



# Capital Credit Estate Payments

The heirs/legatees of a deceased Cooperative member have two options to receive the capital credits due to the deceased member.

## **Option 1: Early Estate Retirement**

The early estate retirement is an early retirement of the capital credits of a deceased member to the heirs/legatees of the state. Please note that this option does not apply to dissolution of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity. With this option, all the capital in the deceased member's account (less the capital credits earned from the power supplier) will be paid out immediately at a reduced amount passed upon the present value of the future capital credit retirement payments. When the cooperative retires capital out of sequence, it has a real cost to the other members but may provide a benefit to the member's heirs/legatees to receive the money sooner than otherwise. Therefore, the capital is reduced to reflect the time value of money for the capital credit retirements.

## **Option 2: Standard Retirement**

The standard retirement is the general retirement option which will pay the heirs/legatees of the deceased member the non-discounted capital credits according to the normal retirement process of the Cooperative. This means that heirs/legatees will receive the capital credits over an approximate 30+ year period as approved by the Board of Directors of the Cooperative each year.

In order to assist members in making their selection, the heirs/legatees of a deceased member's estate can contact the Cooperative and speak to a representative. **In addition to the required Estate Affidavit**, provided by the Cooperative, the Early Retirement option also requires the heirs/legatees of the estate to complete and sign (in the presence of a public notary) a **Request for Early Retirement Payment of Estate Capital Credits** form, also provided by the Cooperative. Furthermore, a **copy of the death certificate must also be on file at MJM.**

The member's account(s) must be inactive with a zero balance to settle capital credits. If the deceased member's account is still active, it must be disconnected, and any balances must be paid. If power is still needed at the location, service must be put in a different name, and the name on the new account must be a living person's name.