August 27, 2020

To: Colorado Registered/Certified FB and FBNR Factories

Subject: Adoption of 2020 NEC

The Colorado State Electrical Board adopted the 2020 National Electric Code (NEC) on May 27, 2020, with an effective date of August 1, 2020. Pursuant to our Administrative Rules, specifically Rule 2.5, we automatically update our version of the NEC to the one adopted by the Colorado State Electrical Board. However, we allow for a 180-day transition period after the effective date at the time of plan submittal. We are authorized to grant, in writing, one extension, for a period not more than 180 days in addition to the transition period.

Please review the outline below to determine how this change may impact you.

August 1, 2020 – February 1, 2021: Plans may be submitted to the prior 2017 NEC or the newly adopted 2020 NEC, along with the remaining codes currently in effect. Please see entire list below.

February 2, 2021 and on: All plan submittals must include the 2020 NEC. All units constructed on and after this date must comply with the 2020 NEC (based on the manufactured date).

Factories that utilize structural packages will need to submit new structural packages designed to the newly adopted code prior to or at the same time of the first plan submittal that uses the new code. QA Manuals should be reviewed for code references and revisions submitted as required to comply. There is no fee for revisions to structural packages or to the QA Manuals.

Please note we are now complying with the following codes for factory-built structures built in or destined for the state of Colorado:

1. 2018 International Building Code (IBC)
2. 2018 International Residential Code (IRC)
3. 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC)
4. 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC)
5. 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
6. 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
7. 2020 National Electric Code (NEC)

If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at maulid.miskell@state.co.us.
Sincerely,

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