

Energy Efficiency

Measure 11 – Government “Lights Out/Power Down” Policy

5 Points

Have a “light outs/power down/electronics not in use/day lighting sensors” policy

Discussion:

On February 24, 2009 the Board of Commissioners adopted a new Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy. Included in this policy was a directive that:

“All county employees and departments shall ensure all building lighting and office equipment is turned off at all times when it is not required for county business or to ensure safety or essential operations. This specifically includes turning off non-essential lighting and office equipment during all unoccupied periods, including nights, weekends and holidays.”

In addition to the “Lights Out” policy, the Cobb County Property Management Department has upgraded lighting to more efficient lighting sources whenever possible. The department will continue to see opportunities to upgrade lighting efficiencies, including the increased use of occupancy sensor controlled lighting.

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application. Both the referenced documents below are included under Measure 1 – LEED Construction.

- The Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy that specifies lighting and office equipment is to be turned off whenever space is unoccupied. See Item II-C.
- The Board of Commissioners agenda item of February 24, 2009 adopting the Policy