

RENVILLE –SIBLEY COOPERATIVE POWER ASSOCIATION

Policy No. 316 **Controlled Natural Air Grain Drying** (Controlled Discount Rate)

Objective

To implement the Cooperative's Controlled Natural Air Grain Drying rate to consumers. This rate is a demand cost savings to the Cooperative with savings passed on to consumers with a reduced energy rate for controlled grain drying.

Policy Content

A. Availability:

All Cooperative consumers who have natural air grain drying systems that meet the following criteria shall be eligible to receive the Controlled Natural Air Grain Drying rate. Natural air grain drying systems shall consist exclusively of permanently installed electrical grain drying and ventilation equipment and not incorporate the use of fossil fuel fired heating equipment.

1. The Cooperative will install and maintain a load control receiver on the consumers qualifying natural air drying 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. Consumers who meet the qualifications and choose the Controlled Natural Air Grain Drying 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.

3. 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.
4. All natural air drying systems will be subject to the East River 12 Month Industrial 2 Load Control Strategy.

B. Rates:

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

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 1st 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 16th day of the month. Payment will be due and payable by the 3rd of the next month unless the 3rd 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 3rd of each month or the first business day after the 3rd 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 Natural Air Grain Drying rate under this policy must be measured by a meter that records the amount of energy used by the grain drying system only. The Cooperative will provide, read and maintain the demand interval and energy recording device.

Responsibilities

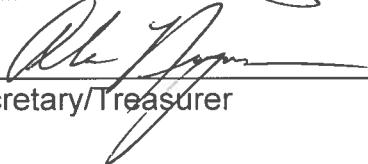
The CEO and assigned Staff shall be responsible for implementing rates and routinely reporting to the Board as to the need to adjust rates to account for changes in cost or strategic initiatives.

Review

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



Chair



Secretary/Treasurer

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