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# Metering Standards

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# 1.0 Temporary Power for Construction

In underground distribution areas, when the temporary power pole is within ten (10) feet of the transformer or secondary pedestal, the service wires shall be in flexible, non-metallic liquid tight conduit. This can be above ground or buried at a depth of twelve (12) inches. It is the responsibility of the electrical contractor to dig and install the flexible non-metallic liquid tight conduit including wire under the secondary pedestal. Grand Island Utilities Department (GIUD) shall make the electrical connections at the transformer or secondary terminal. If the temporary power pole is more than ten (10) feet from the padmount transformer or secondary pedestal, the service wire to the temporary power pole may be direct buried at a depth of eighteen (18) inches. The direct buried wire used for the temporary service shall be type UF, USE, or equal to, as specified by the National Electrical Code (NEC). All wire and trenching and/or digging to and under the padmount transformer or secondary pedestal shall be the responsibility of the electrician.

The permanent underground electric service wires can be used for the temporary service if the service wires at the temporary pole are in conduit. Any termination in open air shall be at least twelve (12) feet above ground.

Temporary power poles fed from an overhead power supply and within six (6) feet of the utility pole shall be at least twelve (12) feet high at the point of attachment. If the temporary power pole is more than six (6) feet from the utility pole, the service pole must be of sufficient height to maintain eighteen (18) feet of clearance on the wire at midspan. The overhead service wire shall be installed by GIUD.

All receptacle outlets on temporary power poles shall be protected with ground-fault interrupter for personnel safety. Refer to NEC Article 590.6.

Connection of temporary power at construction sites will normally occur within two working days after electrical inspection of the temporary power pole and equipment is complete.

# 2.0 Electrical Meter Releases and Installation

Upon successful completion of a final inspection by the Building Department, a meter release is given to GIUD. GIUD shall install the meter within one working day. The customer may request the meter be installed after normal business hours. This will result in an overtime charge. If a specific hookup time is needed, an appointment should be made only after the final inspection has been completed.

When the electrical meter is installed, the Service Crew will make sure there is electricity to the main breaker but shall leave it in the OFF position. If the customer is present, they may request the Service Crew to check other locations.

If an appointment is called for and the service is not ready, or the final inspection has not been completed, a service fee will be charged.

Arrangements should always be made with both the Utilities Customer Service office and the Building Department prior to contacting the Service Crew. Appointments can be made with the Electric Distribution Supervisor at 308-385-5471.

# 3.0 Padmount Transformers

The following are general guidelines addressing locations fed by padmount transformers:

1. When planning any work involving a new service or meter, prior to starting the job, check with GIUD on what voltages are available and the location of the power source for the service in question.

- 2. Normally, in new residential subdivisions, a secondary pedestal shall be provided for the electrician to stub the service conduit (s) in to.
- 3. Secondary transformer lugs and bolts for all transformers and secondary pedestals shall be provided by GIUD.

# 4.0 Customer Electric Service Data Form

# CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

## **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

PHONE: (308) 385-5471

## **CUSTOMER ELECTRIC SERVICE DATA**

DATE	
CONTRACTOR	_
BUSINESS OWNER	_
LOCATION OF BUILDING	
Single Phase 120/240 Volt or 120/208	3 wire, lighting and/or single phase power. One or two meters. 010 Residential lighting rate and/or 030 Single Phase Commercial rate.
Three Phase 120/208 Volt	4 wire lighting and power. One meter. 050 Three Phase Commercial rate.
Three Phase 277/480 Volt	4 wire. One meter. 050 Three Phase Commercial rate or 100 Optional Power rate or 104 Large light and power service (1500 KW Minimum)
MAIN SIZECALCU	ULATED LOAD(AMPS OR KVA)
SIZE OF WIRE STUBBED OUT FOR SE	ERVICE
NUMBER OF CONDUCTORS PER PHAS	SE
Copper	Aluminum
LIGHTING KW	
TOTAL CONNECTED HP	
LARGEST SINGLE CONNECTED MOTO	OR HP
NUMBER OF THREE PHASE A/C UNITS	-S
SIZE OF A/C UNIT (TON OF EACH UNI	IT)
BREAKER SIZE OF EACH A/C UNIT	_
ELECTRIC HEAT:	
HOW MANY UNITS AND WHAT SIZE (F	KW)

MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE TRANSFORMER IS SET.

