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Section 90.1

Question:

Does a municipal power company need to pull a permit to change out a customer owned meter can while doing an overhead to underground conversion?

Answer

Typically, if the service drop, service entrance conductors, meter and meter enclosure are owned, maintained, provided by and installed by the utility, then 90.2 (B) (5) exempts then from a permit.

Commentary:

With that said, in most of Florida, where the utility is governed by the Public Service Commission, the utility only owns the actual meter; everything else past the point of connection to the utility owned service drop is the property and responsibility of the property owner and requires a permit. In addition, if there is a charge for this work, Florida Statute 489 defines this as contracting and a license is required.

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