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Article 230.85

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527 CMR 12:00 Interpretation Committee  
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**Background:**

Request for Interpretation Relative to Article 230.85

**Question # 1:** When the Meter main listed as serviced equipment only this means the breaker that is in the meter enclosure is now the Main Breaker. Everything After that main breaker is a Sub Panel. This requires a 4 wire going into the house, all grounds and neutrals are separated, any existing circuits must be changed to a 4 wire for example: Electric Dryer would be 10/3 NM cable 4 wire outlet. Your assessment on these please, and the range would be a 4 wire cable and the wall outlet. Am I correct?

**Response:** Yes

**Question # 2:** When the new Meter Socket is Labeled from the Mfg. and UL Listed as Emergency Disconnect/ Service Disconnect, you cannot re-label a UL listed product. Then that is the Main Breaker then the load side is a Sub Panel and must follow the requirements. A 4 wire is now required to go into the Dwelling.

**Response:** No Response. Question will not be answered until after proposed emergency amendment language is reviewed by MEAC and BFPR.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. P. Caputo", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Anthony P. Caputo, Chairman  
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