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Dear Sirs/Madams:

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) would like to nominate William J. "Doc" Weaver as candidate to the Cranes and Derricks Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

Mr. Weaver's work experiences and commitment to attend the meetings and to negotiate in good faith are stated in the attached. His contributions to the committee will be reflected in his good nature and broad knowledge ranging from direct field practices to upper management responsibilities. Throughout his career he has overseen the various use of cranes in the highly mobile, electrical utility contracting industry.

Mr. Weaver will be able to represent several of the specified interest areas requested in the agency's *Federal Register* announcement such as:

- Subcontractor trade associations predominantly made up of small business construction contracting firms.
- Construction companies that (own and) lease cranes and derricks.
- General contractors in that a significant amount of power line construction work is performed as managing and direct performance of contracts and by the coordination of subcontractors.
- Subcontractors in that many contracts for power line work are released as subordinate agreements among this same grouping of utility construction and maintenance firms.
- Firms obviously familiar with operation and work on power distribution and transmission lines. (Contractors are more likely to be use cranes and possibly be greater aware of hazards of maintenance on energized systems than owners of such lines and equipment particularly under deregulated conditions).
- As employers who directly hire crane operators that are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).
- As union employers, who work with the NECA/IBEW Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees (JATC) to assure the qualifications and training of crane operators on electrical contracting projects.

We appreciate your consideration and welcome your contact if any immediate follow up is necessary. You may call Dave Potts our Director of Safety and Insurance at 301-215-4526 if there is need for further inquiry.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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