SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING SERVICE-ENTRANCE CALCULATIONS

Line item instructions

- 1. Included in this floor area calculation are all lighting outlets and general-use receptacles. Do not include open porches, garages, or unused or unfinished spaces not adaptable for future use. See *NEC* 220.12, *Table* 220.12, and 220.14(*J*).
- 2. No further explanation needed.
- 3. Minimum of two 20-ampere branch-circuits. See 210.11(C)(1), 210.52(B), and 220.52(A).
- 4. Minimum of one 20-ampere branch-circuit. See 210.11(C)(2), 210.52(F), and 220.52(B).
- 5. No further explanation needed.
- 6. Apply the 100% and 35% demand factors from *Table 220.42*.
- 7. See *Table 220.55* for load values. Typical household electric ranges come under the 8 kW level.
- 8. See *Table 220.54* for load values. 5000 VA minimum or nameplate rating, whichever is larger.
- 9. Enter largest value, 220.60. Also see 220.51 and Article 440.
- This is the total for General Lighting, Small-Appliance, Laundry, Ranges, Ovens, Cooktop Units, and HVAC.
- 11. List fastened-in-place appliances. See 220.53.
- 12. Apply 75% demand factor. Do not include electric ranges, electric clothes dryers, electric space heating, or air-conditioning equipment. See 220.53.
- 13. No further explanation needed.
- 14. What is the largest motor? The largest motor can be difficult to determine because nothing is in place when service-entrance load calculations are made. It might be an air-conditioning unit or a heat pump. If the dwelling is cooled by an evaporative cooler, the largest motor might be the evaporative cooler motor. It could also be a furnace fan motor, a water pump, a large attic exhaust fan, a sump pump, or a large food waste disposer. Don't waste valuable time quibbling. Enter a large volt-ampere value to be on the safe side.
- 15. No further explanation needed.
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- 17. Shall not be smaller than 100 amperes, 230.42(B) and 230.79. See *Table 310.15(B)(16)*. Special conductor sizing might be permitted. *Table 310.15(B)(7)* may be used only for 120/240-volt, 3-wire, residential single-phase service-entrance conductors, service lateral conductors, and feeder conductors that serve as the main power feeder to a dwelling unit. Check whether this is permitted in your locality.
- 18. See 220.61 and 310.15(B)(7). Do Not Include Straight 240-Volt Loads.
- 19. See 220.61. NEC 310.15(B)(7) permits the neutral conductor to be smaller than the ungrounded "hot" conductors if the requirement of 215.2, 220.61, and 230.42 are met. NEC 220.61 states that a feeder or service neutral load shall be the maximum unbalance of the load determined by Article 220. When bare conductors are used with insulated conductors, the conductors' ampacity is based on the ampacity of the other insulated conductors in the raceway, 310.15(B)(4). The neutral conductor must not be smaller than the grounding electrode conductor, 250.24(B)(1).
- 20. See *Table 250.66*. Grounding electrode conductor based on size of service-entrance conductors.
- 21. Obtain dimensional data from *Table 1*, *Table 4*, *Table 5*, and *Table 8*, *Chapter 9*, *NEC*.