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Minutes of 08/14/2024
Moscow City Hall, Council Chambers

Division Staff: Amy Lorenzo, Executive Officer
Krissy Veseth, Administration Bureau Chief

The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Amy Lorenzo at 5:00 PM PST.

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 to the Idaho Electrical Board. 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.

The following topics were discussed:

- **100.01.05 Continuing Education:** Rob Devoe, City of Moscow Electrical Inspector, asked for a definition of Independent Study. EO Lorenzo defined “Independent Study” as training that still pertains to electrical but may not be offered through an approved provider. Any coursework submitted under “Independent Study” would be reviewed by DOPL to ensure it fits within the framework approved by the Idaho Electrical Board. Ken with Cheetah Electric asked if CPR training would be considered industry-related continuing education as long as it was provided by a certified trainer.
- **200.03 Supervision:** Ken, Cheetah Electric, asked for the definition of a Residential Electrician. EO Lorenzo explained that a definition of Residential Electrician is not in rule; however, is in House Bill 337-Electrical Contractors and Journeymen, which passed in the 2023 Legislative Session. In addition, EO Lorenzo clarified that a Residential Electrician is limited to residential installations of one- and two-family dwelling units up to three stories.

EO Lorenzo stated that a two year Residential Electrician License education program has not been created nor approved by the Board and Idaho Division of Career Technical Education (IDCTE); therefore, no licenses have been issued. Mr. Devoe asked why ratios are not included in the temporary rules. EO Lorenzo explained that House Bill 337-Electrical Contractors and Journeymen, effective July 2024, sets residential ratios in state

law as one residential electrician, journeyman electrician, or master electrician to supervisor no more than six apprentice electricians; therefore, is not included in the rules.

Although not opposed to redundancy, Bobbi Kaufman, Planning & Zoning Administrator for Clearwater County, stated it would be less confusing if the language was in one place; i.e., rules, rather than in both the statute and rules as statutes can become outdated.

- **600 Idaho Electrical Code:** Reviewing the temporary rules, EO Lorenzo explained that the NEC 2023 edition was adopted and the Idaho Electrical Code Amendments to the 2023 NEC are listed in the temporary rules. EO Lorenzo encouraged the attendees to review the 2023 NEC after the public hearing, and if they identify any additional areas of concern, to email them.

Ken, Cheetah Electric, asked if the local utilities had concerns about deleting Article 230.85-Emergency Disconnects. Also, from an electrician's standpoint the equipment is more expensive but the labor is a lot less because it's only one piece of equipment versus two or three.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.