

# Cold Weather Rule

(1). The provisions of the Cold Weather Rule (CWR) establishes the disconnection procedures for any Residential Customer of the Cooperative throughout the cold weather period, which extends from November 15 through March 15.



(2). A Cooperative will not disconnect a Customer's service between November 15 and March 15 when the local Hutchinson News Weather Page forecasts the temperature will drop below 32 degrees within the following 24-hour period unless:

- (a). It is at the Customer's request;
  - (b). The service is abandoned;
  - (c). A dangerous condition exists on the Customer's premises;
  - (d). The Customer violates any rule of the Cooperative which adversely affects the safety of the Customer or other persons, or the physical integrity of the Cooperative's delivery system; or
  - (e). The Customer causes or permits unauthorized interference with, or diversion or use of (meter bypass), electric service situated or delivered on or about the Customer's premises.
- In any of these situations, the Cooperative may disconnect the service immediately. Services disconnected under (c), (d), or (e) above may be restored as soon as possible after the physical problems as defined in (c), (d) and (e) above have been corrected.

(3). Responsibilities of the Cooperative.

The Cooperative will:

Send one written notice mailed first class at least five (5) days prior to termination of service. A Customer may not be disconnected until a 24-hour forecast above the activating temperature is predicted by the Hutchinson News Weather Page.

On the day of disconnection, the Cooperative must receive a 24-hour forecast above the activating temperature from the Hutchinson News Weather Page. If the temperature is then forecast to be below the activating temperature, the disconnection may not be carried out and the Cooperative must wait for another 24-hour forecast above the activating temperature, but will not be required to repeat procedures prior to disconnection.

The Cooperative will, in the five (5) day written notice, also inform the Customer that disconnection can be avoided by bringing the Customer's electric bill current.