

**PHOTOVOLTAIC
DC DISCONNECT**

Solar Energy Solutions

WARNING

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD
DO NOT TOUCH TERMINALS
TERMINALS ON BOTH LINE AND
LOAD SIDES MAY BE ENERGIZED
IN THE OPEN POSITION
DC VOLTAGE IS ALWAYS PRESENT
WHEN SOLAR MODULES
ARE EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT

596-00495

RATED MAX POWER-POINT CURRENT 77.8 A DC
RATED MAX POWER-POINT VOLTAGE 417.2 V DC
MAXIMUM SYSTEM VOLTAGE 556 V DC
MAXIMUM CIRCUIT CURRENT 128.8 A DC
MAX RATED OUTPUT CURRENT OF
THE CHARGE CONTROLLER IF INSTALLED N/A

596-00253

UTILITY COMPANY

METER

NO. NEW LABEL

PHOTOVOLTAIC

PRODUCTION

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596-00238

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596-00496

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ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD
IF A GROUND FAULT IS INDICATED
NORMALLY GROUNDED CONDUCTORS
MAY BE UNGROUNDED AND ENERGIZED

PER NEC 690.5(C)

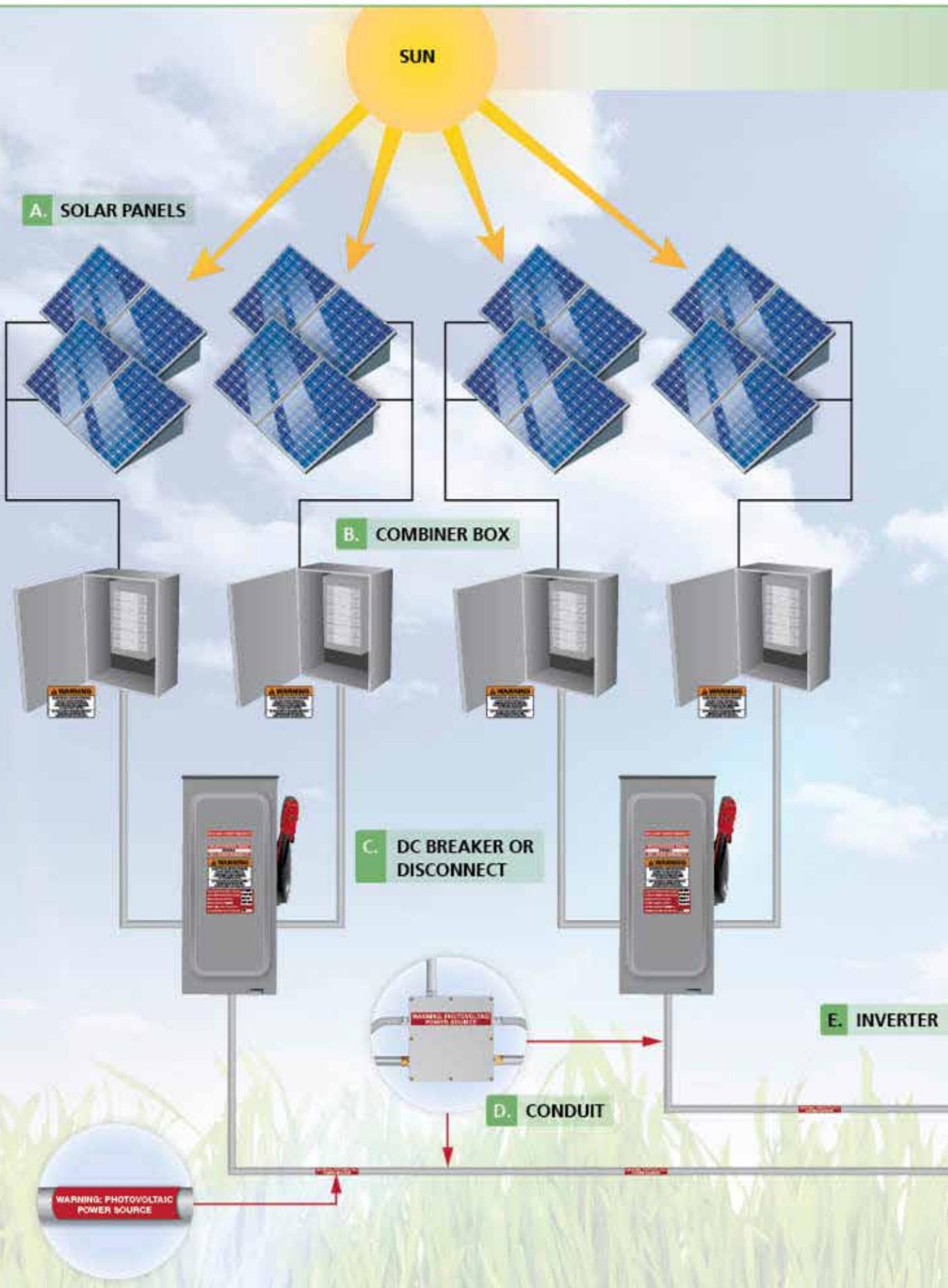
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PV Labeling Requirements – NEC 2014

