

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
DURANGO, COLORADO

Board of Directors Policy

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I. OBJECTIVE

To provide an orderly and systematic policy for the disposition of unclaimed capital credits held by La Plata Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative) in the name of a current or former member/consumer.

II. POLICY

- A. Disposition of unclaimed property of a member/consumer or former member/consumer shall be disposed of in accordance with provisions of Article XI, Failure to Claim Property, of the Bylaws of the Cooperative.
- B. The Cooperative shall mail notice to such member or former member/consumer at their last known address. The Cooperative shall also cause to be published an annual notice in a newspaper of general circulation in their service area, a list of members/consumers with their last known address having unclaimed property in excess of \$10.00.
- C. Unclaimed properties retained by the Cooperative shall be charged a maintenance fee of \$10.00 per year until a claim is made by the member/consumer according to the Bylaws and policies of the Cooperative.
- D. Unclaimed capital credits or patronage refunds left unclaimed for three (3) years from the date of publication shall be considered a contribution of capital and a part of the equity of the cooperative and shall be used for educational, charitable, or other purposes at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative.
 - 1. The Cooperative will allocate \$5,000 per month from the contributed Unclaimed Capital Credits to an education grant fund which La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation (Round Up) shall administer.
 - 2. The Cooperative will fund its scholarship programs annually from the contributed Unclaimed Capital Credits.

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3. Periodically, the Board of Directors shall determine if and how it will distribute the remaining contributed Unclaimed Capital Credits.
 - a. If the Board opens the funds to grants, those grant applications will be due to the Cooperative no sooner than five months after the opening.
 - 1) Applicants for grants must have a non-profit status.
 - 2) Grants will be for educational, charitable, and public safety purposes.
 - 3) Grants will be used for projects within the Cooperative's service territory.
 - 4) The Board may, at its discretion, assign the review of applications to a committee or entity, such as Round Up. The Board of Directors will make the final decision on the distribution of the contributed Unclaimed Capital Credits.
 - b. The Board may fund an Innovative Projects Fund for the Cooperative.
 - 1) Projects and studies eligible for funding must meet the following requirements:
 - a) Projects and studies must not be typically part of the Cooperative's capital items or projects budgets or part of normal operational expenses.
 - b) Projects must be owned, operated, and under control of the Cooperative.
 - c) Projects and studies must be for investigating newer technologies in the area of electric energy.
 - 2) Staff of the Cooperative will present projects for consideration of the Board.
 - 3) Staff of the Cooperative will report on a periodic basis as to the actual costs and viability of the projects.

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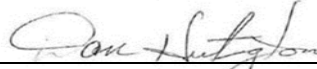
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III. RESPONSIBILITY

The President of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the administration of this policy.

1/30/2023

Date



Secretary