

ARTICLE 18

Meters

Section 1. Meter Tests. The Cooperative, at its own expense, shall make periodic tests and inspections of its meters in order to maintain them at a high standard of accuracy. The Cooperative will make additional tests or inspection of its meters at the request of a member. When the member makes a request for this special meter test, he will pay the cost for such test. If the meter is found to be more than 2% fast in error, the meter testing cost will be refunded to the member.

Section 2. Non-Registration of Meter. When a meter fails to register correctly the amount of electricity consumed during any period, the adjustment of the bill shall be based on the percent the meter is found to be in error above 102%. In case the meter has failed completely, the member shall pay the amount the Cooperative shall estimate. An average of the last three months shall be taken into consideration in the establishment of the electric bill.

Section 3. Ground Due to Faulty Wiring (Fault on the Member's Side of Meter). The Cooperative has experience from inquiries that excessive bills arise from faulty wiring in which an energized wire has developed a ground. This will cause the current to flow to the ground and such a fault might not burn out a fuse or open a circuit breaker, however, the meter will register electric consumption in excess of that which would actually be consumed normally. When this condition exists, the Cooperative shall bill the member for the full amount of power used as shown by the meter reading. It has been necessary for the Cooperative to pay for all the power even though it may not have been used for any good purpose on the member's premises.

Section 4. Special Measurement. The Cooperative shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to place meters or instruments on the premises of a member for the purpose of special tests of all, or any part, of the member's load.