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Flash 25-31-FL

Removing Distributor's meter seals and meters

Background:

It has come to ESA's attention that due to the storm and the power interruption, some persons including Licensed Electrical Contractors (LECs), are removing the Distributor's (Electrical Utility) meter seals and pulling out the Utility's revenue meters, which could result in a safety hazard and noncompliance.



Individuals shall arrange with their local Utility to remove or disconnect their revenue meter in all cases including when you require a transfer switch to be installed such as a meter-base plug-in transfer device or service entrance rated transfer switch to provide alternative means of back up power. It is recommended to contact an LEC and they will be able to identify solutions to restore power. findacontractor.esasafe.com.

Additionally, there are several alternatives for temporary back up power that can be implemented without removal of the revenue meter. For an example, refer to ESA's [Flash Notice 25-15-FL "Use of temporary portable generators"](#)