

## POLICY No. 6-16

### UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ELECTRIC POWER

**PURPOSE OF POLICY:**

To provide a policy for handling cases where electric power is used in an unauthorized method.

**POLICY CONTENT:**

Meter tampering is defined to be, "a deliberate act to cause electricity not to be entirely registered by the meter." This includes all actions such as wiring around the meter, altering the meter, damaging the meter glass and/or components, inserting conductive materials in the meter socket or any other similar act. In cases where the tampering occurs or is reasonably suspected, power may be disconnected without prior notice to the member. Any cost associated with investigating the tampering or replacing damaged equipment will be billed to the member in addition to penalty fees as described in Policy 6-12.

When unauthorized use of electric power occurs, the cooperative may pursue legal action.

Any member may appeal to the CEO, a ruling regarding meter tampering and/or inaccurate meter readings within 15 days of notification of that ruling by Inland Power.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION:**

The CEO is responsible for developing the necessary procedures for implementing this policy.

**POLICY APPROVAL DATE** 5/28/15

**POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE** 5/28/15



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Kristina Bahr, President  
Board of Trustees