# 5.0 Self-Contained Meter Applications

When planning any work involving a new service or meter, and before starting the job, check with the GIUD on what voltages are available, and the power source for the service in question.

# 5.1 Single Phase

#### 120/240 Volt, three wire 200 amps or less:

A four (4) terminal socket meter compartment shall be used. The socket compartment current rating shall be equal to or greater than the main disconnect rating.

#### 120/240 Volt, three wire, above 200 amps.

A four (4) terminal socket and lever bypass shall be used. Approved lever bypasses are: Square D, Landis & GYR HQ, and the Milbank lever bypass (jaw clamping). The socket compartment current rating shall be equal to or greater than the main disconnect rating. For services over 400 amps, current transformers shall be used. Refer to Requirements for Instrument Metering, section 6.0.

#### 120/208 Volt, three wire, 200 amps or less:

This is a network installation, consisting of a standard four terminal socket meter compartment with a movable 5<sup>th</sup> terminal installed on the left side. A # 12 solid copper wire tapped from the neutral to the 5<sup>th</sup> terminal is required. Services over 200 amps shall be a 120/208, four wire, three phase service.

#### 5.2 Three Phase

#### 120/208 Volt or 277/480 Volt, four wire Wye, 400 amps or less:

For both 120/208V and 277/480V services, a seven terminal socket meter compartment with a neutral wire installed on the third terminal from the left on the bottom terminal row shall be required.

#### 120/208 Volt or 277/480 Volt, four wire Wye, over 200 amp and up to 400 amps.

A seven (7) terminal three phase meter socket with <u>approved lever bypass</u> shall be used. Approved lever bypasses are: Square D, Landis GYR HQ, or Milbank lever bypass (jaw clamping type). For services over 400 amps, current transformers shall be used. Refer to Requirements for Instrument Metering, section 6.0.

#### 5.3 Irrigation Wells

Any new and upgraded irrigation wells may use a UL approved factory manufactured meter pedestal with a breaker provided the pedestal is adequately protected from damage by protective bollards. GIUD shall install stand-off brackets on the pole if they are required. All new or upgraded irrigation wells shall require a fused disconnect to be installed after the meter socket. See Drawings EX-9 and EX-9A.

#### 5.4 General Requirements Meter Enclosures

Unless specifically waived by GIUD, meter sockets shall be mounted on the outside of a building or structure and shall be at the centerline height of five (5) to six (6) feet above finished grade (see Drawing EX-3) with exception to meter packs. All meter compartments shall be grounded according to the NEC Table 250-66. All masts above the roof shall be two (2) inch rigid steel. All meter enclosures shall be "ring type" or approved equivalent including single phase and three phase meter

enclosures rated at 200 amps or less, as well as meter packs, and meter pedestals. All newly built temporary structures shall follow these guidelines. Existing temporary meter structures built before 2016 shall be excluded. Meter locking rings or other locking means shall be supplied by GIUD.

Any customer's electric service over 200 amps shall be an underground electric service to a padmount transformer, secondary pedestal or a utility pole.

## 5.5 Point of Attachment

The service drop point of attachment shall be twelve (12) feet minimum at the house/building while maintaining service drop clearances per NEC article 230.24.

## 5.6 Damage to Meter Loop

Any electrical service/meter loop that is repaired or replaced shall comply with these metering standards, current NEC and City Code including meter height, point of attachment height, ground rod, etc. unless exception is given by GIUD.

#### 5.7 Meter location

See City Code 15-6.

#### 5.8 Trailer Houses

All new, upgraded and repaired services for trailer homes shall be required to use a factory manufactured meter pedestal, UL approved.

#### 5.9 Meter Pedestals

Meter pedestals can be used on residential or commercial services but shall be factory manufactured pedestals, UL approved. Meter pedestals shall not be located in utility easements unless prior approval by GIUD.

