive rules of the commission, the Cooperative will extend service according to the following criteria:

Single-phase, up to 150 feet – (see Rate Schedule)
Multi-phase, up to 100 feet – (see Rate Schedule)

Secondary services that exceed the above distances must be approved by the Engineering Manager before installation. The member shall pay for any additional cost associated with services that exceed these limits. (See Rate Schedule)

IV. Outbuildings

If outbuildings are within 150 feet of the connected permanent facility meter and can be served overhead within the 150 feet, the Cooperative will connect the outbuilding meter for (see Rate Schedule). Any cost over the 150 feet will be (see Rate Schedule).

V. Underground Primary Line Extension

An applicant requesting underground electrical service from the Cooperative shall pay on applicable membership fee, connect fee, or an inspection fee. Each applicant should secure their own right-of-way easement or assist the Cooperative in securing them. The Cooperative will provide and install the appropriate underground meter base of 200 amp or larger to the member at no cost.

The Cooperative will provide diagrams and/or instructions pertaining to properly connecting to our meter base.

- Single – phase underground

The Cooperative will give access to underground service via a pole-mounted meter base or a 200 amp or larger secondary pedestal with meter located adjacent to our pad mount transformer.

- Multi-phase underground

All members requiring multi-phase secondary underground service will be responsible for the purchase and installation of the secondary cables from the pad mount transformer or from a pole mounted meter box. The Cooperative will make connections at the transformers.

The Cooperative will not make the connections if the service is over 100 feet or the service wire is not of the proper size for the load.

- Single-phase or Multi-phase underground Primary

Any underground primary line extension to a single residence requires an aid-in-construction cost. (See Rate Schedule) If the line extension is to serve multi-residence or a platted subdivision or public building then it will be looked at on an individual basis. Subdivisions developers will be required to pay for the complete subdivision before work is started (see Rate Schedule)

VI. Conversion from Overhead to Underground

If a member requests the Cooperative to convert an existing single-phase overhead primary line to underground, the member shall pay the Cooperative (see Rate Schedule) an aid-in-construction cost, plus labor charges for removal of facilities. If a member requests the Cooperative to convert an existing multi-phase overhead primary line to underground the member shall pay the Cooperative (see Rate Schedule) an aid-in-construction cost, plus labor charges for removal of facilities. If a member has overhead service and wants the service installed underground, the member will pay for the underground service to a pedestal (see Rate Schedule) plus the cost of the retirement of the overhead service per CPR units.

VII. Right of Way (ROW)

The member will be responsible for securing all easements and clearing their own right-of-way. The ROW must be minimum of 30 feet wide from ground

to the sky. All stumps must be less than 2 inches tall so that equipment can cross over them, and all limbs, brush, and logs are clear of the ROW. If the member requests that the Cooperative clear the ROW, there will be an aid-in-construction cost for the clearing. The member will be furnished a cost estimate for the work. (See Rate Schedule)

VIII. Overhead conversion of single-phase to multi-phase

If a member has single-phase service and request multi-phase service the member will receive 300 feet free, any amount over the first 300 feet will be an aid-in-construction cost (see Rate schedule).

IX. Contribution-in-Aid of Construction (Aid-in-Construction)

A) A contribution-in-aid of construction cost will be defined as money paid to the Cooperative to help defray the cost of construction. This cost will be paid to the Cooperative before construction and will be non-refundable. The aid-in-construction charge will also apply when a request is made to take down an overhead line extension. This cost will be calculated by inventorying the line extension by retirement CPR cost.
   Another aid-in-construction charge will apply when a request is made to extend a line without any members being served from it. Right-of-Way will be a consideration for this extension. This cost will be negotiated by the Manager of the Cooperative and the member.

B) Upon request of the member Aid-in- Construction (AIC) may be reimbursed for non-permanent facilities under the following conditions:
   1) The member notifies the Cooperative at the time of the original work order that they intend to convert said facilities to permanent facilities within 24 months of the date that the temporary service installation is complete.
   2) The member shall be required to sign a contract stipulating the terms for potential reimbursement of AIC.
   3) The member shall contact the Cooperative prior to the expiration of the contract to request an on-site inspection to determine the status of permanent facilities.
   4) If the Cooperative is not contacted within the 24 months and/or the member cannot establish they have taken up residence at the location all AIC shall be surrendered.

X. Extensions for Temporary Service

Extensions provided for temporary service such as carnivals, fairs, asphalt mixing plants, highway construction, and deer camps on lease property, etc. or for a short-time job, should pay the "up and down" cost of the extension involved in addition to payment for service under the rate of general application. "Up and down" cost generally consists of the total installed cost of the installation per CPR cost, plus the cost of removing the line extension per CPR cost. This cost will be determined and paid before construction begins.

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Line Extension Rate Schedule

Member Policy # 7

III. **Overhead Primary and Secondary Line Extension**

Primary

Single-phase, up to 600 feet – no charge
Single-phase, over 600 feet - $4.36 per foot

Multi-phase, up to 300 feet – no charge
Multi-phase, over 300 feet - $5.74 per foot

Secondary

Less than 400 amp, Single-phase, up to 150 feet – no charge
Less than 400 amp, Multi-phase, up to 100 feet – no charge
Greater than 400 amp, Single-phase, up to 150 feet
Multi-phase up to 100 feet – difference in price of copper wire

Secondary services that exceed these distances and approved by the Engineering Manager will be the actual cost of the job.

XI. Outbuildings

Single-phase outbuildings will be served for no charge if less than 150 feet of service, anything over the 150 feet will be $4.36 per foot of primary.

XII. Underground Primary Line Extensions

For underground primary service to locations less than 200 amp service entrance, the aid-in-construction cost will be the actual cost based on CPR units.

The aid-in-construction cost for non-permanent structures will be $10.00 per foot with a minimum cost of $250.00.

Single-phase URD primary - $7.50 per foot
URD subdivision developers - $5.00 per foot

Multi-phase URD primary - $12.00 per foot

Conversion of overhead to URD

Single-phase overhead primary to URD - $7.50 per foot plus retirement
Multi-phase overhead primary to URD - $12.00 per foot plus retirement

URD service to pedestal - $250.00

XIII. Right of Way

$4.00 per ft. – light
$6.00 per ft. – medium
$8.00 per ft – heavy

XIV. Overhead Conversion of Single- phase to Multi-phase

Multi-phase Conversion over 300 feet - $3.50 per foot

Request for Reimbursement of Aid-in-Construction

I,_____, as a member of Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby request consideration for reimbursement of Aid-in-Construction (AIC) in the amount of_____ as outlined in Member Policy #8.

I understand the terms of this agreement shall be completed by:_____20____ or above mentioned AIC shall be surrendered to the Cooperative unless delays are the fault of the Cooperative. Any other delays shall not be considered.

I further understand that to be considered for reimbursement I shall be permanently residing at this facility and have no other permanent residences with Bowie-Cass. Pending sales are not considered.

Date:_____20_____ Member:_____

Date:_____20_____ Witness:_____

State of Texas
County of Cass

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ _____. Known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he/she is executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this, the _____ day of _____ _____.

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Notary Public, State of Texas

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Notary, Printed Name

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Commission Expires