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POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Policy No.: **M-20**

Subject: **Theft of Electricity**

Objective: To ensure that the use of electricity is recorded, with the exception of lighting installations.

Policy: When the Cooperative has reasonable evidence that an individual is obtaining electricity by any method that interferes with the Cooperative's proper metering of electricity, or a method that results in tampering with metering equipment, the service will be immediately disconnected. Reconnection will occur when the Cooperative is satisfied that the situation has been rectified and the following applicable charges have been paid:

1. Costs for all damage to equipment due to interference with metering system, including, but not limited to, repair and replacement costs.
2. An estimated bill for unmetered service which has been used.
3. A trip fee for each Cooperative visit to the location.
4. A tampering fee.

The Cooperative reserves the right to refer incidents of suspected electricity theft to the appropriate county district attorney and/or law enforcement agency for investigation and prosecution.

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