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## POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Policy No.: **M-27**

Subject: **Disposal of Used Poles**

Objective: To address the disposal of used poles not being put back into service by Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative (the Cooperative). Disposal of a pole will be done in a manner that limits the liability to the Cooperative, is in accordance with federal, state and local laws, and has the least possible financial impact to the membership.

Policy: Poles removed from service in the field shall either be brought back to the Cooperative pole yards or left at a member's location:

- Poles considered non-reusable by the Cooperative shall be cut into lengths no greater than 10 feet, unless an exception is granted by the General Manager/CEO for an application that benefits the community and does not increase the Cooperatives liability exposure.
- No used pole section shall be sold.
- The pole sections will be made available to electric members or employees of the Cooperative, on a first come first served basis and will not be held or stockpiled for an individual.
- Any party taking a used pole section shall be required to sign a Material & Equipment Waiver & Hold Harmless Agreement and informed that the *Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)* for the pole treatments are available in the office or on the Cooperative's web page prior to entering the pole yard.
- A Polk-Burnett employee must be present and shall load the pole section(s) with minimal assistance from a non-employee.
- Securing the load is the responsibility of the party taking the used pole(s).

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