

# GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE

## POLICY 115

**SUBJECT: INTERCONNECTION OF DISTRIBUTED RESOURCES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

Great Lakes Energy Cooperative (GLE), as a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrower, is required to establish and maintain a written standard policy relating to the Interconnection of Distributed Resources (IDR).

### **II. CONTENT**

- A. GLE's IDR policy and procedures are readily available to the public and include a standard application, application process, application fees, interconnection agreement and interconnection standards. These are posted on GLE's Internet website.
- B. All costs recovered from the applicant regarding the application process or the actual interconnection and the process to determine the costs are clearly explained to the applicant and authorized by the applicant prior to GLE incurring these costs. GLE may require separate non-refundable deposits sufficient to insure serious intent by the applicant prior to proceeding either with the application or actual interconnection process.
- C. GLE may establish a new rate classification for members with Distributed Resources.
- D. This policy will be reconsidered and updated every five years or more frequently as circumstances warrant.

### **III. PROVISIONS**

GLE's IDR policy technical requirements:

- A. Are consistent with prudent electric utility practice.
- B. Incorporate the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): IEEE 1547<sup>TM</sup> –Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, approved June 12, 2003, and IEEE 1547.1<sup>TM</sup> –Standard Conformance Test Procedures for Equipment Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, approved June 9, 2005.
- C. Provide for appropriate electric power system disconnect facilities, as determined by GLE, which shall include a lockable disconnect and a visible open, that are readily accessible to and operable by authorized personnel at all times.
- D. Provide for GLE's access to the Distributed Resources facility during normal business hours and all emergency situations.

### **IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. Appropriate Responsible Parties are obligated to assume the following risks and responsibilities. "Responsible Party" as used in this section means the owner, operator or any other person or entity that is accountable to the borrower under the borrower's interconnection policy for Distributed Resources.
  - 1. To maintain appropriate liability insurance.
  - 2. Responsible for the Distributed Resources compliance with all national, state, local government requirements and electric utility standards for the safety of the public and personnel responsible for utility electric power system operations, maintenance and repair.

3. Responsible for the safe and effective operation and maintenance of the facility.
  4. Only Responsible Parties may apply for interconnection and the Responsible Party must demonstrate that the facility will be capably developed, constructed and operated, maintained, and repaired.
- B. GLE's system engineer is responsible for ensuring Responsible Party and Company compliance with this policy and for recommending revisions every five years and as circumstances warrant.

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