

Power Lines

# 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 as a direct theft.

PRECorp takes a firm stance against these types of behaviors because any contact with energized equipment can cause highvoltage 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 high-quality 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.

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#### MARCH 2024

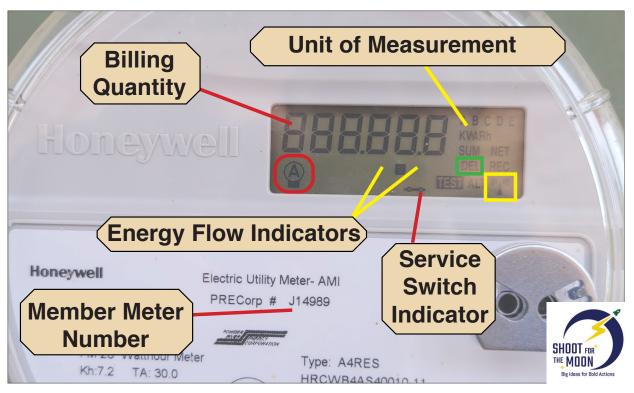
# Events Calendar

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

- Thursday, March 14 PRECorp All-Team Meeting, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED. Call 888-391-6220 with an outage.
- Tuesday, March 19 PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan.
- Tuesday, March 26 PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, teleconference.
- Tuesday, April 16 PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance.
- Tuesday, April 23 PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m., Gillette.
- Tuesday, May 21 PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gillette.
- Wednesday, May 22 PRECorp CEO Telephone Town Hall meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Holiday, PRECorp OFFICES CLOSED. Call 888-391-6220 to report an outage.
- Tuesday, May 28 PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, teleconference.
- Saturday, June 1 Durham Ranch Buffalo Stampede 5K/10K.

## 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 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?



### Key to Faceplate Information

KWh – Unit of Measurement Billing Value for all members

DEL - Green Box Electricity is being delivered to the member's service

A – Red Box 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, three phase, 200 amp, and 320 amp services.

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Support the PRECorp Apprentice Lineman Scholarship FOUR chances to Win: 2024 Polaris Ranger 1000 D-Ranch Hunt or <sup>\$</sup>2500 • PRECorp 80<sup>th</sup> Henry Rifle Designer purse with pistol <sup>\$</sup>100 per ticket. Only 350 tickets sold.

> Drawing will take place on Saturday, August 24, during the PRECorp Annual Meeting in Upton. Call 1-800-442-3630 for more information.



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