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5-1 Residential Customer Wiring

Electrical wiring should only be done by those who have been trained on safety concerns, wiring techniques, and code requirements. The Company cannot inspect your wiring or provide electrical code interpretations. By law, this is only allowed to be done by State-Certified Electrical Inspectors.

If you do your own wiring, the following are some basic items involving single-family residential wiring up to the main disconnects:

1. The minimum service size is 100 Amp. The main disconnect must be rated for 22,000 Amps of fault current.
2. The minimum service entrance conductor sizes for residential 120/240 single-phase shall be as follows: (This is from the ampacity tables in the NEC 310.15(B)(6)). (See NEC about reduced neutrals.)

Service Rating	Copper	Aluminum
100	#4	#2
150	#1	2/o
200	2/o	4/o
400	400 kcm	600 kcm

3. Galvanized rigid conduit shall be used for any above grade conduit installations that may contain WPS-owned cable. When used, metallic conduit shall be bonded. Schedule 40 Electrical PVC is usually used for conduit installed on the load side of the electric meter. Schedule 80 PVC is required when subject to physical damage such as the ground line. (See NEC 300.5(D)).
 - Rigid metal conduit is required for overhead periscopes (unsupported conduit extending above the roof) (aluminum, IMC, or thin wall is not acceptable). All overhead periscopes must be back-guyed.
 - 0-200 Amp Services Minimum 2" Periscope (for strength reasons)
4. The equipment grounds (green and bare) must be bonded to the neutral at and only at the main distribution panel (service entrance equipment).
5. All aluminum connections must be made with aluminum-rated connectors. The conductor must be cleaned (wire brush or other approved means) and immediately coated with an approved corrosion inhibitor. Common brand names for inhibitors are as follows:
 - Noalox Joint Compound
 - Gardner Bender Oxguard
 - Penetrox
6. The main disconnect must be installed as close as possible to the entrance of the building and still in a readily accessible location. In Wisconsin, this must not be more than 8 feet from where the service enters the building. [SPS 316.230(3) and NEC 230.70(A)]
7. The conduit penetrating the outside wall between the meter and the distribution panel conducts cold air. This often causes condensation and potential damage to the electrical system. Things like spray foam or electrical putty will block this air flow.
8. Only service entrance conductors and load control circuits can be installed in service entrance raceways and on into pedestals or meter sockets. (See NEC 230.7).
9. **Termination compartments, meter mounting devices, or CT compartments shall not be used as junction boxes for additional customer circuits.**
10. In Wisconsin there must be a disconnect where utility wires end and premises wiring extends overhead or underground to more than one building. [SPS 316.230(4)]

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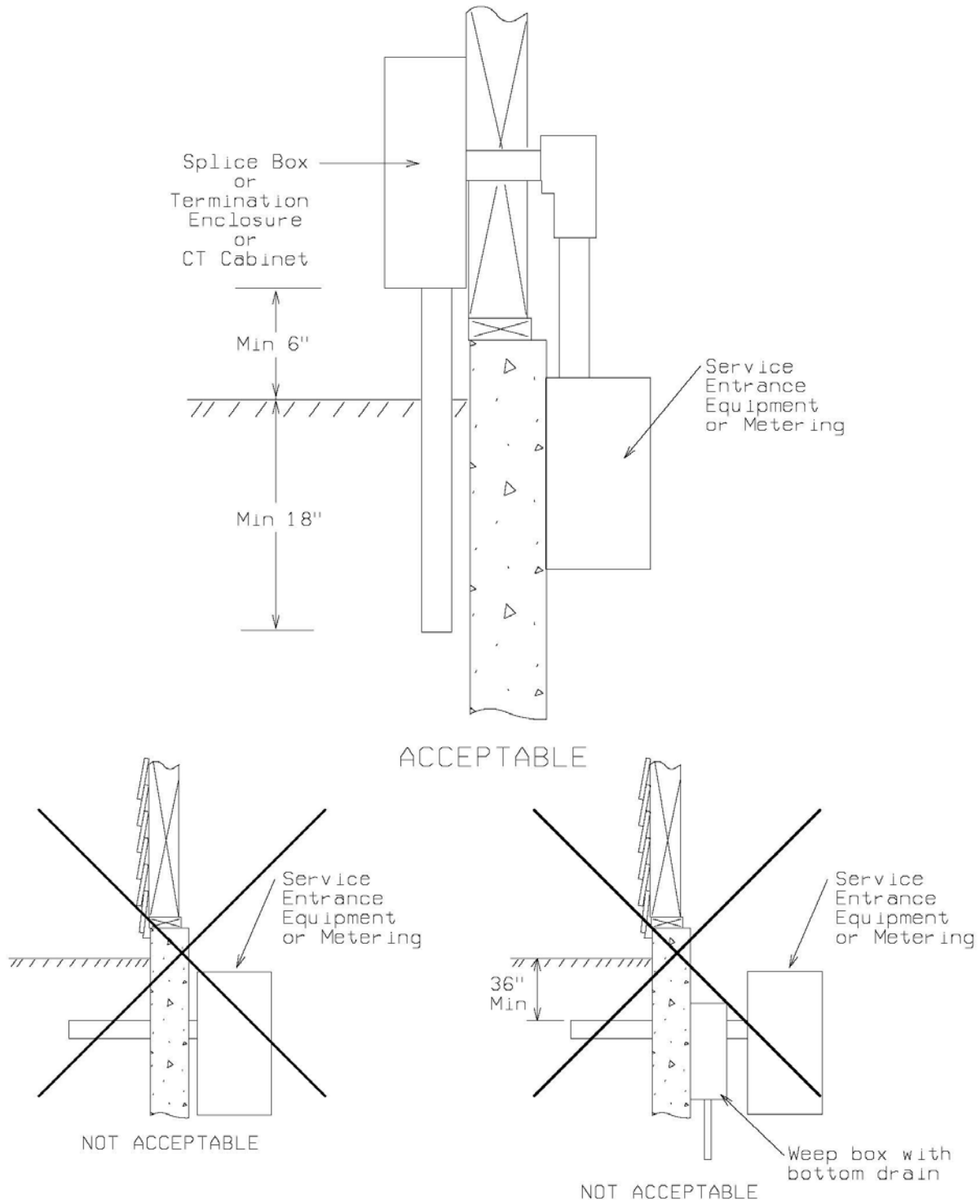
5-1 Residential Customer Wiring (Cont'd)**Copper Conductor Ampacities**

For conductors rated 0 - 2000 volts and not more than three current-carrying conductors in raceway, cable, or direct buried. Ambient temperature of 30°C. As per NEC Table 310.16 and as modified by 240.4(D).

Size	Amps for Type TW or UF rated 60°C	Amps for Type THW or USE rated 75°C	Size	Amps for Type TW or UF rated 60°C	Amps for Type THW or USE rated 75°C
#14	15	15	1/0	125	150
#12	20	20	2/0	145	175
#10	30	30	3/0	165	200
#8	40	50	4/0	195	230
#6	55	65	250	215	255
#4	70	85	300	240	285
#2	95	115	350	260	310
#1	110	130	400	280	335
			500	320	380
			600	355	420
			700	385	460
			1000	455	545

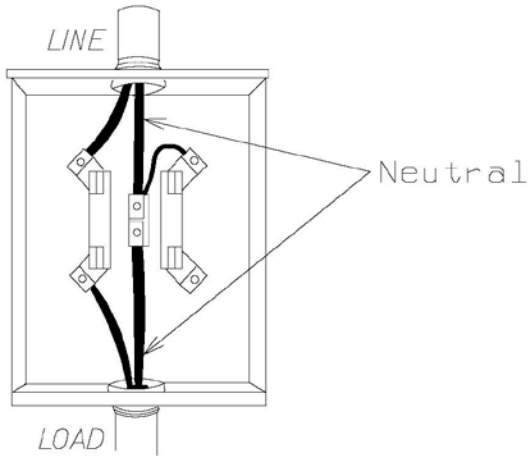
Note Table 310.15(B)(2)(a) on de-rating for more than three current-carrying conductors in a raceway.

5-2 Foundation Penetrations

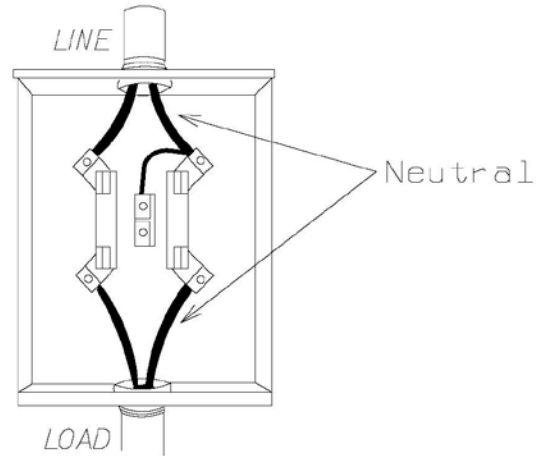


The above diagrams show how to and how not to deal with water seepage through basement walls. The Company will not run its conductors through a basement wall because of the possibility of causing water seepage problems.