## 5.10 Height of Weather Head

The weather head shall be twelve (12) inches from open secondary wires in a rack or triplex deadended on a J hook or twelve (12) inches below the bottom of the transformer (see Drawing EX-9). In all of these situations, the length of the wire coming out of the weather head shall have at least two (2) feet for a drip loop, plus sufficient wire length to reach the termination point. If there are any questions on the height of weather head or the length of wire for termination, call GIUD before starting the job.

#### 5.11 Secondary Standoff Brackets and Pedestals

Any conduits installed on a utility pole shall be on standoff brackets, unless prior approval is granted. Refer to Drawing EX-9. Stand-off bracket and hardware shall be furnished and installed by GIUD. In areas where the power is supplied by overhead power lines and the customer desires an underground electric service, GIUD shall determine if there will be a secondary pedestal installed at the base of the pole or if the electrical contractor will be required to install the customer electric service up the pole. Where the customer underground electric service is required to go up a main line pole (pole with primary voltage), GIUD shall determine if the clearances are sufficient for safe working by the

electrical contractor. If not, GIUD will assist the contractor above the first ten (10) feet of schedule 40 GRC conduit installed. If clearances are adequate for the contractor to install the entire conduit and wire up the pole, GIUD shall install stand-off brackets with a two (2) working day notice.

## 5.12 Padmount Transformer Secondary Lugs and Bolts

GIUD shall supply all secondary transformer lugs and half inch bolts on all padmount transformers. GIUD shall terminate all secondary wires in padmount transformers and secondary pedestals. On three phase services with parallel wires, the contractor shall be present when secondary wires are terminated for assisting and verification of phase wire markings.

#### 5.13 Residential Electric Furnace

When installing wiring for an electric furnace in a new house or replacement of a gas furnace with an electric furnace, please notify GIUD of the customer's address and furnace size. Any electric furnace larger than 10 KW should have the heating elements come on in stages, a minimum of twenty (20) seconds between stages. This helps prevent nuisance flickering of lights and/or any associated voltage problems that may occur when the electric furnace turns on.

#### 5.14 KYZ Pulses

KYZ pulses are available to customers for load management. The customer shall supply and install an isolation relay within five foot of the electric meter.

# 6.0 Requirement for Instrument Metering (services over 400 amps.)

When planning any work involving metering on a new service or a service upgrade, check with GIUD on what voltages and hook-ups are available before starting the job.

#### 6.1 CT Cabinets

Current Transformer (CT) cabinets, compartments or pedestals shall be used for metering any service over 400 amps and be factory manufactured and installed ahead of the main disconnect unless prior approval by GIUD. The exception to this is the use a of Multi Metering compartment of 277/480 volt. (see section 7.0). All CT cabinets or compartments shall have hinged doors with a latching mechanism and provision for a padlock. The CT cabinet shall have a NEMA-3R rating for weather protection.

The CT cabinet or pedestal shall accept a bar CT as follows:

400 A to 1600 A - 12" bar CT as per Drawing EX-1 Greater than 1600 A - 14  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bar CT as per Drawing EX-2

#### 6.2 CT Cabinet Location

The CT cabinet can be mounted on the outside of a building or structure (see Drawing EX-3). The appropriate size CT cabinet will be needed, so it must be determined if the CT cabinet needed is a bottom feed-bottom exit, or a bottom feed-top exit. The CT cabinet shall be grounded from the electric panel per NEC table 250.66. The bottom of the wall mounted CT cabinet shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches above finished grade. If the wall mounted CT cabinet receives a conduit or

conduits from a GIUD transformer, expansion couplings shall be used at the CT cabinet (see Drawing EX-3).

# 6.3 CT Cabinets in Switchgear

The CT compartment can be an integral part of the switchgear (Drawings EX-4 and Ex-4A) on the outside of the building or structure. The switchgear/CT compartment can be located inside the building or structure with prior approval from GIUD. With any interior installation, the meter socket shall be on the outside of the building or structure and within twelve (12) feet (wire pulling distance) of the CT compartment with a one (1) inch conduit connecting them. There shall be an opening through the wall of the building or structure for future meter testing leads. This opening can be a window, a door or a four (4) inch conduit. The maximum distance through the wall opening and between the CT cabinet and meter socket for the future test leads shall be no more than twelve (12) feet. If a four (4) inch conduit is used for the future test leads, there shall be caps on both ends of the conduit that can be easily removed. When the CT compartment is an integral part of the switchgear, a doughnut type CT shall be installed on the switchgear's bus bar. The bus bar shall be bolted together so the CT's can be easily installed and removed. For this application there shall be a horizontal platform of non-metallic, high dielectric fiberglass board, for the doughnut CT to lie on. The bus bar in the CT compartment shall have termination provisions for connecting the potential and neutral wires for the electric meter.