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Typical Solar Installation with Labels

Incorporating code-compliant solar installation labeling into an engineering drawing is just as critical as every other component within the system design. Communicating the labeling requirements to the installer must be clear, concise and adhere to the latest National Electrical Code (NEC) and International Fire Code (IFC) requirements for text height, wording and reflectivity (where required).

Often, the labeling portion of the system design process is missed which can impede the installation passing inspection the first time. Incorporating the labeling into the actual drawings helps to remind the installer of the importance of labeling and its implementation in the construction of the system.

The labels shown in this layout are one example of how to include the latest labeling requirements into the engineering process. Joining the proper label design to the specific section for the NEC 690 article allows for easy reference by the installer and inspector.



A. SOLAR PANEL — Solar photovoltaic panels convert energy from the sun into DC power.

B. COMBINER BOX — Power cables run DC power from multiple solar panels into the combiner box which unites all the power cables into one. Typically, a combiner box consolidates multiple power sources into one single power source that is fed to a DC breaker or recombinder box.



C. DC BREAKER or DC DISCONNECT — The DC breaker is designed to shut off the DC power coming from the solar array. Shutting off the DC breaker does not stop power from feeding into the DC breaker, but keeps the power from going past the DC breaker. This is why EMT or conduit must be marked with the words PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER SOURCE to alert emergency personnel to the presence of a live solar circuit.



RATED MAX POWER-POINT CURRENT	[Redacted]
RATED MAX POWER-POINT VOLTAGE	[Redacted]
MAXIMUM SYSTEM VOLTAGE	[Redacted]
MAXIMUM CIRCUIT CURRENT	[Redacted]
MAX RATED OUTPUT CURRENT OF THE CHARGE CONTROLLER IF INSTALLED	[Redacted]

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D. CONDUIT — The conduit routes and protects the solar power cables.

Must be reflective per NEC 630.31 & IFC 605.11.1.2

WARNING: PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER SOURCE

E. INVERTER — The transformer converts the DC voltage into AC voltage that can be sold back to the utility or consumed onsite.



F. AC BREAKER or AC DISCONNECT — The AC breaker cuts power coming from the inverter. The AC breaker does not stop power from feeding into the transformer or from the solar array, it simply isolates and prevents AC voltage from continuing into a breaker panel. This is why a label is posted showing the location of all disconnects servicing a facility so that emergency personnel can shut down everything related to power transportation.

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**MAIN PHOTOVOLTAIC
SYSTEM DISCONNECT**



G. BREAKER PANEL — A breaker panel allocates the power into multiple circuits with circuit breakers and fuses servicing various areas of the facility. In our homes, we might call this a fuse box or breaker box. Each breaker might service different aspects of the building such as lighting, heating and ventilation, air conditioning, offices, warehouse, etc.



