



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
PAMELA S. ROBERTS, SECRETARY

November 26, 2008

Senator Jason Gant, Chair
Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC)
c/o Tim Flannery
Department of Legislative Audit
427 South Chapelle
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Senator Gant:

The morning of November 10th, immediately after testifying at the Government Operations and Audit Committee meeting regarding South Dakota Electrical Commission issues, I visited with the Executive Director of the North Dakota State Electrical Board concerning reciprocity issues. During our conversation, I was informed by Don Offerdahl that the North Dakota State Electrical Board had met on November 5th, had reviewed two letters (attached) sent by Todd Kolden of my staff regarding reciprocity issues with South Dakota, and had directed North Dakota staff to continue to license South Dakota electricians in North Dakota per our reciprocity agreement.

Attached is my letter to the North Dakota State Electrical Board which follows up on that conversation.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Roberts, Secretary

Attachments

Cc: South Dakota Electrical Commission



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November 26, 2008

Don Offerdahl, Executive Director
North Dakota State Electrical Board
P.O. Box 7335
Bismarck, ND 58507-7335

Dear Mr. Offerdahl,

Thank you for the telephone conversation the morning of November 10th, regarding reciprocity for licensed electricians between South Dakota and North Dakota. I was pleased to learn that at their November 5th meeting, the North Dakota State Electrical Board had reviewed the attached letters from Todd Kolden of my staff and had directed you to continue to license South Dakota electricians in North Dakota per our reciprocity agreement.

South Dakota looks forward to a continued positive working relationship with the North Dakota State Electrical Board. Once our new Executive Director is on board, he will be available to meet and ensure our communication lines remain open.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Roberts
Secretary

Attachments

Cc: Executive Director, SD Electrical Commission
Larry Simonson, President, SD Electrical Commission
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October 7, 2008

Don Offerdahl, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Offerdahl:

Thank you for your response to my September 15, 2008, letter.

Our main goal is to ensure electrician licensing reciprocity between South Dakota and North Dakota. Please be assured the items listed in your September 19, 2008, letter do not affect our reciprocity agreement. These are situations unique to South Dakota in which our legislature has found it necessary to create Codified Laws and/or Administrative Rules to address certain issues. These items are not related to licensure and, therefore, have no impact on North Dakota.

We would not presume to suggest changes to North Dakota law on issues that do not impact South Dakota citizens and we hope you will offer us the same courtesy. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss questions regarding licensure and reciprocity with you if needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Interim Administrator Lloyd Schipper at 605-773-5087 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Todd Kolden' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Kolden, Administrator

Cc: Eugene Cross, President, ND State Electrical Board
Larry Simonson, President, SD State Electrical Commission

Your workforce experts.

September 15, 2008

Don Offerdahl, Executive Director
North Dakota State Electrical Board
P.O. Box 7335
Bismarck, ND 58507-7335

Dear Mr. Offerdahl:

I want to thank you for the conversations and correspondence we have shared over the past few months. I believe we have come to an agreement on reciprocity and the relationship between our two great states, and consider this matter resolved.

With a new administrator soon to be taking the lead with the South Dakota State Electrical Commission, I feel we can continue the good working relationship that we have forged.

If there are ever any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or the Interim Administrator, Lloyd Schipper, at 605-773-5087.

Sincerely,



Todd Kolden, Administrator

cc: Eugene Cross, President, ND State Electrical Board
Larry Simonson, President, SD State Electrical Commission