

## **NOTICE:**

***According to the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) Rule 410.29 C-1, a utility may discontinue service to a residential customer in the event of the residential customer's: (1) refusal to grant access at reasonable times to equipment installed upon the premises of the residential customer for the purpose of inspection, meter reading, maintenance, or replacement.***

***The State of New Mexico Electrical Code #10.5.4 230-70. General Locations. "...the service disconnecting means shall be located at a readily accessible point outside the building or structure and associated with the meter socket, or within 48 inches from the point where the service conductor raceway enter the building or structure."***

**Unfortunately, with reference to these regulations, we have a few residential members who have made additions to their homes and have enclosed their electric meters within these additions. For safety reasons and liability issues our employees may not enter these premises in order to read or do maintenance on these meters, therefore these residential members are in violation of the above PRC Rule and the NM Electrical Code. We will be sending notices to these members and they will need to comply with the rules and move their meters to a new location outside the premises, or CNMEC will be forced to disconnect these services. Please make note that if you are planning to build or add an addition to your home, do not enclose the electric meter. This is a safety violation as well as a violation to the PRC rules and the NM Electrical code.**

CNMEC must have access to the meter at all times. This right of "access" also includes other deterrents such as dogs, locked gates, or any other means that blocks CNMEC employee's access to the meter for maintenance or reading purposes. If you have any questions concerning this, please call our office at (505) 832-4483 or In-State toll free 1-800-339-2521. We will be glad to advise you on this matter.