

## **E. Meter Reading**

### 1. Reading Intervals

Electric meters are read every month or approximately every thirty days by Cooperative personnel or their agents on a pre-arranged schedule which as far as practical, falls on the same workday of each month. Reading dates may vary slightly from month to month due to weekends, holidays, weather conditions, and other factors. The date of the next scheduled read date is printed on your electric bill.

There can be occasions when the Cooperative cannot read meters monthly, including:

- a. Road or driveway not passable by vehicular travel.
- b. Island location.
- c. During periods of prolonged power outage.
- d. Seasonal roads not plowed.
- e. Deep snow preventing access to the meter.

Bills are computed on the basis of the actual or estimated electric consumption measured by the meter readings.

### 2. Estimated Bills

In the event that a monthly meter reading is not available, the Cooperative may estimate electric usage based on the usage history of the account or any other pertinent information provided by you or known by the Cooperative. The next bill is based on the difference between total usage between prior and current actual meter readings, less estimates billed.

### 3. Access to the Meter

In order to provide service, the Cooperative's employees and agents will be allowed reasonable and safe access to the meter on your premises (Refer to section *I. Access to Member's Premises*).