#### 6.4 Padmount CT Cabinets

A padmount CT pedestal can be located adjacent to the GIUD transformer (see Drawing EX-5A or EX-5B), with a concrete pad (see Drawing EX-5C). A standard concrete GIUD transformer pad can be extended for a padmount CT pedestal (see Drawings EX-6 and EX-6A). With both of these applications, the location of the padmount CT pedestal will require prior approval from GIUD. The padmount CT pedestal shall be anchored to a concrete slab. The padmount CT pedestal shall have a ground rod at the pedestal and bonding jumper from the neutral bar to the pedestal cabinet. The bonding jumper shall be sized per NEC table 250.66. With a padmount CT pedestal, the meter socket/test switch enclosure can be mounted to one end of the CT pedestal (see Drawing EX-5A or Ex-6). This meter socket/test switch enclosure shall be purchased from GIUD.

#### 6.5 Pedestal CT Cabinets

A direct buried pedestal with a combination meter socket, test switch, and CT compartment can be used (see Drawings EX-7 and EX-8). The meter socket, test switch, and CT's shall be factory wired per GIUD wire color code. This type of pedestal comes with factory installed CT's. GIUD will pay for the CT's through the supplier. The meter socket for a single-phase three wire service shall be an eight (8) terminal socket with a seven (7) pole test switch (Milbank # TS07-0106 or approved equal). The meter socket for a three phase, four wire service shall be a thirteen (13) terminal meter socket with a ten (10) pole test switch (Milbank # TS10-0110 or approved equal). For both installations, the potential switches shall be inverted and red in color. The current switches shall be black in color.

#### 6.6 Meter Sockets / Test Switches

Instrument rated meter socket/test switch shall be purchased from GIUD with the exception of a combination meter socket, test switch, CT pedestal. The electrician shall install the meter socket, test switch enclosure, and CT's. The meter socket/test switch shall be connected to the CT cabinet with a one (1) inch conduit and shall be grounded with a grounding conductor. The meter socket / test switch shall be installed within twelve (12) feet (wire pulling length) of the CT cabinet. The CT's and electric meter shall be furnished by GIUD.

#### 6.7 Meter Socket Location

See section 5.4.

# 6.8 Secondary Wiring

The secondary wiring for the meter socket/test switch shall be performed by GIUD with exception to a combination pedestal.

GIUD shall supply the secondary lugs and half-inch diameter bolts for all padmount transformers. GIUD shall terminate all secondary wires in padmount transformers and secondary pedestals. On three phase services with parallel wires, the electrical contractor shall be present when secondary wires are terminated for assisting and verification of phase wire markings.

#### 6.9 KYZ Pulses

See section 5.14.

# 6.10 Primary Metering

Primary metering shall be installed by GIUD. The customer will be billed for all labor and material.

