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Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: NLCAA Application for Approval as a Lighting Control Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider

Dear Chair Weisenmiller,

I strongly urge the California Energy Commission to reject the application by the National Lighting Contractors Association of America (NLCAA) to be certified as a Lighting Control Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider.

The Commission created the certification program in response to evidence that training, certification and quality control of technicians was necessary to ensure success of the program. The Commission should only approve certification providers that have demonstrated sufficient experience and success in operating a program. NLCAA fails to meet these criteria.

NLCAA has not demonstrated that they have a history of training or the experience and qualifications necessary for success. The group cannot ensure that the applicants have sufficient verified professional experience in lighting controls or that their training covers all necessary topics. Finally, this group does not have an approved apprenticeship program. In order for the program to succeed, the providers must have a verifiable history of training certified technicians. Without such a track record, this association falls short of the threshold for acceptance.

I urge the Commission to not approve the NLCAA program.

Sincerely,

Nancy Skinner

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