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TO:

Arkansas Electrical Energy Providers

All Solar Energy Grid Installers

FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

Inspection of Home Solar Installations

The Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners (BOEE) has received a large volume of requests for final inspections on residential and commercial grid-tied solar installations. The BOEE is not mandated by rule or statute to perform these inspections but has traditionally offered this service as a courtesy to the industry and public.

The BOEE is currently experiencing a critical staff shortage in our inspection unit. Until the BOEE is fully staffed in our inspection unit, we will be curtailing this type of courtesy inspection and devote our resources to mission critical mandated inspections only. Effective today, the Board will place requests for a final inspection for solar installations on a waiting list. Energy providers and installers can expect a minimum of ninety (90) to one hundred-twenty (120) day delay in the scheduling of these inspections. When the Board schedules the inspection, the responsible master for the project must be present.

The BOEE appreciates and understands the concern that all installations should meet the NEC, state, and energy providers rules to ensure the highest level of safety to the public and the employees of the energy providers. However, until the Board is staffed to provide this complimentary service in a timely manner, energy providers and installers may wish to consider using a third-party independent contractor that is licensed and qualified in the state of Arkansas to provide the requested inspection service.

To be placed on the waiting list for inspections, the requesting party should email a completed copy of the attached request form to <u>robin.d.taylor@arkansas.gov</u> or <u>lindsay.moore@arkansas.gov</u> to be placed on the inspection waiting list.

Thank you