# 7.0 Requirements for Commercial Multi-Meter 277/480V Services

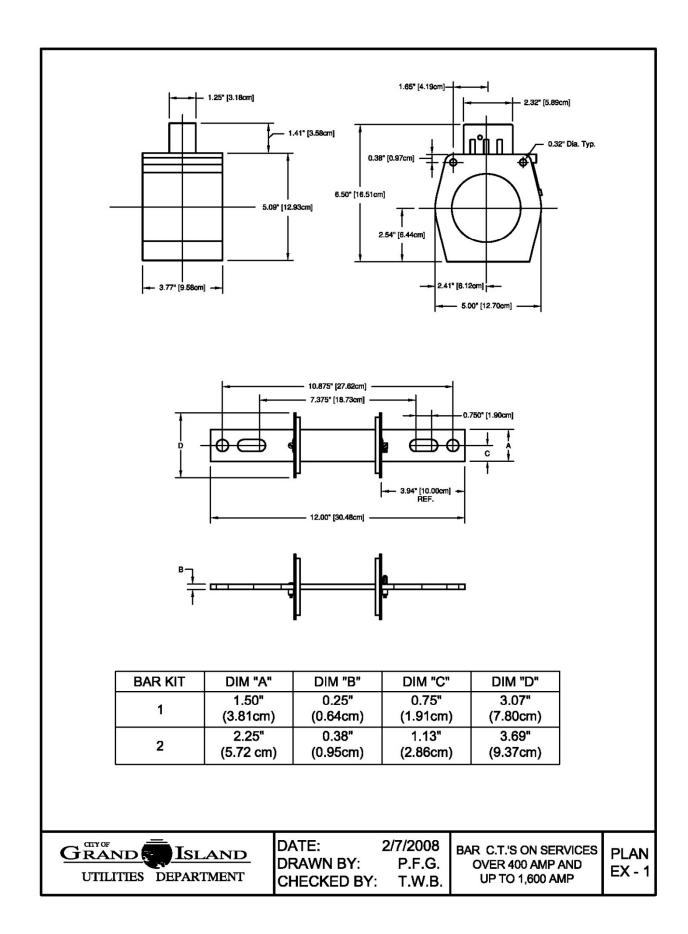
For Safety reasons, the following requirements have been established for 277/480 volt commercial metering with more than one meter per building or equipment room on the same 277/480 volt electric service. This service shall be a factory manufactured meter pack with cold sequence metering. The cold sequence meter pack shall have a main breaker, followed by a service disconnect and then to the meter socket. A 400 amp service can be a self-contained meter socket with lever by pass. A service rated above 400 amps shall be metered with CT's and shall be integral to the meter pack. A doughnut CT shall be used in a lockable compartment with a horizontal platform of non-metallic, high dielectric fiberglass board for the CT to mount on. The meter socket shall be a thirteen (13) terminal socket, purchased from GIUD and shall be mounted within twelve (12) feet (wire pulling distance) of the CT compartment. This shall be required in a new installation or an improvement of an old service.

