

POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Policy No.: **M-3**

Subject: **Classification of Members**

Objective: Classification is a means of treating all members having similar characteristics in their use of service, without discrimination for rate purposes. Member classification shall be in accordance with REA Bulletin 181-1 "Uniform System of Accounts" (effective January 1, 1978).

Policy:

A. Service Type

1. Single Phase

A service requiring only one primary phase as a source. The standard secondary service voltage is 120/240V. For commercial or irrigation services, a special voltage of 240/480V can be provided but is considered non-standard.

2. Three Phase

A service requiring three primary phases as its input source. The standard secondary voltages are 120/208V or 277/480V. No new non-standard three-phase voltages are allowed.

B. Classification

1. Residential

This classification shall include service to a single dwelling and associated out-buildings representing a person's fixed, permanent and principal home.

Service will normally be single-phase.

2. Seasonal

This classification shall include service to a single dwelling or dwelling site which is not considered the permanent domicile of the occupant but is used as a second or vacation home on an intermittent basis.

Service will normally be single-phase.

3. Irrigation

This classification shall include service dedicated to irrigation pump/pivot. The service may be either single-phase or three-phase. The service will have load control installed for interruption under peak conditions.

4. Small Commercial & Industrial

This classification shall include all service for commercial and industrial purposes using less than 25 kW .

Service will be single phase or three phase.

5. Large Commercial & Industrial

This classification shall include all three-phase retail members having a 15-minute measured demand equal to or greater than 25 kW for at least 4 of 12 months. Member remains on this rate schedule on a mandatory basis unless demand remains below 200 kW for 12 consecutive month's service for commercial and industrial purposes.

Service will always be three-phase.

6. Lighting

This service shall be rendered to members only in addition to other service at an existing location. Energy for this classification will not be metered; bills will be rendered on a flat monthly basis. Energy sales and revenues from this service shall be included in the same class as the principal usage of the member at the location. If other service does not exist, member may elect to pay full basic charge in addition to flat fee for lighting.

Public Street & Highway Lighting

This classification shall include lighting for highways, streets, parks and other public places, or for traffic or other signal system service, for municipalities or other divisions or agencies of state or federal governments. All installation costs will be charged to the requesting municipal government.

- a. Minor Maintenance: The Cooperative's roadway lighting rate includes providing the electricity to the light and minor maintenance. Minor maintenance would include replacing the bulb, the photo-eye and locating the electric supply wires as part of a Digger's Hotline Request.
- b. Major Maintenance: Major maintenance would be charged to the municipal government at a time and material rate and would include all other maintenance activities. Some examples of these activities would include, but not limited to, replacement of the light fixture, broken glass/globe, or replacement of a damaged pole.

C. Sub-Classification

00. Off-Peak Storage

Available to all members for separately metered controlled loads with the approval of the member service department and subject to the established policies of the Cooperative. This is a supplement to service under the regular single or three-phase rate.

Loads under this classification may be controlled (shut off) during hours classified by the storage strategy.

01. Off-Peak Interruptible Meter

Primary use of this rate is for small commercial/seasonal applications and is available to members for separately metered loads with the approval of the member services department.

Service under this schedule is subject to control during peak demand times. Loads will be controlled (shut off) a maximum of four (4) hours in any 10 hour period.

02. Off-Peak Dual Fuel

Available to all members for separately metered controlled loads with the approval of the member services department and subject to the established policies of the Cooperative. This is a supplement to service under the regular single or three-phase rate.

Loads under this classification may be controlled (shut off) for indeterminate period of time. Back up heat is required. Service and availability are subject to change without notice.

03. Demand

The billing demand in kilowatts shall be the maximum of a 15-minute window of measured demand during the billing cycle, rounded to the nearest whole kW.

04. Demand Ratchet

The billing demand in kilowatts shall be the maximum of a 15-minute window of measured demand during the billing cycle or the previous 11 months, rounded to the nearest whole kW.

05. Demand Ratchet Self Contained Generation

Accounts with self-generation or who have agreed to shut down operations during peak, load control events, qualify for a reduced demand charge. During the billing window, the account should not have any billable usage. Any billable usage during the peak load control event will be billed at the full demand rate.

D. General

If service is to be rendered under other classifications than herein provided, these policies may be amended from time to time to include such classifications and establish the proper rate schedules.

Where a member uses service at one point for dual purposes normally falling under different classes, the principal use of the service shall determine the classification. If the member desires separate metering and billing for each type of use, separate services may be provided for each class of usage.

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