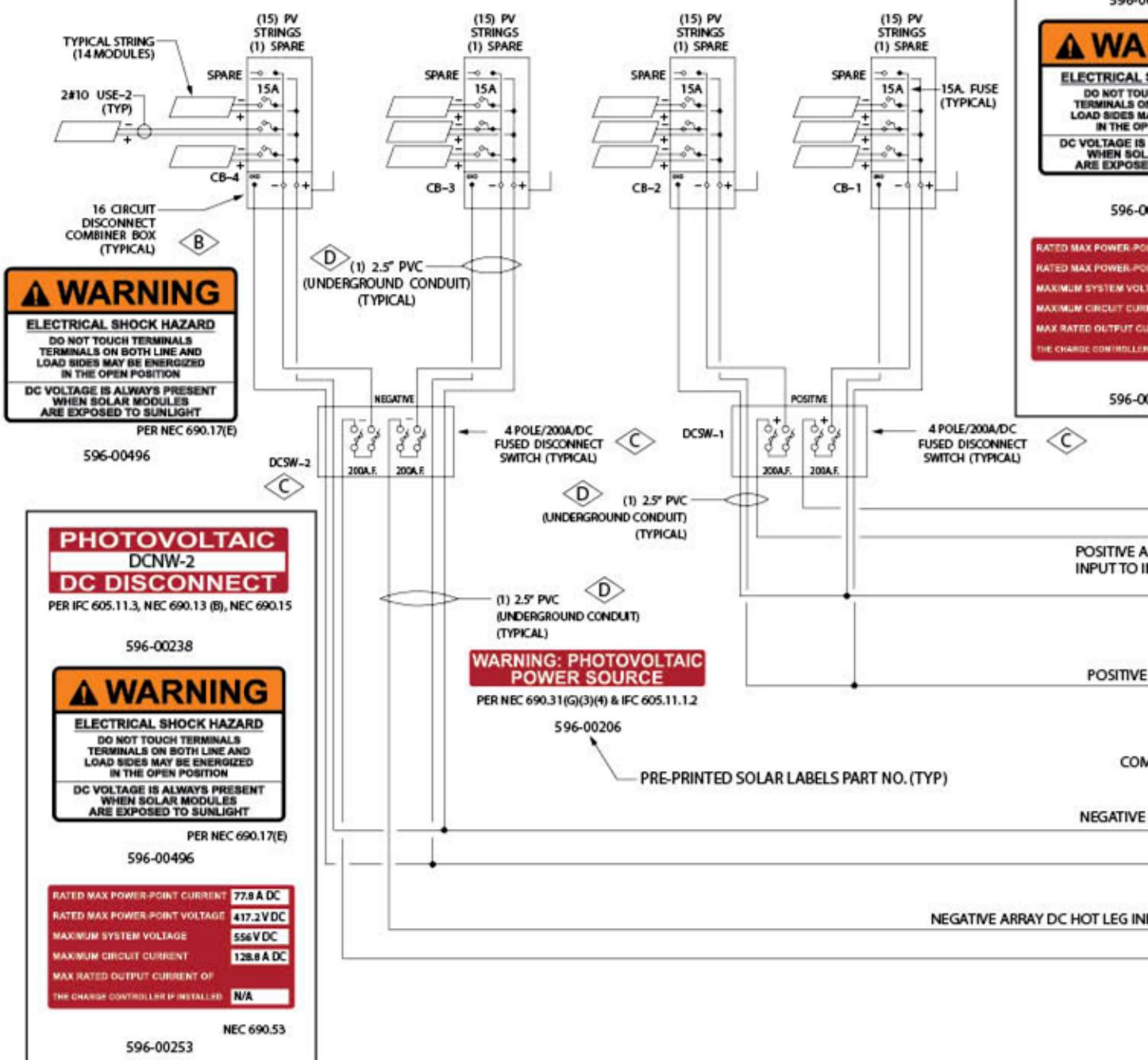
H. POWER ENCLOSURE — A power enclosure is simply a point where multiple power cables are spliced together.

I. PRODUCTION / NET METER — A mechanism for monitoring the utilization of electricity. Meters are typically used by the utility to calculate and bill for electricity consumption. Meters also can determine power coming from the PV installation which then offsets the utility's electrical usage, saving both energy use and money.



J. PAD MOUNTED TRANSFORMER — A device that transfers electrical energy from one circuit to another through inductively coupled conductors, transforming utility scale voltages to voltages used by a dwelling or commercial building. This is typically the point at which the utility combines and distributes power to the local area.

Engineering Schematic



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W-1
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C 690.15, NEC 690.13(B)

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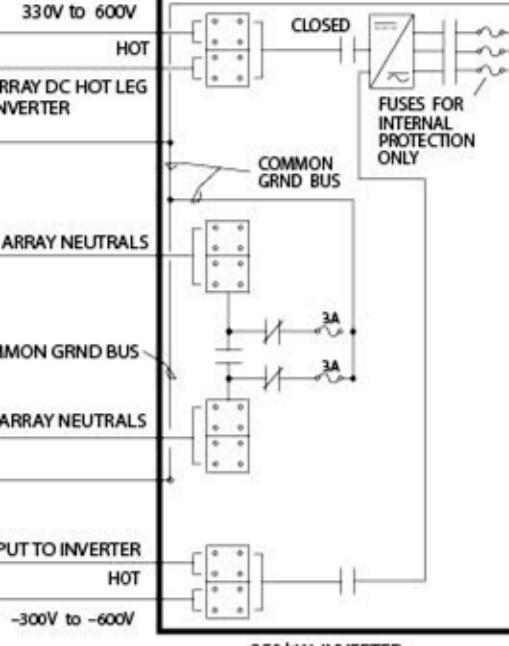
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PER NEC 690.17(E)

