



## Electrical Bulletin 25-04

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### **New Metering Guide and Temporary and Rural Residential Service Changes**

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In conjunction with the latest ATCO Electric Customer Metering and Services Guide, changes are being introduced to the requirements for temporary services, the supply of temporary power, and the construction and installation of rural residential overhead services (commonly referred to as “farm services”).

The ATCO Electric Customer Metering and Services Guide is available here:

[\[Click here to access the guide.\]](#)

#### **Temporary Service Installations**

Temporary services must be installed to ensure mechanical stability, protection from damage, and suitability for environmental conditions.

The following installation requirements apply to all electrical permits issued after the date of this bulletin:

- Temporary services shall be:
  - Mounted to at least one 6x6 in. treated wood post, buried to a minimum depth of 2 feet plus 10% of the total post length; or
  - Mounted directly to a permanent building structure.

#### **Sandwich boards or similar freestanding assemblies used to mount temporary services will no longer be accepted.**

Temporary electrical services must comply with the latest edition of the ATCO Electric Customer Metering and Services Guide referenced above. This includes updated requirements related to service location and the installation of service conductors. Contractors and owners must ensure they are familiar with these requirements.

## **Rationale**

Installations mounted on movable structures have been found to:

- be easily displaced or overturned on construction sites;
- be dragged across the ground, resulting in damage to service and grounding conductors;
- compromise the integrity of terminations and connections; and
- result in improper orientation of weatherproof equipment, reducing its effectiveness against moisture intrusion.

## **Use of Permanent Services for Construction Power**

Where a permanent service is energized for construction purposes, panelboards must be equipped with approved, manufacturer-intended covers.

Cardboard, plastic, or any other temporary materials are not acceptable as panelboard covers once the service has been energized.

Temporary inserts or cutouts provided with panelboards are intended for dust protection only and must be removed and replaced with proper covers prior to energization of the equipment.

## **Additional Guidance for Temporary Power**

Additional requirements for the installation and use of temporary construction power can be found in:

[Yukon Government Electrical Inspections Bulletin 24-01 Safe use of Temporary Power](#)

## **Rural Residential Services (formerly known as Farm Services)**

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, rural residential services will no longer be constructed or owned by the electrical utility. Two new installation options are now available for owners and contractors that serve a similar function:

1. Supply and install an overhead service on a utility-owned pole, using a meter enclosure that includes a main disconnect.
2. Install an overhead-to-underground customer riser, with the meter enclosure located at a building or other location acceptable to the Electrical Inspection Department.

Before installing ANY equipment on a utility-owned pole, you must contact the applicable utility and obtain approval.

For either of the above options, and for any connection to utility power, you must ensure you are familiar with the requirements outlined in the ATCO Electric Customer Metering and Services Guide.

Thank you,

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