

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO: I-20-09

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The following is offered in response to your email request in which you seek a formal interpretation. This question would apply to the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

Question:

“The issue relates to electric service to natural gas company unmetered services. These services usually feed cathodic protection and telemetry equipment. It appears that there is inconsistency for a requirement to take out a municipal permit and require an inspection approval prior to energizing these services. Are the natural gas utilities covered by the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) and therefore do not need to comply with the permit/inspection process?”

Answer:

Section 29-282, of the Connecticut General Statutes, notes that the State Building Code is not applicable to structures, other than buildings, of public service companies subject to regulation by the Department of Public Utility Control. As per statutory requirements, a municipal permit would not be required if the natural gas companies are subject to regulation by the Department of Public Utility Control.