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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish routine distribution 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 distribution poles will be initiated and scheduled by the Engineering Manager and done in accordance with Rural Utilities Service Bulletins 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

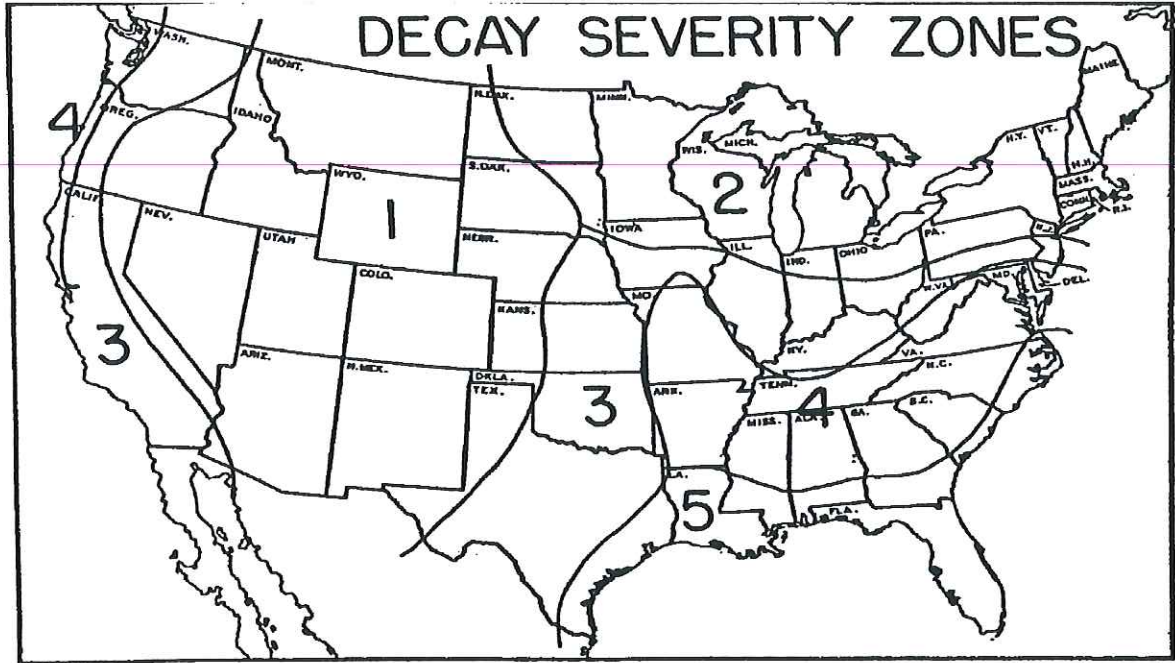
The Engineering Manager will be responsible for establishing 12 year cycle for the distribution pole testing program. The testing of distribution poles will be based on above ground visual inspection, sound and bore, and excavation methods by using experienced and qualified inspectors.

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



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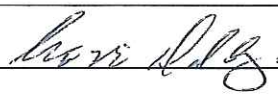
Located in: Decay Zone: 1

Initial Inspection: 12-15 Years

Subsequent Re-inspection: 10 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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