



The Cooperative Way!

BENTON RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

402 7TH Street • P.O. BOX 1150 • PROSSER, WASHINGTON 99350 • 509/786-2913 • Fax: 509/786-0291

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

GENERAL POLICY NO. 415.1

I **SUBJECT:** WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION AND RESPONSE

II **OBJECTIVE:**

To provide a framework for the implementation of a wildfire risk mitigation and response procedure that will minimize the potential of Benton Rural Electric Association (BREA) facilities contributing to the initiation of wildfires due to extreme weather conditions, such as droughts when the risk of wildfires is high, by early recognition of such conditions and prompt response by operating and maintaining the BREA electrical system facilities in a manner that reduces such risks.

III **STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY:**

It is the policy of BREA to take reasonable actions to reduce the risk of wildfire occurrence during extreme weather conditions, when wildfires may result from the operation of electric system facilities, by maintaining such electric system facilities in a manner that minimizes such risks, and by monitoring weather conditions to identify those that could have an impact on power lines, such as extreme drought and/or high temperatures, and to adjust electrical system operations to reduce wildfire risks in such conditions, all in accordance with a wildfire risk mitigation and response procedures.

IV **RESPONSIBILITY:**

The General Manager/Executive Vice President shall be responsible for implementation of this General Policy, and may delegate portions of such implementation to managers that directly report to him.

V **PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT THIS GENERAL POLICY:**

The Board of Trustees has not adopted any Procedures applicable to this General Policy.

This General Policy supersedes any existing General Policy, or portions thereof, which may be in conflict herewith.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DATE ADOPTED: July 28, 2021
DATE EFFECTIVE: July 28, 2021