

# **Arab Electric Cooperative**

## **Right-of-Way Clearing**

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### **I. Objective**

- a. To establish a policy to provide for the system wide tree trimming and right-of-way clearing to ensure safe, reliable electric distribution to all members of Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.

### **II. Policy**

- a. Good, reliable electric service is the number one goal of Arab Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- b. It is understood by A.E.C. officials, as well as members, that everyone must work together to provide item A above.
- c. It is also understood by everyone, that power lines must be kept clear of trees and underbrush to ensure safe and reliable electric service. To that end, and to the interest of all members relying on uninterrupted service, A.E.C. will maintain a 30-foot R.O.W. (15 foot on each side of lines). This will be done on a rotating basis from area to area each year.
- d. Arab Electric Cooperative employees or representatives will, to ensure safe and efficient electric service, trim the R.O.W. (30 foot). This is based on the latest Arbor Culture Standards as published in the ANSI A-300 Standards and Guidelines. The Standards and Guidelines are prescribed in the Best Management Practices for Utility Pruning of Trees and Shigo and Trees, Associates, by Dr. Alex L. Shigo, published in 2004. Because of safety there will be no exception to this requirement. All members will be treated in the same manner concerning the trimming of trees regardless of any extenuating circumstance.