

PROPOSED CODE OF REGULATIONS ADDITIONS **FOR MEMBER VOTE DURING ANNUAL CO-OP ELECTION** **MARCH 2025**

Mid-Ohio Energy's Code of Regulations contains the rules under which the cooperative operates. It addresses key issues such as memberships, annual meetings, board nominations and elections, corporate officers, patronage, mergers, and more.

Amendments or changes to the Code of Regulations can only be approved by the cooperative's membership. This March, during the annual cooperative election, members will be asked to adopt the proposed Code of Regulations, updated to meet modern standards and practices and effectively serve the needs of the co-op's membership.

Explanation of Proposed Changes

The newly proposed changes are additions to two separate sections of the Code.

- **Easements** - Added language would have members grant right-of-way easements to the co-op that would allow the co-op to properly manage and maintain electric distribution lines to provide power to members.

An easement allows the co-op to maintain its existing power distribution lines and equipment (that have been in place for years). It does not grant unrestricted access to a member's property, nor can the co-op add facilities without a mutual agreement.

- **Trustee Candidate Eligibility** - Added language would allow the spouse of a current member to be eligible to serve on the Board of Trustees if all other trustee qualifications are met.

This would allow flexibility for interested trustee candidates, who would no longer need to wait the one-year period (as the code currently requires) after placing membership in their name.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO CODE OF REGULATIONS **FOR MID-OHIO ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.**

EASEMENTS: In order to establish a Member's obligation to grant the Corporation easements for the provision of electric service, the following amendment is suggested to be added to Section 3 of Article I.

"Each Member shall, as a condition of the provision of electric service, provide the Cooperative without charge such easements and rights-of-way in the Cooperative's standard form in reasonably mutually-agreed locations as necessary or convenient for the Cooperative for distribution of electric to serve such Member or other Members or patrons of the Cooperative."

BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS: To waive the one-year waiting period for a spouse of a Member to be eligible to be a member of the Board, the following amendment is suggested to be added as a new sub-paragraph under Section 3 (f) of Article IV.

"3) for purposes of this paragraph (f), the one-year requirement shall be waived for the spouse of a Member if (a) the Member is otherwise in compliance with this Section 3; (b) satisfactory evidence of the spousal relationship is established; and (c) the spouse of the Member resided with the Member for at least one year prior to the spouse becoming the member. This sub-paragraph 3) does not alter any other requirement of this Code of Regulations for becoming a member or the qualifications for becoming a trustee, including, but not limited to, Article I, Section 5."