

Illinois Commerce Commission)
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Implementation of Section 16-1298A)
Of the Public Utilities Act)

Docket No. 12-0213

**VERIFIED COMMENTS OF ASSOCIATED BUILDERS
AND CONTRACTORS, ILLINOIS CHAPTER, INC.**

Introduction

In accordance with Administrative Law Judge Albers' November 5, 2012 Ruling regarding the filing of comments in the above-referenced matter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Illinois Chapter, Inc. (ABCIL) hereby timely files the following comments for consideration:

Comments

1. "Qualified person" means a person who performs installations on behalf of the certificate holder and who has either satisfactorily completed at least 20 installations of distributed generation technologies prior to effective date of this Part, or has completed an apprenticeship as a journeyman electrician from a DOL registered electrical apprenticeship and training program and receive a certification of satisfactory completion.

Comments:

A number of contractors and the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA) provided testimony at the December 10, 2012 public hearing to outline the need to incorporate additional options for the qualifications. ABCIL supports and adopts the information submitted by the ISEA and related contractors. ABCIL is concerned that the draft language, if adopted, will create a significant barrier to entry for small to medium-sized contractors.

2. Section 468.50 requires application information.

Comments:

This request is overly burdensome and serves no legitimate purpose. ABCIL respectfully requests that this provision be stricken in its entirety.

3. Section 468.120 Fees.

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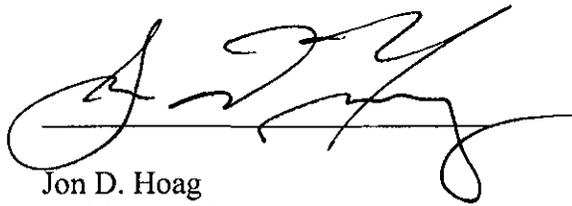
ABCIL is in agreement with indications made by staff during the public hearing that the draft fees are too onerous and a barrier to entry. ABCIL is in agreement with staff that the application fee should be about \$50.00.

Conclusion

ABCIL appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the Commission on this important topic. We look forward to further participation in this matter.

Dated: December 17, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

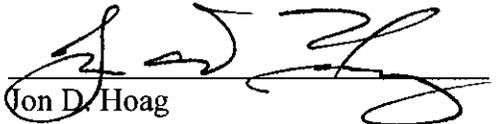
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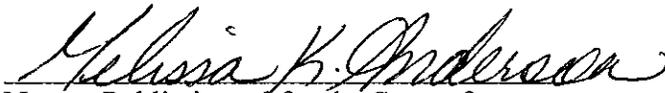
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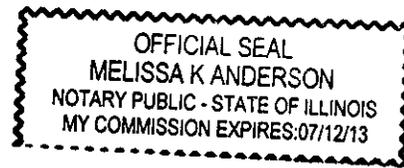
VERIFICATION

I, Jon D. Hoag, first being duly sworn upon my oath, depose and state that I am one of the attorneys for Associated Builders and Contractors, Illinois Chapter, Inc., that I have read the foregoing Verified Comments and know the contents thereof, and that said contents are true in substance and fact to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Jon D. Hoag

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 17th day of December, 2012.


Notary Public in and for the State of
Illinois



My Commission expires: 7/12/13.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the forgoing *Verified Comments of Associated Builders and Contractors, Illinois Chapter, Inc.* was served on the Illinois Commission's e-Docket and was served electronically to all parties of record in this docket on this ~~17th~~ day of December, 2012.

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**Associated Builders and Contractors,
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