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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 9, 1986

The Honorable Mike Navarre
Alaska State House of
Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Navarre:

I am taking this opportunity to respond to a letter addressed to Representative Boucher from Charlie Bussell concerning opposition to the confirmation of Walter R. Gardner's appointment to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Mr. Gardner has held an electrical administrator's license (#AA240) in this state since 1972. He is one of 46 out of approximately 520 persons licensed in Alaska who is qualified in all categories of electrical administration. These categories include: inside wiring, outside wiring, residential wiring, outside communications, and inside communications.

You can see from his resume that Mr. Gardner has over thirty years experience in the field of large construction with over twenty years experience in the Alaska construction industry, including engineering and management, electrical power and communications, and as field surveillance officer for the Trans-Alaska pipeline. His qualifications include expertise in arctic and subarctic construction.

Mr. Bussell's reference to an applicant he felt was unjustly reviewed by the board should be directed to Nancy Dunn, Director of the Division of Occupational Licensing, for investigation.

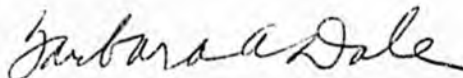
In closing, I must respond to the last paragraph of Mr. Bussell's letter with regard to appointments of women and minorities to boards and commissions during this administration. Mr. Bussell states that Natives and women have been "sorely overlooked by the present administration."

April 9, 1986

Statistics compiled in February 1986 reveal that 22 percent of the appointments made by Governor Sheffield since he took office have been of minorities. This thrust by the Governor underscores his continuing concern to have minority representation on official state boards. These same statistics indicate that 41 percent of the Governor's appointees have been women.

The fact that women and minorities have enjoyed an increased opportunity to serve on boards and commissions during this administration is now, and will continue to be, a direct reflection of Governor Sheffield's priorities.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Dale
Special Staff Assistant
to the Governor

Alaska Bussell Electric Company

"AN ALASKAN CORPORATION"
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS

April 4, 1986

Alaska State Legislative
Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Attn: Representative R. A. 'Red' Boucher

Subject: Legislative letter requesting comment on Board of
Electrical Examiners applicants, Gardner and Boyd.

Dear Representative Boucher:

Thank you, for asking me to comment on the acceptability of Mr. Gardner and Mr. Boyd for positions on the Board of Electrical Examiners.

I have, as I mentioned to you via tel-con earlier this week, made a number of calls to many people, throughout our industry, regarding these two men. Generally, I believe it fair to say, almost 100% of those I spoke with had little or no problem with Mr. Boyd's being appointed. I believe it also fair to say almost 100% of those who knew Mr. Gardner, expressed concern and opposition to his being considered for such a position.

As for my personal thoughts on the subject, I concur with the previous comments. Although I do not know Mr. Boyd, I know several people who spoke highly of him, and no one spoke negatively about him or his work in the industry.

I do however, know Mr. Gardner and have known him for many years. Throughout those years I have never known Mr. Gardner to have personally performed any electrical work in any of the numerous sections of our industry. I note in his resume, he mentions having done nothing but engineering, estimating, inspection or supervision throughout those years, or for that matter since he has arrived in Alaska.

I spoke by tel-con to the Mt. Wheeler Power Company in Ely Nevada, where Mr. Gardner says he worked as an apprentice line/journeyman lineman, and found no one who could remember him, or any such program in Ely Nevada. This of course is not to suggest Mr. Gardner did not work for Ely Light & Power (now Mt. Wheeler Company), but such a work period, as indicated, would hardly have qualified him to be more than a "grunt" in those days.

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I found no listing for, and was unable to locate a company called "Shock Electric," in Las Vegas, Nevada, where Mr. Gardner indicates he completed apprenticeship program, advanced to journeyman wireman, advanced to foreman, advanced to project superintendent, and had 80 men under direct supervision.

A normal apprenticeship program is four to five years in length, and the journeyman program another two years.

The time span indicated for Mr. Gardner's rapid advancement would raise a large red flag to most of us in the industry about his training, or perhaps lack of it. Maybe those facts help explain his recent acts of so forcefully preventing a young man who was an applicant for an electrical administrators license in our great state. This young man was not only a third generation electrician, but a graduate electrical engineer. Mr. Gardner led the argument against even allowing this young man an opportunity to be examined. The narrow vision displayed by Mr. Gardner's actions in this instance seem to characterize the fears I and many others have about his appointment to this, or any other policy and decision making board.

