

Section 20 DAMAGE TO COOPERATIVE'S FACILITIES

20.1 Member-Consumer's Responsibility

The member-consumer shall be held responsible for any loss of, or all damage to the facilities of the Cooperative located upon the member-consumer's premises unless occasioned by causes beyond the member-consumer's control or by the negligence of the Cooperative or by any act or omission on the part of the Cooperative or its authorized representative.

20.2 Protection of Cooperative's Facilities on Member-Consumer's Premises

All meters, transformers, wires and other equipment installed by the Cooperative at its own expense are the facilities of the Cooperative and the member-consumer shall protect said facilities of the Cooperative on the member-consumer's premises and shall not interfere with or alter, or permit interference with or alteration of the Cooperative's facilities except by duly authorized representatives of the Cooperative.

Under no circumstances or conditions shall any person not a representative of the Cooperative connect or disconnect any meter, connect to a meter, or disturb any wiring between the meter and the service wires from the Cooperative's distribution system after the meter has been installed. Any infraction of this rule shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate discontinuance of electric service without further notice.

The electric service shall be connected only by an authorized representative of the Cooperative after the member-consumer's installation and wiring has met the wiring standards as set forth by these rules and regulations.