



NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
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Via email to: dli.rules@state.mn.us

Re: Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to 2023 National Electrical Code

The Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association urge adoption of the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC).

There are over 250 Minnesota NECA contractors with thousands of electrical employees (journey workers, masters, apprentices, and power limited technicians) who use and apply the National Electrical Code daily.

The industry believes the adoption of the 2023 NEC is necessary for several reasons. Joint Apprentice Training Committee's (JATC) have conducted "train the trainer" seminars on the 2023 code. Those trainers have taught the thousands of journey-level electricians, power limited technicians and masters electricians on the 2023 NEC in 2022 and 2023. In addition, hundreds of electrical apprentices have received copies of the 2023 code. The 2023 edition is being taught to apprentices by the Joint Apprentice Training Committee's (JATC) trainers across the state of Minnesota.

Last fall, at its National Convention (which included over 40 Minnesota contractors), NECA conducted numerous seminars on the 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code. The industry is already gearing up to change to the 2023 code. In addition, the national association is offering online, on-demand NEC 2023 courses. Adoption will keep everybody in the industry on the same code, which will lessen confusion, expedite installations, and increase public and workplace health and safety. We are training for adoption of the 2023 edition on July 1, 2023.

At National Fire Protection Association meetings over several years, the National Electrical Code is adopted using an open consensus Code-development process. Any member of the public has an opportunity to propose and promote amendments to the NEC.

Adopting the 2023 NEC, without amendments, allows for a freer flow of commerce across state lines. For example, if the solar photovoltaic systems sections of the NEC are enacted

without amendment, it would allow for easier shipment of electrical solar components to install solar systems in Minnesota.

The National Electrical Code, without amendments, has been used by the State of Minnesota and its electrical industry for decades. We have trained for and used this quality electrical code every day on Minnesota's construction job sites.

For these reasons, the Minnesota contractors of the National Electrical Contractors Association urges the adoption of the 2023 NEC, without amendments, to protect public health and safety of the workers and citizens of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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