Representative Boucher, Alaska has many highly qualified and able persons willing to serve on the Board of Electrical Examiners. Please oppose this appointment and urge perhaps the selection of a female or an Alaskan Native for the position. The native population of the state, as well as the states women are affected greatly by this and other policy making boards, and have been sorely overlooked by the present administration.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Charlie Russell
CEO

cc. Mitch Abood

CB/am

Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives



Labor and Commerce Committee

TO: House Labor & Commerce Committee Members
FROM: Rep. Navarre, Chairman
SUBJECT: Boards & Commissions Confirmations
DATE: April 2, 1986

The Boards & Commissions confirmations that were held over have been rescheduled for Monday, April 10, 1986. If there are still some problems with these confirmations please let my staff know by Friday. If there are no objections, these names will go out on Monday.

We have received in our office two more individuals who are up for confirmation, if there are no problems with them; they will also be confirmed on Monday. Their names are attached to this memo.

Athletic Commission

Anderson, Stanley

Term began 02/10/86, expires 05/14/87

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Kueber, Marse

Original term began 05/02/83, reappointed 06/24/85

expires 07/01/88

Board of Dental Examiners

Baxter, Christine

Term began 01/07/86, expires 02/01/89

Gellert, Hubert

Term began 04/03/85, expires 02/01/89

Woller, Timothy

Original term began 10/31/84, reappointed 01/16/86

expires 02/01/90

Board of Electrical Examiners

Boyd, Steven

Term began 05/21/85, expires 07/10/87

Gardner, Walter

Term began 01/19/85, expires 07/10/88

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BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 1, 1986

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Pursuant to AS 39.05.080, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Guide Licensing and Control Board

Gamble, Sr., Edward J.

Term began 04/01/86, expires 06/15/88

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

Hoff, Jr., Donald F.

Term began 04/01/86, expires 08/01/88

Resumes and autobiographies for these appointees will be submitted to the Fourteenth Alaska State Legislature through the clerks of both houses respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Sheffield".

Bill Sheffield
Governor

Donald F. Hoff, Jr.
2438 First Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-6376 (home)

Job Objective

A position that offers an opportunity for growth, using my knowledge and experience to help our communities and the State of Alaska.

Experience

- 1985/Present Self-employed, Kitschk-Min Cleaning--proprietor
Janitorial services, building maintenance.
-Ketchikan Museum, library, health center, and Totem Heritage
-J.H.S Alaska Native Health Clinic
-First Bank, Totem Branch Bank
-R.D. Stone Investment Offices
These are our present accounts.
- 1983/1984 Hardrock Construction Co. Laborer
(road construction) My experience with this company was most
valuable.
-blueprint reading
-150 hours plus, backhoe operator, (case 580)
-installing culvert
-reading and understanding slope stakes
-laying 6" PVC, waterline & installing hook-up
-bridge building
-safety meetings
-boom truck operator training
-work with drillers & powderman
-carpentry
- 1982/1983 I worked for Seley Co. and Seaward Shipyards, Ketchikan. It
was a unique situation as a Welder, being traded back and
forth between companies.
-all position welder, mild steel
-fabricator
-reading welding blueprints
-air arcing
-cutting torch
-heat shrinking
-hard facing
For these companies work on barges, fishing boats.

I had other jobs such as: Boxcar repair two (2) years. Building
a sawmill by sections. Seven (7) months, this all happen in
Springfield, Oregon.

Education

- 1980/1982 Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon
Major Commercial Arts & Fine Art.
- 1979 Emergency Medical Tech. I
Eugene, Oregon. Red Cross Volunteer

Resume
Donald F. Hoff Jr.
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Education

1976 Ketchikan Community College
Welding School

Military Service

1973/1976 Quartermaster (Navigation department)
U.S. Navy

Affiliations

Currently I.R.A Tribal Councilman, Treasurer
Ketchikan Indian Corporation 1986-1987

1985/1986 Alaska Native Leadership Project participant
Tlingit/Haida Indians of Alaska member
Chairman of the Indian Child Welfare
Advisory Committee, Ketchikan Indian Corporation
Constitution Committee member, Ketchikan Indian Corporation
Founder of Mahoney Heights group, Alcoholic Anonymous

1978/1979 Iron Workers Union Local 518
Portland, Oregon

1976/1977 Pipeline Union, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Personal Data

Born in Ketchikan, Alaska, May 24, 1953. Married/two children.

References

Doris Volzke -- Alaska Human Rights Commission
Box 3089, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 225-3378

Representative John Sund, Ketchikan
2336 Sixth Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 225-9292

Edward K. Thomas, President Tlingit/Haida Central Council
320 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99802 586-1432

BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 1, 1986

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Mr. Robert Taylor, appointee to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board, has submitted his resignation effective immediately. Please remove Mr. Taylor's name from the confirmation list submitted to you on February 12, 1986.

