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**Minutes of 08/16/2024 Public Hearing  
Department of Labor, Post Falls, Idaho**

**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:** Kevin Vogel, retired, asked for clarification on “Idaho Electrical Code training”. EO Lorenzo replied that [House Bill 337](#) specifies that the National Electrical Code (NEC), including any amendments and exemptions, shall be designated as the Idaho Electrical Code.
- **200.03 Supervision:** Kevin Spreda, owner of B & H Electric, suggested that rather than add an additional license category; i.e., residential electrician, Idaho simplify to a “limited” and “unlimited” license system. North and South Carolina defines “unlimited licenses” as anything over \$60,000 and “limited” as anything under \$60,000. They have the same requirements of a master electrician and electrical contractor, as well as is allowed to do the work with no apprentice ratio.

Chuck Williams, P/T Instructor/Apprentice at North Idaho College, questioned the method in which to accomplish the two-year residential electrician program. EO Lorenzo shared that The Residential Electrician License education program has not been standardized yet and added that the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education is currently reviewing the standards for the Idaho four-year electrical education program to determine if any updates need to be made. Additionally, audience members may have received an invitation to participate in the criticality survey. EO Lorenzo added that there have been preliminary

discussions with secondary institutions about the residential electrician education program, but that development has not started.

- **600 Idaho Electrical Code:** Mike Stone, West Coast Field Representative with the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) stated that NEMA supports the adoption of the National Electrical Code with either no or minimal amendments. Mr. Stone stated 230.67-Surge Protection is a new section in the 2020 NEC, and is not in the 2017 NEC. A surge protective device protects the entire house from voltage fluctuations, which will damage your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, GFCIs, AFCIs, anything that has sensitive electronic components in it. It protects those from getting damaged, and you will not know they did damage until there is a fire or electrocution or something like that. It's a minimal cost and has the added benefit of protecting the rest of your electronics in your house; such as computers, entertainment, TV's etc.

On page six, 600-Idaho Electrical Code, Kevin Vogel, retired, explained the difference between "Article" and "Subsection" when referencing the lettering/numbering system in the NEC. EO Lorenzo will bring this information back to the Division's legal counsel to correct.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.