

# POLICY NO. 301 INCLUSION OF PROPERTY WITHIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

#### I. OBJECTIVE

Lincoln County Power District No. 1 (Lincoln County Power) provides retail electric service throughout much of Lincoln County, Nevada and to a small portion of Clark County, Nevada. The area served by Lincoln County Power is called Lincoln County Power's service area. The district boundary of Lincoln County Power, as the term district boundary is defined in Chapter 318 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), is an area that is much smaller and wholly encompassed within the service area of Lincoln County Power. The fact that the service area and the district boundary of Lincoln County Power are not identical is a byproduct of how Lincoln County Power was created in 1935. It is the objective of Lincoln County Power to rectify this situation and to have its service area and its district boundary to be one and the same.

#### II. POLICY

Lincoln County Power, as a general improvement district, is regulated by the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada, including but not limited to NRS Chapter 318. NRS §318.256 through NRS §318.272 establish various processes by which the boundaries of Lincoln County Power may be changed. These laws require landowners who may be affected by any change in the district boundaries of Lincoln County Power to not only consent to such change, but to proactively participate in a petition to request the change. Change in the district boundaries of Lincoln County Power is by statute a landowner petition driven process. It is the policy of Lincoln County Power to encourage and support changes of its district boundaries to match its service area when and where practical.

#### **III. EXPECTATIONS**

#### A. Information

Lincoln County Power will develop and provide information regarding the benefits, rights and responsibilities for a landowner considering the petition of their property to be included within the district boundary. Lincoln County Power shall develop a standardized petition form meeting the requirements of NRS §318.256 through NRS §318.272. Lincoln County Power shall make such information and forms readily available through various formats including its web site, Ruralite Magazine (or similary publication), direct mailers, social media posts and in handouts at public meetings.

#### **B. New Customers**

Lincoln County Power shall develop a customer packet that shall be provided to customers requesting electric service from Lincoln County Power. Among other things the customer packet shall contain information encouraging new customers to petition inclusion of their property within the district boundary and the process to submit a petition. Such information shall highlight benefits of petitioning property to be included within the district boundaries including allowing the customer to seek election to the Board of Trustees and to vote in the elections of the members of the Board of Trustees.

## C. Coordination with County Commissioners and Others

Lincoln County Power shall support efforts by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the Lincoln County District Attorney and others should they advance a process to annex territory into the district boundary, by providing information and answering questions regarding Lincoln County Power operations, services and costs to the extent such information is not confidential or otherwise protected under law.

## **IV. LIMITATIONS**

## A. Expansion of Service Area

This Policy is not intended to give the staff or management of Lincoln County Power authority to expand the service area of Lincoln County Power beyond the area served by Lincoln County Power as of the date on which this Policy is adopted. Expansion of the service area is an action reserved to the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln County Power, following review of authorized or pending certificates of public convenience and necessity as provided for in NRS §704.3296 through NRS §704.410 and consultation with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.

## B. Consolidation or Merger with Other Utilities

This Policy is not direction or instruction to staff or management to pursue consolidation or merger with any electric utility operating in Lincoln County or the surrounding areas. Merger or consolidation with another electric utility is an action reserved to the Board of Trustees of Lincoln County Power, and in certain conditions may require approval of third parties including the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, or others.

#### V. **RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. The general manager shall have primary responsibility to implement this Policy. The general manager shall report to the Board of Trustees on how this Policy is being carried out.
- B. The President of the Board of Trustees shall ensure that this Policy is followed.

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