Sincerely,


Bill Sheffield
Governor

Alaska State Legislature

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CHAIRMAN
Special Committee on
Telecommunications

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99511
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MEMBER
Labor and Commerce
State Affairs
Finance—Subcommittee Administration

Representative H. A. "Red" Boucher

March 18, 1986

Charlie Bussell
Alaska Bussell Electric Company
P.O. Box 4-1325
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

Dear Charlie:

We recently received in the House Labor and Commerce Committee the names of two people who are being proposed as new appointees to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

I requested that Rep. Mike Navarre withhold Committee approval of these two appointees temporarily so that I could contact other people in the profession such as yourself to see if they are acceptable or not.

As I indicated earlier, there is a likelihood that this Board will be disbanded, but in case it is not, I would like to at least see appointees to it that are acceptable to the industry. Your comments would be helpful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Representative H.A. "Red" Boucher

RB/rp

Enclosures

Charlie, It's all giving them hell—



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0101

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESUME

INSTRUCTIONS

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 2-01

A separate application is required for each position for which you apply. Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your resume. The initial determination of whether you qualify for the position specified will be based on this application.

Please type or print legibly in ink. Forward to the above address. Be sure your answers are correct. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Position for which I am applying:

Board of Electrical Examiners

Please list any other State Board or Commission on which you serve:

None

REPORT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE CHANGES PROMPTLY

Name Steven F. Boyd		Previous Name applied under
Mailing Address Box 5865 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901	Residence Address 512 Adams St.	
City, State and Zip Code		
Home Telephone 907 225-5877	Business or Message Telephone 907 225-5800	

AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a board or commission be a registered voter BEFORE the last general election held _____:

Are you a registered voter? YES NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional)
00769620

Social Security Number (Optional)
574-22-2723

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years? YES NO
If "YES", explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recency, and relationship to the board position applied for will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

A policy in the Governor's Office pertaining to boards and commissions is that a member attend at least 75% of the meetings. Are there any circumstances in either your professional or personal life which would prevent you from participating at the required meetings? YES NO
If "YES", explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

This position may require that the member travel to either urban or rural (or both) areas. Are there any circumstances which would prevent you from participating?
No

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain Boards and Commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010. If required for the Board or Commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?
 YES NO
Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the Board or Commission for which you have applied?
 YES NO If "YES", explain.

The Office of the Governor will not discriminate against an applicant for a Board or Commission based on Sex, Age, National Origin, Marital Status, Pregnancy, Handicap, Religion or Parenthood.

RESUME

Steven F. Boyd
P. O. Box 5865
512 Adams Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-5877
D.O.B. 5-1-50

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

June 12, 1982 to Present

Island Electric Inc.
Sole Proprietor, President
January 1, 1984.

September 3, 1980 to April 15, 1982

Alaska Department of Labor
Mechanical Inspection Section
Pouch 7-020
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
Electrical Inspector

February 19, 1980 to September 3, 1980

Southeastern Electric Co.
918 Water Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Journeyman Wireman

August, 1972 to February, 1980

Worked throughout States of Alaska
and Washington as an Apprentice,
Journeyman, and Foreman in all
phases of electrical construction.
Also worked toward degree from
University of Washington.

Work References:

Mr. Carl Larson, former owner of Southeastern Electric Co.
3356 Dale Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-4416

Mr. Bill Lattin, former owner of Southeastern Electric Co.
Rt. 1 Box 656
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 247-8222

Work References (continued):

Mr. Ike Waldrop, Manager
National Electrical Contractors Association
712 W. 36th
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

EDUCATION

1964 to 1968

Ketchikan High School
2610 Fourth (Pouch Z)
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
Graduated May, 1968

March, 1973 to May, 1973
and
December, 1974 to February, 1975

Alaska Electrical Apprenticeship
Training Center
Anchorage, Alaska

December, 1979

Graduated Cum Laude from
University of Washington with
BA degree in Business Administration

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State of Alaska

Electrical Administrator License, Inside Wiring
Journeyman Electrician Certificate of Fitness

State of Washington

Journeyman Electrician License

Personal References:

Mr. Terry Gardiner
P. O. Box 6092
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-6664

Mr. John Sund
P. O. Box 6440
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-9292

RESUME

WALTER P. GARDNER
7731 Island Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
(907) 332-0771

Over thirty years experience in the field of large construction; with over twenty years experience in the Alaska construction industry, including engineering & management, electrical power & communications and field surveillance officer for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Qualifications include expertise in arctic and subarctic construction.

