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PURPOSE

Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (JMEC) operates as a rural electric cooperative and has done so for almost seventy years. During the past seventy years, JMEC has existed in an established industry of providing distribution of electricity via fossil fuel generation. However, the JMEC Board of Trustees recognizes that JMEC is in a phase of Global Innovation and intends to be the energy partner that helps our consumers in accelerating the clean energy revolution and sustainability of the planet by providing assistance and guidance to more than thirty thousand JMEC cooperative members and countless future generations.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Board of Trustees (BOT) of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (JMEC) is accountable for ensuring implementation of and adherence to this policy.

SCOPE

The JMEC Board of Trustees has kept an eye on the renewable energy field in order to provide cost effective measures to our members. Since 2008, solar power has dramatically dropped in cost by sixty percent and along with other types of renewable energy accounts for two-thirds of new electric generation in the US, which now makes it a viable consideration for all of our members not just an elite minority. In order to be an innovative partner to our members, the JMEC Board of Trustees is bringing the knowledge and technology to those that would not have been able to afford it ten years ago.

Unfortunately, in the past, cost has driven those that are so deserving and desperate away from Green Power Initiatives. The JMEC Board of Trustees recognizes the time is now to collaborate with our consumers to create a path forward and join the irreversible momentum of the clean energy revolution by cost saving measures and education to help those families living below the poverty line to enjoy what is available to all not just some.

The JMEC Board of Trustees knows in order to accomplish the mission of Global Innovation; we too will need to collaborate with other organizations and the JMEC consumers to provide all of the JMEC consumers with an education and opportunity for energy efficiency. The time is now and the opportunity is here to establish and develop operational and management policies to assist the JMEC consumers with adequate opportunities for renewable energy options.

POLICY

The JMEC Board of Trustees fully supports renewable energy efforts by and for the members of the cooperative. The JMEC Board of Trustees is taking aggressive steps to reduce the cooperative’s carbon footprint while protecting the diverse energy portfolio necessary to preserve the reliability and affordability of the cooperative’s power supply even in times of volatile energy prices.

The JMEC Board of Trustees is committed to a healthy environment and vibrant rural community in which the cooperative can align its interests with other local energy partners/members committed to the development of innovative community - scale solar portfolios and to the same principles of local clean power which can save money, support communities and diversify energy supplies.

Although JMEC is constrained by a long-term contract with its power supplier, it does have the ability to self-generate 5 percent of the cooperatives power supply through renewable energy initiatives in which the JMEC Board of Trustees is fully committed.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES

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The JMEC Board of Trustees fully supports the management and staff of the cooperative in the development of operational policies for renewable energy, which align with all federal, state and local rules and regulations.

The JMEC Board of Trustees fully supports the management and staff of the cooperative in the development of operational policies for renewable energy, which align with the policies of the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Board of Directors compliant with the agreement between JMEC and Tri-State.

Phil E. Raetz, Chairman of the Board Date: 4-30-2018

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