

## Common Questions and Answers about Easements

### What is a utility easement?

A utility easement is an easement that allows Meeker Cooperative to construct and maintain poles and equipment (either underground or overhead) located on a member's property.

### Do I have to give up any land?

No. When you sign a utility easement you are not giving up any rights to your land. You are essentially allowing Meeker Cooperative to use your property to bring power to your location as well as other members down the line.

Meeker Cooperative does not put restrictions in the easement that direct what you may or may not do with the land you allow the easement on. We do ask that if there is an overhead line, you do not plant large tall-growing trees that may interfere with the operation and maintenance of the lines. Planting tall-growing trees under power lines will only result in more trimming or cutting of trees in the future, which means added cost and possible outages for the Cooperative and its members.

### What do I have to do?

All that is required is to sign the easement in front of a Notary and return it to Meeker Cooperative. There are Notaries at Meeker Cooperative as well as at many public offices including most banks, insurance offices and government offices.

### How much will it cost me?

The Cooperative pays for the filing fees to record the easements at the County Recorder. There is no fee to have the document notarized.