

SERVICE CONNECTIONS, METERS & CONSUMER'S FACILITIES RULE NO. 16

A. Transformer Installations on Consumer's Premises:

The Consumer shall furnish, at the Consumer's expense, a suitable site for the transformer installations, together with necessary easements.

B. Number of Services to be installed:

The Cooperative will not install more than one service, either overhead or underground, for the same voltage and phase classification for any one building or group of buildings on a single premises, except that separate services may be installed for separate buildings or groups of buildings where necessary for the operating convenience of the Cooperative or where required by law or local ordinance. Where more than one class of service is required for a Consumer, the service outlets are to be located as closely together as practicable.

C. Only authorized employees of the Cooperative will be permitted to connect a Consumer's service to, or disconnect the same from the Cooperative's electric lines.

D. Meters and Associated Equipment:

1. The Cooperative will, at its own expense, install a suitable meter on an applicant's Premises in a location furnished by him and approved by the Cooperative, which shall be located on the exterior of the structure and shall be accessible for reading, testing and maintaining the meter. No rent or other charge shall be made by the applicant for the use of this location.
2. In multiple occupancy buildings where a number of meters are required to measure the electricity supplied, all meters shall be located on the exterior of the structure at a central point and each meter socket or panel will be clearly marked to indicate the particular location supplied through it.
3. All meters will be sealed by the Cooperative at the time of installation and no seal shall be altered or broken except by one of its authorized employees.
4. All service switches, disconnects, meter sockets, and similar devices, irrespective of voltage, required by law in connection with a service and meter installation on a Consumer's premises shall be furnished and installed by the Consumer.

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5. All metering sites must be accompanied with a disconnect, the metering site and the disconnect shall both be located on the exterior of the structure.

E. Ownership:

The service wires, meters and associated equipment furnished by the Cooperative and located wholly or partially upon a Consumer's Premises will at all times be and remain the property of the Cooperative which shall have the right to repair or replace them at any time, or to remove them after service to the Consumer has been disconnected.

F. Maintenance:

The Cooperative will be responsible for the maintenance of its own property only, and the Consumer shall be responsible for the maintenance of all other property required for the receipt of electric energy from the Cooperative.

G. Right of Access:

The Cooperative will, at all reasonable times, have the right of access to a Consumer's premises for any purpose normally connected with the furnishing of electric energy and the exercise of the rights secured to it by law or by these rules.

H. Responsibility for Loss or Damage:

The Cooperative will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by any negligence or wrongful act of a Consumer or Consumer's authorized representative in installing, maintaining, or operating the receiving facilities or utilizing equipment for which electric energy is being supplied.

I. Consumer responsibility for wiring of Consumer's electrical facilities:

Each Consumer receiving electric service from the Cooperative shall cause their electrical facilities to become and remain wired in accordance with (1) the specifications of the latest edition of the National Electrical Code, (2) any applicable state code, (3) any applicable local government ordinance, (4) rules and regulations of the Cooperative, and (5) in compliance with Article XI of the Cooperative's Bylaws.

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J. Inspection requirement prior to connection or reconnection of Consumer's electrical facilities: (Electrical facilities are defined as the mast conduit and conductor, meter panel & disconnect and grounding for overhead installations and a free standing pedestal or a panel on the exterior of the structure (meter panel & disconnect and grounding) for underground installations)

Any Consumer requesting to connect or reconnect the Consumer's electrical facilities to the Cooperative's electric distribution system shall be required to obtain and provide to the Cooperative one of the following:

1. The Consumer shall have an electrical inspection approval sticker issued and affixed, by the local building inspector or governmental official charged with the responsibility of inspecting premises for compliance with the National Electric Code, at the Consumer's point of delivery or metering point.

2. If there is no local building inspector or governmental official as set forth in (1) above then the Consumer shall have an electrical inspection performed by a licensed electrical contractor. When the Consumer's electrical facilities have passed the inspection, the Consumer shall have the electrical contractor issue and affix a Contractor's inspection approval sticker at the Consumer's point of delivery or metering point. The sticker of the licensed electrical contractor must be approved by the Cooperative and have the licensed electrical contractor's name and license number displayed thereon. In addition the licensed electrical contractor shall provide the Cooperative with a completed and signed "Licensed Electrical Contractor Approval/Inspection Release Form". The Cooperative shall provide this form for use by all licensed electrical contractors.

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