

TO: Licensed Electrical Contractors in St. Louis County

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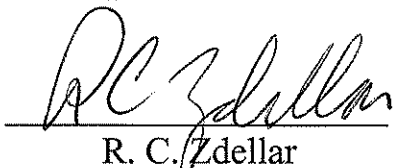
RE: Unsafe & Unauthorized Work Practices

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It has long been an accepted practice by electricians to make temporary connections and/or install temporary jumpers in order to energize upgraded or repaired service entrances, performed as part of permitted work. However, it has come to our attention that there are certain work practices and activities being performed by a small minority of contractors at overhead service entrances that we, AmerenUE and the Dept. of Electrical Inspections in St Louis County, consider unsafe, and not in compliance with the NEC as well as the NESC. Specifically, release of physical strain on energized AmerenUE service conductors and relocation to unauthorized new attachment points, as well as removal and relocation of meters from one premise to another. The service conductors installed from pole to building, as well as the meter are AmerenUE owned. Relocating the service to any other location at the building or on the premise shall not be permitted or performed by any personnel other than AmerenUE employees or individuals assigned by AmerenUE to do that work. In addition, removal of the meter and relocation to an entirely different premise is prohibited.

St. Louis County will issue violations for any future occurrence of this activity pursuant to the St. Louis County Electrical Code that governs electrical licensing, permitting and inspections.

If you should have any further questions, please call the office of Electrical Inspections, or your local AmerenUE District Office.



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