5-3 120 Volt Meter Socket



Preferred



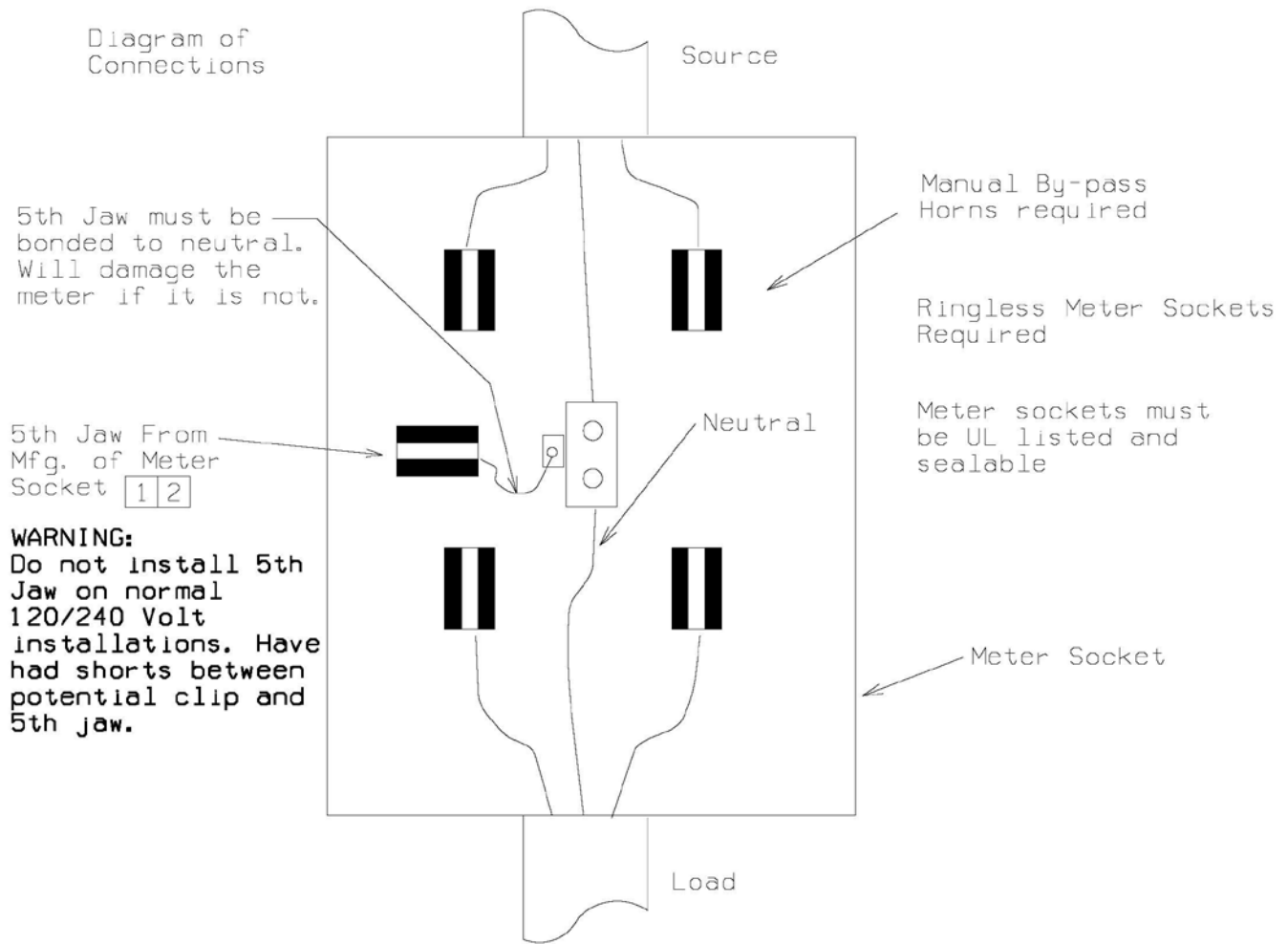
Alternate

(Use care when jumpering out!)

Wired for 2-wire, 120 Volt Service

This service is no longer available. This page is for reference on the old standard way of wiring this type of service.

5-4 Single Phase 120/208 0-200 Amp, Network Metering

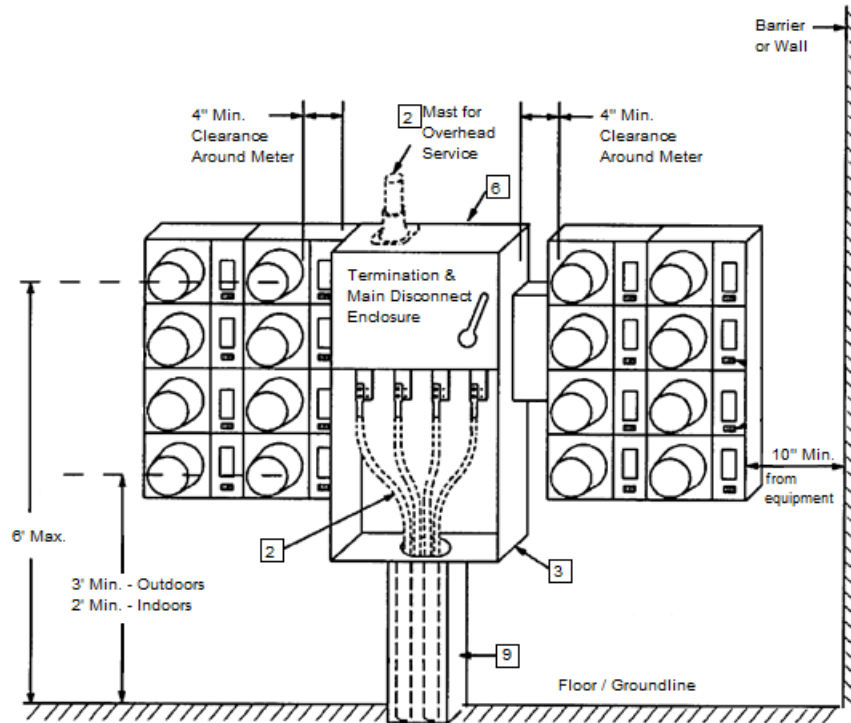


Notes:

1. A fifth jaw can be added to most new-style, single phase 120/240 meter sockets for 120/208 single phase service. The fifth jaw shall be added in the 9 o'clock position as pictured and securely attached (Milbank Snap-in Jaws are not acceptable; they fall apart).
2. This voltage is common in or near commercial areas. It is also common for large apartment complexes.
3. There are some existing installations with the fifth jaw in the 6 o'clock position (as compared to the normal 9 o'clock position) or with a wire jumper between the meter and the meter socket. These should be corrected, if possible, when upgrading the wiring.
4. Single phase service drop application shall be limited to 200 Amp. Larger installations shall have a three phase service drop with the single phase meters and connected loads balanced on all phases. The single phase meters must also be limited to 200 Amp.

5-5 Multiple Metering – Indoor/Outdoor Clearances

Clearances

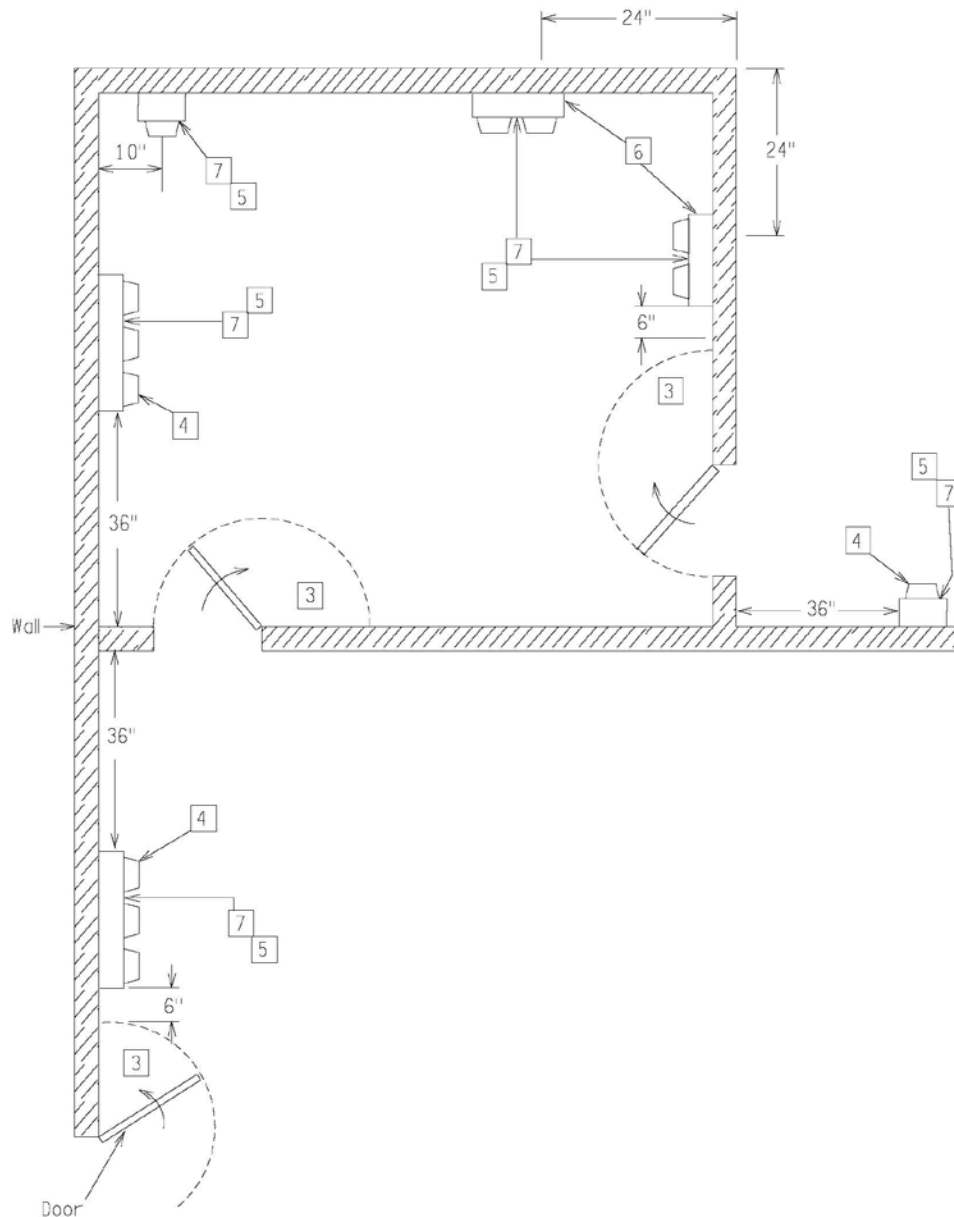


Notes:

