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### PURPOSE

To establish routine transmission pole testing for preventive maintenance purposes in the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (JMEC) service areas.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

The General Manager and Engineering Manager are accountable for ensuring implementation of and adherence to this policy.

### SCOPE

The testing of transmission poles will be initiated and scheduled by the Engineering Manager and done in accordance to Rural Utilities Service Bulletins (RUS) 1730-1 (Electric System Operation and Maintenance) and 1730B-121 (Pole Inspection and Maintenance) to meet or exceed all standards that have been established.

### POLICY

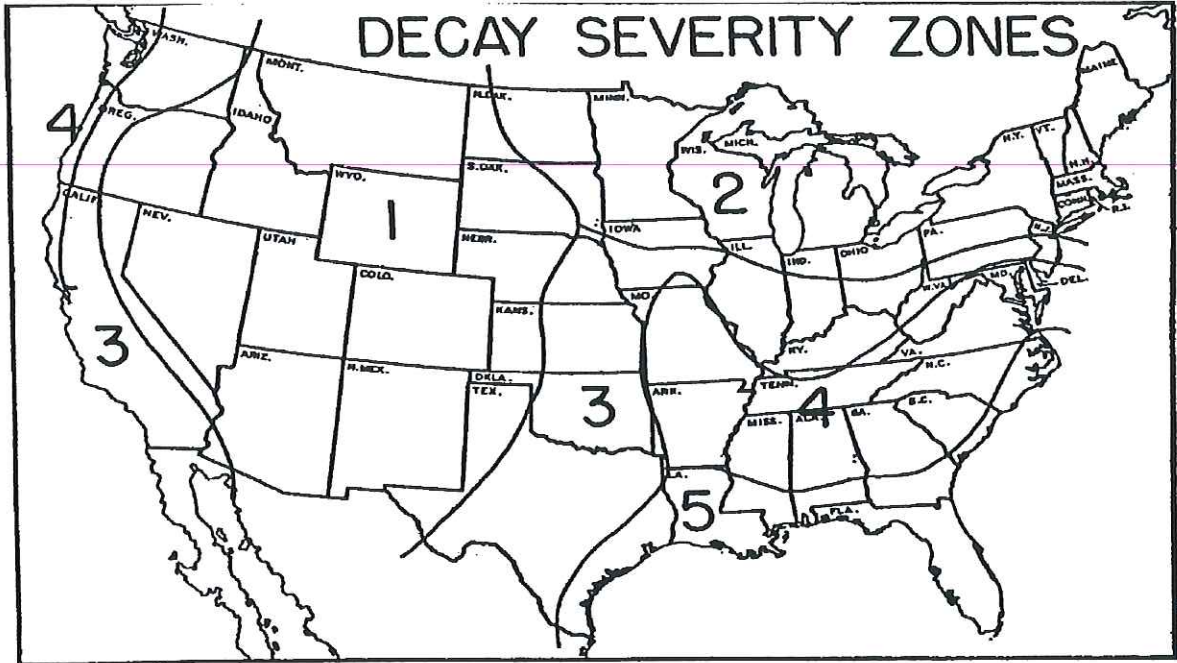
The Engineering Manager is responsible for establishing a 12 year cycle for the transmission pole testing program. A complete testing of all transmission poles will commence in 2012. The testing of transmission poles will be based on above ground visual inspection, sound and bore, and excavation methods by using experienced and qualified inspectors.

GIS records will be maintained for the pole testing inspection by the Engineering Manager. The Engineering Manager will ensure all deficiencies are corrected on a timely basis by Operations and/or District Managers.

The above and below ground pole inspection will be performed on a cycle based upon the decay zone shown on the following page.

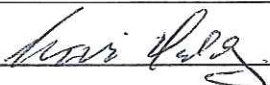
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### SCHEDULING THE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:



**Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**Located in:** Decay Zone: 1  
**Initial Inspection:** 12-15 Years  
**Subsequent Re-inspection:** 12 Years  
**Percent of Total Poles Inspected Each Year:** 8.3%

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	Chairman of the Board	Date: <u>5/25/12</u>
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