



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

# Power Lines

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## Tampering is not safe, not tolerated by PRECorp

Incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or other intentional damage to PRECorp poles, lines, meters, and transformers are an ongoing concern.

Some incidents involve shots fired at poles or substations. Others involve the removal of copper wire from PRECorp infrastructure, or risky meter tampering as a direct power theft.

PRECorp takes a firm stance against these types of behaviors because any contact with energized equipment can cause high-voltage shocks with severe burns, or fatal electrocution.

Another cost is to the law-abiding members. All it takes is one incident to put hundreds of PRECorp members in the dark.

Tampering, theft, and vandalism do not always show up immediately, but eventually crews discover the damage during routine inspections or maintenance. Sometimes the damage causes delayed-reaction outages weeks or months later.

PRECorp crews work very hard in all conditions to provide reliable power, and man-made outages due to vandalism or theft put them at risk and create unnecessary hardships for our members.

As PRECorp members, we share ownership of this equipment equally and acts of vandalism come at a cost to us all because they can impact the cost to safely deliver power.

We need your help to keep our equipment safe, prevent outages, and protect lives. If you see anyone other than our utility personnel or contractors around substations or other electric facilities, report it to your local authorities, or call the PRECorp 24-hour dispatch number at 1-888-391-6220.

PRECorp works with local law enforcement to investigate the crimes. If anyone has information about specific incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or suspicious tampering with PRECorp equipment, please call local law enforcement. All information will be kept anonymous.

## Events Calendar

The list of PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, telephone town hall meetings, and more.

- **Tuesday, March 18** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Tuesday, March 25** - PRECorp Foundation Board meeting, 9 a.m., teleconference
- **MEETING CHANGE: Tuesday, April 22** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 a.m., teleconference
- **MEETING CHANGE: Tuesday, May 6** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette
- **Wednesday, May 28** - Telephone Town Hall meeting with CEO Brian Mills, 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 7** - Durham Ranch Buffalo Stampede 5K/10K Walk/Run
- **Friday, June 13** - Deadline for PRECorp Director candidates to file nominating petitions
- **Saturday, August 23** - 80<sup>th</sup> PRECorp Annual Meeting, Gillette Cam-Plex
- **Monday, September 8** - PRECorp Foundation Golf Scramble, Golf Club at Devils Tower

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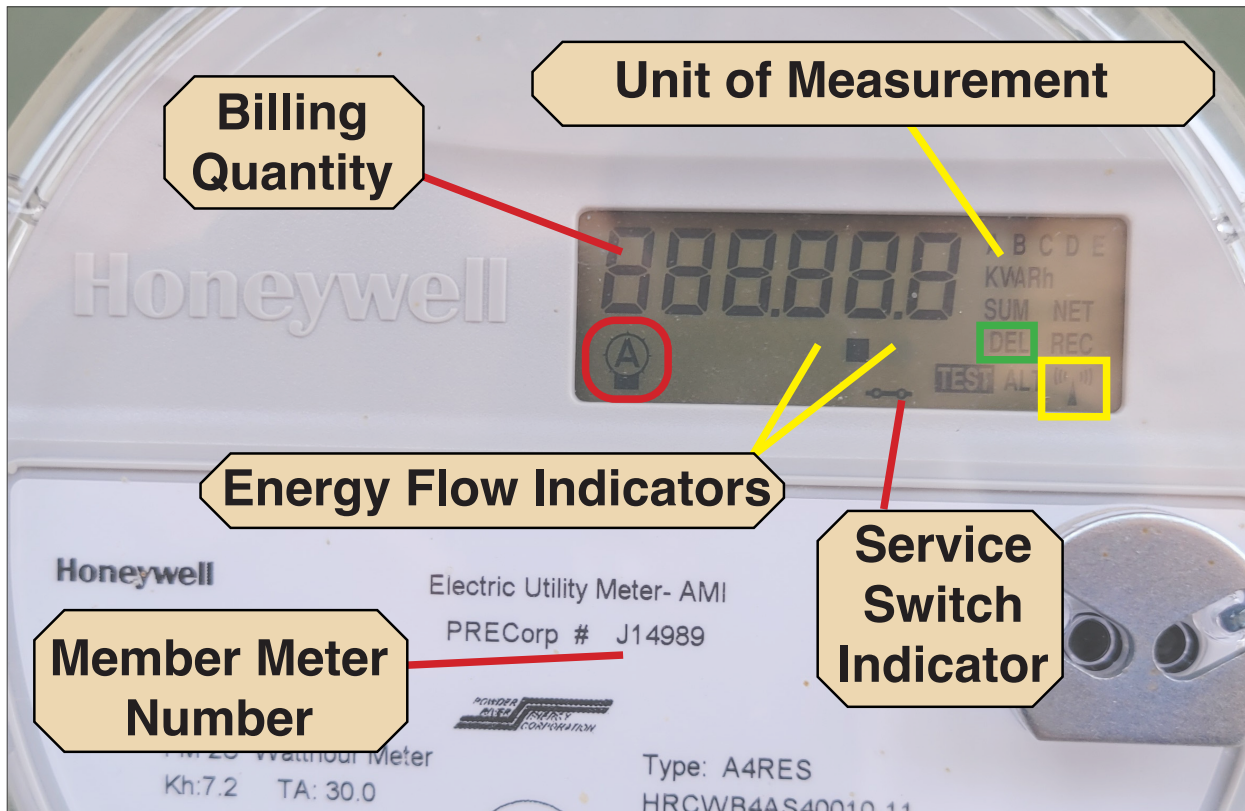


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# What do all those meter symbols mean?

So there's an electric meter on your house, well, or other service. What do all of those blinking symbols, letters and numbers mean? Below is a schematic of what your meter is telling you when you look at its face, such as: Does it have power? Is it connected with the network? And, is power flowing to your service location? These are important labels to keep handy for power quality issues or construction workers to know.



## Key to Faceplate Information

- **KWh** – Unit of Measurement Billing Value for all members.
- **Billing Quantity** – Indicates present meter reading.
- **DEL** – **Green Box** Electricity is being delivered to the member's service.
- **A** – **Red Circle** Indicates the meter has voltage.
- **Energy Flow Indicators** – Black **Square** flashes per Watt hours consumed. Black **Arrow** flashes per Watt hours consumed. The **Arrow** shows direction of energy flow and a faster flash indicates more consumption, compares to the speed of the disc rotation in the old electromechanical meters.
- **Service Switch Indicator** – (Residential 200-amp services only.) Indicates whether the Service switch is closed or open energizing the customer service.
- **Tower Indicator** – Yellow Box a solid "tower" (not flashing) indicates the meter is connected to the network. Flashing "tower" indicates the meter is looking for the network or has lost communication with the network.
- **Member Meter Number** – The meter number assigned to the member's account for billing. Faceplate colors vary for single-phase, 3-phase, 200-amp, and 320-amp services.