

# RENVILLE-SIBLEY COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION

## Policy No. 315 Controlled Air Conditioning (Controlled Discount Rate)

### Objective

To implement Renville-Sibley's Controlled Air Conditioning rate to consumers. This rate is a demand cost savings to Renville-Sibley with savings passed on to consumers with a reduced energy rate for controlled air conditioning.

### Policy Content

#### A. Availability:

All Renville-Sibley consumers which meet the following criteria shall be eligible to receive the controlled air conditioning rate.

1. Renville-Sibley will install and maintain a load control receiver on the consumers qualifying air conditioning or heat pump system. The Cooperative will arrange for installation of metering equipment without charge, provided the Cooperative Contracted Electrician is utilized for installation. No reimbursement will be made for metering equipment installations not performed by the Cooperative Contracted Electrician. Consumers who choose to have metering equipment installed by someone other than the Cooperative Contracted Electrician shall provide an inspection affidavit and will be billed actual incurred cost for any electrical inspection fees.
2. All air conditioning (compressor) units shall be controlled on a 15 minute on/15 minute off control strategy. To qualify, air conditioning equipment (compressor) shall be designed or altered to allow a 15 minute on/15 minute off control strategy. Qualifying units must be permanently connected to the premise wiring.
3. Consumers who meet the qualifications and choose the Controlled Air Conditioning rate are required to remain on the rate for twelve (12) consecutive months. Should the consumer elect to discontinue this rate prior to twelve (12) months, the actual cost of labor, equipment, materials and applicable taxes associated with metering equipment installation will be transferred to the consumer at a pro-rated rate. Should the consumer choose the option to discontinue this rate, they will be ineligible for twelve (12) months. The Cooperative reserves the right to make exception to this requirement if unforeseen circumstances force a major change to the operation.
4. Charges incurred due to changes of existing metering equipment, such as temporary removal to facilitate construction, or permanent relocation of existing equipment will be the responsibility of the consumer.

5. Consumer accounts utilizing the Cooperative's controlled rates do not qualify for the controlled air conditioning discount rate. However, any consumer may utilize the rebate program for the purchase of cooling equipment provided the equipment meets the qualifications of the rebate program.

B. Rates:

The current applicable rates shall be listed on Schedule B – Rates. The rate shall be available for all air conditioning units that meet the eligibility requirements.

C. Monthly Minimum Charge:

The current applicable charge shall be listed on Schedule B – Rates.

D. Billing Method:

The Cooperative shall read the meter on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month with the usage included on the power bill mailed in conjunction with this location. The Cooperative shall calculate and mail the power bill to the consumer on or before the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Payment will be due and payable by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the next month unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the bill will then be due and payable on the following regular business day.

E. Terms of Payment:

If the current monthly bill is not paid or postmarked before midnight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month or the first business day after the 3<sup>rd</sup> if it falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, a late payment special handling charge of 1.5% monthly (18% annually) or \$1.00, whichever is greater, shall be applied to the account.

F. Taxes:

The Cooperative shall access the State of Minnesota sales and use tax as applicable to the monthly billing.

G. Metering:


All eligible energy submitted for the Controlled Air Conditioning rates under this policy must be measured by a meter that records the amount of energy used by the air conditioning system only. Equipment designed for both heating and cooling, such as Air-to-Air or Ground source Heat Pumps, may use the same metering equipment for recording energy used for both Controlled Air Conditioning and Discount Heat rates. The Cooperative will provide, read and maintain the demand interval and energy recording device.

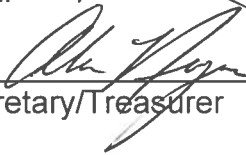
**Responsibilities**

The CEO and assigned Staff shall be responsible for implementing and routinely reporting to the Board as to the need to adjust policy.

**Review**

This policy and rate covered under this policy are subject to annual review.

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary/Treasurer

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