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September 13, 2009

Chairman Klein  
Administrative Rules Committee  
State Capital  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

Re: Extension of time for enacting energy conservations standard in the State building codes

Dear Chairman Klein:

Chairman Klein and members of the committee, my name is John Diem and I am the building codes manager; working in the Department of Commerce's Division of Community Services. I would like to request an extension of time to comply with statutory change found in N.D.C.C. 54-21.2-03, Energy Conservation Standards. The Division of Community Services in cooperation with the Building Code Advisory Committee plans to adopt and amend the newly updated and published editions of the building codes standards that make up the North Dakota State Building Code, in the spring of 2010. The Division of Community Services and the Building Code Advisory Committee would like to do one adoption and amendment process in this relatively short range of time rather than amending new energy standards into the outgoing building code and then again in the spring of 2010 adopt a newer edition.

Presently, the North Dakota State Building Code consists of the 2006 International Building Code (IBC), the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC), the 2006 International Mechanical Code (IMC), and the 2006 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC). If the energy conservation standards were amended immediately it would require changes to the current 2006 IBC and IRC, which are scheduled to be replaced by the 2009 editions in the spring of 2010. Both the IBC and the IRC had energy conservation standards that were amended out by the Building Code Advisory Committee previously. It would be less confusing to the stakeholders of the building community to adopt the 2009 editions of both the IBC as well as the IRC which will contain energy conservation standards within them.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this request. My office phone number is 227-7416.

Thank you for considering this request.

Prepared by:

John Diem

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