



# TIERRA GRANDE

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE/ PROCEDURE – Power Line Extensions

**Title:** Power Lines Extensions - Supporting Owners

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<b>Brief Description:</b>	The purpose of this document is to articulate a practice/procedure in support of Tierra Grande landowners whose accounts are in good standing (paid to date) and propose to extend power lines only along the roadside in Tierra Grande which benefits surrounding landowners as well.  The Fiscal Year (January-December) budget for roadside power line extensions is \$10,000  Each owner/applicant request is capped at \$5,000
<b>Effective:</b>	November 10, 2020
<b>Approved by:</b>	TGIA Board of Directors
<b>Responsible Administrator:</b>	Susan Moran
<b>Policy Contact:</b>	TGIA PO Box 1388, Rio Communities, NM 87002 <b>505-864-2345</b> or <a href="mailto:info@TierraGrande.org">info@TierraGrande.org</a>
<b>Applies to:</b>	Tierra Grande Members In Good Standing (account is paid in full)

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**Reason for Policy:** To implement a process for supporting Tierra Grande members who are extending power lines in an effort to develop / improve properties in the Tierra Grande community.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Each Tierra Grande member has a stake in how the Tierra Grande Improvement Association supports the improvement of properties in the community. Landowners who have a valid contract with Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) to extend power in the Tierra Grande community which would benefit adjoining properties may apply to the Association to request assistance with the cost of powerline extensions. Conditions of qualifying for the Association's financial support is that ALL / ANY power line extensions are as follows: requestor must be a member in good standing (all accounts paid to date) and must show that the power line being extended is along a road side on overhead poles. NO underground power line extensions will be considered.

### II. DEFINITION

#### A. Procedures

1. A qualified Tierra Grande landowner who plans to extend power for the improvement of their property in Tierra Grande should visit the TGIA office for a review of the plans for said power

line extension to discuss options for the power line route **before** the landowner signs a contract with Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC).

2. The Tierra Grande landowner is required to submit a copy of the proposed "Construction Estimate(s)" from SEC. One estimate may reflect the most direct route another estimate may reflect a route that would benefit surrounding landowners
3. Depending on the route and the greater benefit to the community, the Board will determine whether to offset the cost difference between the shortest route and the most beneficial route which might be longer but benefit more lot owners.
4. The Board may also consider contributing an additional stipend for each lot that the power line extension benefits.
5. Once the Certificate of Occupancy for new construction or other applicable documentation is provided to TGIA that the power line is up and operational, the Tierra Grande Association will pay SEC directly, the amount mutually agreed upon in the attached application.

**B. Documents & Forms Required**

1. Plan(s) (Map) showing proposed route extending SEC power roadside in Tierra Grande – including applicable construction estimates
  - a. Shortest Route
  - b. Alternative Roadside Route that is a benefit to additional properties
2. Request to Offset Costs (reflecting amount TGIA agrees to pay in support of the power line extension).
3. Signed contract between SEC and Applicant is provided to TGIA
4. Certificate of Completion of the power line extension is provided to TGIA
5. SEC will be paid TGIA's agreed portion in full within thirty (30) days of the documentation being provided and approved for payment.

**C. Expiration of Application Agreement**

The Application Agreement to Offset Costs will EXPIRE three (3) years after the Application is approved by TGIA if the following conditions are not met:

1. Signed contract between SEC and Application is not provided to TGIA
2. Power line extension is not constructed and/or operational
3. Certificate of Completion of power line extension is not provided to TGIA (whichever is applicable)
4. Property Owner is no longer a "member in good standing"

**Attachment**

Draft to Members:

Web site: 11/3/20

Emailed: 11/6/20

Comment Period Closes: 11/9/20

No Comments Received by EOD 11/9/20

Practice Implemented: 11/10/2020