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Electrical Connection and Energization Statutes and Rules

Title 54 Chapter 1005 states... "the power supplier, shall not connect with or energize any electrical installation, coming under the provisions of this act, unless an inspection has been conducted and resulted as "passed" by the administrator, covering the installation to be energized. Electrical installations approved by the board and addressed through administrative rule may be connected and energized by the power supplier after the purchase of an electrical permit by a licensed electrical contractor."

The only installation that has been approved by the Idaho electrical board through rules is found in IDAPA 07.01.01§014. titled TEMPORARY INSTALLATIONS CONNECTED PRIOR TO INSPECTION. This states... "Only a licensed electrical contractor may have a power supply company connect and energize a temporary service for construction prior to an inspection being performed. Any contractor energizing a temporary service prior to inspection shall assume full responsibility for the installation of the temporary service. A power supply company may only connect and energize a temporary service upon receipt of a copy of an electrical permit purchased from the Division of Building Safety."

A few things to notice. This is only for temporary construction purposes. Temporary permits expire after one year and notice to disconnects may be sent to the power supplier to disconnect the service. This only applies to electrical contractors who have purchased a permit for temporary power.

"Emergency clause" IDAPA 07.01.01§011.03 states... "**Power Supply Company.** Pursuant to Section 54-1005, Idaho Code, a power supply company may connect and energize an electrical installation made by an electrical contractor without delay and before the installation has passed inspection if the contractor submits to the power supply company a copy of an electrical permit purchased by the contractor and the power supply company deems the connection and energization necessary to preserve life or property. The contractor shall request that the Division of Building Safety conduct an inspection on the next business day."

This allows for other installations to be energized prior to inspection that the power supply company "deems necessary to preserve life or property".

These are the only situations where a power supply company is authorized to connect and or energize an electrical installation prior to an inspection being conducted.