It has come to our attention that vendors are marketing devices advertised to save you up to 50% of your electric bill by installing a device in your meter base. It is illegal for either a licensed electrician or a homeowner to install a shorting device or to tamper with meters installed and sealed in the Borough of Chambersburg. Theft of service/tampering charges could be filed against the individual or corporation who does so. The Borough of Chambersburg Electric Department is protecting its customers and Borough employees from this type of theft through its "Rules and Regulations for Meter and Service Installations" under these sections: "Meter Seals Section 3.20" and "Meter Installations" Section 6.1. These vendor claims can be only be substantiated if the device completely "by-passes" half of the electric meter – which constitutes theft of service. Some vendor(s) on the internet also claim that anyone can go inside "their own" meter base. That is not true and is a violation of Borough Electric Standards, Chapter 135, Article 1, Electricians, Section 135-2, License Required.

Please call the Borough of Chambersburg Electric Superintendent at 717-261-3238 immediately if you or someone you know has installed or is considering installing one of these devices.

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