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STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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EASTERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF THE	)	
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	)	
ASSOCIATION	)	
	)	
Objector(s),	)	State File No.: 2027-H-CC08-2370
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
JANE R. FLANAGAN, DIRECTOR OF THE	)	
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND	)	
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	)	
	)	
Respondent(s).	)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Comes now Attorney Tim Ryan, Intervener, for the LIUNA Great Plains Laborers District Council and its subsidiary and affiliate local unions ("Laborers"), and submit this petition to intervene in all proceedings conducted in the above-captioned matter, and in support of said intervention, state as follows:

1. The Laborers are a labor organization representing individuals performing work as laborers on prevailing wage projects throughout the thirty-five Illinois counties which comprise the Great Plains Laborers District Council, including the Illinois Counties of Kankakee (LIUNA Local 751), LaSalle (LIUNA Local 393), Bureau (LIUNA Local 393), Putnam (LIUNA Local 393), Stark (LIUNA Locals 538 and 996), Henry (LIUNA Local 538), Ford (LIUNA Local 751), and Iroquois (LIUNA Local 751).

2. Pursuant to Section 3 of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (the "Act"), 820 ILCS 130/3, the general prevailing rate of hourly wages for work of a similar character shall be paid to

all laborers, workers and mechanics engaged in the construction or demolition of public works.

3. On or about August 14, 2026, Objector, submitted a written notice of Objection and Request for Hearing under Sections 4 & 9 of the Prevailing Wage Act "... to require certification and publication of the apprentice rates established by the Inside Agreement between IBEW Local #176 and Eastern Illinois Chapter, NECA, or, in the alternative, to establish separate apprentice classifications ...(Objectors Exh. A. Pg. 1).

4. Section 20(a)(1) of Title 56 of the Illinois Administrative Code states that a party may intervene in a Section 9 hearing in the following circumstances: "(A) The party is so situated that he or she may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the hearing; (B) The party requesting intervention is a necessary party to the hearing proceeding; or (C) A party's claim or defense and the main action have a question of law or fact in common."

5. Pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, "any interested objectors may ... introduce such evidence as is material to the issue."

6. In support of the Objector's request, the Objector indicates in their petition that the classification should reflect the Collective Bargaining Agreement that has been signed with the association and the local union (Objector's Exh. A Pg. 1).

7. In the counties listed in Section 1 above, the Objector in their Petition to support their request states that the signed Collective Bargaining Agreement reflects the trade classification of "...graduated apprentice Plumber" which was omitted from the Departments website (Objectors Exh. A Page 3).

8. Laborers' and its subsidiary and affiliate local unions are necessary parties to this hearing because the Laborers are a party to collective bargaining agreements with signatory contractors in the counties referenced in Section 1 above.

9. Because the Laborers perform work within the counties referenced in

Section 1 above and if the Objector's written notice of objections is granted in whole or in part, a direct, adverse impact on the Laborers', and its subsidiary and affiliated local unions and their members may occur.

10. It is unclear from the Petition what scope of work the new classification of "Electrician Apprentice" will cover (Objectors Exh. A Pg. 4).

11. As set forth above, the Laborers' will suffer adverse effects and are a necessary party under the clear intent of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act and there is a common question of law and fact that must be resolved in order to justly rule on the Petitioner's Petition.

12. Permitting the Laborers' and its subsidiary and affiliate local unions to intervene will not cause undue delay or prejudice in this matter and will result in a full and fair resolution of the issues.

WHEREFORE, the Laborers' and its subsidiary and affiliate local union respectfully request the Administrative Law Judge to enter an Order granting this Laborers' Petition to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

The Great Plains Laborers' District Council and its
subsidiary and affiliate local unions,

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