

Corporate Policy #132

**TAMPERING OR DAMAGE CAUSED TO ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT**

Dated: May 31, 2019  
Supersedes: May 31, 1994  
Formerly: Rule No. 16

I. OBJECTIVE

To restrict tampering with Association equipment.

II. POLICY:

All meters owned and installed by the Association shall be sealed with locking rings and meter seals. Meter seals shall not be broken without prior approval by the Association to do so. Tampering with Association equipment is not permitted. The Association will seek recovery for costs pertaining to destroyed or damaged property and equipment plus the estimated bill for the Un-metered Power Usage Charges as determined by the Association.

The following sets forth the Association's policies on tampering and damage caused to Association property and equipment:

- A. **Tampering with and Damage to Equipment.** When the Association has reasonable evidence that a person is obtaining all or part of his/her electricity by any method that interferes with the proper metering of service to a member's equipment or has damaged any Association equipment, the member shall be assessed an Unmetered Usage Charge pursuant to Policy 127, and the cost of investigation and repairs for such damage will be estimated and added to the member's billing statement.
  
- B. **Reconnection of Service.** When the Association has reasonable evidence that tampering has occurred, the member's electric service will be disconnected and only reconnected upon the following conditions:
  - 1. Member must pay all billing charges, including unmetered power usage charges, prior to service reconnection.
  - 2. Member must also pay for reconnection of service in accordance with the provisions of Corporate Policy 127 prior to service reconnection.
  - 3. Member must agree to comply with reasonable requirements to protect the Association against future losses.
  
- C. **Reservation of Rights.** The Association reserves all legal rights and remedies, both civilly and criminally, with respect to a person's tampering or cause of damage to Association equipment, or for theft of electricity.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

The Board of Directors, through delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, shall be responsible for the administration of this policy.