1. **Metering shall be outside.**
2. Service drop or lateral.
 - A. Underground line conductors and lugs furnished by Company.
 - B. Load conductors and lugs furnished and installed by customer.
3. Customer shall furnish, install and maintain multiple metering equipment, including meter sockets, switches, fuses, circuit breakers, termination enclosures and associated equipment. See subsection 3-6 for termination compartments with disconnect/main breaker/fuse.
4. A minimum of 3 feet must be provided in front of all metering installations. See NEC 110.26(A).
5. All 100 Amp or 200 Amp meter sockets shall contain the horn-type bypass for single-phase or network installations, be ringless, UL listed, and not have covers over the meters.
6. 6'6" OH headroom working space required per NEC 110.26(A).
7. The Company uses 90°C conductor and will only terminate in a main terminal enclosure when used in conjunction with a lug landing pad.
8. Multi-metered installations shall be installed so as to balance the load on the service.
9. 4" rigid metallic conduit or approved raceways are acceptable for underground services.
10. On group installations, each meter socket and service switch shall be permanently marked identifying the location to be served. The location being served shall be identified in the same manner. This identification shall be made on the outside of the metering panels (for the benefit of tenants and meter readers), inside the meter enclosure (non-movable part as cover panels usually are interchangeable), and at the service panel that the meter serves. A label on the service panel is critical because labeling systems for apartments change, making it difficult to trace. This identification is often done with permanent black markers or white paint. See NEC 110.22 and PSC 113.0809.

5-5 Multiple Metering – Indoor/Outdoor Clearances (Cont'd)

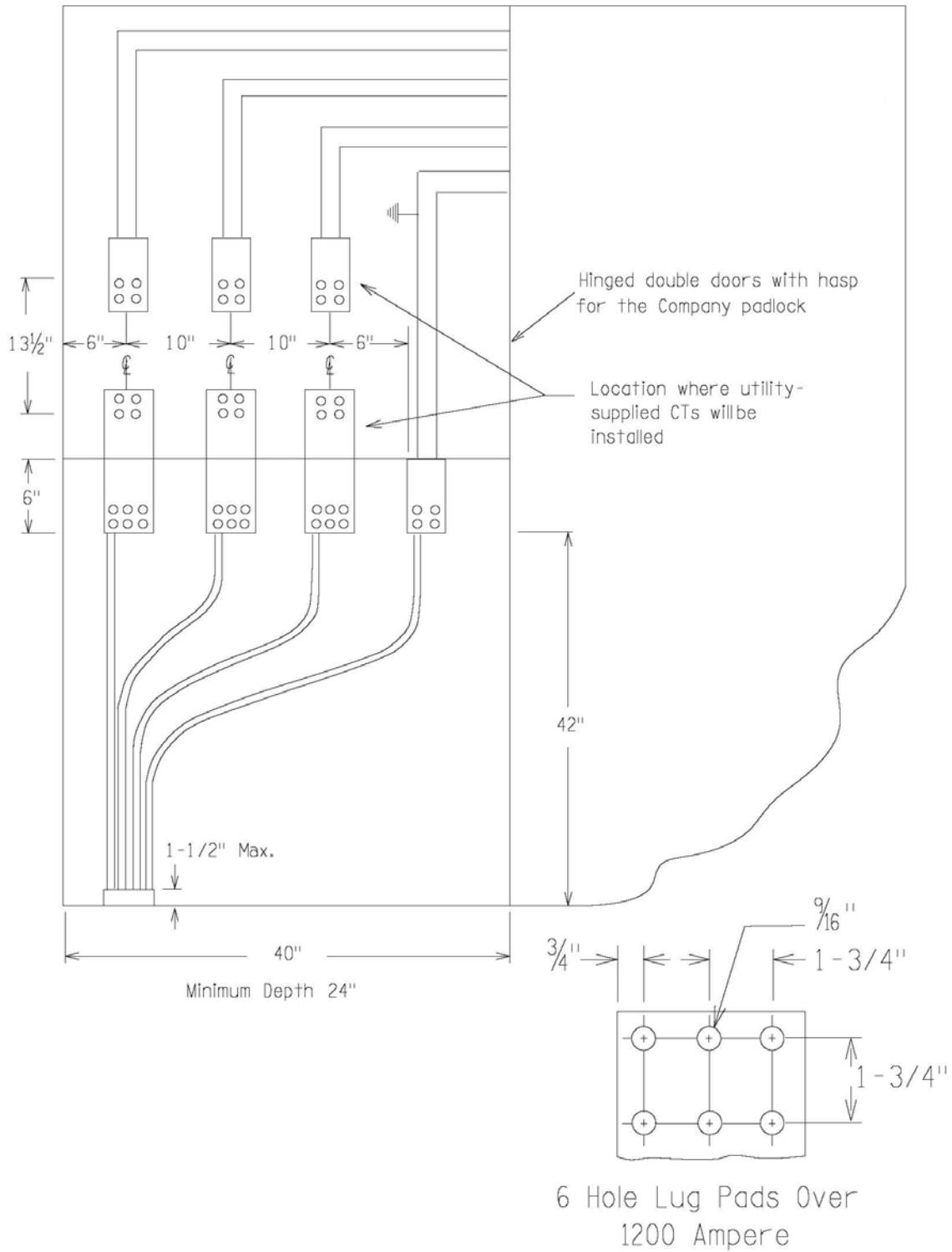
Swinging Door, Frontal & Side Clearances for Indoor Multiple Metering



Notes:

1. **All new metering installations shall be outside.**
2. All dimensions shown are minimum dimensions.
3. Meters are not to be installed on walls where they will be behind an open swinging door.
4. Meters may require protective barriers if traffic through doorway could cause meter damage. A minimum clearance of 12 in. is required from the center line of the meter-connection device to the barrier.
5. Location of electric meters must comply with dimensions shown on this sketch and meter mounting height dimensions shown on the first page of subsection 5-5.
6. A minimum of 24 inches applies when meter stacks are mounted on adjacent corner walls.
7. A minimum clearance of 3 feet must be provided in front of all metering installations. See NEC 110.26(A).
8. The Company shall be consulted concerning the location of metering equipment before metering equipment is installed.

5-6 Large CT Installation, Bus Bars - 2500-3000 Amp – Metering in Switchgear



Contact the Company for approval on these installations.

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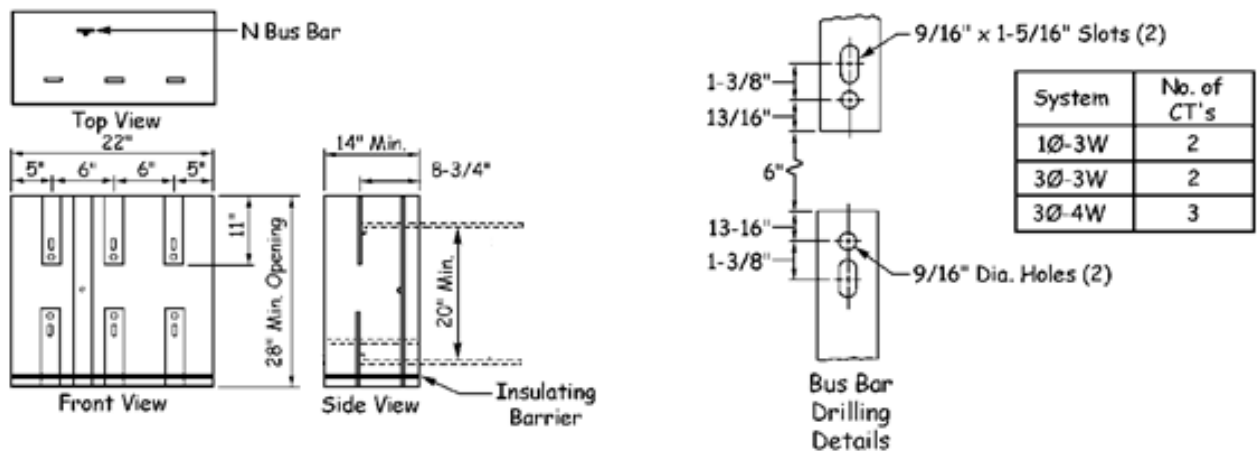
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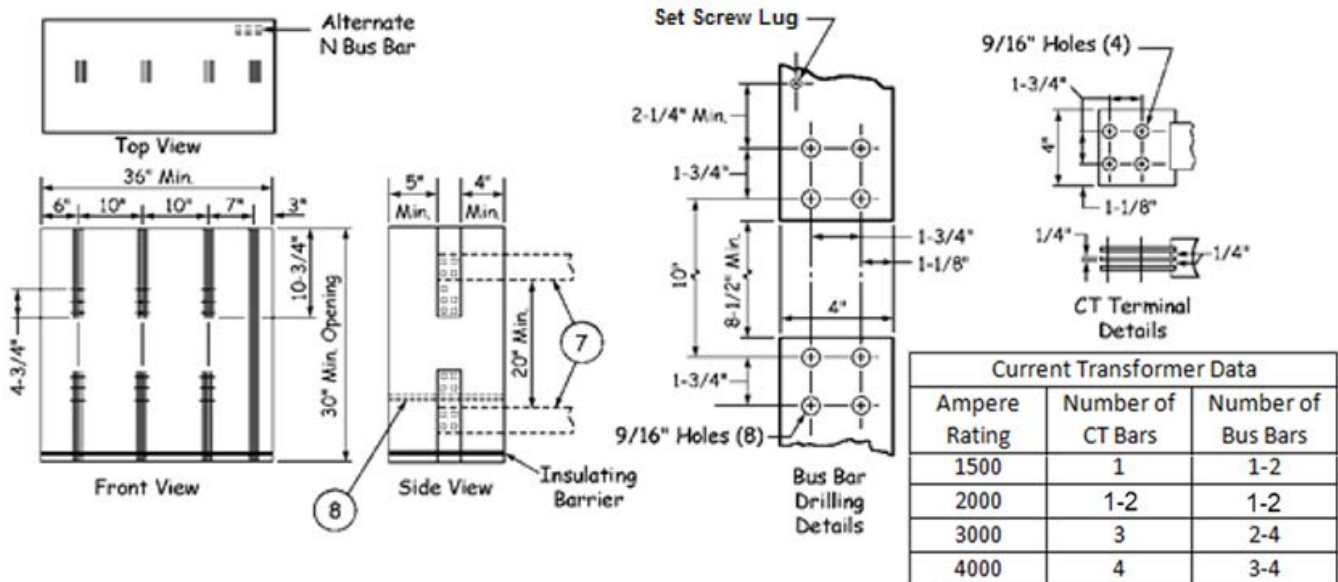
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Notes:

