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Minutes of 07/11/2024

Division Staff: Amy Lorenzo, Executive Officer
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The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Amy Lorenzo at 4:30 PM MT.

Negotiated Rulemaking 24.39.10

This is a public meeting to receive comments on IDAPA 24.39.10 Temporary Rules of the Idaho Electrical Board. Executive Officer (EO) Amy Lorenzo reviewed the negotiated rulemaking process with the attendees and stated that comments received during the scheduled public hearings, as well as submitted written comments, will be gathered and presented at a future public hearing. EO Lorenzo added that the hearing is not limited to the Temporary Rules and that questions and comments about topics not included in the Temporary Rules can be brought forward as well.

Barrett Tetlow of the Conger Group asked if rules can be changed before the next legislative session, and EO Lorenzo clarified that only those that were considered a life-saving measure or a significant cost savings could possibly be considered by the Board to present to Governor Brad Little.

The following topics were discussed:

- **100.05 Continuing Education:** Rock Hudson of the City of Boise asked if the Residential Electrician License would have Continuing Education requirements. Kevin Kerner of Electrical Wholesale asked if there was a definition for “Independent Study” and if not, should a definition be included in the rules. EO Lorenzo clarified that any independent study that is submitted to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) for continuing education credit must be evaluated by DOPL staff for approval.
- **200.03 Supervision:** Todd Hall of Trax Electric asked if there would be a separate study course for the Residential Electrician License. EO Lorenzo replied that the Residential Electrician License education program has not been standardized. Post Secondary Institutions are required to first develop and coordinate their Residential Electrician License programs. Those programs will then be presented to the Idaho Electrical Board and to the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education for approval. Mr. Hall asked if the education credits completed for the Residential Electrician License will transfer to the

Journeyman license. Steve Kren of Stephen's Electric asked for the definition of Supervision and what the ratio of Apprentice to Journeyman would be for Residential Electrician. EO Lorenzo replied that per H0337 the ratio is one journeyman per 6 apprentices, but that there is no statute for Residential Electrician Apprentices. Kelly Lamp of the Idaho National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) noted that the Supervisor is defined as the shop supervisor and not the on-site supervisor. Mr. Lamp and Mr. Kren supported excluding "residential electrician" from 03.a, i, ii, and b. EO Lorenzo noted that if there are draft changes to the rules that conflict with statute, it will be presented to the Board and that the conflict will be highlighted as a conflict to the legislature as a necessary statute change. EO Lorenzo also disclosed that the goal of the Board is to have the residential electrician education program in place when the rules are presented in January 2025.

- **600 Idaho Electrical Code:** Tyler Perot, Electrical Inspector for the City of Meridian, asked to speak as an individual and not as a representative for the City of Meridian. Mr. Perot emphasized that safety is paramount and suggested that when revising the rules, the Board go back to the 2017 rules and then revise the coding to match the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) for clarity. Mr. Perot also suggested that all life-saving measures be included in the rules. Mr. Hall noted that with the temporary rules, the bidding process has become difficult due to the significant cost increases created by the multifamily arc-fault circuit-interrupter (AFCI) protection requirements. Don Iverson of Schneider Electric noted that AFCIs have proven to save lives. Mr. Hall added that sprinklers, smoke alarms and unit alarms provide extensive safety measures in multi-family dwellings. Mr. Lamp provided a document to EO Lorenzo highlighting sections in the temporary rules that are creating confusion and provided rewrite suggestions that follow the 2017 rules, NEC Code and format corrections. Jeremy Redman, IBEW 291, stated that the 2023 NEC should be adopted in full. Mr. Redman stated that the rules, with statute removed, have created confusion and that the exemptions have been over-simplified. Mr. Kren requested that the AFCI requirements be removed from single, two-family and multi family dwellings. Additionally, Mr. Kren asked why outlets at kitchen islands are prohibited and requested that island outlets be allowed and, if installed, be held to the requirements of the 2017 rules.

Comments and suggestions made by the public will be provided to the Electrical Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.