Scope:
This policy covers the Fire Code requirements for controlled access gates and security barriers at electrical substations.

Policy:
Where the installation of controlled access/security gates or barriers across a fire apparatus access road that leads into an unoccupied electrical substation, those barriers shall be exempt from the requirements to provide fire department access devices including associated permits.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Fire Department will not make entry into electrical substations until the utility representative has verified that the electrical equipment has been de-energized. In addition, fire suppression activities will only occur with close coordination with the utility company. When responding to fire incidents at electrical sub-stations, the Fire Department will clear the area and protect exposures.