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NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

Every candidate for the office of Director shall, not less than thirty days, nor more than ninety days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, present to the Secretary a nominating petition giving the candidates name, post office address, and the district and precinct in which he/she presides. Each candidate must be a member and must possess the qualifications for a director as specified in Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Cooperative. Such petition shall contain the names and signatures of **not less than fifteen** members residing in the district from which he/she is a candidate. Each name on the petition shall be a bona fide member of said cooperative residing within said district.

Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one petition and shall add his/her address and the date of signing. For purposes of this petition, in cases of a joint membership between two spouses, either may join in the petition and both are not required. If both spouses in a joint membership sign, it shall have the effect of only one signature for purposes of the petition. If more than two nominations for a single directorship are made by petition, a selection by lot shall be made to determine the order in which all nominees shall appear on the ballot.

The nominating petition shall be available at the principle office of the cooperative.

If no nominations are received or no candidate is found qualified to serve as a Director for the seats to be filled at the Annual Member Meeting, the Board may publish notice of the fact, and otherwise request additional nominations for the seat or seats for which there is no nominee, and establish new deadlines pertaining to the submission of petitions, credentialing, and nomination of persons otherwise qualified to serve.

A list of all nominations shall be available and posted at the office of the cooperative at least twenty days before the Annual Meeting election.

The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least seven days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates and their districts.

No individual may serve as a Director whose nomination does not comply with the provisions of this section. Any election to the Board of any Person who does not comply with the qualifications specified in this Article is null and void and will create an immediate vacancy on the Board. The decision of a majority of disinterested Directors is final with respect to any ambiguities or uncertainties regarding the qualification of any particular candidate to serve, or whether to waive any waivable qualification to serve. Nominations from the floor will not be authorized unless the Board expressly authorizes nominations from the floor to fill any seat for which no nominee has been qualified to fill.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.