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RE: Licensure of Alaska Professional Engineers in Alberta

Dear Sir:

This letter describes the criteria and process an Alaska licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) must follow to become licensed to independently practice engineering in Alberta. We can advise as follows:

- 1) The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) is the regulatory body that regulates the practice of engineering and geosciences in Alberta. An individual wishing to become licensed to practice engineering in Alberta must apply to APEGGA.
- 2) An Alaska licensed P.E. must meet the same five licensure criteria as any other applicant to APEGGA. An Alaska licensed P.E. is not subjected to any different standards than a Canadian trained Engineer.
- 3) The five licensure criteria all applicants must meet are:
 - Satisfactory Academics – an Alaska P.E. with an ABET degree who has passed the FE exam meets the academic requirement
 - Experience Requirement – four years of engineering experience, at least one of which is 'equivalent North American' experience – experience in Alaska satisfies this
 - Professional Practice Examination - an examination on Canadian and Albertan law, ethics and professionalism that all applicants must pass
 - Good character and reputation
 - English language competency

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- 4) There is no requirement that an Alaska P.E. must be living in Alberta, or Canada, to obtain a license to practice engineering in Alberta. If the P.E. meets the five requirements noted above and is a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, he or she will be licensed as a Professional Engineer with APEGGA. If the P.E. meets the five requirements noted above and is not a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, he or she will be licensed as a Foreign Licensee in engineering.
- 5) The only difference between a Foreign Licensee and a Professional Engineer is that a Foreign Licensee is not eligible to vote or run for office in APEGGA affairs. Otherwise, the rights and obligations of both categories are the same.
- 6) The application process for an Alaska P.E. is straight forward. We obtain the same documentation from an Alaska P.E. as we do from a Canadian applicant, which includes a completed application form, transcripts, work experience record, and references. We also contact the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors for confirmation of registration. If the P.E. has a NCEES record book, we will accept that in lieu of the work experience record and references.

We trust this provides you with the information required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Tokarik". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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