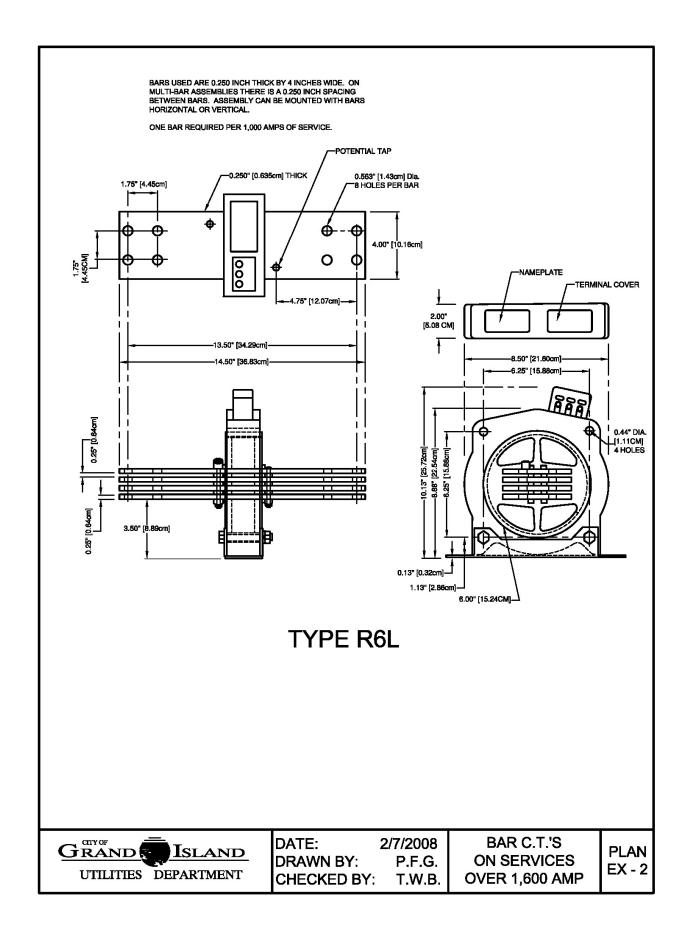
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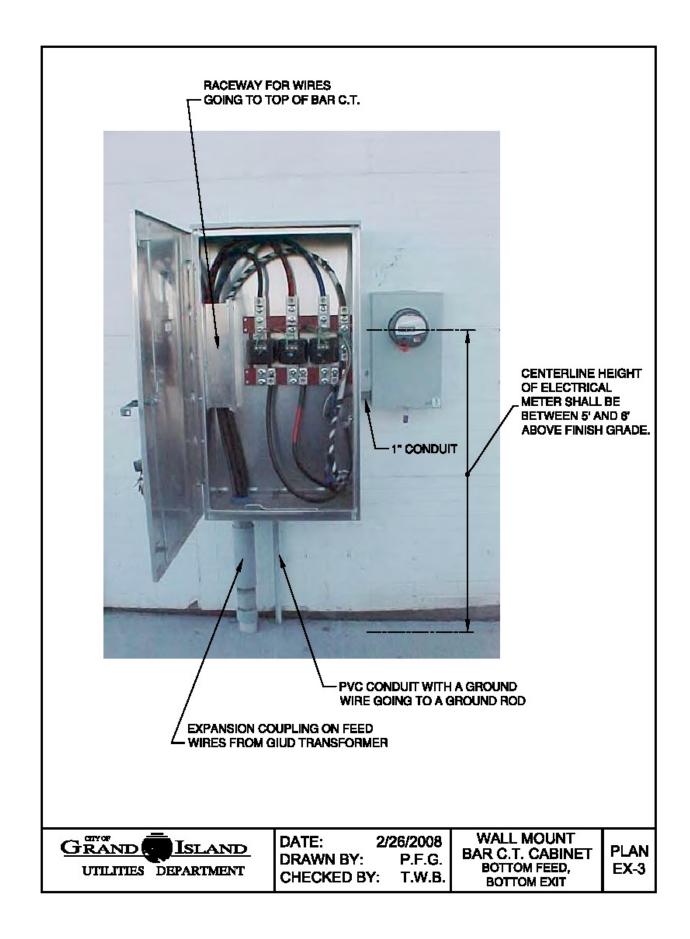
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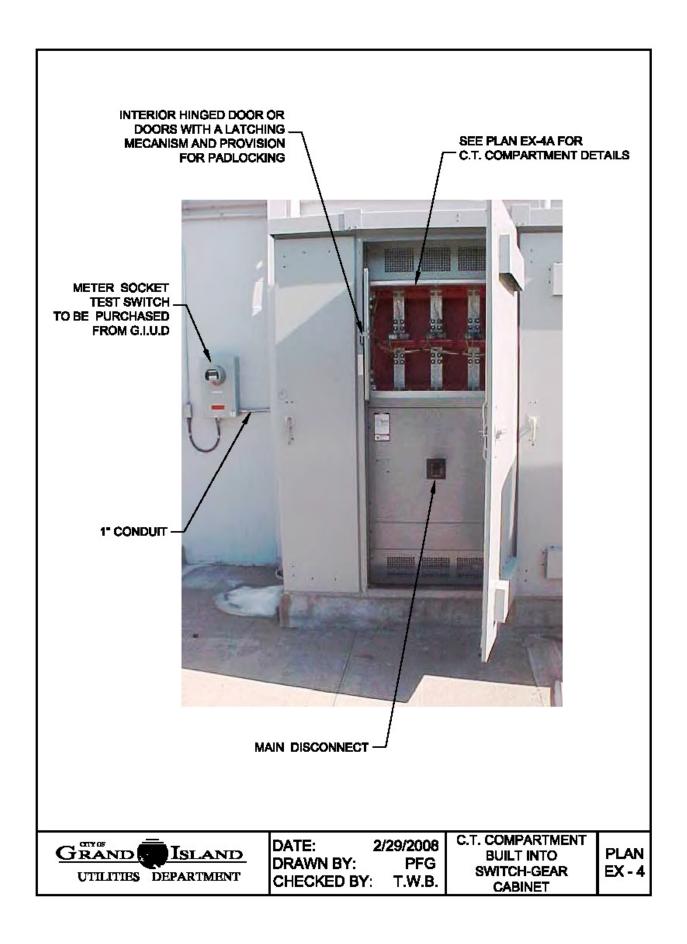
