



# JEFFERSON COUNTY PUD POLICY & PROCEDURE

## Opt-Out Policy

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### 3. PURPOSE

- i. To establish the PUD's, Opt-Out policy.
- ii. All residential Customers have or will receive an Advanced AMR Meter unless they elect to Opt-Out through the Opt-Out Policy. Customers electing to Opt-Out will receive a Non-RF Communicating Digital or a Non-RF Communicating Analog Meter.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

- a. AMI: Advanced Metering Infrastructure.
- b. AMR: Automatic Meter Reading
- c. Advanced Meter: A meter that includes a communicating module with the ability to collect and transmit energy consumption data.
- d. kWh: a composite unit of energy with 1kWh being equivalent to 1 kilowatt of power sustained for 1 hour.
- e. Non-RF Communicating Digital Meter: A solid state digital meter that collects electrical usage information but has no RF communications module.
- f. Non-RF Communicating Analog meter: A

mechanical meter that collects electrical usage information but has no RF communications module.

- g. RF: Radio Frequency
- h. PUD: Jefferson County PUD.
- i. Customer: Any person, firm, corporation, government agency, or other legal entity who uses, has used, or has contracted for electrical service from the PUD.
- j. Property Owner: Individual or entity, jointly or severally in possession of title for land or a building in whom all or any part of legal title is vested
- k. Non-Property Owner Customer (i.e., tenant): Customer who does not own title or have legal interest in the property receiving service.

## **5. POLICY**

### **Evaluation**

- a. The PUD reserves the right to evaluate and revise this Policy and Procedure, including charges and procedural changes, at any time.

### **Eligibility**

- b. All residential Customers receiving single-phase electric service are eligible to Opt-Out of the Metering Program unless otherwise noted below.
- c. Commercial, industrial, and municipal Customers are not eligible to Opt-Out of the Metering Program.
- d. If a Customer is disconnected for non-pay they are not eligible to Opt-Out.

- e. If a Customer is found to have committed illegal or unauthorized current diversion, they are ineligible to participate in the Opt-Out Program.
- f. Customers participating in special programs, such as net metering for solar energy production, are not eligible to Opt-Out of the current AMR Metering Program.
- g. Non-Property Owners who wish to Opt-Out of the current AMR Metering Program must receive signed permission from the Property Owner and provide evidence of that permission to the PUD.
- h. Customers who Opt-Out will not be able to participate in potential savings strategies through the current AMR Metering Program or receive benefits, such as daily Customer Portal information

**Opt-Out Charges**

- i. An Opt-Out charge of \$5 per month shall be collected to cover the associated costs to the PUD for installation, operation, read and maintenance of Non-RF Communicating Digital or Non-RF Communicating Analog Meter.

**6. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. The PUD will be responsible for conducting and recording meter reads.
- b. Customers who Opt-Out of the current AMR Metering Program shall maintain the PUD's access to the property's meter(s) to enable manual reads by the PUD. Customer failure to maintain access

may result in non-compliance actions, up to and including disconnection of service.

- c. The meter base must be on the outside of the building and accessible to the PUD to be eligible for the Opt-Out program.
- d. The property Owner owns the meter base (where the meter connects to the building) and is responsible for maintenance of the meter base.
- e. The PUD will own the meter (all types) and is responsible for providing and maintaining a functioning meter.
- f. The customer can select between a Non-RF digital meter or a Non-RF analog meter. The manufacturer, make, and model of the meter is the sole responsibility of the PUD

## **7. PROCEDURE**

- a. Eligible Customers who wish to Opt-Out of the Metering Program shall do so by submitting a completed Opt-Out application, in accordance with this Opt-Out Policy and Procedure.
- b. Non-Property Owner Customers applying to Opt-Out of the current AMR Metering Program must also provide signed permission from the Property Owner along with their application.
- c. If a Property Owner and Non-Property Owner Customer disagree about whether to Opt-Out, the Property Owner's decision is final.
- d. Customers who Opt-Out of the current AMR Metering Program will not pay the first installation fee for the meter changeout.
- e. If a Customer who has previously opted out of the Metering Program moves from their current

location to a new location that has an Advanced meter, the Customer will be required to submit a new Opt-Out request and will be subject to all applicable fees at the new premise.

**8. Application completion**

- a. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

**9. APPENDIX**

- a. Opt-Out Application Form
- b. The PUD will work on additional programs to support this policy such as giving the customer the option to remove the meter from the house and move it to the property line. The PUD may wave some costs associated with set fees for this type of new construction.