



# PRECorp News

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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 as a direct 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 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.

### Support the PRECorp Apprentice Lineman Scholarship.

**FOUR chances to Win: 2024 Polaris Ranger 1000  
D-Ranch Hunt or \$2500 • PRECorp 80<sup>th</sup> Henry Rifle  
Designer purse with pistol**

**\$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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**BRIAN MILLS,**  
CEO

As we approach the month of April, I am reminded of the vital role our linemen play in the success of our company. It is with great pride and gratitude that I write to recognize and appreciate the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of our linemen.

As I position my comments around our lineman, I know that there is an entire support team behind them that helps equip and support them in their role. The service and pride that our lineman demonstrate is a mirror reflection of the entire PRECorp Team working in their respective roles to serve you, our member owners.

Linemen are the backbone of our company. They work tirelessly, often in challenging conditions, to ensure that our members receive reliable and uninterrupted electricity. They are the first responders during storms and emergencies, working day and night to restore power to our communities. They are also the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to maintain and upgrade our infrastructure, ensuring that our systems are safe, efficient, and capable of meeting the needs of our membership.

In addition to their technical skills, our linemen possess a unique blend of courage, stewardship, and loyalty. They often put their own safety on the line to keep our communities safe, and they do so with a sense of duty and pride that is truly inspiring. They are also deeply committed to serving our members, and they take great pride in their work and the positive impact it has on our communities.

At PRECorp we have just over 50 linemen on the team to service the over 12,000

miles of line and numerous substations within our 16,000 square mile territory. While that job sounds very daunting, I would be remiss if I didn't tip my hat on behalf of the entire PRECorp Team and Membership to the families and loved ones that support these linemen. Their ability to respond on a moment's notice and persist in the worst of conditions comes back to the love and support they receive at home and the team effort it takes on the home front to "keep the home fires burning."

Within the month of April, we plan to personally visit Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon and witness a proclamation signing for Lineman Appreciation Day. In addition to these events, we will also be launching a social media campaign to raise awareness of the important work that our linemen do. We will be sharing stories and photos of our linemen, as well as highlighting the impact that their work has on our communities. We will also be encouraging our members to send their messages of appreciation, so that we can all join together in celebrating their contributions.

I hope that you will join me in recognizing and celebrating our linemen throughout the month of April. They do a remarkable job displaying the true heart of service that the PRECorp Team carries, and we are grateful for everything that they do. Thank you for your support, and please join me in thanking our linemen for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

# Director nominating process underway

## Annual Meeting is August 24 in Upton

The 2024 PRECorp Board of Directors election process is officially underway with the designation of the nominating committees for three PRECorp counties.

### The following are ways to get on the ballot:

- Be nominated by the committee appointed by the PRECorp Board of Directors.
- Return a nominating petition, signed by at least 25 PRECorp members, by June 14, 2024.

### The following Director seats are up for election in 2024:

- **Crook County (Paul Baker, incumbent)**
- **Johnson County (Mike Lohse, incumbent)**
- **Sheridan County (Jim Baumgartner, incumbent)**

Any PRECorp member from the aforementioned director districts can run for a three-year term on the Board, providing the member meets the following qualifications:

- Must reside within the service territory of the county from which he/ she is elected.
  - *However, members taking service outside the counties of Campbell, Crook, Sheridan, Johnson, or Weston shall be deemed to be a member of and within the area served by the county closest to the nearest meter serving the members' residence;*
- Must be a member receiving electric energy from the Corporation;
- May not be in any way employed by, or have a substantial financial interest in, a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Corporation.

If you have specific questions regarding eligibility, contact PRECorp at 1-800-442-3630.

### Election process dates:

- Friday, May 24: Deadline for nominating committees to post their list of candidates.
- Friday, June 14: Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions at a PRECorp business office.
- Tuesday, July 16: Publication of director candidates, notice of August 24 Annual Meeting, mail-in ballot, and Annual Report.
- Saturday, August 24: PRECorp Annual Membership Meeting, Upton Elementary/Middle School. In-person voting, vote tabulation, announcement of results.

