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Carolyn Parker
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Dear Carolyn,

I am writing to follow up on the events of last week at your property on Peaks Island. My understanding is that CMP notified the City that a splice had been made on the electric service weather head on the exterior of the building. A new meter had also been installed. This work requires a permit and inspection prior to re-energizing the power. We have no record of such in our office and felt that the situation presented a clear and present danger. The electrical inspector, Michael Collins, ordered CMP to disconnect the power source. We apologize for the inconvenience and stress this may have caused.

Every situation is unique, and decisions must be made based on preserving the public safety and health of the citizens of Portland. I am concerned that the contractor you hired did not apply for the required permit. This presents a liability for you, and in this case, a potential hazard. I am also aware that there is contractor abuse, and hope that you were not a victim of this unfortunate reality. Permits and inspections can intercept misrepresentation, so in the future, if you have construction related activity, I strongly advise that you require the contractor to produce evidence of a permit.

I have reviewed this specific situation and have determined that this could have been handled in a different manner. I will be working to ensure that a more informative procedure is followed in the future. Again, please accept our apologies for the ramifications this loss of power imposed on you and your family. Please feel free to contact me @ 874-8715.

Sincerely,

Jeanie Bourke
Inspection Services Director

