



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fire Marshal Review and Inspection Personnel

FROM: V. J. Bella ^{VJB}
State Fire Marshal

SUBJ: Enforcement of 55:V:309.
Connection of Electrical Power

DATE: March 5, 1997

As most of you are aware, this office previously suspended enforcement of 55:V:309 which prohibited the connection of permanent electrical power to facilities prior to a review of plans by this office. As it presently exists, the Administrative Rule places an undue burden and responsibility on electrical utility companies to verify that a requested service is for a new or renovated facility or one undoing a change of occupancy. Due to the fact that many of the contacts between the utility companies and the public and the fact their actions are initiated by telephone contact, it is impossible for the utilities to fulfill their obligations under the present rule.

This office has been in consultation with electrical utilities to devise a mechanism that will satisfy the true intent of that rule. We are in the process of promulgating a new rule to more reasonably and effectively accomplish the same end. This new rule has been forwarded to our legal counsel for implementation. Until further notice, suspend enforcement of the present rule. As soon as the new rule is promulgated we will forward copies to each of you.

I appreciate your cooperation and keep up the good work.

VJB/JWJ/adg

cc: Jerry W. Jones

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