MORA-SAN MIGUEL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS BOARD POLICY NO. 123

Supersedes Policies No. 51 & 57

SUBJECT:

Environmental Considerations

OBJECTIVE:

To establish the policy concerning Environmental Considerations in connection with the furnishing of an adequate and reliable supply of electric power and energy to its members.

POLICY:

The Cooperative will:

- 1. Plan, construct and operate utility facilities so as to provide its members with an adequate and reliable power supply that is compatible with the environment.
- 2. Place environmental issues in the proper perspective with other vital issues such as safety, reliability, and cost.
- 3. Explore alternative action in order to avoid adverse environmental effects.
- 4. Carefully assess the potential impact of its actions on physical, natural and aesthetic resources in order to avoid adverse environmental effects and to restore or enhance environmental quality to the greatest extent practicable.
- 5. Endeavor to avoid actions which might contribute to pollution of the air, water or land; threaten health and public welfare; damage ecological systems of flora or fauna; curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment; or serve short term objectives to the detriment of long term environmental goals.
- 6. Endeavor to avoid actions which might be detrimental to or diminish public enjoyment of existing or planned recreation resources, or resources of historic and scenic value.
- 7. Endeavor to avoid actions which might conflict with existing or contemplated land use planning policies of appropriate governmental bodies, or with other public services.
- 8. Fulfill its utility responsibilities in an environmentally aware and environmentally responsible manner, and take affirmative action to actively cooperate with groups interested in environmental resources and to keep the public informed of significant construction plans.

9. To handle any toxic substances polcyhlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) contained in equipment such as capacitors, transformers or any oil filled electrical equipment in accordance to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

The Manager of the Cooperative is hereby directed (a) to formulate procedures in handling equipment or containers containing PCBs, (b) to educate and inform the Cooperative's employees of the potential hazard of exposure to PCBs, (c) to provide approved storage facilities for temporarily storing contaminated oil or equipment prior to disposal, and (d) to make the applicable agencies aware of the potential hazards of PCBs.

In implementing this policy on Environmental Considerations, the Cooperative will be guided by the environmental criteria and guidelines issued by agencies of the Federal Government under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and criteria which might be issued by State and local government in areas in which it operates.

The Board shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Policy.

Approved:

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Effective: Reaffilmed:

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Board Secretary