

**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.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

President/CEO and Management

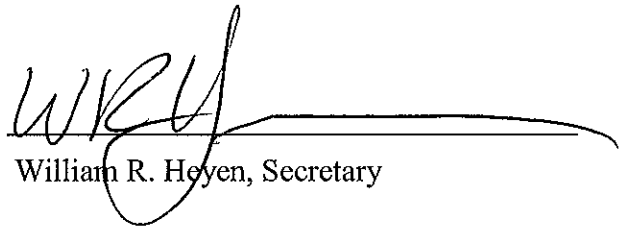
**PROCEDURE**

- 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.



William R. Heyen, Secretary