1. **Send a copy of drawings of the switchgear termination and metering compartments to the Company job representative for acceptance prior to any construction.**
2. Instrument meter socket to be located outside and within 25 feet of CT cabinet. The conduit between the meter socket and CT cabinet shall be min. 1-1/4" diameter.
3. If a separate termination compartment with stacked terminations is supplied, a 30" minimum from the bottom of the compartment to the neutral and a 40" minimum from the bottom of the compartment to the lowest phase are required. The termination compartment and CT compartment must have a hinged door with a hasp for the Company padlock.
4. The CT compartment shall be completely enclosed; barriers between compartments shall be rigidly supported.
5. Provide a set screw lug for a #12 gauge wire in the neutral bar for a potential tap.
6. Bus supports shall have a minimum separation of 15" and shall consist of an insulating material such as Benelex or equivalent, or porcelain insulators mounted on a steel channel.
7. Neutral bus must either run through or be extended back into the CT cabinet so that it is accessible for the potential tap. Working clearance between neutral bus and any live bus in the vicinity of the CT mounting must be 6" minimum. Neutral bus must not be located closer to the front of the enclosure than any live bus.
8. Check with the Company to determine how many conductors per phase will be used and how many holes will be needed on the termination pad.

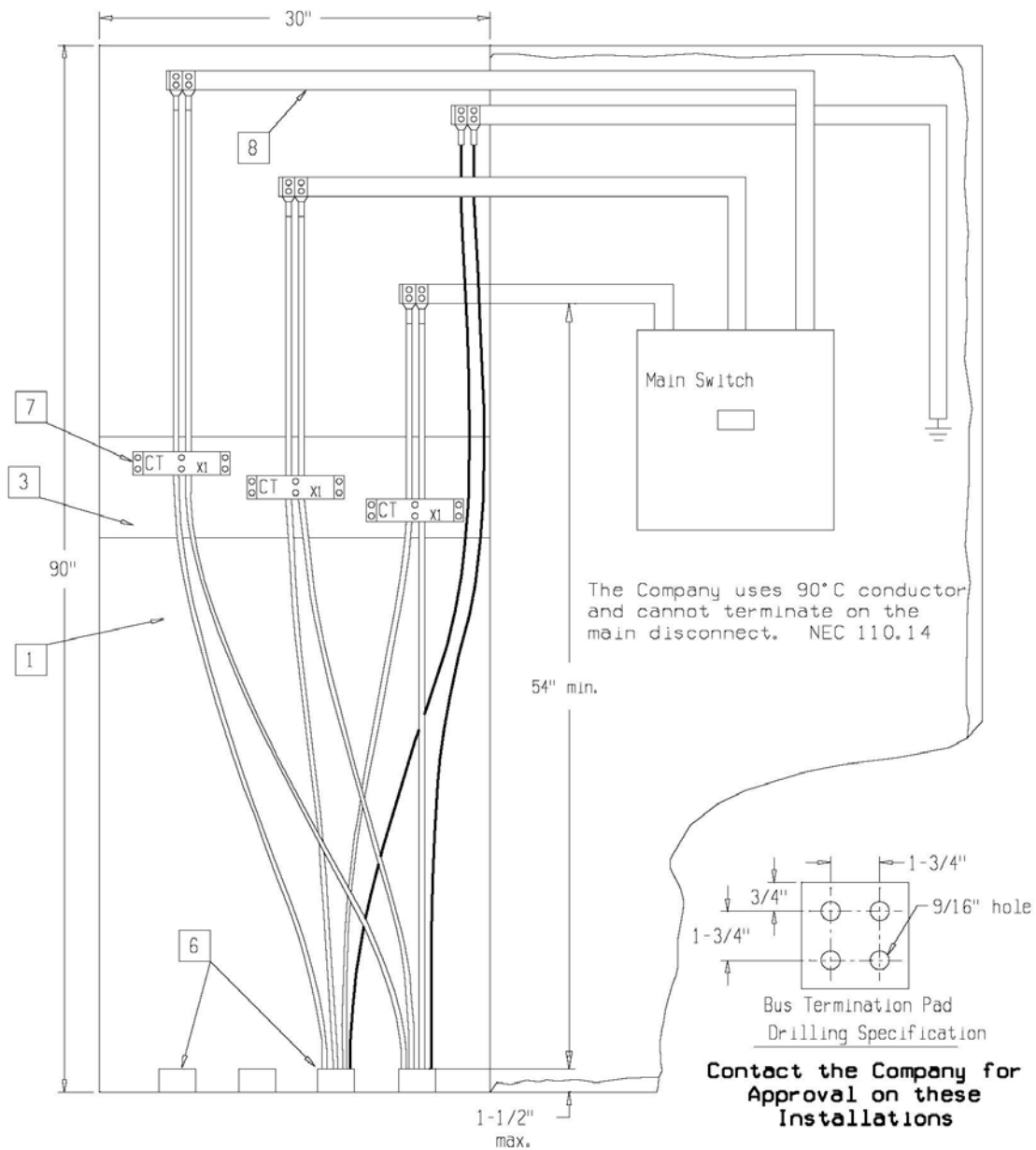


**1-Phase, 120/240 Volts, 400-800 Amperes
All 3-Phase Voltages, 400-1200 Amperes**



All 3-Phase Voltages, Over 1200 Amperes

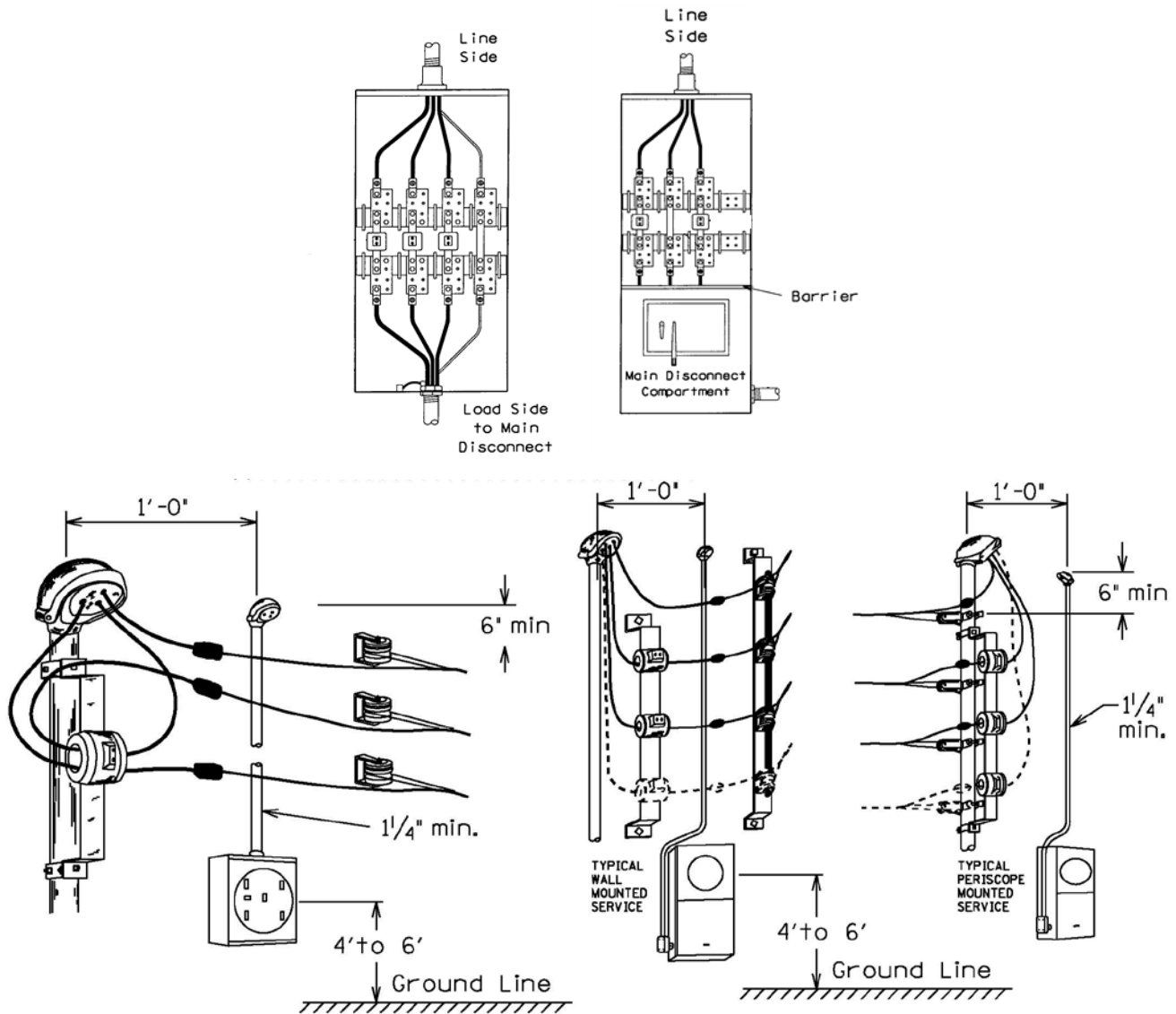
5-7 Large CT Installation, Doughnuts - 2500-3000 Amp – Metering in Switchgear



