

# GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE

## BOARD POLICY NO. 15

### **SUBJECT: INTERCONNECTION OF DISTRIBUTED RESOURCES**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

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

#### **II. POLICY CONTENT**

- A. The Cooperative'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 the Cooperative'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 the Cooperative incurring these costs. The Cooperative 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. The Cooperative may establish a new rate classification for members with Distributed Resources.
- D. The policy technical requirements:
  - 1. Are consistent with prudent electric utility practice;
  - 2. Incorporate the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE): 1547™ - Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, approved February 15, 2018, and 1547.1™ - Standard Conformance Test Procedures for Equipment Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, approved March 5, 2020;
  - 3. Provide for appropriate electric power system disconnect facilities, as determined by the Cooperative, which shall include a lockable disconnect and a visible open, that are readily accessible to and operable by authorized personnel at all times; and

4. Provide for Cooperative staff 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, as applicable.
2. 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. 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. The Cooperative Director, Interconnection Services and Agency Compliance is responsible for ensuring Responsible Party and Cooperative compliance with this policy and for recommending revisions as circumstances warrant.

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