

ELKHORN RURAL PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**POLICY# 3230****LOAD CONTROL POLICY****I. Objective:**

To establish a policy in regard to load control of irrigation service(s) in order to reduce peak summer demand, reduce costs, and to protect the integrity of the electrical system.

II. Provisions:

- A. All irrigation services *except* Single Phase and Three Phase Center Pivots shall be eligible for load control.
- B. Normal Control Hours: Normal Control Hours shall be any twelve (12) hour period between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on all days *except* Sundays and Holidays during the months of May through September.
- C. Sunday Control Hours: Sunday Control Hours shall be any six (6) hour period between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- D. Holiday Control Hours: Power will be available on Memorial Day and Labor Day but may be controlled on Independence Day. Control of any of the pumping service(s) shall be any six (6) hour period between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Independence Day.
- E. Emergency or Excessively High Demand Control Hours: To protect the integrity of the electrical system, Emergency Control Hours may become necessary for any irrigation service(s) on Rate 33 through Rate 39. Normal operations will be restored as soon as possible after the emergency has ended.
- F. Shed and Release Time: The District may start shedding load up to 30 minutes prior to the billable demand period, as determined by the District's wholesale power supplier, to manage power costs and protect the electrical system. The District will release load when the billable demand period has ended.
- G. Control Options: Each irrigation customer shall have the following control options per rates established by the Board of Directors.

- Rate 33: No Control
- Rate 34: Four (4) Hour Control
- Rate 35: Six (6) Hour Control
- Rate 36: Eight (8) Hour Control
- Rate 37: Ten (10) Hour Control
- Rate 38: Twelve (12) Hour Control
- Rate 39: Fifteen (15) Hour Control

- H. Load Control System By-Pass: Should a customer request a system by-pass due to equipment failure or other actions beyond the control of the customer, at the District's discretion, a system by-pass may temporarily be granted to override the load control switch with no penalty to the customer. Limited customer requested system by-passes will be granted on a single irrigation system each irrigation season.
- I. Equipment: One remote control switch will be installed at the service point or pump panel for the purpose of controlling the motor(s) load. This switch and associated wiring shall be sealed or locked and shall be opened, adjusted, or modified by District personnel only.
- J. Rate and Name Changes: Every spring, the District will send out Load Control Rate/Name Change letters. At this time, the customer decides what load control schedule the irrigation service(s) will be billed at for the current year. If the customer does not notify the District of any change, the service(s) will remain the same as the previous season. If the customer wants to change to a lesser control rate *after* April 1st, they can make one change free of charge per year. Any subsequent change to a lesser control, the customer will need to pay a service charge (see Fee Schedule 3500.3265-B). Customer will be required to pay the additional prepayment charge for the rate change at the time of the rate change. All kWh and HP readings for the year will be billed at the most recent rate change.
- The customer will have until April 1st to make any name changes on the irrigation account. If a name change is received *after* April 1st, the customer will be required to pay a service charge (see Fee Schedule 3500.3265-A).
- K. Violations: In the event of a violation of this policy, the customer will be billed at Rate 33: No Control usage plus 10% of the charge for demand and energy for the current irrigation season during which the violations is discovered. The customer will not be eligible for a controlled rate (Rate 34-39) for one additional year after the year of the infraction.

III. **Force Majeure:**

The District shall not be responsible for a failure to perform hereunder for reasons caused by beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, acts of God; actions associated with the weather; fire; flood; explosion; strike or other labor difficulty; inability to obtain equipment or adequate power supply; riots or civil commotions; or compliance with any law, rule, order, regulation or restriction of any governmental body or agency thereof.

IV. **Responsibility:**

The General Manager and all employees of the District shall be responsible for the administration of this policy.

Adopted: January 8, 2013