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This is to advise all licensed officials, specifically electrical subcode officials, that the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code regulations are not applicable to electrical installations under the exclusive control of electric utility companies or their subcontractors.

Installations under the exclusive control of an electric utility:

- (1) Consist of service drops or service laterals and associated metering, or
- (2) Are located in legally established easements; rights-of-way; or by other agreements either designated by or recognized by public service commissions, utility commissions, or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for such installations, or
- (3) Are on property owned or leased by the electric utility for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy.

The above are not within the scope of the Electrical Subcode. Therefore, electrical permits are not required for this work. However, electrical permits are required for electrical installations beyond the electric utility company's service point (other than the service run, meters, and other equipment), even if installed by the electric utility company or its subcontractors.

The service point is:

- (1) In general, that point external to a building where facilities installed by the electric utility company are connected to the customer's facilities.
- (2) For overhead secondary services is at the service head on the customer's building or structure and adjacent to the first point of attachment of the service drop to the building or structure.
- (3) For underground secondary services from underground mains is (1) for outdoor meter locations, at the meter mounting equipment, or (2) for indoor meter locations, just within the building wall at the point where the service run enters that building.
- (4) For underground services from overhead mains is at the termination of the electric utility company's service cable.
- (5) For secondary services from transformers on a mat or pad is the secondary terminals of such transformers, except in buried underground distribution systems.
- (6) From primary, subtransmission, or transmission service will be indicated by the electric utility company upon request, or when plans are submitted for approval.

If you cannot easily determine the service point, it is suggested that the appropriate utility company be contacted for further information.