

PROCEDURE POLICY #3

ELECTRICAL/ELEVATOR SECTION

ITEM

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY PERMANENT METER RELEASE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR STREET LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD).

DEFINITION: The area designated as the CBD area includes Murdock to Lewis and McLean to Washington streets.

BASIS:

To help ensure that the electrical wiring meets the applicable City Ordinances and that the wiring is installed in a safe and approved manner.

ENFORCING AGENCY:

The Office of Central Inspection - Electrical/Elevator Section.

PROCEDURE:

Westar has had a long-standing agreement with the City of Wichita concerning the installation of street lighting circuits and signal and communication circuits in Westar and City owned raceways located in the CBD. Conditions exist in which fused and nonfused conductors and circuits exist in the same raceway or bank of ducts. Since experienced City crews are the **ONLY** ones who perform maintenance on City owned Traffic Signal Systems, **EXCEPTIONS TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WERE MADE TO ALLOW THIS PRACTICE.** This situation is made known to all City of Wichita Traffic Maintenance Signal Electricians. They are instructed and trained to take all necessary safety precautions while working on this equipment. If and when it becomes evident that Westar assistance is needed, their personnel are contacted to assist as necessary in order to maintain safety.