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**BYLAWS: AMENDMENT 7**

The purpose of this amendment is to describe the limitation of political activities by NEPCO to comply with the provisions of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, Social Welfare Organizations, and to correct the definition of NEPCO's fiscal year.

**ARTICLE XVI – MISCELLANEOUS**

**Replace** the title of this article with “FISCAL YEAR”.

To state the NEPCO fiscal year as Jan 1 to Dec 31, **replace** “the first day of October” with “the first day of January” and **replace** the “30<sup>th</sup> day of September in the following year” with the “31<sup>st</sup> day of December”. **Delete** “except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.”

**Add new “ARTICLE XVII – LIMITATION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AS A SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION”**

**Add** new section “Section 17.01: Social Welfare Organization. NEPCO shall be operated solely and exclusively to promote such social welfare activities as are permitted by Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and shall not engage in any political or other activities which might violate the exemption requirements of Section 501(c)(4). All of NEPCO's activities shall be subject to those limitations and requirements as set forth in Section 501(c)(4).”

**Add** new section “Section 17.02: Political Activities Not Primary Purpose. NEPCO shall operate exclusively to further the common good and general welfare of the people living in the Northern El Paso County community, rather than benefiting any particular private group or special interest. To benefit that general community, NEPCO provides information regarding proposed or enacted legislation, land use and transportation matters and current topics of interest, but political activities shall not be a primary purpose or activity of NEPCO.”

**Add** new section “Section 17.03: Limitations. The policy for NEPCO's limitation in political activities shall be the following:

- a. NEPCO may seek legislation and resolutions, either as a supporter or a leader, either directly or indirectly, that is germane to the accomplishment of its purpose, objectives and programs, but not as its primary purpose.
- b. NEPCO may provide guest speakers at its meetings who are elected officials or representatives of the people in either local, city, county, state or federal positions to speak on social, financial, executive or legislative issues other than individual candidacies for public office.
- c. NEPCO may sponsor, organize, or conduct debates regarding legislative or ballot issues or candidates for political office as long as all sides of the issue are invited or all candidates for office are invited to the debate.

- d. NEPCO shall not engage in direct or indirect participation or intervention in political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- e. NEPCO shall not allow any political candidate for public office to represent that NEPCO endorses or supports that candidate in any manner or form.
- f. NEPCO shall not hire any lobbyist nor engage in any lobbying activities as regulated by Colorado State law.”

Approved by the Board of Directors  
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Larry Oliver, President

Approved by the Membership  
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