

Power Lines

MARCH 2023

Tampering is not safe, and not tolerated

Incidents of vandalism, copper theft, or other intentional damage to PRECorp poles, lines, meters, and transformers is 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. Thefts of copper, aluminum and bronze have been committed locally and across the nation at unguarded industrial or construction sites, empty homes and—most dangerous—at power poles and even substations.

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. Thieves in other parts of the nation have been seriously injured and even killed attempting to steal metal from power facilities.

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 that must be repaired.

> 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, by impacting 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 any 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

- Tuesday, March 21 -PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan.
- Friday, March 24 PRECorp All-Team Meeting, PRECorp offices closed. Call 1-888-391-6220 with an outage.
- Tuesday, March 28 -PRECorp Foundation Board Meeting, teleconference.
- Thursday, April 20 -PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sundance.
- Wednesday, May 24 -PRECorp CEO Telephone Town Hall meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 26 Deadline for county committees to post their list of PRECorp Director candidates.
- Saturday, June 3 Durham Ranch Buffalo Stampede 5K/10K Walk/Run.
- Friday, June 16 Deadline for PRECorp Director candidates to file nominating petitions.
- Monday, July 17 Publication of notice of
 Annual Meeting in the July
 WREN magazine.
- Saturday, August 26 78th
 PRECorp Annual Meeting,
 Buffalo High School.

New winner drawn in the Moonshot Logo Contest

Look for the Moonshot logo in 2023 editions of the PRECorp News or PowerLines insert.

1. Email <u>communications@precorp.coop</u> with your name, phone number, and where you saw the logo in this edition. That's it! Don't have email? Call our office at 1-800-442-3630 to enter. Mention the "Moonshot Logo Contest".



2. In March, we will hold another drawing for a Moonshot prize package. Previous non-winning entries remain in the hunt for drawings throughout the year.

February winner: Cheri B., Moorcroft



Trees and power lines are a dangerous mix. Your safety is most important. Trees touching or slapping against power lines are a fire danger. They also pose a risk of shock or electrocution to anyone climbing those trees.



Routine tree trimming keeps the lines clear. It helps restore outages more quickly. It reduces the cost of system repairs. And improves our power reliability.

 Please do not plant trees within 15 feet of our lines, or within 30 feet of transmission lines.

Call PRECorp at 1-800-442-3630 to report trees or branches hanging within 15 feet of our lines (30 feet for transmission).
We can clear those branches or trees at no cost to you.



Please help us keep contact information updated for your account.

Name:	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:
Mobile Phone:	
Best number to reach me during a power outage:	
F-mail address:	

If you update your information by Monday, April 3, 2023, you'll be entered in a drawing for \$100 bill credit or gift card of your choice.