

Subject: Distribution Visual Inspection Policy			Policy No.: 134
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PURPOSE

To establish an annual visual inspection policy of distribution line facilities 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 visual line patrol 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 visual line patrol on the distribution line facilities will cover and not be limited to the following areas:

1. **Right-of-Way (Clearing, Erosion, Appearance, and Intrusions):**


There will be no uncontrolled erosion; all gates for ingress and egress will be in good condition; structures and lines will not be impacted by untrimmed vegetation; structures will be generally accessible by service vehicles.

2. **Physical Condition (Structure, Conductor, and Guying):**

All structures will be upright and vertical with guys taut; there will be no broken or chipped insulators, no broken or split crossarms, and no unauthorized attachments. All structures will be numbered; all structures and attachments will conform to NESC requirements.

3. **Visual Line Patrol Program and GIS Records:**

20% of the entire distribution system (including those on private rights-of-way) will be visually inspected annually. GIS records will be maintained by the Engineering Manager for each annual patrol. The Engineering Manager will ensure all deficiencies are corrected by the Operations and/or District Manager in a timely manner.

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