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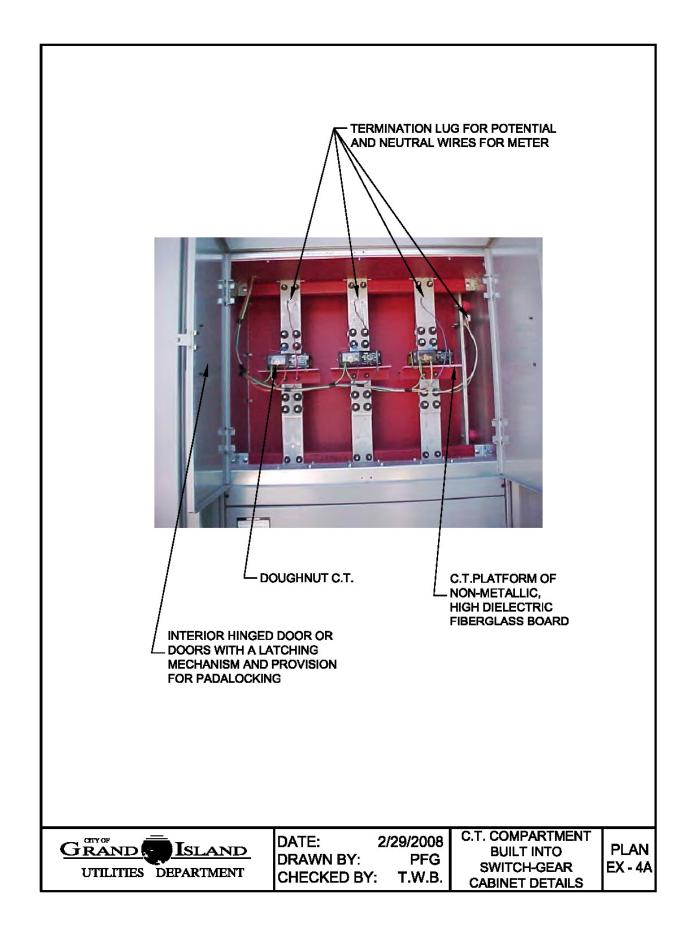
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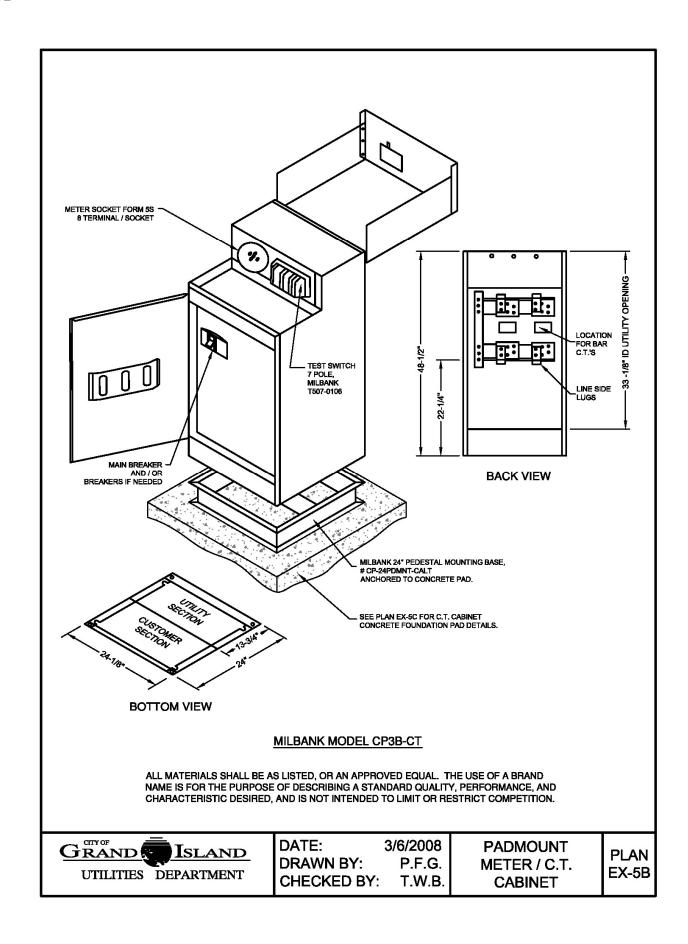
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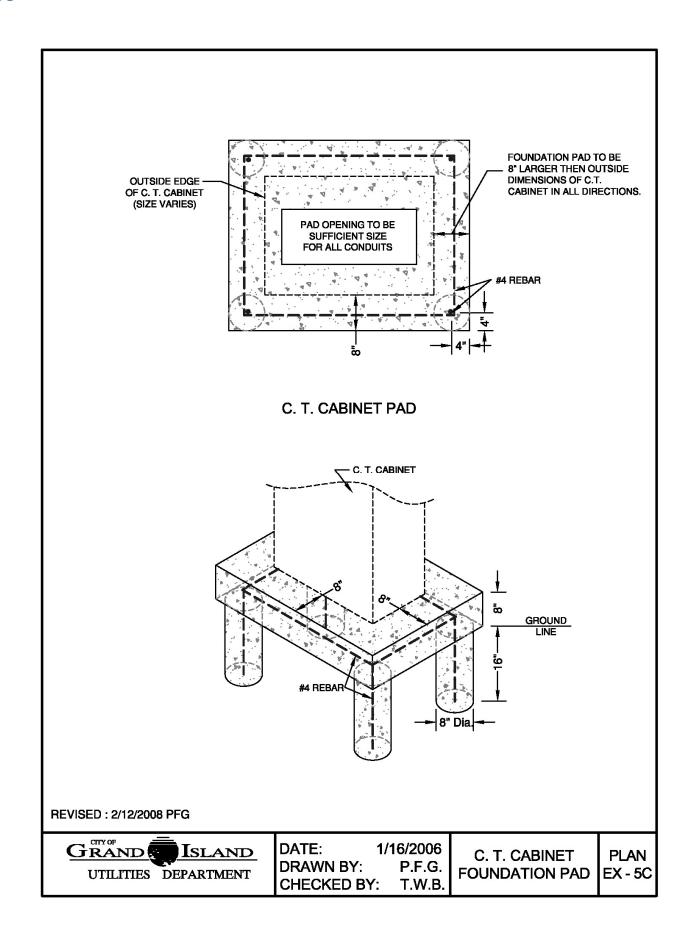