Notes:

1. Depth of current transformer compartment shall be 24" minimum.
2. CT compartment shall have hinged door and locking hasp.
3. CT mounting bracket must be adjustable for depth and height.
4. For top feed, reverse diagram configuration.
5. Customer shall furnish detailed drawings for Company approval before equipment is ordered.
6. Check with the Company to determine how many conductors per phase will be used and how many holes will be needed on the termination pad.
7. CT's shall be located approximately 18" below bus.
8. Bus shall be adequately braced to support conductors.
9. Instrument meter socket to be located outside and within 25 feet of CT cabinet. The conduit between shall be minimum 1-1/4 inch.

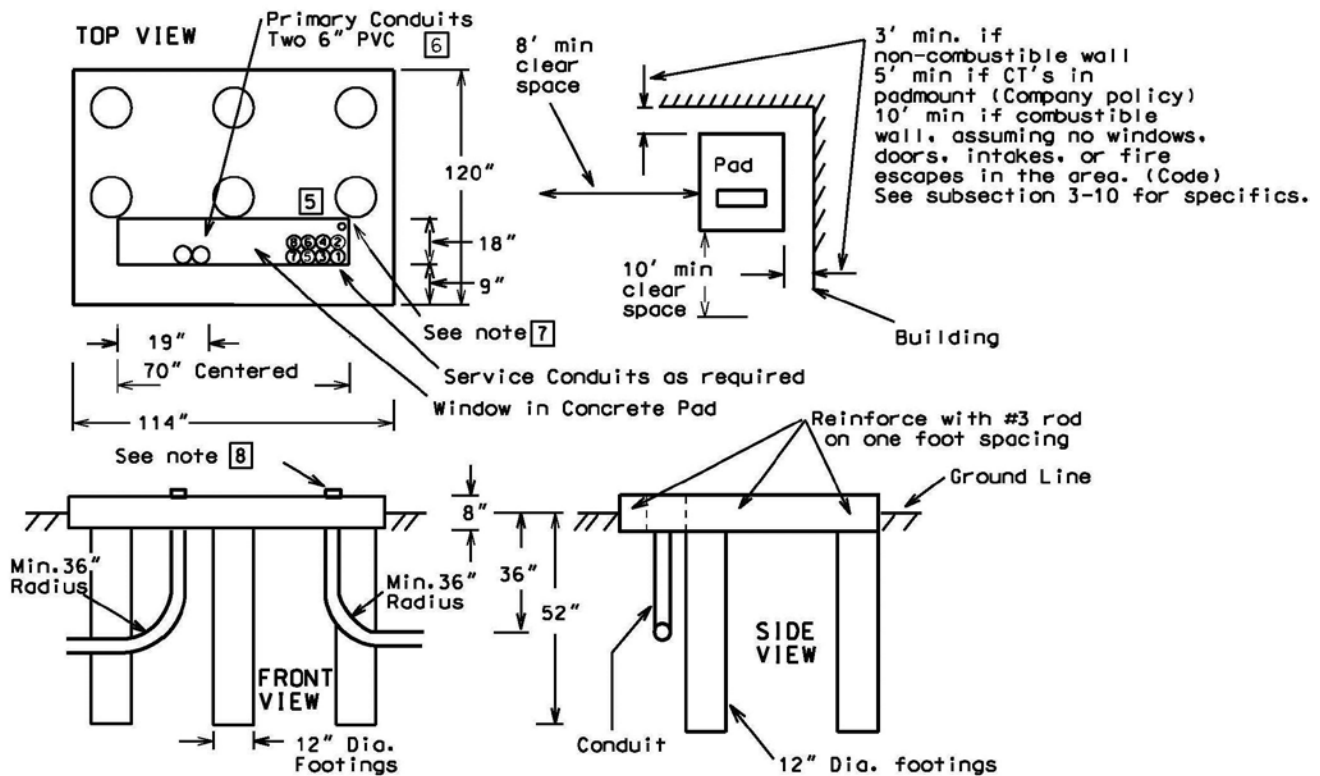
5-8 OH Service, CT Metering



Notes:

1. Because of code clearance issues, the location of customer's service entrance and meter equipment shall, in all cases, be designated by the Company.
2. The customer shall furnish and install the transocket, if applicable. The Company will provide the CT mounting bracket for periscope installation. The Company will mount the CT mounting bracket. The Company will supply the CTs, meter and meter wiring (including the meter socket ground).
3. The transocket must be bonded per NEC 250.102. See subsection 3-2 on bonding requirements.
4. Consult the Company for transocket bonding requirements on three-wire 240 volt three-phase and three-wire 480 volt three-phase installations.
5. The Company standard meter for 400 amp single phase is CT metering or a 320 class meter. Please refer to subsection 3-2 UG CT Cabinets for details.
6. The connections to the Company's service drop shall be made by the Company.
7. In four-wire 120/240 three-phase installations, the wild leg shall be identified with orange tape or other acceptable means.
8. The length of the service entrance conductors protruding from the weatherhead shall be at least 18 inches.
9. Periscopes shall be back-guyed if used for dead ending the service drop.
10. See subsection 3-12 for Fault Current information.
11. See subsection 3-2 for approved list of transockets.

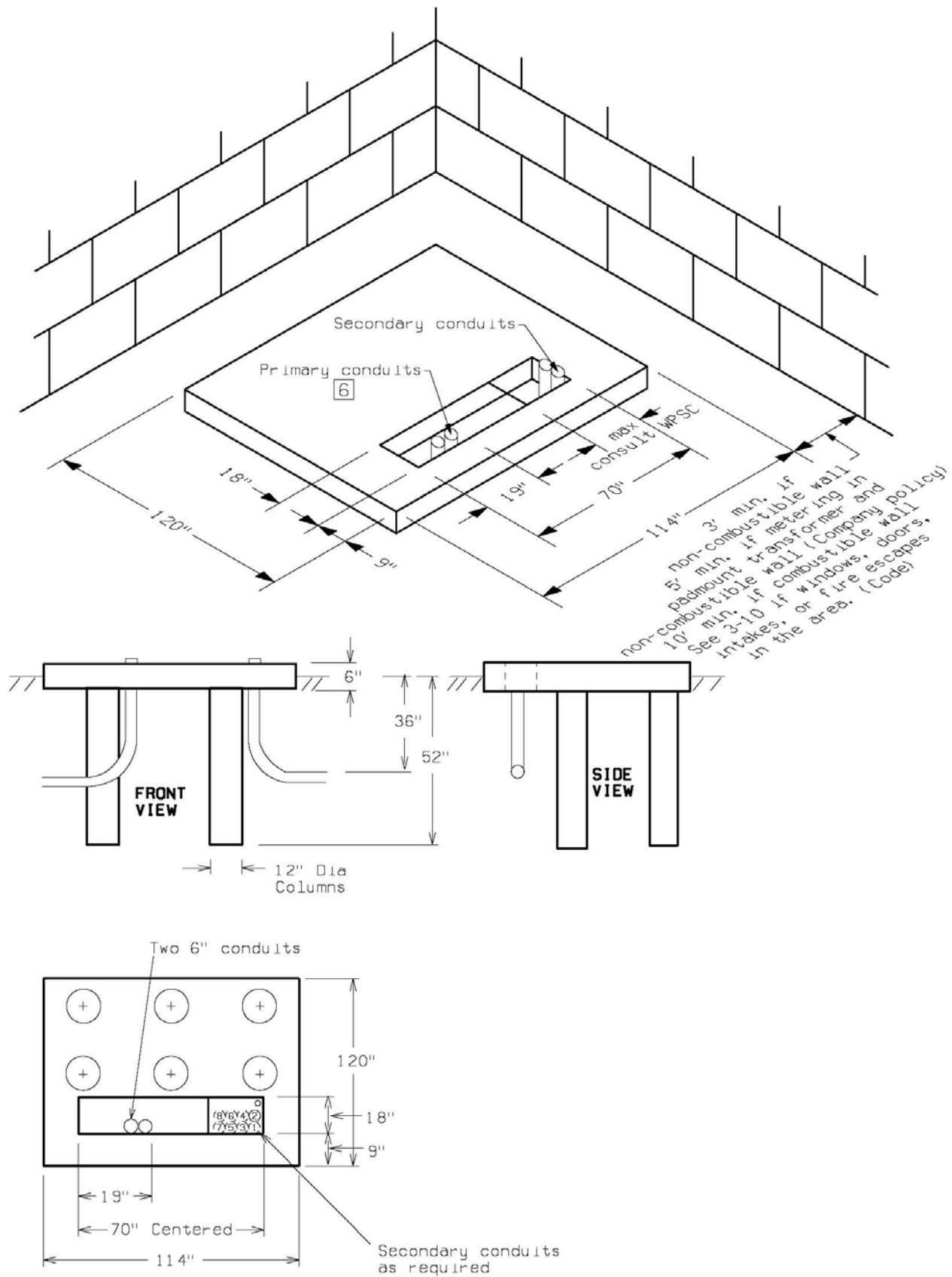
5-9 Large Concrete Transformer Pad 3750 to 5000 KVA