Business Background:

1982 — Present

Electrical Consultant
Self-Employed
7731 Island Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Duties:

- 1) Prepare Estimates tailored to client's requirements.
- 2) Plan review for code compliance.
- 3) Cost analysis.
- 4) Inspection service for code and contract compliance.
- 5) Change order preparation.
- 6) Claim preparation and submittal.

1981 — 1982

Chief Estimator/Projects Coordinator
Harding Myers
1041 E. 76th Avenue Suite C
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Duties:

- 1) Supervise & prepare estimates — largest project bid — \$30,933,098.
- 2) Quality control, area wide.
- 3) Project Management, as directed.
- 4) Engineering — design and/or consult.
- 5) Contract bids, area wide.

RESUME: Walter R. Gardner
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1977 - 1981

Contract Sales Manager
Newberry Alaska, Inc. (Formerly Rogers Electric, Inc.)
6800 Arctic Boulevard
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Duties:

- 1) Prepare estimates from conceptual designs.
- 2) Establish owner/contractor relationships.
- 3) Consulting in electrical design and installation methods for arctic/subarctic environments.
- 4) Prepare estimates for electrical and prime contractor portions of all types of projects; ranging from transmission/distribution pole lines to communications.
- 5) Logistical support for workmen/supervision.
- 6) Supervise, when necessary, complete projects from building design through finished products.

1974 - 1977

Field Surveillance Officer
State of Alaska
Office of Pipeline Coordinator
400 W. 7th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

Duties:

- 1) Review, for approval, construction plans and specifications & design criteria for Trans-Alaska Pipeline where electrical power and/or communications were involved. This included:
 - A) Pump Station, Electrical
 - B) Terminal Facilities-Electrical
 - C) Pump Station Communications
 - D) Pipeline Communications
 - E) Pipeline Control Systems
 - a) Earthquake Monitoring System
 - b) Remote Control Valve Control Systems
 - c) Leak Control Systems
 - d) Oil Gauging Flow Control Systems
 - F) Inspection, for code compliance, for all of above.
- 2) Approve and/or request changes be made in the design to conform to local codes, conditions or State of Alaska Right-of-Way Lease Agreement and/or Stipulations.
- 3) Monitor construction progress to ascertain that Right-of-Way Lease and Stipulation requirements were met in accordance with Notice to Proceed, on that contract segment.

RESUME: Walter R. Gardner
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- 4) Contract enforcement of Right-of-Way Lease which included:
 - A) Safety
 - B) Damages/potential damage to environment
 - C) Approval of construction methods
 - D) Protection of fish and wildlife (Habitat & Critters)

Maximum number of persons under direct supervision: — 0 —

1964 — 1974

City Electric, Inc.
819 Orca Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Starting Position: Construction Estimator
Advanced to: Project Engineer
Advanced to: Chief Engineer
Advanced to: Special Project Manager

Duties:

- 1) Similar to work as previously performed with former employer (W. R. Gracie Co.)
- 2) Responsible for construction projects over entire State of Alaska; primarily oriented to the oil industry.
- 3) Supervise, consult, design, construct, and assist in studies toward design, on the following projects, in one of the above capacities (Positions):
 - A) Tyonek Power Plant, Tyonek, Alaska
 - B) Drift River Granite Point Pipeline Terminal — Cook Inlet Pipeline Company
 - C) Beluga Gas Fields Power Plant
 - D) Shell Oil Company Platform "C" — Cook Inlet
 - E) Bulk Storage Facilities, Nenana, Alaska — Standard Oil Company
 - F) Mobil Oil Company Platform, Cook Inlet
 - G) Granite Point Gathering Centers — Texaco and Shell Oil Companies
 - H) Atlantic Richfield, King Salmon Cook Inlet Platform
 - I) Atlantic Richfield SPARKS Cook Inlet Platform
 - J) Atlantic Richfield Communication Facilities, Prudhoe
 - K) Approximately twenty (20) each airport facilities installations on the North Slope
 - L) Soil testing, cathodic protection and permafrost stability — British Petroleum Atlantic Richfield Exxon, North Slope

RESUME: Walter R. Gardner
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- M) Hot Oil Test Loop — Atlantic Richfield, Prudhoe Bay
- N) Crude Oil Topping Plant — Atlantic Richfield
- O) Power Plant — British Petroleum, Prudhoe Bay
- P) Water Flood Projects, Cook Inlet — Atlantic Richfield Mobil Oil Company
- Q) Fairbanks Healy Transmission Line — G.V.E.A.
- R) Seluga Anchorage Transmission Line — Chugach Electric
- S) Utilities Installation: Power, Water and Sewer — City of Valdez
- T) Utilities Installation: Power, Water and Sewer — City of Cordova
- U) Chemical Treatment and Waste Disposal — Atlantic Richfield, Prudhoe Bay
- V) Drift River Marine Terminal, Drift River, Lower Cook Inlet
- W) Design, furnish and install special communications facilities, Prudhoe Bay

