



**Policy 130: Right-of-Way**  
Board Approved: September 26, 2023

*Clayton Monsen*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

**Purpose:** To provide guidelines for compensation to landowners, and in some instances renters of land, for right-of-way use and/or damages caused by the construction of power lines.

**Provisions:**

- 1) Power lines constructed on a member’s property as a result of said member’s request for power shall receive no right-of-way compensation for the construction of the power line.
- 2) Compensation may be made for the following situations:
  - a) Transmission lines;
  - b) 3-phase distribution lines serving commercial loads, e.g. oil or business loads in new right of way.
- 3) Compensation schedule:

	<b>Compensation</b>
<b>Transmission Poles and Anchors</b>	\$500.00
<b>Distribution Poles, Anchors, Appurtenances</b>	\$250.00
<b>*Primary Underground</b>	\$14.00/rod**

\*Primary Underground shall pay a minimum of \$500.00.

\*\*There are 320 rods per mile.

- 4) Compensation shall not be paid for the following situations:
  - a) Single-Phase lines;
  - b) Power Lines constructed in existing rights-of-way;
  - c) Pole change out.
- 5) Compensation will be paid to the landowners unless directed otherwise.
- 6) Crop damages resulting from construction shall be reviewed and paid subject to negotiation at the current market rate for the crop.

- 7) Property damages resulting from construction shall be reviewed and returned to pre-constructed condition or paid a negotiated amount whichever results in lower expense to McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc.