

**POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

Policy No.: **M-16**

Subject: **Meters**

Objective: The Cooperative will furnish meter(s) at the point of delivery to the member's premises. Members desiring service at two or more separate points of delivery shall be billed separately at each such point and the register readings of such meters shall not be added for billing purposes.

- Policy: A. **Meter Locations**  
Meters shall be installed either on the outside of an exterior wall of a building at a height of five and one-half to six and one-half feet above the ground or on a meter pedestal in a centrally located position between the buildings to be served. When a meter is recessed in the wall of a building, a space of not less than six inches on each side of the center of the meter base shall be provided to permit access by Cooperative test equipment. Whether installed on an exterior wall or in a meter pedestal, the meter will always be accessible to Cooperative personnel.
- B. **Meter Tests**  
The Cooperative, at its expense, will conduct periodic tests and inspections of its meters in order to maintain them at a high standard of accuracy. If a member wants an additional test completed, the member must pay a \$50 deposit prior to completion of the test. In the event the test discloses that the meter is registering within prescribed limits of accuracy, no refund of the payment shall be made. If, however, the meter is found to have a calculation error, i.e., fast in excess of any average accuracy of two percent, the Cooperative will refund the deposit, plus an amount equal to the excess over and above the two percent allowable average accuracy for the kilowatt hours and/or demand incorrectly metered for a period equal to one-half of the time elapsed since the previous test, but not in excess of six months.
- C. **Non-Registration of Meter**  
In case the meter is found not to be registering for any period, the Cooperative shall estimate the charge for the energy used by averaging the amounts registered over a similar period, preceding or subsequent thereto, or over corresponding periods in the previous year. *See Policy M-8: Billing and M-9: Billing Adjustments.*
- D. **Special Measurements**  
The Cooperative shall have the right, at its option and at its expense, to place special meters or instruments on the premises of any member for the purpose of a special test or tests of all, or any part, of the member's load.