



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Meter Socket Safety Message

Most utilities generally require that revenue self-contained meter sockets be checked and tested for proper wiring and no back-feed conditions. These checks happen before setting a meter in place and supplying utility power to the facility. This is also true when re-connecting a meter after a service termination or disconnect.

There was an incident in Kentucky last week where a socket wasn't checked and it flashed when the tech set the meter.

Generally accepted guidelines

1. Visually inspect the enclosure and socket first
2. Use the appropriate PPE
3. Check your meter and test leads/probes
4. Load side breaker should be OFF and bypass handle should be open
5. Always make line side tests first
6. Load side tests second
7. If load side tests indicate no back feeds or continuity (shorts or faults), it's OK to set the meter.