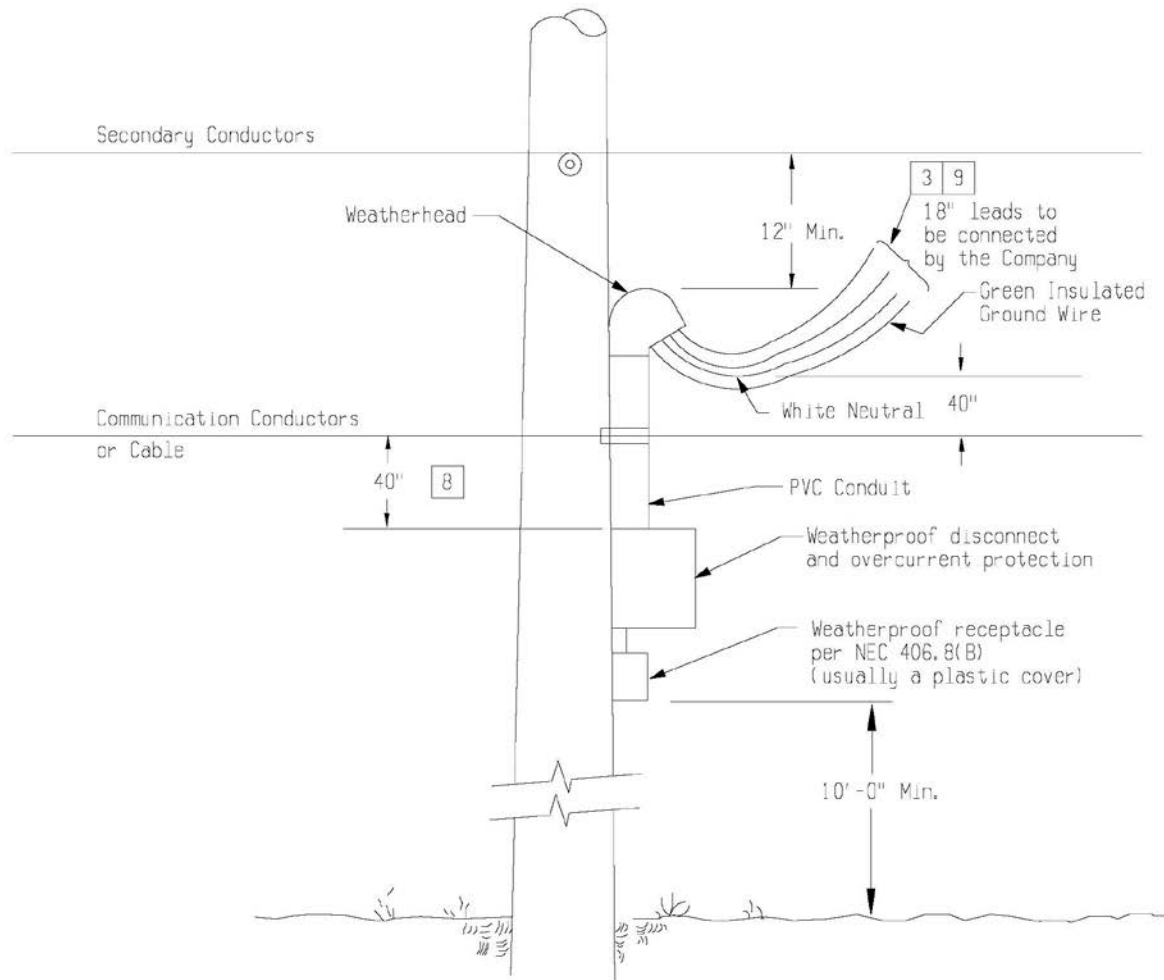
Notes:

- Concrete shall have a minimum strength of 3000 lbs. per sq. inch and contain not less than 6 bags of cement per cubic yard. Approximately one bag of fly ash may be substituted for one bag of cement per cubic yard of concrete.
- The top of the pad shall be reinforced with #3 rods on a 1' spacing.
- These transformers range from 20,000 to 28,000 lbs.
- Refer to subsection 3-9 for specific details on clearances from buildings.
- Service conduits shall always start from the front right corner of the window. The conduits must be positioned tight to the right side of the window and tight to each other and in numbered order. This is so that the conduits don't cross over into the primary side of the transformer.
- Position primary conduits in the front of the window and 19 inches from the left side (see top view, above). Use two each, six inch conduits.
- 1-1/4" PVC meter conduit to building wall, if required. End this 3" above pad. At the building, galvanized rigid or IMC should be used for above grade.
- Service and Primary conduits to be just above (max. 3") pad. Service lateral conduits can be PVC for underground portion from pad to building. At the building, galvanized rigid or IMC should be used for above grade.
- Concrete is considered fully cured in 21 days. However, the majority of the strength is obtained after 7 days. If transformers will be set in fewer than 7 days, cement should be tested to be sure it has at least 2500#/sq. in. of strength.

5-9 Large Concrete Transformer Pad 3750 to 5000 KVA (Cont'd)



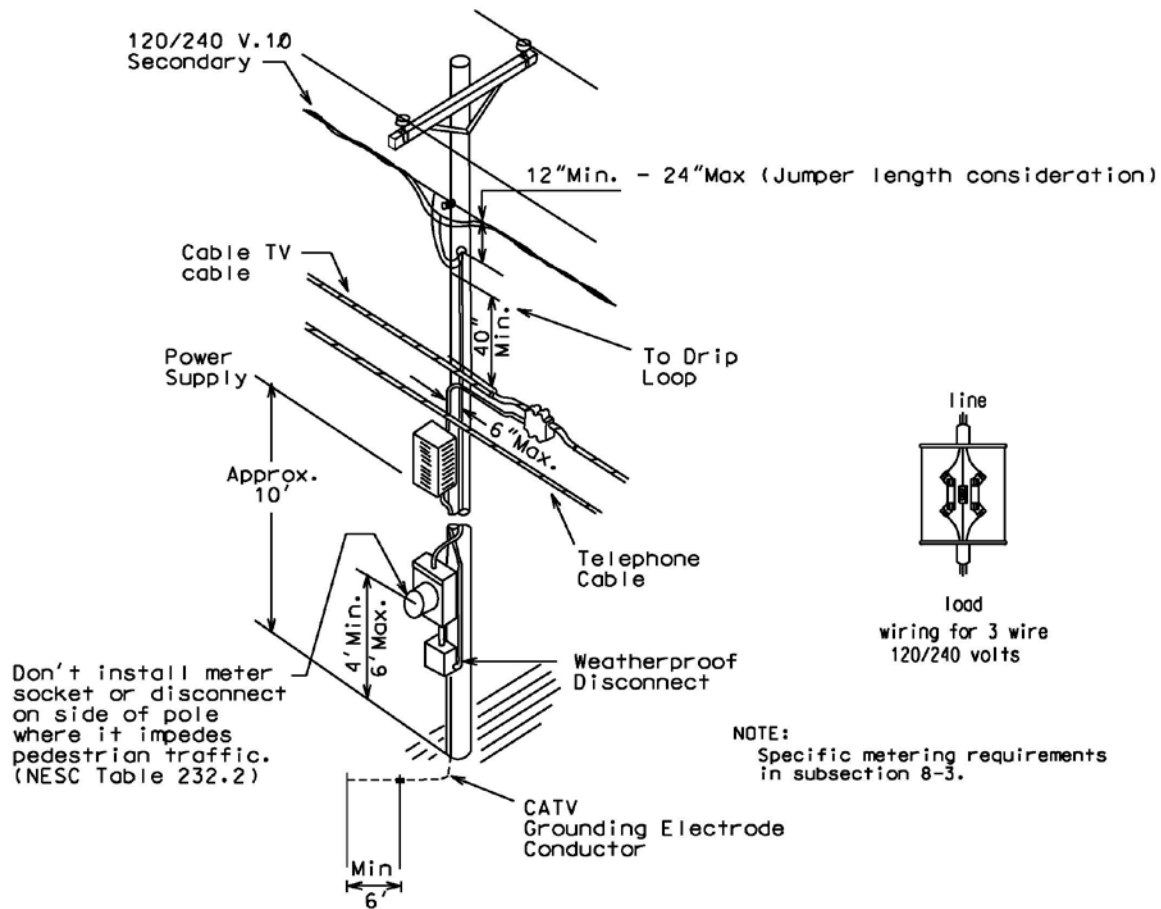
5-10 Unmetered Street Lighting Decorations



