INSTALLATION OF LIGHTNING PROTECTION FOR BUILDINGS

This bulletin clarifies installation and inspection criteria for lightning protection, community antenna distribution and communication equipment on buildings.

1. Lightning Protection Systems

   Definition: “A lightning protection system is a complete system of intercepting devices, conductors, ground electrodes, interconnecting conductors and other connectors or fittings required to complete the system” (CAN/CSA-B72-M87).

   1.1 All installations of lightning protection systems on buildings must be performed by registered electrical contractors upon obtaining an electrical permit for each installation.

   1.2 Specific installation requirements such as height and location of intercepting conductors on the roof, number and location of down conductors, and installation of ground electrodes for lightning protection systems, are mandated by the Standard CAN/CSA-B72-M87. These requirements must be met in addition to applicable requirements of Vancouver Electrical By-law No. 5563 (CEC, Part I).

   1.3 Upon completion of the installation and prior to its final acceptance by the electrical inspection authorities, a permit holder must provide a completed installation report to the Electrical Inspection Branch (see attached form).

2. Community Antenna Distribution Systems

   All installations of community antenna distribution systems on buildings including location of receiving and transmitting equipment, conductors and grounding shall meet applicable requirements of Section 54 of the CEC, Part I (Vancouver Electrical By-law No. 5563).

3 Communication Systems

   All installations of communication conductors and equipment on buildings shall conform with applicable requirements of Section 60 of the CEC, Part I.

NOTE to (2) and (3): Where installations of community antenna distribution circuits and communication systems are performed by a communication utility in the exercise of its function as a utility, such installations may be exempt from inspections by City of Vancouver Electrical Inspections.

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INSTALLER’S REPORT  
(To be completed by the installing electrical contractor)

Electrical Permit Number: EP-___________

Installation Address:___________________________________________

Electrical Contractor’s Name:_____________________________________

DECLARATION

I, ____________________________, a registered Field Safety Representative (FSR) for the above-stated electrical contractor, have physically inspected the electrical installation of the lightning protection system, and hereby certify that the electrical installation authorized thereby has been completed in conformance with Standard, CAN/CSAB72-M87, “Installation Code for Lightning Protection Systems”, and in conformance with applicable requirements of the City of Vancouver Electrical By-law No. 5563.

_________________________________  FSR #: _____________________
Signature                                                                 

_________________________________  Phone Number:____________________
Date

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