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AC	556 VDC
ENT	128.8 A DC
RENT OF	N/A
IF INSTALLED	N/A
PER NEC 690.53	
0253	



SERVICES

JUNCTION



558-00350
4" wide continuous vinyl
can be substituted and
printed with TagPrint Pro

PRE-PRINTED SOLAR
LABELS PART NO. (TYP)



PHOTOVOLTAIC
ACNW-1
AC DISCONNECT

PER IFC 605.11.3, NEC 690.15 &
NEC 690.13(B)

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596-00497

MAIN PHOTOVOLTAIC
SYSTEM
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NEC 690.15 & NEC 690.13(B)

596-00255

PHOTOVOLTAIC AC DISCONNECT
MAXIMUM AC OPERATING CURRENT 400 A 3P
NOMINAL OPERATING AC VOLTAGE 480V

PER NEC 690.54, NEC 690.13(B)

596-00239

400A, 3P, AC SERVICE
RATED, LOCKABLE FUSED
3R DISCONNECT SWITCH
FUSE AT 400A.

LOAD INTERRUPTER
DISCONNECT. DISCONNECT IS
VISIBLE AND LOCKABLE.
PROVIDE REQUIRED
LABELING AT SWITCH.

(2) 4" PVC
(UNDERGROUND CONDUIT)

596-00234

UTILITY CO.
PAD MOUNTED
TRANSFORMER

UTILITY CO. INCOMING
SERVICE FEEDER

UTILITY COMPANY

METER

NO # NEW LABEL

558-00306
Continuous red
vinyl printed with
white ribbon

UTILITY COMPANY

METER

NO # NEW LABEL

PHOTOVOLTAIC

PRODUCTION METER

NO # NEW LABEL

LABEL AND MARKINGS LEGEND:

- (B) PHOTOVOLTAIC COMBINER BOX GENERIC WARNING LABEL APPLIED TO ALL PHOTOVOLTAIC COMBINER BOXES; 1 PER COMBINER BOX (4 TOTAL).
- (C) PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM DC DISCONNECT WARNING LABEL WITH SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS, APPLIED TO ALL PHOTOVOLTAIC DC DISCONNECTS; 1 PER DC DISCONNECT (2 TOTAL).
- (D) LABELS ARE TO APPEAR AT EVERY SECTION OF THE WIRING SYSTEM THAT IS SEPARATED BY ENCLOSURES, WALLS, PARTITIONS, CEILINGS OR FLOORS. SPACING BETWEEN LABELS NOT TO EXCEED 10 FEET (3 M).
- (E) PHOTOVOLTAIC INVERTER GENERIC WARNING APPLIED TO ALL INVERTERS; 1 PER INVERTER (1 TOTAL).
- (F) PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AC DISCONNECT WARNING LABEL WITH SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS, APPLIED TO ALL PHOTOVOLTAIC AC DISCONNECTS; 1 PER AC DISCONNECT (2 TOTAL).
- (I) LABEL FOR SYSTEM OWNER KWH PRODUCTION METER; 1 PER MONITORING SYSTEM METER (1 TOTAL).
- (J) UTILITY CONNECTION GENERIC WARNING LABEL APPLIED TO UTILITY PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM TRANSFORMER; 1 PER UTILITY SERVICE (1 TOTAL).
- (L) PROVIDES THE LOCATION OF THE SERVICE DISCONNECTING MEANS AND THE PHOTOVOLTAIC DISCONNECTING MEANS. THIS LABEL SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE MAIN SERVICE DISCONNECTING MEANS AND THE PHOTOVOLTAIC DISCONNECTING MEANS; 1 PER POCC (1 TOTAL).
- (2) LABEL FOR REQUIRED UTILITY COMPANY METER SOCKET; 1 PER UTILITY METER (1 TOTAL).
- (3) LABEL FOR WEST ENTRANCE INSTALL SIGNAGE ON ENTRANCE DOOR AT EYE LEVEL.

PHOTOVOLTAIC
ACNW-2
AC DISCONNECT

PER IFC 605.11.3, NEC 690.15, NEC 690.13(B)

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