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TO: Idaho's Electrical Industry & Stakeholders

re: **Electrical Connection and Energization**

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses would like to provide clarification to Idaho's electrical industry and associated stakeholders as to when an electrical permit and inspection are required prior to energizing new or pre-existing electrical installations or systems, including temporary services.

An electrical permit and inspection are always required prior to energization by the power supplier in the following scenarios:

- **New Construction Services:** for new electrical installations that are considered permanent service.
- **Existing Systems:** where electrical work or installations are made that require the power supplier to deenergize the service or electrical system.
- **Homeowner Permit:** any electrical work or installations done by the homeowner (not an Idaho-licensed electrical contractor).

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-1005(3) and Rules 11.03 and 12 of IDAPA 24.39.10, a power supplier may energize a system or service before an inspection only where an Idaho-licensed electrical contractor obtained a permit and performed one of the following limited installations:

- **Temporary Services:** when providing power to construction sites that are not intended to be of permanent service.
- **"Emergency" Restoration:** where electrical work or installations are made that require the power supplier to deenergize the service or electrical system and the power supply company deems the connection and energization necessary to preserve life or property.

Where no electrical work, repairs, or modifications were made to an existing system, the power supplier has discretion regarding whether it wants an electrical permit and inspection prior to reenergizing the system.