

POLICY NO. 117

PUBLIC SAFETY

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish procedures and conditions that safeguards PCRPPD's consumers and the general public from potentially dangerous electrical conditions.

II. POLICY CONTENT

PCRPPD consumers and the general public should never come into contact with electrical power lines. When potentially hazardous conditions are observed, PCRPPD employees, consumers, and the general public should alert PCRPPD personnel to the condition.

III. PROVISIONS

- A. PCRPPD in the construction, operation, and maintenance of its electrical system, will at all times adhere to the provisions outlined in the most current edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) and relevant OSHA regulations, unless specifically required by other authorities to do otherwise.
- B. It is the responsibility of each employee, contractor, PCRPPD consumer, and general public member to report all unsafe conditions that any such person observes in PCRPPD's electrical system to PCRPPD personnel. Any employee, contractor, PCRPPD consumer, or member of the general public, upon finding a power line in an unsafe condition or a condition not in compliance with NESC clearances should immediately notify a PCRPPD employee or afterhours dispatch concerning the unsafe condition.
- C. Hazards posing an immediate or clear threat of bodily harm or injury to a person or damage to property will be isolated, barricaded, or guarded by a qualified PCRPPD employee or contractor until they are relieved or until the defect is corrected. PCRPPD consumers and members of the general public are not expected to stand by to guard against hazardous conditions but should notify PCRPPD, law enforcement and emergency personnel regarding the unsafe condition.
- D. Consumers of PCRPPD and the general public should always assume that a downed power line or sagging power line is unsafe and that Contact should be strictly avoided. PCRPPD and law enforcement authorities should always be notified when such a condition is observed.
- E. Even a power line that appears to be in normal condition is dangerous. Therefore, consumers of the PPD and the general public should always avoid

contact with power lines and should maintain a safe distance of at least 10 feet,

- F. If any PCRPPD consumer or member of the general public inadvertently comes into contact with a power line, the incident should be reported immediately to PCRPPD. If there are injuries, emergency medical personnel should be contacted immediately. FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE POWER LINE SHOULD BE STRICTLY AVOIDED, AND THE INCIDENT SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO PCRPPD. IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD ALSO BE NOTIFIED.
- G. All accidental contacts involving the PCRPPD's electrical lines, vehicles, or property shall be properly and promptly investigated. Accident reports will include written reports describing the incident, events leading up to the incident, statements of any witnesses, and including photographs and sketches to substantiate written reports.
- H. Consumers of PCRPPD, the general public, or contractors intending to dig in the ground by means of tools, equipment, or explosives including grading, trenching, digging, ditching, drilling, augering, tunneling, scraping, and cable or pipe plowing or driving, anywhere in the PCRPPD service territory must first call the state hotline call before you dig at least two work days before commencing to dig.
- I. Consumers of PCRPPD, the general public, or contractors who intend to trim trees along, under or within falling distance of PCRPPD line must first notify PCRPPD. When notified, a PCRPPD representative will assess the danger and if needed PCRPPD employees or contractors will assist in the work and will be performed in accordance with PCRPPD policy #445.
- J. Consumers of PCRPPD, the general public, or contractors who intend to move equipment, buildings or other items that will pass within close proximity to PCRPPD power lines must notify PCRPPD before beginning the work and should by no means lift, move, alter, or in any other way contact PCRPPD lines. Work performed by PCRPPD personnel for such moves will be in accordance with PCRPPD policy #435.
- K. Consumers of PCRPPD, the general public, or contractors who operate or intend to operate oversized equipment that may come in contact or may be expected to pass within an unsafe proximity to a power lines must notify PCRPPD before operating the equipment near any powerlines. PCRPPD personnel will make every effort to isolate, barricade, deenergize, or relocate the line in order to eliminate the hazard and protect the public. In the event lines must be altered, moved, or replaced to accommodate such equipment the work performed will be in accordance with PCRPPD policy #434.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The General Manager will be responsible for the administration of this policy.
- B. Copies of this policy shall be posted in the PCRPPD's reception area and posted on the PCRPPD website. Copies of this policy shall be forwarded to various public agencies within the PCRPPD's service area. Copies of this policy shall be given to each new consumer upon application for service.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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