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### Electrical Distribution Safety

#### **DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES MUST FOLLOW OESC 2-012:**

When an LDC disconnects a customer, including customer-owned stations, from power to perform work on the customer's side of the demarcation point they must follow section 2-012 of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code when reconnection is required.

2-012 requires a "Connection Authorization" to be issued by the inspection department of ESA prior to supplying power to the customer. Supplying power back to the customer, including customer-owned stations, is under the OESC as it is on the customer's side of the demarcation point.

#### **SAFETY AND LIABILITY RISK**

The Connection Authorization exists to eliminate hazards and is a requirement by law. When the LDC performs work without the benefit of Connection Authorization they take on additional and unnecessary liability.

#### **■ 2-012 Connection Authorization**

(1) Where any electrical installation or part thereof to which electric power or energy has not previously been supplied is made in or upon any land, building, or premises or subject to Subrule (2) hereof, where any electrical installation or part thereof has been disconnected or cut off from any service or other source of supply under this Code, no supply authority, contractor, or other person shall connect or re-connect the installation or part thereof to any service or other source of supply unless:

- (a) The installation and all work in respect thereof have been inspected in accordance with the procedures in Rule [2-004](#) by an inspector; and
- (b) A connection authorization has been issued by the inspection department in respect of the installation.

(2) Where any electrical installation or part thereof has been disconnected or cut off from a source of supply by a supply authority for six months or less for non-payment of rates or because of a change of occupancy of premises, the supply authority may reconnect the installation or part thereof without obtaining a connection authorization.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

If you can provide additional information on this Bulletin or any other Utility issue, please contact ESA to share your experiences. Additional information requests, including report(s) and follow-up information, may be directed to ESA. Please be prepared to quote Bulletin "DIB-03/06".