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ELECTRIC SERVICE CONNECTION POLICY CHANGE

The City of Twin Falls has determined that our electrical inspector may, in the normal course of their required inspection procedures, be exposed to potentially dangerous arc flash incidents, as defined in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70E, Electrical Safety in the Workplace. In order to protect our inspectors, other workers, structures and equipment within the potential arc flash boundary, the City of Twin Falls is providing the electrical inspectors with training specific to the prevention of such incidents. Additionally, we are providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to help minimize injury in the event an incident should occur.

The best method of preventing arc flash and other electrical accidents is to avoid working on or within NFPA 70E defined boundaries of energized electrical equipment. To facilitate this, the City of Twin Falls is instituting a policy under which our electrical inspector will not inspect any electrically energized equipment or circuits that fall under the safety guidelines of NFPA 70E. This will affect how and when Idaho Power may energize an electric service.

Beginning July 1st, 2015, the City of Twin Falls will require that the power provider not energize electrical services until they have been inspected and passed for connection. There will be exceptions, such as temporary power poles, or emergency repairs made during off hours. In these types of situations the City Electrical Inspector will work with the contractor and the power provider to facilitate the service reconnection on a case by case basis. This policy is consistent with how the Division of Building Safety and other jurisdictions within Idaho handle their power turn on inspections.

Sincerely,

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