

E. Meter Reading

1. Reading Intervals

Member bills are calculated based upon electric meter readings which are processed approximately every thirty days by automated systems, Cooperative personnel or their agents on a pre-arranged schedule. The date of the next scheduled billing read date is printed on your electric bill. There can be occasions when the Cooperative cannot read meters, including:

- a. Communications to the meter is unavailable
- b. Road or driveway not passable by vehicular travel.
- c. Mountain top or Island locations.
- d. During periods of prolonged power outage.
- e. Seasonal roads not plowed.
- f. 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 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 reflecting an actual reading is based on the difference between total usage between prior and current actual meter readings, less estimates billed. The meter read is the final arbiter of the usage.

3. Access to the Meter

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