Maximum number of persons under direct supervision: 200
Average number of persons under direct supervision: 100

1950 — 1964

Construction Estimator/Office Manager/Project Supervisor
W. R. Crasle Company
1825 Ship Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Duties:

- 1) Construction Electrical Estimator
 - A) Prepare labor and material cost estimates for projects throughout the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and the Pacific Ocean.
 - B) Logistical studies and implementation for labor, material and equipment for areas of construction bid.
 - C) Preparation, submission and processing of claims, change orders and negotiations for complete projects with Federal and State Government Agencies as well as private owners/contractors.
 - D) Largest project bid under direct supervision: \$8,000,000.00
- 2) Office Manager (Anchorage Office)
 - A) Responsible for material purchasing, accounting functions and payroll
 - B) All of the duties listed above as Construction Estimator

RESUME: Walter R. Gardner
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- 3) Project Supervisor (Anchorage Office)
 - a) Design electrical requirements for construction projects as available/required
 - b) Supervise labor forces on numerous projects

Maximum number of persons under direct supervision: 40
Average number of persons under direct supervision: 10

1959 — 1960

General Estimator, Project Engineer/ Superintendent
Bonberg-Wehreim
Las Vegas, Nevada

Construction projects included Atomic Reactors EER-2
BORAX IV & BORAX V at Atomic Reactor Center Oper-
ations, Idaho Falls, Idaho

1955 — 1959

Owner/Operator
Federal Alarm & Sign Company
Las Vegas, Nevada

Installation & Maintenance of Fire & Burglar Alarm Systems

1950 — 1955

Apprentice Wireman Electrician
Shock Electric Company
Las Vegas, Nevada

Completed Apprenticeship Program
Advanced to Journeyman Wireman
Advanced to Foreman
Advanced to Project Superintendent

Maximum number of men under direct supervision: 50
Average number of men under direct supervision: 10

1949 — 1950

Maintenance Electrician
Union Pacific Railroad
Las Vegas, Nevada

RESUME: Walter R. Gardner
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1946 - 1948 Apprentice Lin/Journeyman Lineman
Ely Light & Power
Ely, Nevada

Military: U.S. Navy -- Electrician
1944 - 1946 EM 1 c -- Honorable Discharge

Technical Schools: 1) N.E.C.A. Sponsored
 A) Electrical Heating
 B) Project Management
 C) Estimating
 D) Profit & Loss Workshops
 E) Sales Negotiation Workshop

Memberships: 1) President - International Association of Electrical
 Inspectors, Alaska (two terms)
 2) Member of State & Local Apprenticeship Committee
 for Electrical Workers, IBEW/NECA
 3) Member of Local and National Electrical Code Commit-
 tee Member District 5, NECA
 4) Member of International Association of Electrical
 Inspectors #202625
 5) Chairman N.E.C.A. Code Committee, State of Alaska
 6) Member, Policing Board, Municipality of Anchorage

Additional Information: 1) Security clearances previously held:
 A.E.C. "C"
 D.O.D. Secret
 2) Bondable (Maximum capacity allowable)
 3) Certified I.A.E.I. Electrical Inspector General
 4) State of Alaska Electrical Contractors Administrator's
 License #2346

Personal: Date of Birth: November 10, 1927
 Health: Excellent, last physical: March 5, 1980

References: Upon request

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH D
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: 465-2500

March 18, 1986

The Honorable H. A. "Red" Boucher
Alaska House of Representatives
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Boucher:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, 1986, concerning the impact of sunsetting the Board of Electrical Examiners. Since the introduction of SB 384, we have not been involved in any public hearings concerning this bill and are not aware of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee's disposition on it.

The effect sunsetting the board would have on recently proposed regulations depends largely on the Legislature's own action. It would be possible for the Legislature to sunset the board but retain the licensing function within the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. This would likely include retention of the regulations in existence now and the authority to adopt new regulations.

If the Legislature simply does not extend the termination date of the board and does not also repeal the statutes which the board operates under, the department would likely request an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the department's authority to continue the licensing function without the board. Their opinion would also have to address the validity of all regulations currently filed in the Alaska Administrative Code.

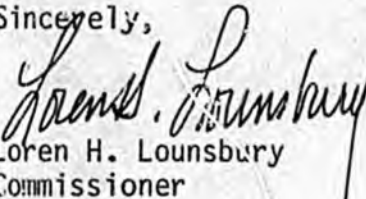
The department cannot anticipate the final action of the Legislature. However, if we knew the board would be sunsetted, the department would, under AS 08.03.020, facilitate the operation of the Board of Electrical Examiners as a fully functioning, statutorily authorized board until it actually terminates. This would necessarily include the processing of proposed regulations in a fair and reasonable manner until the board terminated.

