

**M.J.M. ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**SECTION III – MEMBERS AND CONSUMERS**

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EASEMENTS

POLICY

It will be the policy of the Cooperative to obtain and record right-of-way easements wherever and whenever possible. Each Member shall, upon being requested to do so by the Cooperative, execute and deliver to the Cooperative grants or easement of right-of-way over, on and under such lands owned or leased by or mortgaged to the Member. The term of such a grant shall be reasonable. The grant shall only be as required for the furnishing of electric service to members or for the construction, operation, maintenance or relocation of the Cooperative's electric facilities.

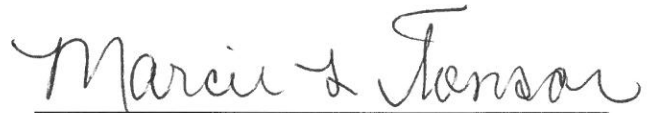
RESPONSIBILITY

President/CEO and Engineering Department

PROCEDURE

- 1) New Extensions to Serve New Loads
  - A. "Membership Application and Agreement for Purchase of Power" form shall be signed, Membership fee paid and meter deposit shall be paid before an attempt to obtain Right-Of-Way is made.
  - B. Cooperative personnel shall make reasonable effort to obtain necessary easement with assistance from members requesting service on private property.
  - C. Public lands, rights-of-way and railroad property will be used only after the proper permits or agreements are obtained.
  - D. Parties requesting service will provide a Right-Of-Way free of trees and brush, meeting Cooperative specifications and will hold the Cooperative harmless for accidents or costs incurred in clearing the Right-Of-Way.

- 2) Existing Right-of-Way, Existing lines, where system improvements are planned, but original easements were not recorded
  - A. Cooperative personnel, in their discretion, may attempt to obtain a new easement.
  - B. If new easement is not obtainable, Cooperative will reconstruct using the existing pole line.
  - C. If the existing pole line is located on highway Right-Of-Way, the obtaining of an easement will be handled as outlined in Section 3 of this procedure.
  
- 3) Easements to facilitate the placement of new tie lines or relocation of lines
  - A. Cooperative personnel shall make reasonable effort to obtain Right-Of-Way on private property without offering compensation.
  - B. In the event Right-Of-Way is unobtainable under conditions acceptable to the Board of Directors, the Board may authorize on advice of Legal Counsel and President/CEO, the exercising of the Right of Eminent Domain, as provided for in the Illinois Electric Suppliers Act, dated July 2, 1965.



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