

Electricians Examining Board

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Utilities and Electricians.

From: Kern D. Butler, Senior State Electrical Inspector

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RE: Availability of metering and service equipment.

With the construction boom and shortage of supplies because of shipping and COVID plant closures I have temporarily decided to use 90-4 in the National Electrical Code. This allows me as the AHJ to allow equipment that met the previous edition of the code to be used when the new equipment is not available.

This is in reference to NEC Section 230.71(B) requiring a **separation or barrier** for each disconnect.

We will not be requiring this equipment at this time.

The equipment to meet these requirements is in some cases is 30 and 40 weeks out.

As soon as equipment becomes available this will be revisited and we will start enforcing this requirement.

This memo <u>is not</u> about emergency disconnects. Those are still required on 1 and 2 family dwellings.