



## **RECONNECTION OF CONSUMER'S SERVICES: CEC RULES 2-016 & 2-018**

Rule 2-016 of the Canadian Electrical Code requires that a permit be obtained from the inspection department before a consumer's service or any portion of a customer's installation can be reconnected to a source of electrical energy.

This rule applies to all classifications and types of electrical services as well as portions of existing electrical installations.

Rule 2-018 allows a supply authority to reconnect a consumer's service without a permit. However, in the interest of public safety, and as provided for by rule 2-030 (Deviation and Postponement), a period of 6 months has been established by the Inspection Department as the maximum time limitation after which a wiring permit and inspection will be required prior to a reconnection.

This 6 month time limitation will only apply where alterations or additions have not been made to the electrical system. In the event that alterations or additions have taken place within the 6 month time frame, an authorization to connect will be required. It is the responsibility of the property owner and/or contractor to establish if alterations or additions have taken place.

The definition of a disconnection, cut-off, etc., shall include the removal the meter, the removal of a Utility Power Supply by the opening of cutouts, the separation of the Utility's supply conductors at the service pole or 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 by the Utility.

Apartment unit sub-services (feeders) that have been disconnected for non-payment of utility bills or change of occupant, in excess of the 6 month time allowance, shall not normally require re-inspection provided there have been no 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 purposes of entering and exiting the building.

Apartment building main service entrances and all other consumer's services shall be subject to the 6 month time limitation.

Under CEC Rule 2-020 the inspection department reserves the right to re-inspect any installation if and when such action is considered necessary.



All alterations, additions, and upgrades must be carried out by an electrical worker registered in the Northwest Territories under a valid installation permit.

A permit is required for those services disconnected for a period of greater than 6 months. Inspectors will normally inspect for fire and shock hazards only, not current code requirements.