

Beartooth Electric Cooperative, Inc.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS POLICY NO. 504

1. SUBJECT: WORKING ENERGIZED CIRCUITS WITH RUBBER GLOVES FROM INSULATED EQUIPMENT

2. POLICY:

2.1. INTRODUCTION:

2.1.1. The Safety Committee of the Beartooth Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BEC), know that many electrical distribution systems in various parts of the county have adopted the practice of working directly on energized circuits in the 15 and 25 Kv phase to phase class with rubber gloves. In some cases, crews have been working energized lines directly with rubber gloves, without adequate training and without essential auxiliary safety equipment.

2.1.2. The BEC Safety Committee hopes the following guidelines will assist in developing safe working practices.

2.1.3. The safety committee recommends full utilization of modern mechanical and protective equipment. These new materials and equipment have made the direct contact work possible. These guidelines should be revised as the need is indicated.

3. OBJECTIVE:

3.1. To set uniform standards for the personnel, directed toward practices and procedures necessary to work safely with modern, insulated, stationary and mobile equipment.

4. RULES FOR WORKING ON ENERGIZED PRIMARY DISTRIBUTION WITH RUBBER GLOVES:

4.1. Rubber gloving of energized distribution circuits shall be done only from approved insulated equipment.

4.2. Rubber gloves, rubber sleeves, insulated hats and safety glasses shall be worn.

4.3. Aerial equipment and fiberglass platforms shall be maintained in good condition, free from contamination and meet all safety standards.

4.4. Trucks must be properly grounded, bonded to system neutral if possible.

