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## SMALL BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS IN RULEMAKING

Most of the businesses regulated by the Board of Electricity ("Board") are small businesses. The Board estimates that eighty percent of all licensed electrical contractors are small businesses, as defined by Minn. Stat. § 14.115. Individual license holders and applicants are not businesses. The Board has framed all of these regulations by considering the needs of small business by making the regulations easy to understand and comply with and by minimizing the increase in fees.

- a) There are no compliance or reporting requirements.
- b) There are no schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements.
- c) There are no compliance or reporting requirements to consolidate or simplify.
- d) There are no design or operation standards required.
- e) Small businesses cannot be exempt under the rule as this requirement is an electrical safety requirement that cannot exempt anyone.

### STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

This rule is needed because the Board has found that there may be cases where persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States may have gained more than 12 months experience while performing electrical work. The Board's current rule limits electrical experience credit to a maximum of 12 months for persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. This rule is reasonable because it allows persons serving in the Armed Forces full credit for their experience.

The Board has found that there are certain types of electrical equipment, such as custom-made equipment or related installations, which are designed, fabricated for, and intended for use by a particular customer and not marketed to the general public, that may be exempt from the requirement of listing and labeling if it can be inspected in accordance with the National Electrical Code or other applicable electrical standards. This provision is reasonable because it permits these installations and equipment to be certified as safe at less cost.

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April 23, 1992

Mr. John Quinn, Executive Secretary  
State Board of Electricity  
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

Dear Mr. Quinn:

I write to request a copy of the Board's Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) for recently published rules relating to minimum experience requirements for licensure and approval of electrical equipment.

As you may know, Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 and 14.23 now require state agencies to provide copies of SONAR's to the LCRAR when they become available for public review.

If you have not already done so, please send a copy of the SONAR for these proposed rules to:

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Please contact me at 296-1143 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Swanson".

Michele Swanson  
Commission Secretary

