

## SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE NO HERBICIDE USE REQUEST FORM

*The No Herbicide Use Request Form must be signed and returned to the Cooperative within 30 days of receipt. Failure to do so will result in the Cooperative managing the vegetation using the Cooperative's standard clearing methods, which may include both mechanical and/or herbicide methods.*

The Member listed below hereby requests that Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative (“the Cooperative”) not use herbicides on power line rights-of-way (ROW) crossing property owned or leased by the Member as described below. Upon approval, the Cooperative will honor this request by maintaining vegetation located in the ROW without the use of herbicides. Unless the Member amends or withdraws this request, it shall remain in effect unless the property is transferred to another party. The Member may amend this request at any time by contacting the Cooperative.

Managing vegetation comprises a large part of the Cooperative's maintenance budget, so the Cooperative utilizes best practices for a cost-effective maintenance program. This includes the judicious use of herbicides to prevent re-growth. The Cooperative also recognizes that some members have strong preferences about how vegetation in the ROW corridor is managed. Those concerns are important, but the Cooperative must also strive to treat all members equally. It is more expensive to maintain the ROW without the use of herbicides because mechanical methods for vegetation removal are more costly and must be performed more frequently than the Cooperative's standard maintenance cycle. For this reason, the Cooperative allows members to opt-out of regular maintenance practices without adding expense to the majority of members who participate in the standard maintenance program. The Cooperative believes this is a fair and reasonable approach.

By opting out of the Cooperative's standard maintenance practices, the Member will be responsible for the additional expense of removing vegetation through mechanical means, as set forth in the Cooperative's Right-of-Way Clearing Policy, available on the Cooperative's website at <http://www.sre.coop/content/srec-policies>. The Member may contact the Cooperative to obtain an estimate of this expense in advance.

The additional expense will be added to the Member's monthly electric bill, payable in 12 monthly installments. Further this additional expense is subject to the Cooperative's policies concerning bill payment. A member may elect to pay the full amount due within 30 days of invoicing. The amount due and owing is to be paid in full within one (1) year.

This request is governed by Cooperative policy concerning Right-of-Way Clearing, as it may be revised from time to time by the Cooperative's Board of Directors. By honoring this request, the Cooperative shall not be deemed to have forfeited or modified any of Cooperative's rights pursuant to contracts, grants, easements, or licenses.

**By returning this signed and completed form, the Member listed below hereby requests that all ROW vegetation management be performed without the use of herbicides, and the Member agrees to pay for the additional costs incurred by the Cooperative in complying with this request.**

*COMPLETE FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE AND RETURN TO THE COOPERATIVE*

AREA NOT TO BE TREATED WITH HERBICIDE (if entire property, list "All Property"): \_\_\_\_\_  
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PROPERTY OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAP LOCATION #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(office use only)*

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_