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§25.53 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FARMERS EC) Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was developed to comply with 16 Tex. Admin. Code §25.53. Electric Service Emergency Operations Plan Rule, that was approved by the Texas Public Utility Commission on February 25, 2022. 16 TAC §25.53 made several significant changes to the existing rule based on issues identified after the Winter Storm Uri / ERCOT Load Shed Emergency during February-2021.

The EOP is intended to provide the Cooperative with a clear set of guidelines, policies, and procedures intended to guide preparations, responses, and actions related to all phases and types of electric system emergencies. This document satisfies the requirements of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) Emergency Operations Plan (16 TAC §25.53) and is intended to guide the organization in the preparation for system emergencies and to provide a framework for important tasks and actions required during a system emergency.

FARMERS EC maintains the EOP in anticipation of a natural disaster or situation involving curtailment or major interruptions in electrical service. The plan sets forth organizational and personnel assignments, describes emergency communications procedures and includes emergency contacts. Overall, the primary goals for the plan include:

- Provide the structure, policies, and procedures to guide the organization during all types of emergency conditions and situations.
- Enable FARMERS EC, other utility and governmental entities, members, and stakeholders to coordinate and communicate effectively during emergency situations and events.
- Establish procedures for the restoration of electrical service in a systematic and efficient manner by effectively utilizing FARMERS EC's human and physical resources and if necessary, by securing and utilizing outside resources.
- Ensure that FARMERS EC maintains compliance with the regulatory requirements related to emergency operations and emergency response.

The EOP is organized in the following Sections and Annexes and includes multiple Appendices that provide additional details for many of the sections and annexes.

EOP Sections

(Section-1) Approval and Implementation Section:

This section begins on page 7 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(d)(1).

This Section of the EOP provides the formal plan approvals and tracks all plan revisions. This section also includes an introduction and purpose of the plan and a statement regarding the applicability of the EOP. And to emphasize the commitment of the Cooperative's senior leadership, this section includes a "Message from the General Manager" that underscores the importance of the plan and encourages all FARMERS EC personnel to learn the plan and work with their respective supervisors and teams to understand all relevant parts of the plan. This first section addresses the EOP training policy for FARMERS EC and prescribes the responsibilities of the EOP Plan Administrator assigned to ensure the plan is maintained and reviewed on a regular basis.

(Section-2) Communications Plan:

This section begins on page 17 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(d)(2).

The second section of the EOP is the Communications Plan section. FARMERS EC has developed a comprehensive Communications Plan for the Cooperative, which includes a section for “Emergency Event Communications”. The Communications Plan is summarized in this section and provides direct responses to the requirements provided in §25.53.

(Section-3) Pre-Identified Supplies for Emergency Response Plan:

This section begins on page 21 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(d)(3).

This section of the EOP provides information on Pre-Identified Supplies for Emergency Response. This section identifies the guidelines for the management of materials, supplies and resources that FARMERS EC may need during emergency events and details regarding the internal roles and responsibilities; use of outside suppliers; advance preparation; location of materials and supplies; and other logistical information.

(Section-4) Staffing During Emergency Response Plan:

This section begins on page 23 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(d)(4).

This section of the EOP provides information regarding Staffing During Emergency Response and the roles and assignments for FARMERS EC personnel during severe weather events and other types of potential emergency situations. This section includes information on Incident Command Structure (ICS) that FARMERS EC shall use in significant and major system emergency events.

(Section-5) Weather-Related Hazards Identification Plan and EOP Activation Procedure:

This section begins on page 25 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(d)(5).

The final section of the EOP is the Weather-Related Hazards Identification Plan and EOP Activation Procedure section. FARMERS EC has a series of information sources and resources to monitor all types of weather situations and forecasted emergency conditions.

EOP Annexes

Weather Emergency Annex:

This section begins on page 30 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(A).

The Weather Emergency Annex addresses preparation for both hot and cold weather emergencies. The information in this section is a checklist for FARMERS EC to utilize in both types of extreme weather situations.

Load Shed Annex:

This section begins on page 33 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(B).