Notes:

1. The installation shall comply with code and Company requirements.
2. All materials shall be of an approved type and used in the manner intended.
3. The entrance may be 120 or 120/240 volt, depending on load requirements and availability of service on the pole, and shall be securely attached to the pole with bands or lag screws.
4. Service entrances should be avoided on transformer or switch poles.
5. A master agreement is required. The Company has the right to deny such attachments. The preferred method is to meter the usage. See subsection 5-11.
6. Decorations and festoonery shall be removed when billing is terminated.
7. Drilling of holes in poles is not permitted. Pole bands or lag screws may be used to support decorations which shall be securely attached to the pole. Decorations shall not be strung between poles.
8. If the entire installation is above the communication conductors, the receptacle shall be 40" above the communication conductors.
9. An earth ground is not required if a separate grounding wire is run from the switch box through the conduit with the service entrance conductors to be connected to the secondary neutral or the Company ground by Company crews. This ground wire shall be connected in the switch box so that it grounds switch box, receptacle and conduit. This ground should be a green insulated wire. The assumption here is that this is for a municipal government and therefore covered by the NESC. The 10-foot ground clearance is critical. Also, all work must be done by trained and "qualified personnel." See OSHA/MIOSHA/NESC definitions.
10. Non-current-carrying metal parts of decorations operating at less than 150 volts to ground can be installed as close as 20" to communication cables or 20" above and 24" below communication conductors.

5-11 CATV Power Supplies



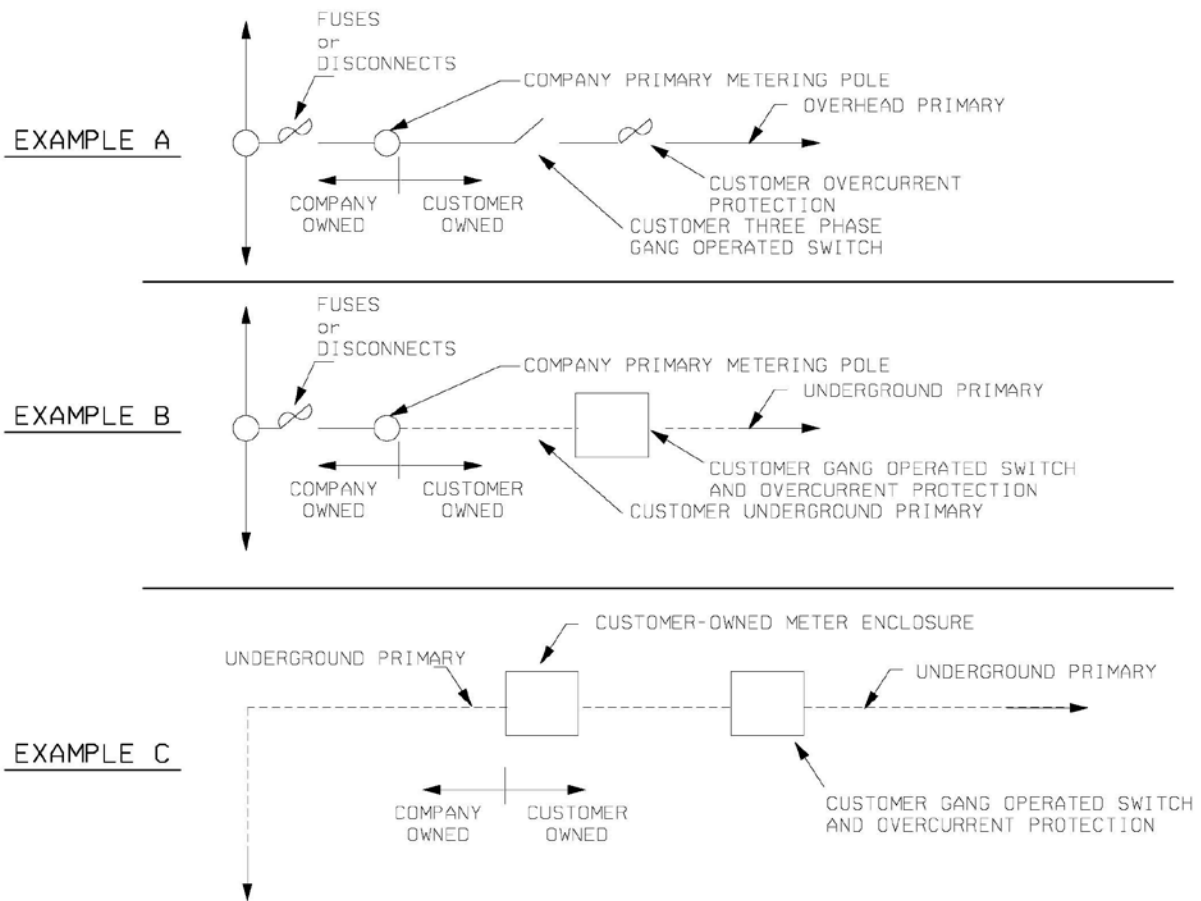
Don't install meter socket or disconnect on side of pole where it impedes pedestrian traffic. (NESC Table 232.2)

NOTE:
Specific metering requirements in subsection 8-3.

Notes:

1. Consult the Company before installing to ensure that 120/240 volt service is available on the pole in question.
2. All installations must conform with all applicable electrical codes and Company requirements, including requirements for clearances, climbing space and working space.
3. Only qualified and authorized personnel shall make this type of installation (See OSHA/NESC definitions). They shall be trained in and knowledgeable of the clearance requirements and working rules of the NESC (Vol.1 Wisconsin State Electric Code)(MIOSHA Rule 408.140.05). The qualified personnel shall be trained and competent in:
 - A. Distinguishing exposed live parts from other parts of electric equipment.
 - B. The techniques necessary to determine the nominal voltage of exposed live parts.
 - C. Minimum approach distances corresponding to the voltages to which the qualified personnel will be exposed.
4. All materials, except meter, shall be furnished and installed by the CATV company.
5. The meter socket shall be a minimum of 100 amp, ringless style, with bypass horns. The service will be 3-wire 120/240 volt. Two wire 120 volt service is not acceptable.
6. The service entrance conductors shall be run in non-metallic conduit, Schedule 40. If metallic conduit is used, it shall be covered with a non-metallic covering 40" above and 72" below any communications attachments (NESC 239G.1.). The service entrance conductors shall extend 30" beyond the weatherhead and shall be rated with 600 volt insulation. The Company will make connections to its lines.
7. It is a code violation to have fused and unfused service entrance conductors in the same raceway.
8. The disconnect, power supply unit, meter socket and CATV cable shall be mounted on the same quadrant of the pole. There shall be a maximum of 6" between the service entrance conduit and CATV cable.
9. Grounding shall be in accordance with the National Electrical Code article 250. Note that code requires a separate ground down the pole and a separate double ground rod. Do not run this ground into the meter socket in Wisconsin (PSC 114.099.C).
10. When a unit contains both the service disconnect switch and the power supply, installation height shall be in accordance with applicable codes.
11. This unit may not be mounted on any pole on which there are transformers, primary risers, section cutouts, capacitors, circuit reclosers, regulators, traffic signals or similar fixtures without the consent of the Company's Regional Electrical Engineer.

