

ELECTRIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Electric Commission convened at 10:07 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2019, in Room 412, Fourth Floor, State Capitol, in Pierre, South Dakota.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the proposed rules of the Commission numbered: 20:44:16:23, 20:44:18:02, 20:44:20:01 to 20:44:20:10, inclusive, 20:44:20:13, and 20:44:24:05, adopted under the authority of SDCL 36-16.

Hearing Officer: Sean Lyons., Yankton, South Dakota.

Members of the Board in Attendance: Rick Cronin, Dave Eide, and John Hoffman attended in person. Doug Fuerst attended via conference call. Russell Vanderwerff and Duane Mergen were absent.

Others in Attendance: JJ Linn, Pierre; Graham Oey, Pierre; Roxie Mobley, Pierre; Brad Solon, Rapid City; Tony Jockheck, Pierre; and Dan Lewis, North Sioux City.

Written Testimony

The following written testimony was marked into record:

No written testimony was submitted.

Oral Testimony

Proponent testimony was provided by JJ Linn, South Dakota Electrical Commission. JJ presented proposed rules for approval. Brad Solon commented he agreed with the rules.

Opponent testimony was provided by Dan Lewis, Lewis Electric Company. Dan stated he was in favor of the fee increase, yet requested clarification on whether a final inspection was included in the costs set out in the 20:44:20:01 or whether that was a separate expense.

Eide made a motion to amend the proposed rules as follows:

1. 20:44:20:01 (1) ~~\$150~~ \$160
2. 20:44:20:01 (2) ~~\$275~~ \$300
3. 20:44:20:01 In addition to the rough-in inspection set forth in this section, each installation under this section ~~must receive~~ includes one final inspection. Additional requested inspections or reinspections to address corrections detailed in a report for a rough-in or final inspection may be assessed fees under § 20:44:20:10.
4. 20:44:20:02 Fees for remodeling single family residences may not exceed the flat rate fee for comparable new single family residential electrical services in § 20:44:20:01. In addition to the rough-in inspections set forth in this section, each installation under this section ~~must receive~~ includes one final inspection. Additional requested inspections or reinspections to address corrections detailed in a report for a rough-in or final inspection may be assessed fees under § 20:44:20:10.

5. 20:44:20:03 Fees calculated in this section may not exceed the calculated fee for a new installation of the same type in §§ 20:44:20:01 and 20:44:20:02. A one- or two-circuit installation or alteration includes one inspection. An installation or alteration of three or more circuits includes two inspections. Additional requested inspections or reinspections to address corrections detailed in a report for a rough-in or final inspection may be assessed fees under § 20:44:20:10.

Lyons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Motion passed. (Lyons-yea, Cronin-yea, Eide-yea, Hoffman-yea, Fuerst-yea)

Cronin made a motion to approve the proposed rule changes as amended. Eide seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Motion passed. (Lyons-yea, Cronin-yea, Eide-yea, Hoffman-yea, Fuerst-yea)

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Linn Jr.
Electrical Commission

Adjournment: 11:08 a.m.