

EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
POLICY NO. 56

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INTERCONNECTION OF DISTRIBUTED RESOURCES

I. OBJECTIVES:

- A. To establish the policy governing the interconnection of distributed resources on the Empire Electric Association, Inc. (Empire) distribution system.

II. POLICY

- A. The interconnection of distributed resources to the Empire distribution system will be accomplished under the following guidelines:
  - 1. The Colorado PUC regulations governing the connection of net metering and small generation will be followed by Empire. These rules and regulations are found in the current version of 4 Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 723-3 Part 3, Sections 3664 and 3665. This document is available on the Colorado PUC web site.
  - 2. In addition to the PUC rules and regulations, a lockable disconnect and visible open that is readily accessible will be specifically required on all net metering and distributed generation installations.
  - 3. The Empire net metering rate will be used for all net meter customers. Customers that are classified as distributed generation systems may be offered a negotiated rate and tariff based on the current version of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. policies 115 and 117.
- B. Board of Director Approval
  - 1. The Board of Directors (board) will review and approve this policy on a basis not exceeding every 5 years.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The board shall be responsible for any change or revision of this policy.
- B. The Manager is responsible for administration of this policy and for making recommendations on necessary or required changes.

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**Board Review – no changes 01/13/2017**