

Policy: #3370 – Meter Tampering Policy

SCOPE OF POLICY: Customers

RESPONSIBILITY: Management; Employees

I. Policy

Meter tampering, bypassing, or any other form of unauthorized metering (as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §25-21,275) is illegal, dangerous and is strictly prohibited.

II. Procedure

- A. Elkhorn Rural Public Power District (ERPPD) shall promptly investigate all reports, allegations, suspicions, or indications of meter tampering, bypassing, or unauthorized metering.
- B. If ERPPD's investigation reveals meter tampering, bypassing, or unauthorized metering, it may, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §25-21,277, presume the customer had knowledge of such tampering, bypassing, or unauthorized metering. Furthermore, it may disconnect the meter immediately, without notice.
- C. ERPPD may, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §25-21,276, recover the actual damages or liquidated damages, and all associated costs and expenses including, but not limited to, disconnection, reconnection, service calls, equipment, costs of the suit, and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- D. Additionally, ERPPD may alert law enforcement and participate in the prosecution of any criminal charges.