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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Please be advised that the Idaho Electrical Board has scheduled public hearings on April 16, 2018, May 23, 2018 and July 18, 2018 to allow interested parties to recommend amendments to the electrical rules related to permits and inspections, as well as the registering of apprentices, and licensing of limited electrical installers (formerly specialty licenses). Additional meetings may be scheduled, and these items may be discussed at the electrical board meetings on April 25, 2018 and July 25, 2018.

The public hearings will be held at the Division of Building Safety (DBS) at 1090 E. Watertower St., Suite 150, Meridian, Idaho 83642, and via videoconferencing at 1250 Ironwood Dr., Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814, and 2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello, Idaho 83201. A copy of the tentative agenda for the board meetings will be posted on the DBS website in accordance with the Idaho Open Meeting Law (I.C. §74-201 *et seq*) when they become available. Proposals, recommendations, or comments may be made by any interested individuals prior to the public hearings using the forms contained on the DBS website. The Board will also permit oral comments or presentations to be made to it by any interested individuals during its meetings. The board encourages interested parties to present proposals orally at the above-referenced meetings or to submit written proposals for the record at any time prior to April 11, 2018, May 18 2018, and July 13, 2018. All proposals must include supporting information needed to facilitate consideration of the proposal.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this rulemaking process or the public meetings, please contact me or an appropriate member of the DBS staff at 208-334-3950. You may also contact the Chairman of the Electrical Board, Bob Scott at 208-232-5632 and bob@qeidaho.com, or the DBS electrical program manager, Warren Wing at 208-332-7147 and warren.wing@dbs.idaho.gov. The Idaho Electrical Board looks forward to your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Jensen".

CHRIS JENSEN
Secretary, Idaho Electrical Board
Administrator, Division of Building Safety

c: Idaho Electrical Board

IDAPA 07 – DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

07.01.03 – RULES OF ELECTRICAL LICENSING AND REGISTRATION – GENERAL

DOCKET NO. 07-0103-1801

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Sections 54-1001, 54-1003, 54-1006, 54-1007, 54-1010 and 54-1013, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Public meetings on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

PUBLIC HEARINGS		
Monday, April 16, 2018 9:30 a.m. (MDT)	Wednesday, May 23, 2018 1:00 p.m. (MDT)	Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:30 a.m. (MDT)
Idaho Division of Building Safety 1090 E. Watertower St., Suite 150 Meridian, ID 83642		
via VIDEO-TELECONFERENCE (Same Dates and Times as Above) at the Following Division of Building Safety Locations:		
Coeur d'Alene Regional Office 1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814	Pocatello Regional Office 2055 Garrett Way, Bldg. 1, Suite 4 Pocatello, Idaho 83201	

Additional negotiated rulemaking meetings may be established, if necessary. Adequate notice of the dates, locations, and manner of participation of any such additional meetings will be posted on the Division of Building Safety website at <http://dbs.idaho.gov/>.

The meeting sites will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following:

Interested members of the public who wish to participate must submit any written comments, questions, recommendations, or ideas to the Idaho Electrical Board on designated forms available at the Division of Building Safety website at <http://dbs.idaho.gov> and at the DBS offices in Meridian, Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello. Individuals may also attend the public meetings to be conducted on the dates listed above. The Board will allow oral comments or presentations to be made at the meetings. More information on the meetings is available by contacting Deputy Administrator Ron Whitney at (208) 332-7150 or at ron.whitney@dbs.idaho.gov.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

The Idaho Electrical Board is seeking input and recommendations from the industry and interested parties regarding apprentice registration and renewal requirements. Currently, apprentice registrations last five years. An apprentice must attend four years of school and work 8,000 hours on the job to be eligible to become a journeyman electrician. An apprentice must also attend at least two years of school and perform at least 4,000 hours of work experience in order to renew an apprentice registration. In order to renew a registration, a renewal applicant who has not met those minimum requirements must demonstrate extenuating circumstances exist that prevent the applicant from achieving those requirements. Apprentices who have not passed the journeyman's test within two years of finishing school must also repeat the fourth year of school. Additionally, all apprentices are required to receive direct on the job supervision from a journeyman electrician in a ratio of no more than two apprentices for every journeyman. Journeymen licensed in other states cannot be issued an apprentice registration.

The Division and Board have determined that these requirements have been difficult for many in the trade to achieve. Accordingly, the Board is considering modification of the rules, as appropriate, to address the needs of the evolving industry.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a preliminary draft copy of the rule text, if available, contact Warren Wing, Electrical Program Manager, at (208) 334-3950 or at warren.wing@dbs.idaho.gov. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Division's web site at <http://dbs.idaho.gov>.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered by April 11, 2018, for the April meeting; May 18, 2018, for the May meeting; or July 13, 2018, for the July meeting.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2018.

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