

ARTICLE II RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. Property Interest of Members

Members and former Members holding patronage capital shall have no individual or separate interest in the property or assets of the Cooperative except upon dissolution. Upon dissolution, the property and assets of the Cooperative remaining after all debts and liabilities of the Cooperative are paid shall be distributed among the Members and former Members in the proportion which the aggregate patronage of each bears to the total patronage of all Members and former Members. These distributions shall be made to those for whom the Cooperative has a valid mailing address, during the seven years immediately preceding the date of filing of the Certificate of Dissolution for the Cooperative, or as then otherwise required by applicable law.

SECTION 2. Non-liability for Debts of the Cooperative

No Member shall be individually liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the Cooperative.

SECTION 3. Access to Property

- A. As determined or required by the Cooperative, each Member or patron shall provide the Cooperative safe and reliable access reasonably necessary to operate the Cooperative safely, reliably, and efficiently or to provide Cooperative services to any real or personal property in which the Member possesses a legal right.
- B. Members or patrons shall grant the Cooperative the right to inspect, monitor, operate, repair, maintain, or remove any Cooperative facilities or equipment. Members agree to work with and provide easement to Cooperative for extending new facilities or relocating existing facilities. Members or patrons shall also give the Cooperative access to provide, monitor, measure, or maintain any Cooperative service or to satisfy or facilitate any obligation incurred or right granted by the Cooperative regarding the use of Cooperative equipment.
- C. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Cooperative owns all Cooperative facilities and equipment. Each Member and patron shall protect all Cooperative equipment and shall install, implement and maintain any protective device or procedure required by the Cooperative.

SECTION 4. Membership List

- A. The Cooperative shall maintain a record of current Members in a form permitting the Cooperative to alphabetically list the names and addresses of all Members. Upon thirty-five (35) days prior written notice or request to the Cooperative, a Member who has been an active Member during the immediately preceding twelve (12) months may do the following:
 1. An active Member may inspect and copy the Membership List at a reasonable time and location determined by the Cooperative.
 2. An active Member may pay the Cooperative a reasonable charge determined by the Cooperative covering the labor and material cost of preparing and copying the Membership List, and the Cooperative must provide the Member a copy of the Membership List.
- B. A Member may inspect, copy, or receive a copy of the Membership List only if, as determined by the Board of Trustees, the Member complies with all of the following:
 1. The Member's notice or request is made in good faith and for a proper purpose.
 2. The Member describes with reasonable particularity the purpose for which the Member will use the Membership List.
 3. The Membership List is directly connected with the Member's purpose.
 4. The Member completes the Cooperative Request for Information form, acknowledging violation of the terms and conditions within will subject the Member to suspension and/or termination of the Member's membership in the Cooperative.

- C. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Trustees, a Member may not do the following:
1. A Member may not use the Membership List for a purpose unrelated to the Member's interest as a Member.
 2. A Member may not use the Membership List to solicit money or property unless the money or property is used solely to solicit Member votes.
 3. A Member may not use the Membership List for a commercial purpose.
 4. A Member may not sell the Membership List.

SECTION 5. Access to Information

Members shall have access to information relevant to the business of the Cooperative with the exception of information that is deemed proprietary or confidential by law, contract, policy, or these Bylaws. Information shall be supplied to Members through methods including website postings, mailings, special informational meetings, news releases distributed to industry publications, and news media. Information provided to Members shall include the following:

- A. Board Meeting schedule;
- B. Agenda of any official meeting within five (5) business days prior to the meeting;
- C. Approved Minutes of any official meeting within fifteen (15) business days following approval;
- D. Bylaws and policies;
- E. Financial reports and audits;
- F. Strategic plans;
- G. Load forecasts; and
- H. Business agreements and contracts not deemed confidential.

SECTION 6. Initiative Process

The Cooperative recognizes applicable state statute as the guideline for Member proposed initiatives. In addition, Members shall abide by all of the following provisions:

- A. Initiatives to be submitted to the Cooperative Members shall be embodied in a petition.
- B. The petition form to be used is provided by the Cooperative.
- C. The petition form issued will be signed and dated by a Cooperative representative, acknowledging the issue date.
- D. Member signatures on the petition are valid only during the current Annual Meeting cycle.
- E. Members may request that their names be removed from a petition at any time prior to petition submittal.