

“Materially Insignificant” Work

Distribution Company Awareness

This bulletin contains direction on how an Electrical Distributor may demonstrate compliance with Regulation 22/04, with respect to “materially insignificant” work affecting electrical installations. ESA views “materially insignificant” work to consist of any replacement, alteration, upgrades or addition of new structural loads that does not materially change the existing electrical installations, as determined by the Electrical Distributor (typically relating to forces on poles & strength of poles). ESA recognizes the following examples may be deemed “materially insignificant”: power supplies, cable dips, installation of flags, attachment of traffic signs and attachment of flower baskets (but is not limited to the examples listed).

ESA Direction

The Electrical Distributor determines if the proposed work is deemed “materially insignificant”.

A declaration signed by a professional engineer (Attacher or Electrical Distributor), shall accompany any request for an attachment to be considered “materially insignificant”. The declaration shall be in a format agreed upon by the party’s involved. The Electrical Distributor then reviews the request & declaration and deems the proposed work as either “materially insignificant” or “not materially insignificant”.

The Electrical Distributor can exempt “materially insignificant” work from the audit requirements of Sections 7 and/or 8 of Regulation 22/04 and that work will be deemed in compliance with Regulation 22/04.

Examples

1. A professional engineer submits a request for a 3rd Party Attacher’s power supplies or cable dips to be reviewed as “materially insignificant” by the Electrical Distributor. If the Electrical Distributor deems the work to be “materially insignificant”, then the Electrical Distributor may not require the 3rd Party Attacher to supply an approved plan, drawings or specifications for the work. The Electrical Distributor may require a Record of Inspection and Certificate to be completed.

2. A professional engineer submits a request for the Municipality's Canadian Flag attachments to be reviewed as "materially insignificant" by the Electrical Distributor. If the Electrical Distributor deems the work to be "materially insignificant", then the Electrical Distributor may not require the Municipality to supply an approved plan, drawings or specifications for installation work. The Electrical Distributor may also not require a Record of Inspection and Certificate to be completed.

3. A Municipality employee submits a request for the Municipality's Canadian Flag attachments to be reviewed as "materially insignificant" by the Electrical Distributor. The Electrical Distributor's professional engineer signs a declaration that the proposed work is "materially insignificant". The Electrical Distributor would then deem the work to be "materially insignificant". Then the Electrical Distributor may not require the Municipality to supply an approved plan, drawings or specifications for installation work. The Electrical Distributor may also not require a Record of Inspection and Certificate to be completed

ESA Recommendation

Electrical Distributors publish established parameters for work that could possibly meet "materially insignificant" and any documentation that they require to be submitted to the Electrical Distributor for review by any Attacher.