

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION BULLETIN

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Re-Connection of Customer Services



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The CE Code, Rule 2-016 requires that a permit be obtained from the Inspection Department before a customer service or any portion of a customer's installation can be re-connected to a source of electrical energy.

This applies to all classifications and types of services as well as portions of an existing electrical installation.

Under Rule 2-030 (Deviation and Postponement), a one-year time window has been established as the point in time after which a wiring permit and inspection will be required, prior to electric service being restored. This one year time window will not apply where repairs, alterations and/or additions have been made to the electrical system.

For the purpose of applying this procedure, a disconnection, cut-off, etc., shall include the removal of a Utility Power Supply by the opening of cut-outs, the separation of the utilities supply conductors at the service pole or at the weather head, the insulating of meter studs at the meter socket; sealing of a customer main switch; sub-service or branch circuit breaker in the "Off" position or the removal of supply/circuit conductors.

Apartment unit sub-services that have been disconnected for non-payment of utility bills or change-of-occupant, as provided for under CEC Rule 2-018, in excess of the one year time allowance, shall not normally require re-inspection provided there has been no repairs, alterations or additions to the electrical installation since it was last energized.

An apartment unit is defined as a dwelling unit within a building that has its entrance facing a common corridor which is shared by other tenants for the purpose of entering and exiting the building.

Apartment building main service entrance and all other services shall be subject to the one year time limit.

As provided for under CEC Rule 2-020 NSPI reserves the right to re-inspect any installation if and when it considers such action necessary. The following chart may be used as a guide:

Why was Utility Power Disconnected	Time Disconnected	Changes/ Alterations Repairs to Installation	Re-Inspection Require
(Apartment units only) Non-Payment (or) Occupant Change	N/A	No	No
		Yes	Yes
(Other than apartment units) Occupant Change Non-Payment Utility Power Not Req. Vacant Building Repair Re-Location Up-Grade Third Party Request	Less 1 Year	No	No
		Yes	Yes
	Greater 1 Year	No	Yes
		Yes	Yes
Fire Hazards Shock Hazards	N/A	N/A	Yes

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All alterations, additions, up-grades, repairs, etc., must be carried out by a certified, electrical construction electrician, under permit and all such work must be inspected.

A general inspection permit is required for those services disconnected for a period greater than one year. Inspectors shall normally inspect for fire and shock hazards only, not current code requirements.

NSPI, acting as an inspection authority, is required under the Electrical Installation and Inspection Act to re-inspect any installation if and when it considers such action necessary.