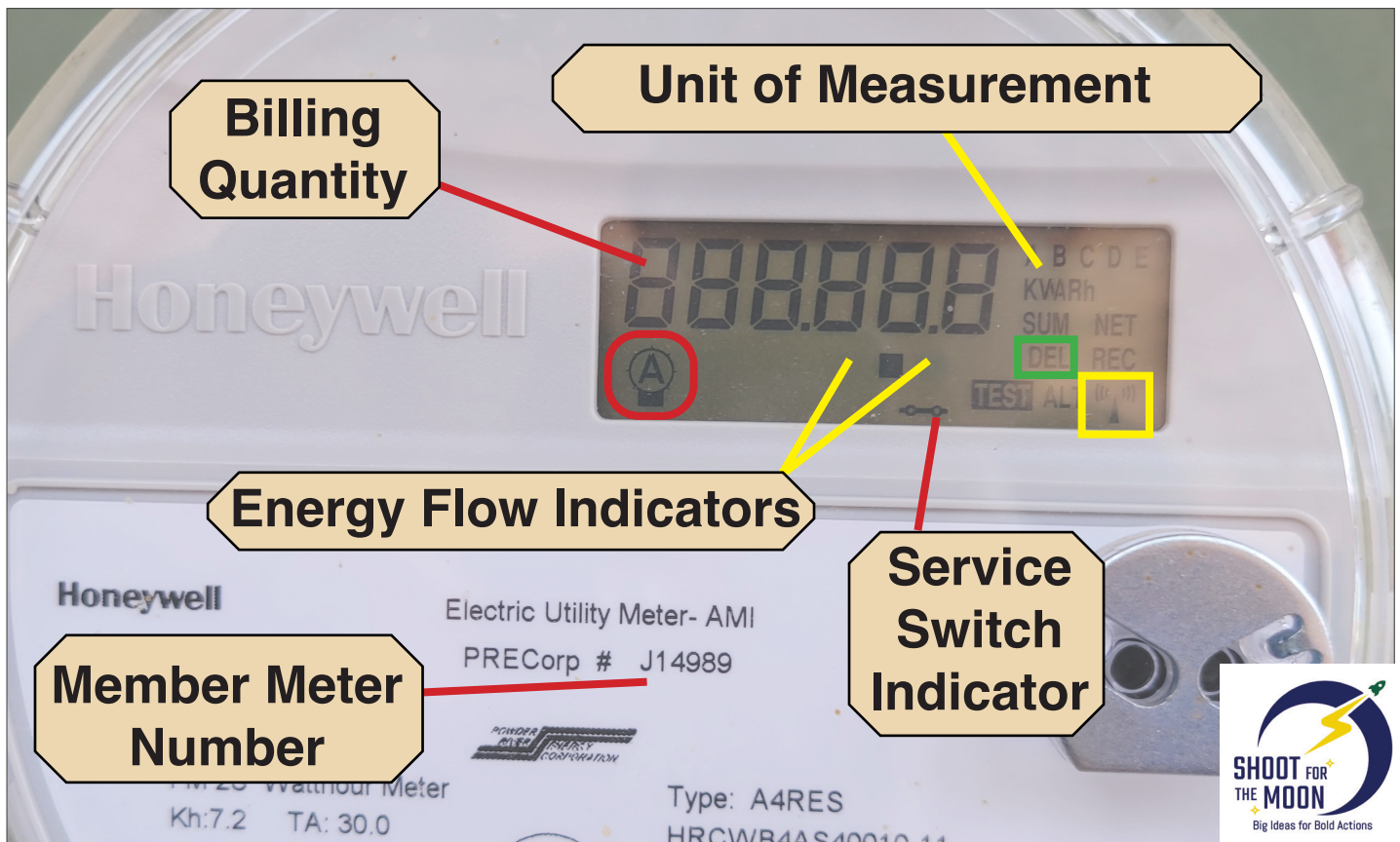
## Events calendar

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.
- **Tuesday, June 11** - PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 1:30 p.m., Gillette.
- **Tuesday, June 25** - PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 a.m., Gillette.
- **Saturday, August 24** - PRECorp Annual Meeting, Upton Middle School.

# 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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