

Contractor Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting

March 10, 2022
9:30 am via Zoom

Present:

Contractors	ESA	MGCS	Regrets
Ron Bergeron Shawn Blacklock Ryan Delisle Steve Green Mark Hopkins Joe Kurpe Doug McGinley James McKellar Chris Ruber Rob Smith Scott Yemen	Will Barrett Raymond Chan Earl Davison Josie Erzetic Eric Kingston Claire Loucks Karen Ras	Alexander Janack	Dave Ackison Dan Williams

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1	Preliminaries	
2	<i>Motion:</i> <i>Ron Bergeron to act as Chair for the meeting.</i> <i>Moved by: M. Hopkins</i> <i>Seconded by: D. McGinley</i> <i>Carried.</i>	
3	<i>Motion:</i> <i>The agenda be approved.</i> <i>Carried.</i>	
	Minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting.	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractors expressed concerns about ESA deleting 5 points from the Minutes contractors had prepared. There was spirited discussion on these concerns. It was agreed to defer the matter until the next CoAC meeting. 	Chair
5	Introduction of New ESA Staff and CoAC Roundtable Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Ras introduced herself as the Director of Communications, Government and Stakeholder Relations. CoAC members introduced themselves. 	

6 Blocking: Types of Blocks and Processes

Eric Kingston presented on:

- 1) the three types of account blocks
- 2) the process for initiating each type of block,
- 3) the process for contacting contractors.

Note: This data is available on the ESA website.

- The blocks for FY 2021-22, were provided.

Note: ESA does not keep track of the number of blocks year over year. ESA will follow up at next meeting.

- Contractors asked questions as follows:
 - 1) How can a company view its credit limit?
Responses:
 - a) *Only though the online account in the "balance" field.*
 - b) *Can be put on invoices. This however, is visible to many.*
 - 2) How are notices sent?
Responses :
 - a) *Through whichever was the preferred channel selected.*
 - b) *This is sent before an account is blocked using escalation procedures.*
 - 3) Why is the DME responsible for receiving and acting on notices?
Response :
This responsibility is stated in the documents published by ECRA.
 - 4) Can administrative defects result in a block?
Response:
Yes but is a very rare circumstance.
 - 5) Is there an appeals process?
Response :
Yes.

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6) What is the status of providing a photo for license renewal?

Responses :

- a) The requirement remains in place.*
- b) This requirement will be dropped likely in 2023.*

7) Have the number of accounts blocked changed since 2013?

Response :

There have been improvements since 2013.

- Data on the number of account blocks will be provided at the next meeting.

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RBO System: Permitting and Fees

Ron Bergeron presented his views:

Aspects noted:

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- 1) RBO has greatly increased the burden on his firm. Four examples were provided.
- 2) ESA's account details for his firm, show visits at 17% of notifications and 0% defects. The industry average is 93% visits and 30% defects.
There is no recognition for being a good contractor.

ESA clarified that the recognition is through fewer visits determined through RBO.
- 3) ESA applies one high standard of scrutiny for some 9k LECs who take 95% of notifications.
A much lower standard applies for some 450K facilities (ICI and apartment buildings) that take < 1% of notifications.

8	<p>4) His firms' experience in 3 permit pilot projects showed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The interaction between inspectors and LECs is essential to electrical safety.b) Inspectors have to move from a policing role and more into a partner-in-safety role. <p>• Discussions reflected data from the contractor survey: some 25% find RBO easier, some 75% do not.</p> <p>• Will Barrett responded that simplifying and streamlining the Fee Guide is part of ESA's ongoing monitoring and review of RBO.</p> <p>2022 Work Plan</p> <p>Ray Chan and Claire Loucks discussed the purpose establishing items for discussion in advance. They asked for member input on issues of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair stated that he has a list of 16 items that have not yet been prioritized; they will be provided in advance of meetings.	
9	<p><i>Motion:</i> <i>The meeting to be adjourned.</i> <i>Moved by: S. Green</i> <i>Seconded by: D. McGinley</i> <i>Carried.</i></p>	

Next Meeting:

Subsequent Meeting:

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Date: April 19, 2022 June 2, 2022
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