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Objective –

To inform industry of the requirement to obtain permits and request final inspections on completed electrical installations

In accordance with Provincial Legislation, under the provisions of the *Electrical Installation and Inspection Act, and Electrical Code Regulations*, it is the responsibility of the electrical contractor to notify the inspection authority when an electrical installation is ready for final inspection.

A final inspection as defined by the *Regulations*, under section 2(ha) is defined as:

“...an inspection performed by an inspection department to ensure that an electrical installation, an alteration or addition to an electrical installation, or a communications cabling installation has been completed and conforms to the Code, the Act and these regulations and is safe and free of any fire or shock hazards.”

Requirements of electrical contractors as stated in the *Electrical Code Regulation*, under subsection 7 states:

Permits and inspections

- (1) No person shall perform electrical or communications cabling work without first obtaining a permit.
- (2) A contractor shall notify the inspection department when electrical or communications cabling work is ready for inspection, and upon notification the inspection department shall complete all necessary inspections as required by the Act and these regulations.
- (3) In addition to other requirements under the Act and these regulations, a contractor shall notify the inspection department when electrical or communications cabling work is ready for a final inspection, and upon notification the inspection department shall perform a final inspection and issue a final inspection report.

Notification will be sent to all electrical contractors and premise owners (where applicable) in advance of their respective permit expiry dates in order to inform both parties that the associated permit will soon expire and our records indicate that a final inspection has not yet been requested.

It is the contractor's responsibility to inform the inspection department (1-800-464-1520) of any ongoing construction projects that will not be completed prior to the original expiration date of the permit. An estimated completion date must be provided to the permit department at the time of the request to extend any permit beyond the original expiry date, on a one time basis up to a maximum of 120 days.

Permits renewed beyond the original expiry date, without prior notification to the inspection department, are subject to a renewal fee up to a maximum of 50% of the original cost of the permit.

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Failure to comply with the above mentioned guidelines may result in additional actions being taken. These actions may include but are not limited to the following:

Future requests for a temporary power construction connection to a main service may be denied until all outstanding wiring permits have been:

- a. renewed through the permit center; and,
- b. are scheduled for a final inspection.

An order may also be issued in accordance with the *Electrical Installation and Inspection Act* subsection 9 (3) to have any portion of the electrical installation disconnected from its supply of energy until the installation is in conformance with this *Act*.

A second notification will be sent out 30 days after expiry, for all outstanding permits, to contractors and premise owners (where applicable), indicating the permit has now expired. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Provincial Chief Electrical Inspector indicating non-compliance with the *Electrical Installation and Inspection Act* and *Electrical Code Regulations*. This could result in the issuance of a summary offence from the Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

Upon completion and acceptance of all final inspections, the NSPI electrical inspector will affix a sticker to the panelboard or main service disconnect indicating that the premise has received a final inspection. (See below)

Residential wiring permits are valid for a period of one year and commercial wiring permits are valid for a period of two years.

For additional information regarding Nova Scotia Power bulletins and links to the Provincial Chief Electrical Inspector for the Office of the Fire Marshal, please visit our website at www.nspower.ca