The Load Shed Annex contains information regarding FARMERS EC preparations and actions for ERCOT Emergency Event Alerts (EEA) levels and include details for the EEA Level-3 load shed events. The detailed load shed plan is attached in the Appendices, and contains detailed information regarding the procedures, feeders, and other operational information for EEA events. This Annex also contains information on the FARMERS EC Critical Load Registry and information related to the maintenance of the registry, communication procedures to these members, and other relevant information regarding Critical Loads. The final subsection of this Annex provides information regarding the policies and procedures utilized by FARMERS EC for the restoration of service. A detailed description of FARMERS EC’s restoration concepts and procedures included in the Appendices.

Pandemic and Epidemic Annex

This section begins on page 35 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(C).

In the Pandemic and Epidemic Annex, FARMERS EC has provided the Cooperative's full Pandemic Policy in the Appendix section (Appendix C) and has provided guidelines and procedures to effectively deal with operations, restoration and communications circumstances presented by a widespread pandemic event and to generally prepare FARMERS EC for the possibility of a pandemic.

Wildfire Annex:

This section begins on page 38 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(D).

Wildfire Mitigation provides the guidelines, procedures and best practices related to wildfire mitigation and document FARMERS EC's policies and practices related to fire prevention and pre-planning, threat mitigation, responses to fire incidents and post incident recovery. This section includes wildfire mitigation actions along with steps FARMERS EC would take to respond to any wildfire events.

Hurricane Annex:

This section begins on page 40 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(E).

Because FARMERS EC's service area is not located in a Hurricane evacuation zone, the EOP Annex for this requirement is not applicable.

Cyber Security Annex:

This section begins on page 41 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(F).

The Cyber Security Annex provides the guidelines, procedures and best practices related to cyber security for the FARMERS EC electric distribution system and includes the summary and overview of the full FARMERS EC Cyber Security Policy, which is included in the Appendices (Appendix N) of the EOP.

Physical Security Incident Annex:

This section begins on page 43 of the EOP and corresponds to §25.53(e)(1)(G).

The Physical Security Annex provides information regarding the policies and procedures FARMERS EC has implemented to protect the office complex and other facilities that are critical to the operation of the FARMERS EC electric distribution system. This Annex establishes the security policies, guidelines, and requirements for FARMERS EC's facilities, visitors, and surveillance.

Appendices:

The final portion of the EOP are the EOP Appendices. The information contained in the multiple appendices is intended to provide detailed information related to each of the EOP Sections and Annexes and to enhance the useability of the EOP for FARMERS EC's employees and stakeholders.

Plan Distribution and Training

The table below documents the distribution list of the EOP and the associated training document to FARMERS EC personnel and the date the training was completed by each employee:

FARMERS EC Personnel		EOP Distribution Date	EOP Training Completed Date
Name	Title		
Member Care Group		4/13/2022	3/24/2022
Operations Group		4/13/2022	4/6/2022
Engineering Group		4/13/2022	4/13/2022

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mark Stubbs, and who, after being duly sworn, stated on his or her oath he or she is entitled to make this Affidavit, and that the statements contained below are true and correct.

I, Mark Stubbs, swear or affirm that as an Electric Cooperative operating in the State of Texas and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) region and control system, Farmers Electric Cooperative confirms the following:

Relevant operating personnel are familiar with and have received training on the applicable contents and execution of the EOP, and such personnel are instructed to follow the applicable portions of the EOP except to the extent deviations are appropriate as a result of specific circumstances during the course of an emergency;

The EOP has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate executives;

Drills (tabletop exercises) as required by TAC 16 §25.53(f) are planned and scheduled for a date and time in CY 2022;

The EOP or an appropriate summary will be distributed to local jurisdictions as needed by June 1, 2022;

Farmers EC maintains a business continuity plan that addresses returning to normal operations after disruptions caused by an incident; and

Farmers EC's emergency management personnel who are designated to interact with local, state, and federal emergency management officials during emergency events have received the latest IS-100, 20 IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 National Incident Management System training.

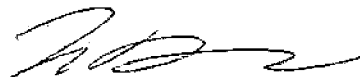


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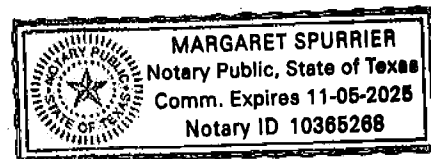
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Sworn and subscribed before me on this 13th day of April, 2022 by Mark Stubbs as CEO / General Manager of Farmers Electric Cooperative.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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