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## SMECO to Enforce Meter Base Labeling Requirement for New Construction

The Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) is reminding contractors, builders, and property owners of an existing requirement in its Retail Electric Service Tariff regarding permanent meter base labeling.

For any building with two or more meter bases, each meter base must be permanently labeled on both the interior and exterior. Although this requirement has been in place, it has not previously been enforced.

**Effective immediately**, new construction buildings that do not meet this labeling requirement will fail electrical inspection. Electrical service will not be provided until the required labeling is properly completed.

Additional details and contact information are included in the attached SMECO memorandum; please direct any questions or concerns to SMECO using the information provided.



# Memorandum

Date: February 1, 2026

To: SMECO Territory Builders, Developers, Electricians and Homeowners

Via: Jennifer Raley, Energy and Technology Programs Manager

From: Steve McGee, Distribution Design Director

Subject: Internal Labeling of Meter Bases

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) requires permanent labeling on the interior and exterior of all meter bases where there are two or more meter bases located on a building. SMECO's Retail Electric Service Tariff states in Part VI, Service and Meter Connection Equipment, F. Multiple Meters.

***The Tariff states:***

***"Where two or more meters are installed on one building, the interior and exterior of each meter base shall be marked by the Consumer Member or contractor in a permanent and legible manner to indicate the portion or unit of the building supplied by the meter."***

The requirement to provide labels on the interior and exterior of meter bases to date has not been enforced. This memorandum serves as a notice to all contractors, builders, developers, and homeowners that this update is now a requirement. If labels are not provided, SMECO inspectors will fail the secondary service at the time of conduit/site inspection and electrical service will not be provided until labeling is completed. Permanent Marker will not be considered permanent labeling.

**Example:** 12345 GREEN STREET  
UNIT 5B (*when necessary*)

The labeling on the interior and exterior of meter bases requirement is specifically directed toward Townhouses, Duplexes, Apartments, and any other buildings with multiple meters. SMECO requests and appreciates that this interior and exterior meter base labeling become a standard practice for all meters set in SMECO's Service Territory.

Please direct any concerns/questions to Steve McGee ([Stephen.mcgee@smeco.coop](mailto:Stephen.mcgee@smeco.coop))

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.