



Temporary Change to CSU's Standard for Residential Electrical Service Risers

Effective Immediately!

Due to supply shortages of self-healing underground cable, Colorado Springs Utilities and the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department will be allowing a temporary work around on electrical installs, in order to keep the industry moving. Until a reliable supply of the self-healing cable is available, CSU is allowing the installation of standard direct bury cable, if the cable is installed in PVC conduit for protection.

Since it will be unknown prior to the installation when and where standard cable will be used, the bottom end of the service riser will be required to have a PVC coupling in place of a bell end or bushing. This will allow CSU's 3rd party contractor to glue on a PVC 90 degree elbow when required. The edge of all PVC couplings must be reamed smooth so it doesn't damage the direct bury self-healing cable when available.

Since PPRBD inspects these installs for code compliance, as well as meeting the appropriate utility standards, our inspectors will be looking for this. If upon inspection the required PVC coupling is missing, the service inspection will be rejected until the correction is made.

This is a temporary variance and the PVC requirements can change once a reliable supply of self-healing cable is available. Notice of any future PVC riser changes will be sent out with a 30-day grace period if required.

If you have any questions regarding this variance please contact Colorado Springs Utilities.