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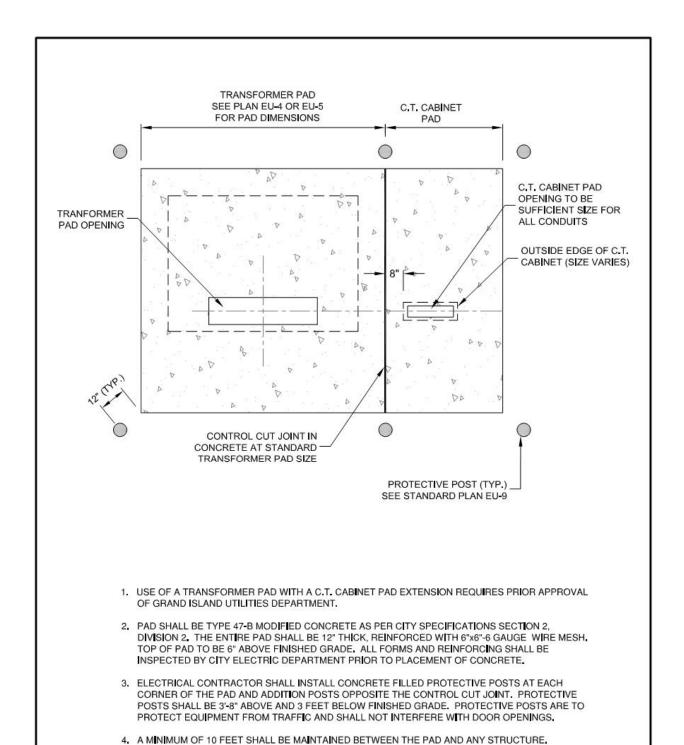
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FREE STANDING C.T. CABINET PLAN EX-5A













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PLAN EX**-**6A

