<u>ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE</u>
<u>DECEMBER 15, 2010</u>

Chairman Klein and Other Members of the Administrative Rules Committee:

My name is Don Offerdahl. I am here representing the N.D. State Electrical Board in the adoption of our administrative rules of Article 24-02. The Board's function is to license people to assure that they are qualified to do electrical work, as well as to provide an inspection process to assure that the buildings wiring meets the minimum standards of the electrical codes.

When proposing changes in our administrative rules, we use the same procedures the National Electrical Code use, which is a consensus of all parties. We ask for proposals to the administrative rules through our quarterly newsletters that go out to all licensed electricians and other interested parties such as power companies, associations and engineers. This is also covered at our annual 8-hour continuing education seminars that we provide to the licensees each year throughout North Dakota. The advertising cost for proposed rule changes was $1,573.00, which was placed in all county newspapers. Regulatory analysis and economic impact statements were not required or prepared.

Most of the proposals clarified changes to our standards so that our rules state the requirements more clearly. Only one proposal received oral and written comments at the public hearing and during the comment time period, which were in opposition to the proposal. The Board denied the proposal based on the comments. Outside the comment period, letters were received from associations concerning unwanted tripping of combination type arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which the Board included in the comments. These items were addressed by the Board and changed the combination type AFCIs to branch circuit feeder types that were in the code previously and had experienced little or no tripping problems.

I want to thank you for allowing me this opportunity to present our administrative rules. The Board feels this is an important part of our adoption process. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them now for you.