

OTSEGO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

POLICY NO. 320

SUBJECT: AMI Meters

To establish a uniform standard for electric metering across the Cooperative's service territory. This policy ensures that the Cooperative can leverage Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) to improve reliability, enhance outage restoration, and provide accurate, automated billing for all member-owners. The AMI system technology deployed is at the sole discretion of the Cooperative and may be subject to change over time based on the Cooperative's needs or technologies available.

SCOPE: This policy applies to all member-owners and all classes of service.

POLICY: The Cooperative may use Radio Frequency (RF) transmitting meters as its standard metering technology.

- **Mandatory Installation:** Installation of the Cooperative's standard RF-transmitting meter is a requirement for receiving electric service.
- **No Opt-Out Provision:** The Cooperative does not offer an "opt-out" program. Members may not decline the installation of a standard meter or request the installation of non-communicating (analog or "dumb" digital) equipment.

Rationale for Universal Deployment:

- **Operational Efficiency:** Manual meter reading is an obsolete and costly practice. Universal AMI deployment eliminates the need for physical site visits, reducing costly truck rolls and labor costs. Unnecessary manual meter reading takes manpower away from other more productive work.
- **Grid Reliability:** RF meters provide real-time "last gasp" notifications during outages, allowing for faster identification and restoration of power.
- **Billing Accuracy:** Automated readings eliminate estimated billing and human error associated with manual entries.
- **AMI empowers homeowners** with "real-time" data to make informed decisions about their power consumption.
- **Safety:** Remote disconnect and reconnect capabilities improve safety for Cooperative personnel by reducing exposure to hazardous environments or aggressive animals.

Member Requirements:

- **Access to Premises:** In accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, members must always provide Cooperative personnel and authorized contractors with safe and unobstructed access to the meter base.
- **No Interference:** Any attempt to shield, block, or tamper with the RF signal of a Cooperative-owned meter is a violation of the Service Agreement and may result in disconnected service and/or tampering fees.

Health and Safety Standards:

The Cooperative only installs equipment that complies with all Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines regarding RF exposure. These devices operate at levels significantly below the limits established for safety. More information from our vendor can be accessed at: [Radio Frequency Resource Center - Itron](#)

RESPONSIBILITY: CEO & Director of Technology & Member Solutions

Reviewed and Approved by the Board of Directors – March 30, 2026