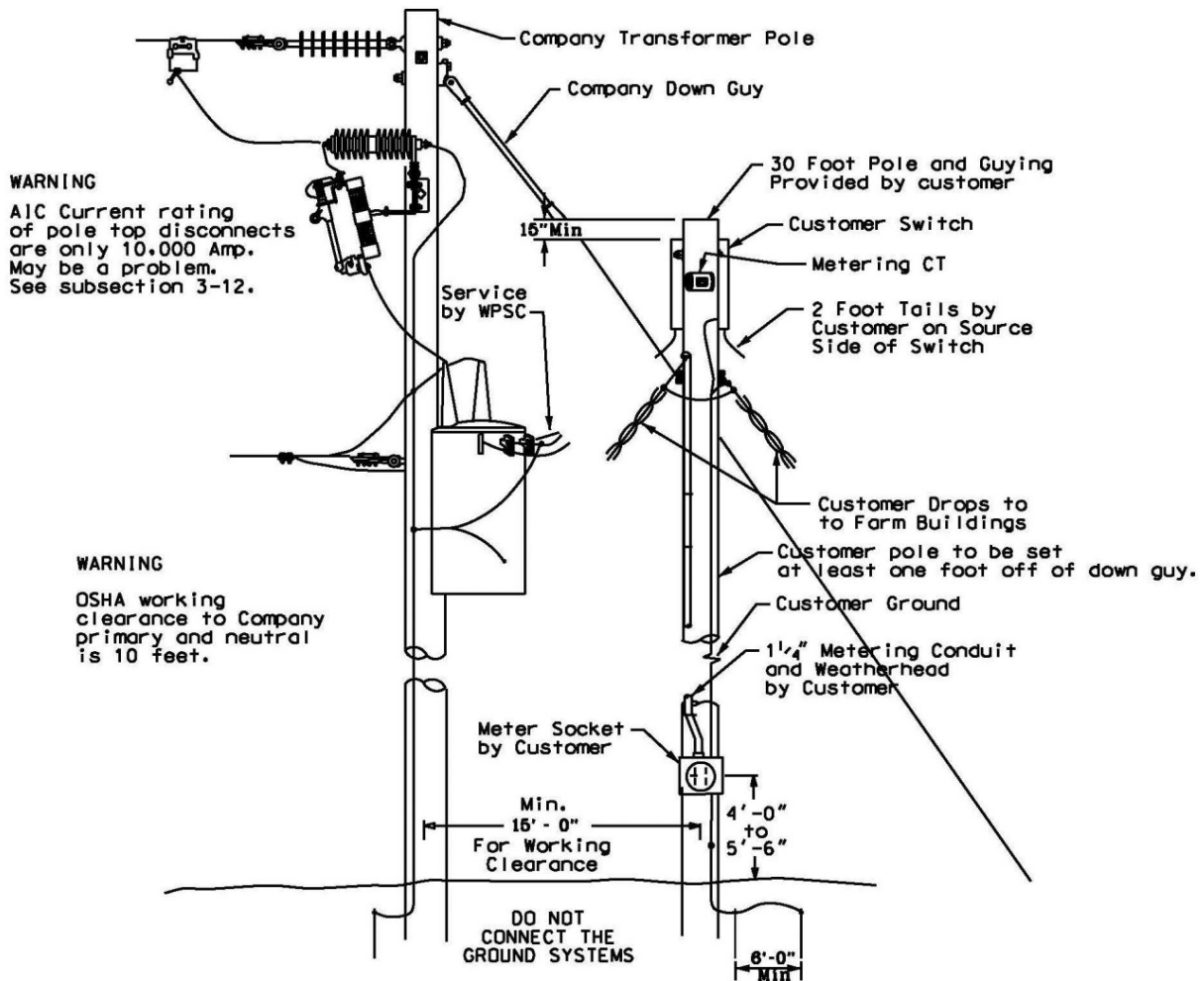
5-12 Primary Metering



Notes:

1. Consult the Company for any 2.4/4.16 kV wye or higher primary voltages (14.4/24.94 kV wye is standard for WPS). The 2.4/4.16 kV service is available for demands of 1000 kVA to 5000 kVA. The 14.4/24.94 kV service is available for demands over 1000 kVA.
2. A gang-operated three-phase disconnect that the customer can operate must be installed.
3. Overcurrent protection must be installed in conjunction with the three-phase gang-operated disconnect. Consult the Company on coordination issues between the customer overcurrent protection and utility protection.
4. The customer-owned facilities must comply with the state electric code &/or the NEC. If the Company is selling an existing system, changes may be necessary. This is because Company lines are built to comply with volume I of the Wisconsin Electric Code &/or the NESC.
5. Some of the key NEC requirements are in NEC 240.21, 450.3 & 695.5.
 - A. Overcurrent protection must be on the primary side of each transformer setting.
 - B. Overcurrent protection must be on the secondary side of each transformer setting ahead of the service, or what is now called the feeder by the NEC. This is not required if the customer determines that they have conditions of maintenance and supervision to ensure that only qualified people will monitor and service the transformer installation.
 - C. If primary feed to the transformer (feeder per NEC) is outside, then the requirements for secondary overcurrent protection at the transformer are not required. The NEC does require a single main in the secondary switchgear. The six disconnect rule does not apply.
 - D. The fire protection system has special overcurrent protection requirements.
6. Customer-owned, three-legged core transformers shall be avoided. Only grounded wye / grounded wye four or five legged core transformers shall be used. Loss of phase and ferroresonance is a concern.

5-13 Farm Pole Tops



Notes:

1. The Company will provide the service conductors between the poles, meters and CTs. The customer shall provide two foot insulated conductor tails on the source side of the disconnect switch. The Company will make the connections to these tails. The Company will use one CT on 200 & 400 amp single-phase, two CTs on 600 & 800 amp single-phase and three CTs on three-phase.
2. The customer shall furnish and install the pole top disconnect. When multiple pole top disconnects are used, they shall be single lever operated. The customer shall provide and install a 30 foot pole, in good shape and with appropriate guying as is necessary for the pole top disconnect. The Company can sell and install the pole for the customer.
3. Any customer overhead service drop conductors installed on the metering pole shall be installed so as to clear all wiring and equipment on the transformer pole by a minimum of 5'-0" (accessibility).
4. This pole top style metering is acceptable for farm applications for 200 to 800 amp single phase and for 200 amp three phase.
5. The Company's standard metering is direct metering for three phase services up thru 200 amps. There is a special facilities charge for three phase CT metering for 200 amps & below.
6. The Company's standard metering is direct metering for single phase services up thru 320 amps. There is a special facilities charge for single phase CT metering for 320 amps & below.
7. The single phase 320 amp single position meter sockets are acceptable for OH and multiple UG installations, if UL listed, ringless, have a bypass lever, are capable of terminating 350 KCM Al conductor, and have no cover over the meter.
8. Any customer-owned underground feeders or branch circuits shall have the appropriate overcurrent protection installed before going underground. NEC 240.21 (State interpretation of protected)

5-13 Farm Pole Tops (Cont'd)

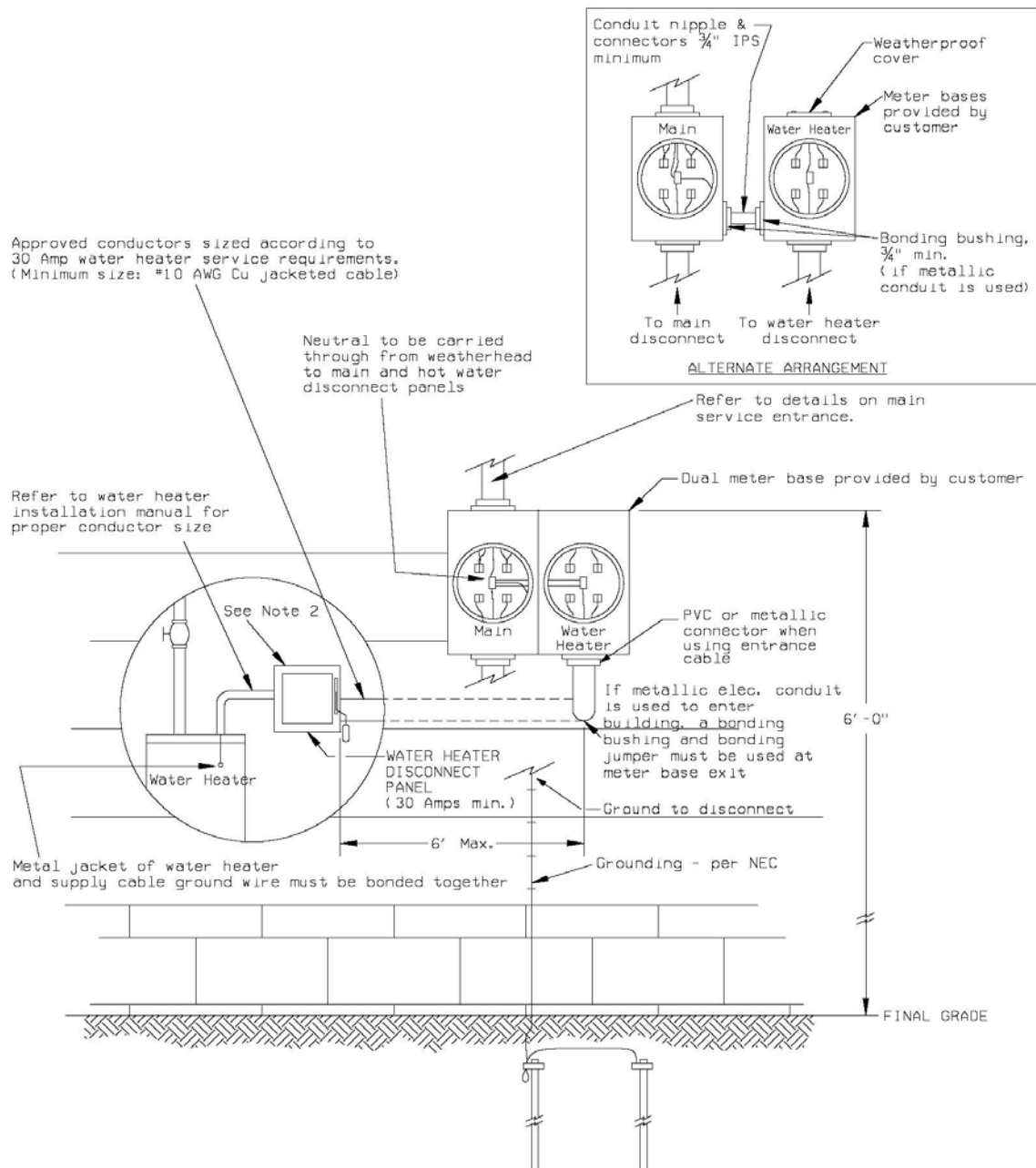
Instrument Transformer Rated Meter Sockets (for CT installations)

5 Terminal for 120/240 single phase (400 amp farm pole tops only)

Manufacturer	
Schneider Electric	URS1004-B-HO Plus 1 ea. 8855-1
Milbank	U7487-RL-KK-TG Plus 1 ea. 5T24B
Landis & Gyr (Siemens)	UAT111-OPxx + (1) 659-0121

5-14 Residential Electric Water Heater Service Entrance – Maintenance Only, MI Only

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FOR MAINTENANCE – NO LONGER AVAILABLE**



Notes:

1. Location of entrance to be determined by the Company and coordinated with customer prior to installation.
2. If the main service disconnect is grounded to the water supply line, then a minimum 10 AWG ground wire must be installed between the water heater disconnect panel and the main service panel.