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**Policy 506**  
**Conservation of Energy**

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**POLICY:**

The policy will promote the conservation of energy, as well as the efficient and effective use of such energy, by the Cooperative and its members.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

Board of Trustees, Manager, and Employees

**PROCEDURE:**

In carrying out a program of energy conservation, the Cooperative will:

- 1) ...constantly examine its own use of energy. This includes, but is not limited to, plant engineering design and construction, lighting and climate control, and use of vehicles.
- 2) ...develop and carry out a program for the efficient and effective use of energy in the home, on the farm, and in businesses. This will include the efficient use of irrigation systems, adequate home insulation and weatherization.
- 3) ...develop and carry out an information program among its members so that the need for energy management is understood and to see that the energy use needs of all consumers are met most effectively.
- 4) ...develop and carry out an information and education program to assure understanding and coordination in methods of energy management with housing contractors, building industry and local government organizations.
- 5) ...develop training appropriate for all employees.
- 6) ...promote the weatherization of members' homes.
- 7) ...promote the electric thermal storage (ETS) heaters by financing them interest-free to members over a 24-month period.
- 8) ...promote the conservation of energy by offering a \$500 electric bill credit for the installation of each ground source heat pump. Also, a \$500 electric bill credit will be offered for each air-to-air heat pump with fossil fuel backup.