March 21, 1986

Aside from questions regarding whether or not the board will sunset, it is unlikely at this time that current funding will permit the board to take action on these regulations via a short teleconference meeting in April or May. It is possible that no action will be taken until the board meets face to face, which will happen in early Fiscal Year 87. In that case, the board's decision will be made in light of whatever action the Legislature has taken on SB 384.

Your concerns for these regulations will be expressed to the board.

Sincerely,



Loren H. Lounsbury
Commissioner

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cc: Peter Spivey, Special Staff Assistant, Office of the Governor
Nancy Dunn, Director, Division of Occupational Licensing
Terrance Duszynski, Chairman, Board of Electrical Examiners

Alaska State Legislature

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MEMBER
Labor and Commerce
State Affairs
Finance—Subcommittee Administration

Representative H. A. "Red" Boucher

March 7, 19896

Charlie Bussell
Alaska Bussell Electric Company
P. O. Box 4-1325
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

Dear Charlie:

It was good to hear from you in regards to your letters about the Board of Electrical Examiners on February 12 and 20. My apologies for the delay in response, but the past two weeks numerous legislators and staff, including myself, have been quite ill with some viral pneumonia bug that has been going around.

I took the liberty of passing on a copy of your February 12 letter regarding the proposed regulation changes of the Board of Electrical Examiners to Senator Zharoff as Chair of Senate Labor and Commerce, to Rep. Navarre as Chair of House Labor and Commerce, and to Commissioner Lounsbury.

There is currently no bill dealing with extension of sunset of the Board of Electrical Examiners in the House; and in Senate Labor and Commerce SB 384 had a hearing already. While nothing specific was decided, it appears that that Committee is leaning towards sunseting the Board, in accordance with the Legislative Budget and Audit report and recommendation on the matter. I have enclosed a copy of that report for your reference.

Because the Legislative Budget and Audit Report recommends that certain functions such as licensing be retained by the Dept. of Labor if the Board is sunsetted, this would require that a bill be passed by the legislature to allow this. I am not certain, but it appears you are opposed to any regulation or licensing by the Board or the Department, and hence, the passage of any bill at all.

I would appreciate your reading the enclosed LBA report and passing on your comments back to me. There are safety and insurance problems that would have to be worked out if licensing were completely eliminated; your comments here would be helpful.

It appears that with the Senate already beginning to hold hearings on this matter, it is only a matter of time before the bill starts to move. Meanwhile, I will request of the Commissioner of Commerce that approval of the newest proposed regulations be held up until the hearings are complete on the Board sunset.

I look foward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H.A. Boucher', written in dark ink.

Representative H.A. "Red" Boucher

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cc: Senator Abood

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Representative H. A. "Red" Boucher

March 11, 1986

Loren H. Lounsbury, Commissioner
Department of Commerce and Economic
Development
P.O. Box D-LIC
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Dear Commissioner Lounsbury:

I understand that there is currently a bill in Senate Labor and Commerce, SB 384, that deals with the sunset of the Board of Electrical Examiners, and that it has had one public hearing already. While it is too early to predict the outcome of this bill, I understand the Committee is looking closely at the recommendation of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee to sunset the Board.

If sunset occurs, it seems to me that this would have some impact on the proposed regulation changes in your January 17 notice, and in fact may negate them. It would be helpful to me if you could explain what the potential impact would be either with or without the Board sunset.

I would also like to formally request that you delay final approval of the proposed changes in the regulations of the Board of Electrical Examiners in your January 17 notice until the sunset issue has been resolved or until it has been made clear that the sunset would not affect the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Red Boucher".

Representative H.A. "Red" Boucher

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cc: Senator Zharoff, Chair of Senate Labor & Commerce

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February 12, 1986.

Representative H.A "Red" Boucher
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska. 99811

Attn: Representative Red Boucher.

Subject: Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations of the
Board of Electrical Examiners, Dated January 17, 1986.

Dear Representative Boucher:

A copy of the subject regulation change notice was recently made available to me for review.

As you know I have long been opposed to the operations and procedure employed by the board of electrical examiners. I have personally suffered greatly from their acts or failure to act. The behavior of the Department of Commerce personnel and the appointed board members, should at the very least prompt an investigation by the legislature before allowing further funding.

