



## **Policy 140: Ownership of Facilities**

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**Purpose:** To distinguish ownership and operational responsibilities of distribution and transmission facilities within McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MEC) service area.

**Provisions:** To ensure safety, it is in the best interest of the Cooperative that all primary facilities used to distribute electric power to MEC members be constructed and operated by MEC. Transmission facilities are those designed to operate at 41.6kV and above. Distribution facilities are those designed to operate below 41.6kV.

**Distribution Facilities:**

- 1) MEC distribution facilities, in general, terminate at the meter. This is the point of demarcation between the utility (MEC) and the member (consumer). All facilities downstream of the later point of the transformer secondary bushings or the meter are the member's responsibility with exception of any metering current transformers (CTs) and connected meters.
- 2) Transformers up to and including 300kVA are considered standard stock. The member will pay for the installation of standard transformers (labor only). Replacement of standard transformers will be MEC's responsibility.
- 3) Transformers greater than 300kVA are considered non-standard stock. Non-standard transformers will be paid for by the member (material and labor) and replacement costs associated with a failure or replacement will be paid by the member.
- 4) MEC will operate all distribution transformers.

**Transmission Facilities:** MEC will own, maintain, and replace all transmission related facilities, including substations and transmission lines, that were paid for by contribution-in-aid-of-construction by member(s).

**Member Power Cable at Dedicated Substation Facility:** For members receiving service at transmission voltage through a dedicated substation, the service wires installed from the substation power

transformer serving to the member's MCC (Motor Control Center) or PDC (Power Distribution Center) building are considered owned by and the responsibility of the member.

**Services:** A member may request MEC to assist with inspection and troubleshooting of the member's transformer. These services may be provided at MEC's discretion.

**Inspection and Unsatisfactory Condition:** MEC conducts routine inspections of its own facilities. MEC does not inspect, maintain, or assume any responsibility for any portion of the electric delivery system that is deemed member owned. Through the course of inspections or routine operations, MEC may observe conditions that impose risk to safety or reliability of the system. If MEC identifies an unsatisfactory condition that exists on the member's side, MEC will attempt to notify the member of the issue to be remedied by the member. If a condition exists that poses an immediate threat to public safety, MEC may take immediate action up to including disconnection of electric service until the issue is resolved.