

VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Corporate Policy #117

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

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I. OBJECTIVE

To set forth the requirements for an application for membership.

II. POLICY

All persons interested in obtaining electric service from the Association must make an application therefore on forms approved by the Association. The following regulations shall govern the application process:

- A. **Membership Contract.** Each prospective member shall sign an application for membership and service, pay a non-refundable \$10.00 membership fee, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and such policies and rate schedules as may from time to time be adopted by the Association (together, the "**Governing Documents**").
- B. **Service Without Membership.** In the absence of a signed agreement or application for membership, the delivery of electric service by the Association, and its acceptance by the consumer, shall be deemed to constitute an acceptance of the Association's Governing Documents and an agreement to pay the Association for the electric service in accordance with the appropriate rate schedule.
- C. **Place of Application.** Application for membership must be made at the office of the Association by mail or in person, or to a duly authorized agent or employee of the Association.
- D. **Application.** The Applicant shall provide such information that the Association may require. Such information shall include without limitation the following information:
 - 1. Legal name of applicant/co-applicant;
 - 2. Mailing address;
 - 3. Location of service;
 - 4. Information to establish credit-worthiness;
 - 5. Whether applicant is owner of, tenant of, or agent for the premises; and
 - 6. Date of application.

- E. **Right to Reject.** The Association reserves the right to reject any application for service which is not available under its rate schedules or Governing Documents, or for other good reason.
- F. **Outstanding Obligations of Applicant For Service.** Service will not be furnished to former consumers until all indebtedness which the consumer owes to the Association has been paid in full. If applicant desires Association to serve premises that have a domestic solar water heater attached to it, and Association carries a note outstanding for such equipment, service will not be furnished until applicant assumes the outstanding debt obligation of said equipment.
- G. **Special Contracts.** Applicants for Irrigation Service, Street Lighting and Outdoor Lighting Service shall execute contracts for such service on terms and conditions acceptable to the Association and in accordance with the established rate schedules and the line extension policy to safeguard such investments. Applicants for Large Commercial/Industrial Service shall execute an Electric Service Agreement on terms and conditions acceptable to the Association. Contracts providing for maximum service exceeding 1000 kw or more shall be subject to approval by the Rural Electrification Administration in accordance with Bulletin 112-6.
- H. **Additional Connections.** A consumer may have as many electrical services as required but shall pay the membership fee only once. An application for service or a special contract may be required for each service.
- I. **Acceptance.** An application for membership, contract or any other agreement between the Association and the consumer, when accepted by an officer or authorized agent of the Association, shall constitute the contract between the consumer and the Association and no officer, employee or agent has the power to modify, alter or waive any of its conditions without the consent of the Board of Directors and the consumer.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

The Board of Directors, through delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, shall be responsible for the administration of this policy.