

## **POLICY NO. 446**

### **OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES & DAMAGE THERETO**

#### **I. OBJECTIVE**

To establish ownership of facilities and responsibility for damages to district property.

#### **II. PROVISIONS**

- A. District property is described as all meters, poles, transformers, wires, and any other equipment installed by the District at the expense of the District.
- B. The Consumer will be held responsible for all damages to or loss of property belonging to the District and located on the Consumer's premises except when the damage or loss is due to reasons beyond the Consumer's control or due to negligence or acts of omission on the part of the District. Intentional burning of road side ditches causing damage to the District's poles shall be considered an intentional act and the District may seek criminal prosecution of those responsible in addition to assessing damages as provided herein.
- C. Under normal conditions only district personnel may connect or disconnect any meter, connect to a meter or in any way disturb any wiring between the meter and the service wires from the District's distribution system after the meter has been installed. If the meter is removed, the District must be notified.
- D. In the case of tampering with a meter installation or interfering with the proper working thereof, or any theft of service by any person, or evidence of any such tampering, interference, theft, or service diversion by whom so ever, including the falsification of meter readings, the Consumer shall be liable for immediate discontinuance of service as provided herein.
- E. Only authorized District personnel shall turn on electric energy for a Consumer or Applicant when the installation and wiring is completed and ready to be energized.
- F. Any infraction of this policy may be considered sufficient cause for immediate discontinuance of service.
- G. This policy shall apply to load management equipment installed on Consumer's premises except as otherwise covered in policy regarding Interruptible Service.

H. Intentional or negligent damages to District's property caused by the Consumer shall be the total cost of repairs, including all material cost and labor overhead necessary to repair the damage. The amount shall be due within ten (10) days from the date the Consumer receives the statement from the District. Failure to pay shall result in termination of electric service.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 2/7/1997

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**DATE REVIEWED:** 9/7/2001

**ATTEST:** J. M. Papil