This board repeatedly acts in a manner completely contrary to law, not to mention the best interest of Alaska. My review of their most recent proposed regulation changes, once again reconfirms my thoughts with regard to their operations. Please allow me to list for you my comments, for your review and information.

Item 1 & 2# are regulation changes which would allow the new board member, Mr. Walt Gardner to become an Electrical Administrator. Mr. Gardner, to my knowledge, has never done a days electrical work in his life. He has studied the National Electrical Code and there are some who consider Mr. Gardner a qualified electrical inspector. In any case the proposed change is a clear conflict of interest with respect to Mr. Gardner and I believe he should be charged with it.

Item 3# would simply allow the board to deny review of an applicants examination period. It is unreal they would even propose such a change as this. This type of proposal if not illegal should be.

Item 4# is kind of meaningless, although, I wonder what "reasons other than" means.

Item 5# proposes a reporting requirement which would have far reaching insurance ramifications which would simply raise the cost of doing business for everyone, would upset the long in place leadership and

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project control plans used by most contractors, allow for the addition of more paper work specialist in both the Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce with there attendant costs of upwards to \$100,000.00 per position, for no discernible reason.

Item 6# no comment.

Item 7# is another unreasonable and unnecessary paper work requirement serving no valid purpose. Some companies employ several administrators for different reasons and various lengths of time. A regulation such as this would bind up the free flow of talent throughout the industry and increase the cost of doing business by everyone.

Item 8# no comment.

Representative Boucher, please join me in opposition to these regulation changes and encourage other legislators to do likewise. Commissioner Lounsbury should be asked to with draw them and refrain from further change proposals, until such time as an investigation of the board and his staff members has been completed. Legislative funding for this Department should certainly be held or cut out completely unless the legislature is shown that a public service is in deed been preformed by the Department in a lawfull manner.

I would be most happy to discuss these items either verbally or through additional correspondence at your pleasure. Thank you for your time in these matters and I look forward to your early reply. By working together we can change things and do something about the state we're in.

Sincerely



Charlie Bussell
CEO ABEC

CC. Moody

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April 7, 1986

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Attn: Representative H. A. "Red" Boucher

Refr: Performance report on the Department of Commerce and
Economic Development Board of Electrical Examiners.

Subject: Letter of inquiry regarding refr: Report dated 3-7-86

Dear Representative Boucher:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the LBA report to me for
review, and asking for my comments.

I generally concur with the recommendation by LBA to terminate the Board of Electrical Examiners. My feelings about the current boards activities, who controls the board, the history of the boards use, are well known to you and many others throughout the electrical industry in Alaska. The board and the department staff have been used to license those they chose, and prevent licensing for many others, who were not only well qualified, but would have been fine contractors and Alaskan employers. Comments made by the LBA Committee in recommendation, that the boards "screening and testing procedures has resulted in high failure rates on the licensing examination", and "this examination structure serves to unduly limit the number of licensed electrical administrators", are clean understatements of fact.

Recommendation 2, 3, 4 and 5, indicate how administrative government attempts to control private enterprise, and legislate through the use of administrative regulation. The industry and it's customers, through the use of insurance requirement, bond requirement and competitive restrictions, have done a fine job of providing this state with one of the best trained and highly responsive contracting groups in the entire United States.

Recommendation number 6 indicates the board should adopt regulation to implement AS 08.40.120 (b). I disagree, not only with the LBA recommendation, but take exception to commissioner Lounsbury's response to it also. There is simply no need for additional regulation. AS 08.40.120 (b) is perfectly clear, and any applicant for an Alaskan electrical administrators license, who can meet the requirements set out in our application for a



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license, clearly should have the examination waived and be issued a license, that is one of the reasons we have the state journeyman's examination that is given by the Department of Labor. No one can perform electrical work without obtaining the certificates of fitness by passing that examination.

As for Commissioner Lounsbury's response to recommendation number 6, he is simply mistaken on several points. I am licensed in a number of states, and have personally spoken to several of their board members. I have found no one who has been contacted by anyone from the state of Alaska regarding this matter, nor has anyone indicated even the slightest reluctance to responding in a helpful manner, if asked.

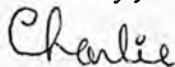
The commissioner has also received some bad information regarding the development of multi-state electrical testing. There are such tests and services available. I have enclosed a copy of a short article which appeared in the March/April issue of the IAEEI news. This article perhaps will answer any questions you may have about this matter. The passion for obstruction continually employed by this administration must be extinguished.

As for the \$85,000.00 mentioned by the commissioner to develop a new examination, you may wish to see just who received the money, and what the state in fact received for it. When you learn who received the grant money let me know, it may be interesting.

