



### **Policy 132: Line Removal**

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**Purpose:** To provide guidelines for the removal of electric lines.

**Provisions:** All applicable facilities charges are due and payable pending receipt by McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. of a signed and dated line removal form completed by the member.

- 1) The line removal process begins upon receipt of a completed line removal form.
- 2) In the event a member requests a line extension where any or all facilities have been removed at that member's request, the member must pay all costs associated with the re-installation of facilities at the previous location or which is determined to be at substantially the same location. A new member requesting service where prior facilities existed will be treated as a new connect.
- 3) In the event a member requests a reconnection after receipt of a signed and dated line removal form and before any portion of the facilities have been removed; the member will be required to pay a reconnect fee consistent with the fees associated with disconnection for non-payment as stated in Member Policy 121 along with the facilities charges for each month the location was not in service.
- 4) Locations disconnected for non-payment are subject to removal without member authorization 12 months from the date of disconnect. Once removed, the service will not be reinstalled for the same member unless the delinquent bill is paid in addition to the material, labor, and overhead costs related to the retirement and re-installation of electrical service.
- 5) Ownership cannot be transferred to a spouse, relative, member of the same household, or to a member having substantial relationship or identity with the former member whose line was removed to avoid any costs associated with the reconstruction of facilities.
- 6) Landowners will be notified of applicable section of line slated to be retired. Upon notification, landowners will be given 30 days to evaluate retired section of line. If landowner elects to retain an identified line, the landowner will be responsible for ongoing monthly facility charges and any modifications to line to provide service. If landowner elects

to not retain line or no response is received, retirement of line will proceed.

- 7) Easements may be vacated for retired sections of line subject to Board approval.