



McLeod Cooperative Power Association Board Policy Handbook

Policy 4-27

Tile or Private Utility Damage

Effective Date: 01/22/2019

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I. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure prompt, consistent, and fair consideration if tile or private utility damage occurs while McLeod Cooperative Power Association is performing installation, repair or replacement of underground line.

II. NOTICE:

McLeod Cooperative Power Association shall provide advance notice to the owner when work is necessary on private property or road right-of-way before the work is scheduled to commence. In the case of road right-of-way, McLeod Cooperative Power Association shall provide a minimum of seven (7) days' notice to the owner when work is necessary in any road right-of-way abutting the owner's private property where tile or private utility may exist before the work is scheduled to commence. The notice may be written or oral.

When McLeod Cooperative Power Association is preparing a capital work plan project that will be in the road right-of-way, Engineering personnel shall provide a minimum of 14 days' written notice to all owners before the work is scheduled to commence. The notice shall:

- a) identify the location of the work to be performed, the date and time when the work is expected to commence, the estimated duration of the work, and provide the name and telephone number of Engineering personnel whom the owner may contact;
- b) request that the owner locate and mark any tile or private utility on the property. Engineering personnel shall meet with the owner to discuss the location of the tile or private utility if requested by the owner; and

- c) inform the owner that if the owner is unable to locate and mark the tile or private utility, it shall be the owner's responsibility to repair any tile or private utility that may be damaged by the co-op.

Prior to the start of the project, Engineering personnel shall attempt to follow-up with the owner to confirm that no tile or private utility remains unmarked.

III. REGISTRATION

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 216D, it is expected that the owner of any tile or private utility located in the road right-of-way has registered the same with the township, county or state, as well as the Gopher One Call System. Gopher One Call notifies all land owners when digging is requested, in addition to the notice provided herein.

IV. CLEARANCE:

The Co-op shall allow a minimum of two (2) feet for clearance on either side of the marked or exposed tile or any other private utility.

V. MCLEOD COOPERATIVE POWER RESPONSIBILITIES:

It will be the responsibility of the co-op to assure reasonable attempts to contact any owners who may be affected before the project begins.

- a) If a tile is marked or exposed and the co-op damages the tile or private utility, the co-op will be responsible for the cost of reasonable repairs.

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Keith Peterson, PRESIDENT