1. We should sun-set and, or through, other legislation rid ourselves of the present highly costly and ineffective system.
2. We should limit licensing to smaller projects such as single family homes, duplexes, perhaps even 4 or 6 plexes. Small projects most often have little or no involvement with an architectural or licensed engineering firm which develop or oversee building or project construction. This is the area of greatest risk to the general public and other states have, and are turning to this form of license.
3. The state should begin treating the administrators for what they are. Many Alaskan electrical contractors are prevented, because of there union labor agreements, from even picking up a screw driver, or speaking directly to a journeyman electrician at a project. From my point of view, I have little problem with these and other similar industry wide work rules. The installing journeymen electricians and their foreman, are highly skilled, highly paid, and highly motivated professionals. They are that way not because the state wants them to be, but because the industry demand it of them, and they, not the state, built the industry.

Once again, thank you for asking me to comment on this matter. If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. By working together we can change things, and do something positive about the state we are in.

Sincerely,



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MULTISTATE ELECTRICAL LICENSING TEST

Licensing Examinations For Electricians

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MANY MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL Association of Electrical Inspectors are familiar with the Construction Code Inspector Certification Examinations developed by Educational Testing Service (ETS). The joint goal of this testing program was to provide nationally recognized evidence of competence and professionalism in construction code enforcement. The expertise of this same organization, ETS, has also been used in developing an examination program for licensing electricians. It's called the Multistate Electrical Licensing Test (MELT) and offers examinations in two areas:

- journeyman electricians
- master electricians/electrical contractors

MELT was created to meet the need of electrical boards for tests that would allow licensing candidates to demonstrate their technical competence, including their knowledge of and ability to apply the National Electrical Code. MELT is an all-inclusive testing program performing the following services for electrical licensing agencies:

- providing candidate test registration forms, information bulletins containing sample questions and a content outline of the examinations, and specific fact sheets for each jurisdiction including its fees and testing locations;
- registering candidates, issuing admission tickets, and distributing a candidate roster to the licensing agency;
- administering the test every other month, including all provisions for testing sites and staff;
- developing new versions of the examinations each time the tests are given, and providing statistical assurance that scores from any version of the test are comparable to scores from every other testing; and

- scoring the examinations, performing quality control checks, and issuing individual score reports for candidates as well as a score roster for the licensing agency.

The charge for these services can be covered in a testing fee paid directly by the licensing applicant, therefore requiring no expenditure on the part of the licensing agency. Participation in the program can actually save money for the licensing agency by eliminating expenses for test development, test administration, and test scoring.

ETS began test development by conducting a job analysis with expert representation from licensing jurisdictions across the nation. These representatives identified the actual tasks involved in the electrical jobs to be tested. The MELT job analysis identified 54 tasks as critical and important to the job of journeyman and/or master electrician/electrical contractor. A list of these tasks is available by calling any of the representatives listed at the end of this article. The tasks were grouped into nine sub-areas:

- raceways,
- service feeders and branch circuit equipment,
- motors and generators,
- utilization and general use equipment,
- special occupancies,
- grounding and bonding,
- calculations and computations, and
- administrative/management activities.

These tasks and groupings form the blueprint for the examinations. Each test must match this blueprint in order to assure that it meets the objectives for the test, that each content area is covered, and that the section for each content area includes the same number of questions as are contained in that section in all other forms of the test. This is one of the ways in which standardization and fairness are assured for all candidates.

After the task list was completed, the committee of electrical experts began the process of developing examinations. The

committee worked with ETS professional testing staff to develop test specifications derived from the job analysis, and were then trained to write test questions based on those test specifications. During the next six months, the examinations were pretested by several joint Apprenticeship Training Council classes, and committee members worked with ETS to improve the final test questions and format of the tests.

The MELT Advisory Committee continues the same process today. Representatives from user jurisdictions meet annually to review the job tasks, write new test questions, and recommend policy direction for the program.

This full-service program is providing electrical licensing tests for the states of: Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Massachusetts, Montana, and Wyoming. The MELT program is available for use by local licensing agencies as well.

ETS provides a secure, fair, and objective examination program, developed to assess national standards of competence in electrical occupations. Educational Testing Service has been in the business of developing and administering examinations for almost 40 years. MELT and the Construction Code Inspector Certification Examination are developed by a division of ETS, the Center for Occupational and Professional Assessment (COPA). The COPA staff works solely on providing examinations and services in occupational and professional fields. COPA works with federal, state, and local government agencies, a wide variety of professional and occupational associations, and private industry.

For further information on the MELT program, please call one of the following representatives or write to the address listed below.

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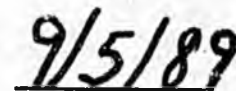


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