

## CHAPTER 156

**AN ACT** concerning certain electrical equipment used on residential electric meters and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.48:3-111.1 Electric public utility, authorize, installation, operation, meter collar adapter, conditions; definitions.

1. a. An electric public utility shall authorize the installation and operation of a meter collar adapter, whether owned by a residential customer, by the utility, or by a third party, provided the meter collar adapter meets the following criteria:

(1) the meter collar adapter is qualified to be connected to the supply side of the service disconnect pursuant to the applicable provisions of the National Electric Code;

(2) the meter collar adapter is approved or listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and is suitable, according to the device's approval or listing documentation, for use in meter sockets that are rated up to 200 amperes;

(3) the meter collar adapter is certified to meet all applicable standards, as determined by a nationally recognized testing laboratory; and

(4) the meter collar adapter does not impede access to the sealed meter socket compartment or the pull section of the service section of the electric meter or switchboard, as applicable.

b. A manufacturer of a meter collar adapter, a third party, a residential customer, or an electric public utility may install, maintain, or service a meter collar adapter or associated equipment, provided that:

(1) the work is performed by a duly qualified and licensed electrician or electrical contractor; and

(2) the model of meter collar adapter has been approved by the electric public utility pursuant to subsection e. of this section.

c. An electric public utility may recover the cost of service work on any customer-owned meter collar adapter, or maintenance or repair work on any electric public utility-owned equipment necessary due to the installation of a customer-owned meter collar adapter, by charging the customer directly.

d. An electric public utility shall modify its electric service requirements as necessary to implement the provisions of this section no later than six months after the effective date of this section.

e. An electric public utility shall approve or disapprove a request from a manufacturer for approval of a specific model of meter collar adapter for installation in its service area no later than 90 days after the electric public utility receives a request for approval, which includes the specific model of the meter collar adapter. An electric public utility shall provide public notice of all decisions approving a model of meter collar adapter, including by posting the information on the utility's Internet website.

f. An electric public utility may not be held liable for damage, attributable to a meter collar adapter installed pursuant to this section, to any person or property.

g. The board may adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

h. As used in this section:

"Board" means the Board of Public Utilities.

"Electric public utility" means the same as the term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51).

"Meter collar adapter" means an electronic device that is installed between a residential electric meter and the meter socket, for the purpose of facilitating the deployment and interconnection of an onsite electricity generation source or for the purpose of isolating a customer's electrical load to enable the provision of backup power.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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