



TAMPERING WITH JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE EQUIPMENT

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish definite procedures to be followed when theft of service (or unauthorized reconnects) by members are discovered.

II. POLICY

- A. All meters owned and installed by Jefferson Energy Cooperative will be sealed. All meter bases on which Jefferson Energy Cooperative's meters are installed will be sealed. Meter base seals will be broken or removed only by employees of Jefferson Energy except when a Jefferson Energy Cooperative employee authorizes another person, such as an electrician or fireman, to break the meter seal and remove the meter from the base in cases warranting such action. A record of such action will be kept and the meter base resealed as soon as practical.
- B. When Jefferson Energy Cooperative has reasonable evidence that a member is obtaining part or all of his electricity by any method that interferes with the proper metering of electric service, or has made an unauthorized connection to obtain electric service, his services will be disconnected immediately and without notice. A bill will then be computed which contains a fee for meter tampering as well as energy used during the time that electric service was interrupted.
- C. These actions are in accordance with Georgia Penal Code Section 26-1507. Damaging, injuring or interfering with a meter or related equipment is unlawful and can result in prosecution.
 1. Charges:
 - a. The member must pay the cost of repair or replacement of equipment damaged as a result of interference with the meter or other equipment, plus labor and other costs associated with repair or replacement.
 - b. All other penalties and charges must be paid in accordance with Jefferson Energy Schedule of Fees and Other Charges.



III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. President & CEO
- B. VP of Energy Services