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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

This Practice provides the minimum requirements for field inspection and testing of new, installed electrical equipment and facilities.

#### 1.2 Scope

This Practice describes the inspection and testing procedures for new electrical equipment and systems after installation. This Practice provides minimum acceptable values for the testing results and forms for recording inspection and test values.

Certain specialty equipment and packaged equipment are application specific and are not covered by this Practice.

Some inspections and tests may require an independent testing organization or an equipment manufacturer's representative. This Practice does not specify which tests require a third party or designate responsibility for obtaining and coordinating these third parties. These tests, if required, shall be defined in the project scope.

This Practice does not cover full compliance inspections required by various codes and regulations but does provide assurance of equipment integrity and compliance with project-specific documents.

#### 2. References

Applicable parts of the following industry codes and standards shall be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award shall be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles are used herein where appropriate.

#### **Industry Codes and Standards**

- International Electrical Testing Association (NETA)
  - ANSI/NETA ATS Acceptance Testing Specifications for Electrical Power Distribution Equipment and Systems (NETA ATS)
  - ANSI/NETA ETT Standard for Certification of Electrical Testing Personnel

### 3. Definitions

*owner:* The party who owns the facility where the inspections and testing services will be performed

*purchaser:* The party who awards the contract to the supplier. The purchaser may be the owner or the owner's authorized agent.

*test:* Application of external power source or test equipment to prove the integrity of the unit or system; may require witnessing by owner's authorized representative as indicated on the Inspection and Testing Plan *PIP ELTFT01-R* 

*tester:* The party responsible for performing the check items, inspection items, testing requirements, and function test items as covered herein for the installed electrical equipment and electrical facilities as defined in the project scope

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#### 4. **Requirements**

#### 4.1 General

- 4.1.1 Testing and inspection shall comply with the provisions of this Practice, *ANSI/NETA ATS*, and the equipment manufacturer's instructions. Tests that are necessary to retain the manufacturer's warranty will be conducted in accordance with instructions from the manufacturer. Conflicts between these documents shall be submitted in writing to the Owner's authorized representative for resolution.
- 4.1.2 Test Plan *PIP ELTFT01-R* is provided to develop an inspection and testing plan for electrical equipment and facilities. The plan provides a means to define a scope of work for inspection and testing as well as define witness requirements. Check boxes are provided to select inspection, test and witness for a particular inspection and/or test. Check box definitions are as follows:
  - a. An 'STD' box is a PIP recognized standard inspection and/or test.
  - b. An 'OPT' box is a PIP recognized optional inspection and/or test.
  - c. A 'WITNESS' box is to be selected if purchaser wants to witness a test.
- 4.1.3 Tester shall perform all inspections, measurements, and tests as indicated on purchaser's Inspection and Testing Plan *PIP ELTFT01-R* and in accordance with the Inspection and Testing Forms, *PIP ELTFT01-T* series. Supplemental information may be found in *ANSI/NETA ATS*.
- 4.1.4 Tester shall comply with all federal, state, and local regulations and codes as well as with site-specific safety procedures and requirements.
- 4.1.5 Before starting any inspection and testing, the Purchaser or authorized representative and the Tester must agree on the electrical inspection and testing procedures.
- 4.1.6 Tester shall confirm that all check items, inspection items, and testing are performed. All test forms shall be signed by Tester and Owner's Representative before notifying the owner that the equipment is ready for operation.
- 4.1.7 Tester shall be responsible for arranging and conducting the testing in accordance with the approved project schedule.
- 4.1.8 Inspection, testing, and function test items shall be witnessed by an Owner's authorized representative unless specifically waived in writing. Tester shall give sufficient notice before any witnessed test.

#### 4.2 Specialty Testing

- 4.2.1 For this Practice, the intent is that specialty testing such as Doble testing and relay calibration are to be carried out by an independent testing organization (ITO).
- 4.2.2 Specialty test forms for these tests are not provided by this Practice. Refer to *ANSI/NETA ATS* and ITO test forms.